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President's Message

Welcome to our Mar-Apr Newsletter



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Wes Falor

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and enjoying the start of 2021. At this point the chances of getting back to regular shows and meetings may not occur until later this summer. We have had to move our possible show date to August 21. We will have to keep our fingers and toes crossed that that holds.

It was nice to see a few familiar faces at Cathie's on Wed. the 10th and to visit a bit and go over all the treasures we have been collecting for the club. For our March meeting the letter of the month is "T", as in Territorial, Topical, Thailand, Timor, Tunisia, Turkey as in the bird and in the country of Turkey, Tana Tuva, Trains, Trinidad and Tobago, Tanganyika and many others I am sure you can come up with.

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March 4th MEETING

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

April 1st MEETING

At the Zoom meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "U." No Silent Auction until further notice.

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Latest Austrian Stamp made of Skis

Material prepared by Helga Matush, World Stamp News

Following past issues made from porcelain, glass, meteorite, lederhosen-shaped and — most recently — toilet paper, Austrian postal service, on October 23, 2020, issued another innovative stamp.

Made from the same plastic and aluminum used to produce skis, the stamp is a tribute to one of Austrians' favorite activities — skiing. The seven-euro stamp is shaped like the tip of a ski and depicts a mountain range and a skier alongside the denomination and the country name.

"The stamp was created in Vienna, and since the heat-sensitive plastic posed some unique challenges, they used special saws, turning 50,000 times a minute, to cut through the 3 mm thick material," said collector Peter Lepoid, of Kelowna, B.C., who shared the stamp with CSN.

A Skiing Nation

As a skiing nation, Austria has a long tradition of enjoying the wintertime sport.

"It impresses with its unusual materials and its iconographic shape, so familiar to ski enthusiasts: the stamp looks like the tip of a ski, and the mountain panorama hinted at in the background combined with the skier make it clear that that is precisely what is intended," read the Osterreich Post website.

"The particularly special feature of this stamp is the material. In general, an actual ski is made from a combination of different materials such as wood, metal and plastics. For this stamp, a similar production technique was used. A thin aluminum-plastic composite was cut out to the shape of a ski tip using a CNC-controlled milling machine. The silvery surface of this aluminum composite was brushed, and when viewed from the side looks like the edges of a ski. Then a special acrylic glue was used to apply the yellow original ski coating, specially adapted in strength for the stamp, just as it is in the production of actual skis. The image was printed as a mirror image on the back of the coating so that the design is seen on the surface through the ski coating."



Austria's national postal service recently issued a seven-euro stamp shaped like a ski tip and made with a genuine ski coating.

The PhilateliKid

The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)

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Below are the answers to the questions in last month's newsletter

1. Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids
2. Kihei, (Maui) Hawaii
3. Hawaii Standard Time
4. Oahu
5. Oahu
6. HI
7. 1.424 million
8. 10
9. 55¢, or 1 Forever stamp
10. 13¢
11. A Territory of the United States
12. A Republic
13. A Kingdom
14. United States
15. Mayor
16. They think the visitor is ignorant of the fact that Hawaii is a State
17. Hawaii has the Hawaiian language
18. Hawaii has Iolani Palace
19. Missionaries
20. King Kamehameha IV
21. 1855-1883
22. His brother
23. Lota Kapuaiwa Kalanimakua Ali'iolani alanilupupe 'Tkalaniinui

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@ Robert W. Martin, 2020



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We look forward to welcoming you (back) to MPOS! Direct any questions to the address or email address above, and visit the Society web page at <http://tinyurl.com/mobileposociety>

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Topical Stamps in Washington State Symbols

Carol Edholm

Topical Stamps in Washington State Symbols



Have you ever wanted to know about the various state symbols for Washington state? You know -- more than the state flower, tree and bird? How about the state slug? State fossil? Better yet, have you tried to collect stamps depicting each of Washington state's symbols? If not, then this video from **SEAPEX 2020 Virtual Stamp Show** is something you need to watch to get you started:

<http://seapexshow.org/SEAPEX2020/presentations.html>

Click on the link above, then scroll down to the presentation with the above title.

(Apologies for all the pre-amble, but if I didn't set the recording to automatically start, I tended to forget to record the presentation!)

Strait Stamp Society member Vera Felts did a wonderful job of introducing each of Washington's state symbols. I am a purebred Washingtonian, and I was unaware of some of the state symbols. I know some of the visitors sitting in on the presentation were planning on starting their own state's state symbols collection. What about you? Maybe we will see some state symbols exhibits at SSS show once shows open up fully again. I look forward to seeing them!



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Donation Day



Members (pictured left to right) Vera Felts, Wes Falor, Cathie Osborne, and Mark Ashley gather to look over the materials donated to the club. Not pictured was Don McIntyre and Neil Gamroth.



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For the month of April the letter is "U", This may take a bit of creative thinking to come up with many ideas. Some possibilities are Uganda, Ukraine, U.S.S.R., Union of South Africa, Upper Volta, Uruguay, U.N., U A R, U A E, U K, and so on. Creativity will lead you a long way with the letter "U". It is great to see so many of you doing the Zoom meetings and having fun with them. Until the next news letter, please take care and keep safe we still have a ways to go in beating this.