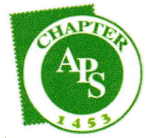




Strait Stamp Talk



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Your Stamp Collecting Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to our Jul-Aug Newsletter



Photo by Karen Mckee

Wes Falor

I hope this finds all of you well and enjoying the start of Summer. It looks like it could be a hot dry one. We are in the process of trying to find a new meeting place as the library is converting their meeting rooms to office space. We will keep everyone posted. If all goes well we may possibly be able to have a regular meeting in September or October, until then we will continue with the Zoom meetings. It looks like we are finally going to start having regular shows this fall. Our show is now scheduled for Aug. 21, as previously reported. We have a full slate of dealers so there will be lots of choices for you to consider..

For our July meeting, the letter of the

July 1st MEETING

At the ZOOM meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "X." There will be time for any other questions you have about stamps or stamp collecting.

Aug 5th MEETING

At the ZOOM meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "Y." Last minute details about our Show will be covered.

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Golden Eagle Pass stamp

Issued by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior for use as a \$25 annual Golden Eagle Pass for entry to national parks nationwide. The pass was valid January 1 through December 31, 1988. Printed as a perforated souvenir sheet of seven (Fig. 1), only the two right stamps were applied to the license (Fig. 2). The Golden Eagle Pass stamp was usually collected as a complete souvenir sheet that bears a serial number at the top.

The Golden Eagle Pass was validated by attaching the right-hand portion of the National Park Stamp and affixing it in the space indicated and signing the card.



Fig 1. The Golden Eagle Pass Stamp.



Fig 2. The Golden Eagle Pass

Problems with the the issue format caused the stamp program to be terminated after 1998. National Park stamps, in a similar format but with a 10\$ face value, were issued for nine more years from 1989 to 1997. While all ten stamps could be collected as a series, the 10\$ stamps were not federal revenue stamps. Such stamps on available on ebay or from stamp dealers or other collectors.

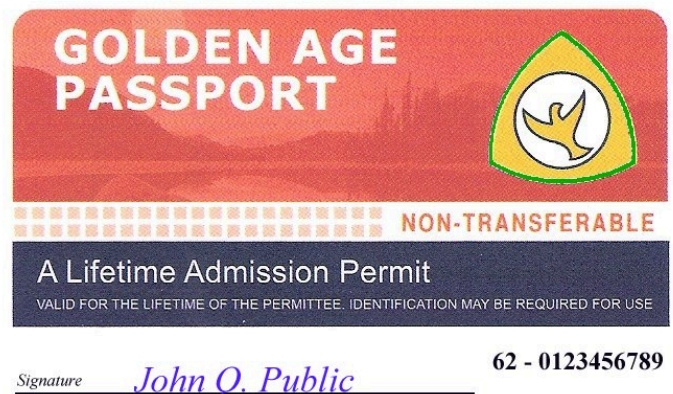


Fig 3. The Golden Age Passport

Fast forward to today. The Golden Age Passport (Fig. 3) is a \$80 lifetime entrance permit to those parks, monuments, and recreation areas administered by the federal government which charge entrance fees. It is issued to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are 62 or older. The Golden Age Passport admits the permit holder and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle. The Golden Age Passport does not cover fees charged by private concessionaires.

One Foot Island Post Office, Aitutaki



Fig. 1. Map of Cook Islands.
Arrow points to Aitutaki

With a vast, sparkling lagoon rivaling Bora Bora's – but with a fraction of the visitors – Aitutaki just might be the world's most beautifully-remote island. Just a 45-minute flight from the main island of Rarotonga in the Cook Islands,

Aitutaki and its surrounding 22 atolls serves as the tropical backdrop for "Survivor: Cook Islands." Encircled by a knee-high lagoon, One Foot Island Aitutaki (or Tapuaetai, "one footprint") is both exotic and nearly deserted. But while it may look totally deserted, this tiny island paradise is home to one top attraction – a small hut containing the One Foot Island Post Office, one of the world's most remote. Unfortunately, the Post Office is open only during the times a cruise ship stops by.



