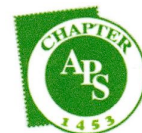




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President's Message

Welcome to our Jul-Aug Newsletter



Wes Falor

Photo by Karen Mckee

Summer is officially here and with that comes the last bit of preparation for our Aug. show. Our next planning meeting at Cathie's and Ricks is on 25th of June at 9:30, hope to see many of you there. It also means you are now starting to get into "crunch" time on developing and finishing up your show display. I hope to see more displays this year.

We are starting over with the letter "A" for the month of July, which should be easier than last months letter. Some of the possibilities are Army Officials, Albania, Azores, Admiralty Officials, Andorra, Animals, Australia and the list goes on. Please bring show and tell things.

Jul 11th MEETING

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "A." Bring any questions you have about stamps or stamp collecting.

Aug 1st MEETING

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "B." This will be followed by a Silent Auction. Forms can be downloaded from our website straitstamp.org

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Skagit River Picked to be on a Stamp

*(Excerpts from www.goskagit.com
Nov 27, 2018 by Kimberly Cauvel)*

*Editor's Note: Thanks to Bill Halliday
for bringing this to our attention*



**This photo by Tim Palmer will be used on a stamp
featuring the Skagit River**

The Skagit River will be featured in the U.S. Postal Service's "forever" stamp program thanks to its national recognition as a waterway that has wild and scenic values. The Postal Service announced Nov. 20 the Forever stamp lineup for 2019. The Skagit River will be one of 12 rivers included in a stamp book showcasing river segments with designations under the national Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

"Clearly Skagit belong in that group of rivers to celebrate around the country," Skagit Watershed Council Executive Director Richard Brocksmith said. "There's no other single river anywhere in Washington, maybe even the country, that exceed all superlatives for its unique beauty, fisheries resources, recreational values, natural free-flowing condition and local contributions to our economy such as Skagit's agriculture."

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was passed in

1968 to recognize and protect free-flowing waterways throughout the country. The Skagit River was the first in the state to receive the Wild and Scenic designation, in 1978. There are now six rivers and streams in the state with the designation.

The Skagit River's Wild and Scenic designation includes 100 miles of waterway including the river from Sedro-Woolley to Bacon Creek between Marblemount and Hewahlem. Parts of the Cascade, Sulattle and Sauk rivers — which flow into the Skagit River — are also included in that designation.

Brocksmith said he's glad to see the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the Skagit River be highlighted by the stamp program.

Editor's Note: It was subsequently learned that the pane of 12 Wild and Scenic Rivers stamps was issued May 21.



New Donation by Club Member



Photo by Dick McCammon

Members delve into newly donated life-time collection by long-time member Ann Fisher.

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"You guys mind if I bet rare stamps? I'm all out of money."

Heath Award at PIPEX

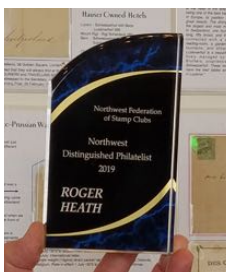


photo by Lochlingn

Roger Heath was given the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award at PIPEX held May 10-12 in Portland, Oregon. The award is given to a philatelist who has distinguished themselves as an exhibitor, judge, leader, research, both locally and nationally in philatelic circles, philatelic publications and organizations. Roger has excelled in each of these categories. At PIPEX this year, Roger won a Large Gold for his exhibit on the Development of Refuse Markings on Swiss Mail 1855-1940. This exhibit was also given the Award of Merit by the Auxiliary Marking Club. In addition, his exhibit on Hotel Schweizerhof, Luzern: Reflecting the Rise of Tourism during La Belle Epoque (1870-1914) won a Gold. This exhibit also won the Creativity Award from the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors. Way to go, Roger!



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Secretary Notes



Judy Newblom

May 2nd meeting

Wes opened the meeting by announcing that he brought several boxes of philatelic items donated by long-time member Ann Fisher (see **New Donation**). Cathie gave the following updates and announcements. The Club gave an unanimous vote on the list of officers and trustees provided by APS. The mid-monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15th at Burger King at 9:30 am. The first stamp show planning meeting will be on May 21st at Cathie's home at 9:30 am.

The show and tell for the month was the letter "Y." David talked about the 5¢ Garfield stamp. Dick talked about a 1984 stamped envelope. Judy showed postcards of two Chinese female Astronauts. Cathie showed stamps on her birthday through the years. Roger showed a postcard of Yves St. Croix Railway. Bill talked about the cancels and covers of the Postal History of Yosemite National Park. Rick showed a variety of RPO cancels from Yakinma, Yaquina Yukon, and Yosemite.

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The meeting ended with members diving into the boxes and notebooks donated by Ann Fisher.

June 6th Meeting



The June 6th meeting hosted 20 members. The first order of business was the show, and Cathie reported we need someone to help with lunches, we need some more rides for our Canadian friends (side note: Cathie was in Victoria for their bourse June 9, and they are already looking forward to coming), and we need exhibits. Even if you can only do one frame of six pages, show us what you've got!

For the letter "Z", Rick had towns and countries with Z in their names, both mobile post offices and countries. Those with 'zloty' currency was a nice touch. Roger had some nice items, with postmarks from Zurich to Zurzach and Zell to Zurrer. Richard had a "Z whiz" article about the Marines guarding mail delivery in the last century. Judy had a Polish postcard. Mark wished he had brought some Czech stamps with their 'zloty' denominations. Henry brought some special coins for our veteran members, which he also advertised on the radio for local vets not in our group. Rick then showed a short, old video called "Night Train", about mail delivery in Great Britain.

The evening closed out with the silent auction and the auctioning of more of Anne Fisher's estate.



Another Passing



photo by Andy McCellan

Members may remember Bill McClellan and his dog, Skotti, who was always at the monthly meetings waiting for Bill in the Library parking lot. Sadly, Skotti passed away in April.

A last note:

Lo, see there on yonder crest
The tall pine with limbs so knotty
And in the green grass beneath, there at rest
Sits the vigilant and watchful Skotti
Ever watchful o'er the woolly flock below
As they graze so peacefully in the meadow
Yea, ever watchful, my forever faithful friend.
There is peace in Hundur Folkvangr, somewhere
in Iceland. April 7, 2019



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I will also bring back the 12 banker boxes of donated material that some of you saw in May, so you can hopefully find more treasures, remember all proceeds from these boxes go to the club. For the month of Aug. the letter is "B" and options include Birds, Bahamas, Brazil, Back of the Book, Bern, Belgium and the list goes on. We will also have a Silent Auction, so please bring material to sell. Hope all are enjoying the Summer.

Strait Stamp Show 2019

10 August 2019

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