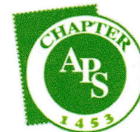




# Strait Stamp Talk



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## President's Message

Welcome to our September-October issue



**Wes Falor**

*Photo by Karen Mckee*

Hope everyone has recovered from our show by now and is enjoying all of the goodies they managed to find and will hopefully share some of them with us at an upcoming meeting. Based on the limited input from other dealers that I had it appears that once again we had a very good show from the dealer perspective and it appeared we had a good turnout of collectors. So all in all I would say "GREAT JOB", to all of you, for making this a really good show. And for those that did not make our dinner you all missed a very good meal with lots of fun story sharing. Again I want to thank all of you for your support and help in making this a very enjoyable successful show, without your support and help it would not be possible.

## September 6th MEETING

After the general meeting, there will be a slide show of photos taken at the Stamp Show. The show and tell for the month is for the letter "Q." Bring any questions you have about stamps or stamp collecting.

## October 4th MEETING

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "R." This will be followed by a Silent Auction. Forms can be downloaded from our website [straitstamp.org](http://straitstamp.org)

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## Stamp Collector

by Robert William Service

My worldly wealth I hoard in albums three,  
My life collection of rare postage stamps;  
My room is cold and bare as you can see,  
My coat is old and shabby as a tramp's;  
Yet more to me than balances in banks,  
My albums three are worth a million francs.

I keep them in that box beside my bed,  
For who would dream such treasures it could hold;  
But every day I take them out and spread  
Each page, to gloat like miser o'er his gold:  
Dearer to me than could be child or wife,  
I would defend them with my very life.

They are my very life, for every night  
over my catalogues I pore and pore;  
I recognize rare items with delight,  
Nothing I read but philatelic lore;  
And when some specimen of choice I buy,  
In all the world there's none more glad than I.

Behold my gem, my British penny black;  
To pay its price I starved myself a year;  
And many a night my dinner I would lack,  
But when I bought it, oh, what radiant cheer!  
Hitler made war that day - I did not care,  
So long as my collection he would spare.

Look - my triangular Cape of Good Hope.  
To purchase it I had to sell my car.  
Now in my pocket for some sous I grope  
To pay my omnibus when home is far,  
And I am cold and hungry and footsore,  
In haste to add some beauty to my store.

This very day, ah, what a joy was mine,  
When in a dingy dealer's shop I found  
This franc vermillion, eighteen forty-nine . . .  
How painfully my heart began to pound!  
(It's weak they say), I paid the modest price  
And tremblingly I vanished in a trice.

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## Chester Masters Award

On Saturday, August 4th, Chester was given a Certificate of Appreciation from the Strait Stamp Society for his 17 years as Newsletter Editor of Strait Stamp Talk. Along with this was recognition of the numerous awards of his from his exhibits that featured the Postal History of the Olympc Peninsula. Chester, we salute you.



photo by Dick McCammon

**Chester being congratulated by  
Richard Tarbuck and Cathie Osborne**

**Where do you go from here?**



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go to page 19*



"The Forever postage stamps I purchased at 42 cents are now selling for 44 cents. That beats your investment portfolio."

### Stamp Collector

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But oh, my dream is that some day of days,  
I might discover a Mauritius blue,  
poking among the stamp-bins of the quais;  
Who knows! They say there are but two;  
Yet if a third one I should spy,  
I think - God help me! I should faint and die. .

Poor Monsieur Pns, he's cold and dead,  
One of those stamp-collecting cranks.  
His garret held no crust of bread,  
But albums worth a million francs.  
on them his income he would spend,  
By philatelic frenzy driven:  
What did it profit in the end. . .  
You can't take stamps to Heaven



### Pres. Message (cont'd from Page 17)

For the September meeting we will have an update about the show from Cathie. We will also be celebrating the month by a show and tell for the letter "Q". Please also be starting to think about what we can do for next years show cover, we have only 3 months to make a decision, and we all know how time flies at this time of the year. For the October meeting the letter of celebration is "R", plus there will be a silent auction, so come with some new goodies that will entice us to bid.

Wes

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**Where do you go from here?**

*answer*

<http://straitstamp.org>

### Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes



### July 5th Meeting

Judy Newblom, filling in

Eighteen stamp collectors met for this month's meeting. We had two new members, Charlotte McElroy and Mark Ashley, join us. Dick gave a report on the show progress. Angela continues to spearhead the effort to get a banner for our Show. The next planning meeting is set for July 17th at Cathies and the next mid-monthly meeting is set for July 18th at Burger King. The show and tell for the month is the letter "O." Dick showed a cover that depicted Owey, the famous Mascot of the railway Mail Service. Bruce talked about Oman where he lived after 2001. Stamps of all kinds including birds, snakes, lizards, cats, fish and more.

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## Secretary's Notes (Continued from page 19)

Jim had two examples, one an official computer vended postage stamp unknown as yet in Scott, and an OMG instance of an Andrew Jackson lettersheet in a Siegel auction of which he had 1 copy and proceeded to win a second copy. Judy showed a cover with stamps depicting varieties of optics in lighthouses. Roger showed examples of 19th century Ober town postal markings in Switzerland. Rick showed a post card depicting an oil fire in Oklahoma. Don described a Mystic Stamp app on a smarphone that shows for a given day "This Day in History" that features a different stamp. Neat. Angela told how during her recent trip to Alaska meeting the daughter of Susan Butcher who was unaware of mushers on covers including some of her mother during the Iditarod. She was going to look for some to send to the daughter. The highlight of the evening was Cameron, a visitor, who brought along a photo copy of a stamp he came across in the family holdings. The group concluded that most likely, it was a run of the mill 1¢ Franklin. But you never know.



## Osborne wins at Summer Exhibition

Cathie Osborne won a Silver at the Summer Exhibition of the Evergreen Stamp Club for her exhibit on Bellflowers held at the Kent Commons Recreation Center July 21-22, 2018. In addition, she won the best single-frame exhibit sponsored by the American Topical Association. Way to go, Cathie.



## Twenty-Fifth Annual Strait Stamp Show

There were over 110 who attended our show and that included 8 from Victoria, British Columbia. There were 7 dealers on hand with stamps, covers, postcards and assorted paraphernalia. Free appraisals were also available.



phpto by Dick McCammon

The Post Office was there to apply our cancel and to offer for sale the latest postage stamps. The penny table was busy from the opening of the show to the end. The door prizes were pretty much gone by the end of the day. Judging by the voting, there was also considerable interest in our exhibits. The awards for the most popular exhibits were as follows:

Most Educational - Lewis & Clark Expedition  
1804-1806 **Richard Tarbuck**

Most Attractive - Birds of Paradise found only  
on the Island of New Guinea

**Richard Tarbuck**

Most Unusual - Silk Embroidered Cards Sent  
by a Soldier in France to His Family in  
New Zealand **Don Shorting**

Most Philatelic - Five Unique Lighthouses for  
Your Bucket List; Adventure, History,  
and Nature **Judy NewBlom**

Best Club Member Display - Flowers Across  
America; Pictorial Display of US  
Stamps showing Floral Beauty

**Bruce Halstead**

The winner of the Stamp Guessing jar was **John Williams** from Cupertino, CA. He guessed 1,551 which was closest to 1350.

After the end of the show, some of the dealers and club members retired to a nearby Mexican Resturant. All in all, it was another successful Stamp Show. Something to look forward to for next year.

