

# Knoxville Provisional Stamps of 1861

In the spring of 1861, following a series of secessions from the Union by southern states, the U.S. Post Office Department made the decision to cease mail service in the South. At the same time, it cancelled postal validity for all existing U.S. stamps and stamped envelopes. As of June 1, 1861, there were no valid postal issues in the South, whereas a new set of stamps had been issued for use in the North.

Cities throughout the seceded states began issuing “provisional” stamps and stamped envelopes to fulfill the immediate need. In Tennessee, Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, Columbia, Jonesborough, Rheatown, and Tellico Plains issued provisional stamps, which were unauthorized by the Confederate government, but accepted for postage throughout the Confederacy.

Today, these relics of 150 years ago are important rarities in stamp collecting and reflect upon the important challenges of any community during wartime.

At Knospex 2011, we are especially privileged to exhibit in our Court of Honor important examples of Knoxville provisional stamps from the collection of Peter Powell.



The Court of Honors also features important examples of North Carolina postal history from the same period, courtesy of Tony Crumbley.

Key examples of postal history of Arkansas in the Court of Honor, from the collection of Bruce Roberts, further illustrate important dates and mail operations during this critical time period.

## Knospex 2011 Exhibits

“Air Post Unofficial Naval Ship Cancels” – Thomas Lane

“Chattanooga Straight Line Cancellations” – Jim Cate

“Edmund Dulac – Profiling the Face of Freedom – Beverly Rice

“Federation du Mali: 1959-1960” – Gerald Schroedl

“First Day Covers of the 1962 IRS Commemorative Revenue Stamp” – Joe Kirker

“General Banks Division” – Jim Cate

“Pan American Test Airmail – November 1, 1946” – Bruce Roberts

“The Recalled and Reissued Legends of the West” – Dale Kangas

“Re-establishment of the Estonia Post Office” – David Warfel

“Subterranean Air Mail: French Pneumatic Postcard Usages” – Tom Broadhed

## Knospex 2011 Schedule

Saturday, March 5

10:00 am – show opens

door prize drawings all day

5:00 pm – show closes

6:00 pm – live auction

Sunday, March 6

10:00 am – show opens

door prize drawings all day

4:00 pm – show closes

## Knospex 2011 Committee

Jim Pettway – Bourse

Bruce Roberts - Exhibits

Randy Haese, Russ Haese – Beginner & Youth Activities

Mark Mitckes – Auction Catalog

Ralph Dinwiddie – Show Cachet

Thomas Lane – Facilities

Tom Broadhead – Publicity, Program

Keep an eye out for upcoming Civil War stamps, beginning with the April 12 Fort Sumter and Manassas issues.



Shop for other Civil War era and commemorative stamps at our Knospex 2011 dealers!

Learn more about local events through the web site of the Knox County Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

[www.knoxcivilwar.org](http://www.knoxcivilwar.org)

The Knoxville Philatelic Society presents

# Knospex 2011

Honoring the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of

Knoxville's 1861  
Civil War Stamps

March 5-6, 2011



Knoxville Confederate  
Provisional Stamps  
Sesquicentennial

Knospex Station  
Knoxville, TN 37923  
March 5, 2011



*Knoxplex* is the annual show of the Knoxville Philatelic Society (KPS), a member society of the American Philatelic Society and the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. Now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, KPS is pleased to bring to East Tennessee a showcase of stamp dealers, exhibits, and activities that promote one of the world's greatest hobbies.

Each spring, *Knoxplex* features a theme that highlights the ways in which postage stamps and their uses have illustrated important historical events.