Fig. 2. View of One Foot Island



Fig. 3. One Foot Island Post Office



Fig. 4. Post Card with One Foot Island Passport Stamp



Heath takes Large Gold at PIPEX 2021

Roger Heath took a Large Gold for his exhibit "*Swiss Flexible-Head Razor Cancelers*" at the PIPEX 2021 Virtual



WSP Show – May 7-9, 2021. His exhibit also won the **Medal Award** from the **American Helvetia Philatelic Society**.

His other exhibit "*Reflecting the Rise of Tourism during La Belle Epogue – Hotel Schweizerhof, Luzern: 1871-1914*" won a **Large Vermeil**.

The exhibit on the Swiss Flexible-Head Razor Cancelers documents the story of the Swiss experimental flexible-head, rotating date-wheel cancelers invented by Frederic deCoppet in 1886.

The exhibit includes a timeline of the order in which the test cancelers were issued and retired. The items chosen represent the destinations, rates, and methods of Swiss mail handling during and after, the official test period of 1898-1903.

His other exhibit illustrates the social history of postal communication to and from the Hotel Schweizerhof, Lizern, Switzerland, during the period known as La Belle Epoque, 1871 to 1914. The examples in the exhibit are of personal and business communications that transited the mail room of this luxury Swiss hotel. This forty-three year period, free of European wars, and characterised by economic prosperity and optimism, saw a burst of cultural, scientific, and technological innovation, that led to a boom in tourism.



Planning Meeting May 18, 2021



photo by Dick McCammon

Members seated left to right, Judy Newblom, Bruce Halstead, Wes Falor, Cathie Osborne, Julie Tarbuck, Richard Tarbuck; standing Don McIntyre

Plans are underway to hold the **Twenty-Seventh Annual Strait Stamp Show**, August 21, 2021, 9:30 - 5:00 at the Masonic Lodge, South Fifth and Pine, Sequim, WA.

Free Admission, free stamps for Children, Door Prizes, Exhibits, Penny Table, Postal Service on Premises, Dealers: Buy, Sell; Snack Bar Sponsored by the Strait Stamp Society.

Due to the shortage of time, this year there will not be a Show cancel. Exhibit forms can be downloaded from our website straitstamp.org.

We invite the general public to attend and to bring along their stamps or collections for appraisal by our dealers who will also have lots of items for sale.



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Canada Post Issues Insulin Discovery Stamp

Denise McCarty



Canada Post commemorated the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin on a nondenominated permanent-rate (currently 92¢) stamp issued April 15.

The new stamp shows a vial of insulin and an excerpt of an unpublished memoir by Dr. Frederick Banting (1891-1941). Canada Post said that the excerpt “reflects the very moment he conceived the idea that set in motion events leading to the discovery of insulin.”

That discovery in 1921 at the University of Toronto and the first successful use of insulin in a human in early 1922 at Toronto General Hospital was a team effort with “surgical approach of Dr. Banting, the critical input of research assistant Charles Best and visiting biochemist James Collip, and the advice, guidance and oversight of John Macleod, chair of the Physiology Department” according to Canada Post.

Banting and Macleod received the 1923 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for the discovery. Banting shared his award money with Best, and Macleod shared his with Collip.

The stamp is 40 millimeters by 25mm. Lowe-Martin printed it by six-color lithography in booklets of 10. A total of 130,000 booklets (1.3 million stamps) were printed.



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Espresso Stamps

Michael Baadke

A new set of four United States forever stamps highlighting popular espresso drinks was issued nationwide April 9.

The designated city of issue was Seattle, Wash. Seattle has a long history as home to independent coffeehouses.



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month is "X" as in pen cancel and after that you are on your own to be creative; there are several overprinted possibilities also.

For our August meeting, the letter of the month is "Y" almost as difficult as "X" but we have a couple of possibilities; Yunnan Fou or Yunnansen, Y.C.C.P., and again, some other overprinted items. Hope you all have good luck and lots of creativity for the end of the alphabet.

Hope to see all of you at our show.