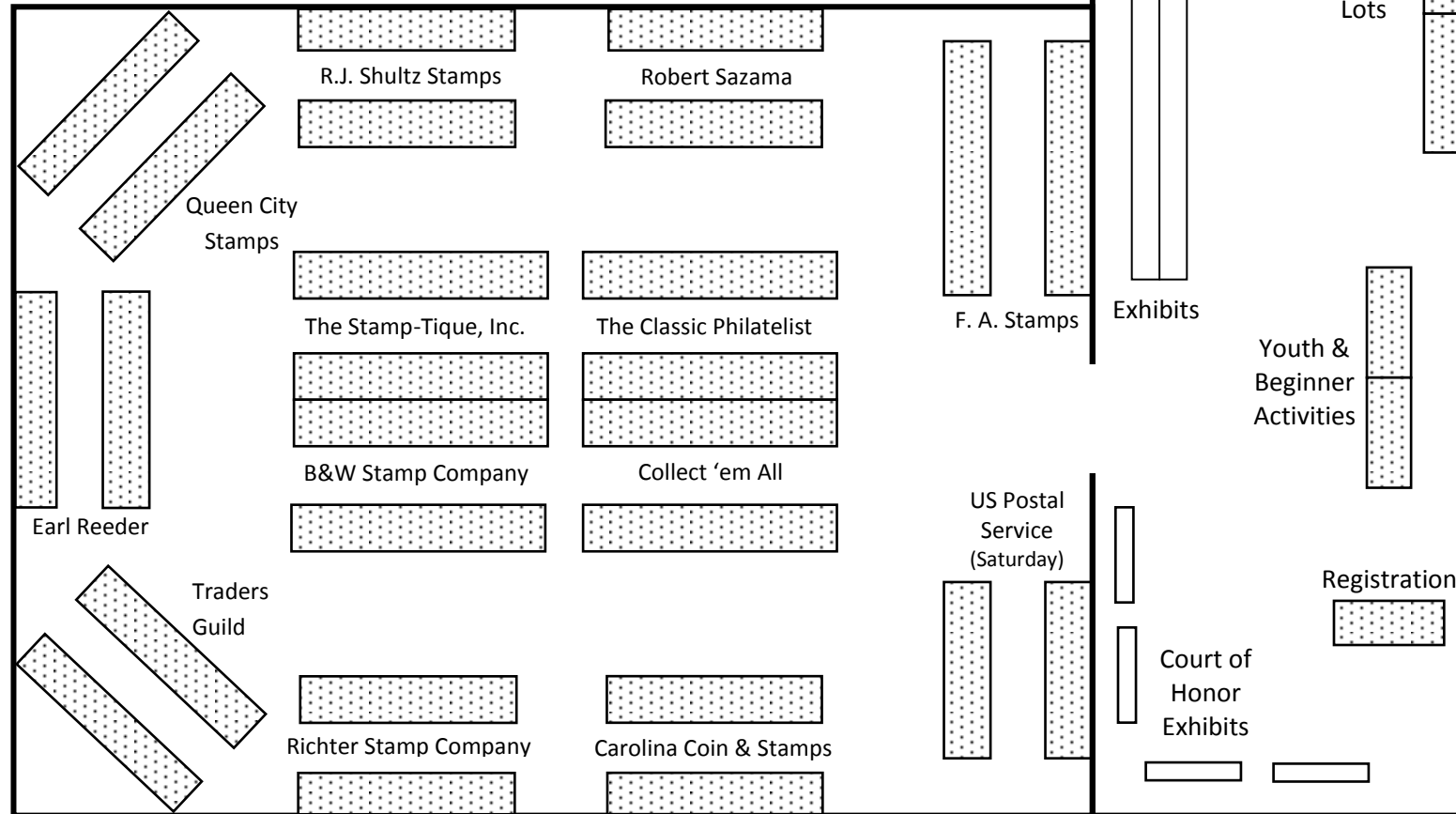
We hope that you will take the time to learn more about KPS and the many benefits it offers to its members. Annual dues are \$15.00, and a special discount for the remainder of 2011 is available to new members at today's show for only \$10.00.

KPS members may attend our monthly meetings, special 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday swap meetings, receive our award-winning monthly newsletter in a full color cachet envelope, and sell stamps in our live auctions.

Visit us on the web at  
**www.stampclubs.com**

# Welcome to *Knoxplex 2011*

## Celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Knoxville's 1861 Civil War Stamps



**KPS meetings** are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. The KPS Executive Board meets at 6:00 on 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

**KPS Officers:** Stu Hanlein, President; Tom Ringenbach, Vice President; Thomas Lane, Treasurer; Charlie Wade, Secretary; Tom Broadhead, Jim Pettway, Gary Rehberg, Bruce Roberts, Directors; Jim Pettway, APS Representative.

### *Knoxplex 2010 Dealers*

**B&W Stamp Co.**

Bill Vance  
stamps, covers, supplies

**Carolina Coin & Stamps**

Tony Crumbley

**The Classic Philatelist**

Warren Manning  
U.S. Classics to 1940, Covers

**Collect 'em All**

Len & Carol Curtis  
classic stamps, supplies

**Earl T. Reeder**

U.S. & Canada

**F.A. Stamps**

Fred Bradford  
worldwide stamps & covers

**Queen City Coin & Stamp**

Louise Chouinard  
worldwide & topical

**R. J. Shultz Stamps**

worldwide stamps & mixtures

**Richter Stamp Co.**

Don Richter  
U.S., worldwide, wholesale

**Robert M. Sazama**

worldwide stamps

**The Stamp-Tique, Inc.**

Glenn Hanlen  
U.S., Canada, British Pacific

**Trader's Guild**

Heinrich Hahn  
U.S. & Germany