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Fall 2016

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

Location: Sandy Senior Center
9310 So. 1300 East, Sandy
First and third Thursdays of each month
Summer @ 6:00 pm until 7:55 pm

Club Officers

President: Steve Baldrige
Vice-President: John Alleman
Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Blaney
Board Members: Allan Anderson, Ed Howard, Don Marr, Linda Snyder
Newsletter Editor: Ewald Kuefner

Upcoming Events

September 24, 2016 – Summer Banquet
11:30 am, Red Lobster, 298 E Winchester, Murray Ut
October 7 and 8, 2016 – Stamps and Coins
At Sons of Utah Pioneers
3301 E. Louise St. (2920 So.) Salt Lake City, Utah
November 4 and 5, 2016 – Stamps only
At the Orem Community Church
130 North 400 East, Orem, Utah



The President's Corner

Steve Baldrige

To use a racing metaphor, we've rounded the bend and have started the third leg. The days are hot, dry and long, but we know they won't stay that way as we head into the fall season. The club is alive and well and full of activity, such as:

The board decided to purchase some philatelic material to have another Treasure Hunt since it's been a while since we've had one. Basically, we buy pre-assembled packages from a dealer, then separate the lots into smaller groups, price them at 50% of Scott catalog value and offer them for sale at meetings. What doesn't sell is offered at a lower rate over successive meetings, and hopefully the club will recover its costs by the time everything is sold.

Don Marr, Blaine and Verla Cox, and Allen Anderson have been instrumental in buying and sorting the material, and we thank them for their hard work. At our meeting of August 4th we had a nice assortment of material to sell, and recovered over one-third of the purchase price, so we're on the right track.

Once again, the board has decided to host a summer banquet, and this one will be just like the one last year. It will be held Saturday, September 24th, at Red Lobster at 298 East Winchester (about 6300 South) in Murray. We'll start gathering around 11:30am. The club will pay for
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members. Non-member spouses and other family members are invited, but they will need to pay for their meals. Don Marr will coordinate the event, and he'd like to have a head count no later than our meeting on September 15th.

Two shows are coming up. The fall show, as usual, is scheduled for October 7-8th, at the Sons of Utah Pioneers building. For the second time now a Utah County show will be held in November 4-5th at the Orem Community Church, 130 No. 400 East in Orem. The last show there was considered successful, so be sure to stop by for a visit at this event.

And finally—the executive committee of the Club's board of directors, which currently consists of myself as president, John Alleman as vice-president and Ed Blaney as secretary/treasurer, is up for election at the end of the year. None of the incumbent members are running for re-election, so we will be looking for candidates for these three offices.

I hope you will give some serious consideration to running for one of these positions—we're always looking for a fresh face for these positions to inject some new perspective into running the Utah Philatelic Society. The pay is pretty sad, but the rewards are significant as you provide direction and support for a great little stamp club.

We aren't looking for someone who's an expert at stamp collecting, but rather for someone who has a little knowledge in running a small operation and is committed to keeping the club on track. Someone with bookkeeping experience is especially needed for the secretary/treasurer position. The board has six meetings a year and basically just makes decisions to keep things running smoothly. We'd love to see some of our newer members step up for a position on the board.

That's it, folks. Have a great remaining summer and fall!

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"Colorful Celebrations" stamps

New Forever Stamps Booklet

New York City — A new booklet of Forever stamps entitled Colorful Celebrations was dedicated at the World Stamp Show-NY 2016 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. The United States plays host to



a sanctioned international stamp show only once every 10 years, with the next one scheduled for
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Colorful Celebrations continued

2026 in Boston, MA. The stamps feature designs based on a Mexican art form known as “papel picado,” Spanish for “pierced paper.”

While the designs suggest cut paper, they actually were created digitally. U.S. Postal Service Vice President of Pricing and Costing, Sharon Owens, dedicating the new stamps, remarked on the 10 vivid and colorful designs “featuring celebratory patterns that showcase geometric shapes, flowers and birds.”

Each of the 10 design appears twice in each booklet of 20 stamps. The stamp designs come in one of four colors: blue, orange, purple, and fuchsia. Papel picado, an intricate art form that was developed in Mexico, inspired artist Atzin Gaytan’s digital stamp art. Sally Andersen-Bruce designed the stamps. Derry Noyes served as the project’s art directory. ##

Fun Facts about Postage Stamps

WHEN STAMPS WERE FIRST ISSUED THEY HAD NO GUM ON THE BACK. IF PASTE WAS NOT AVAILABLE, MAILERS SOMETIMES PINNED OR EVEN SEWED STAMPS TO THE ENVELOPE.

SOMETIME BEFORE 1883 ADVERTISING FOR VARIOUS PRODUCTS WAS PRINTED ON THE BACK OF US 3-CENT STAMPS.

THE FIRST TOUCH OF HUMOR DIDN’T APPEAR ON ANY US STAMP UNTIL 1963. THE 5-CENT CITY MAIL DELIVERY STAMP WAS ISSUED FOR THE 100 ANNIVERSARY OF FREE CITY MAIL DELIVERY. THE DESIGN BY NORMAN ROCKWELL, FEATURED A LETTER CARRIER HOLDING AN UMBRELLA FOLLOWED BY A SMILING LITTLE BOY AND A LITTLE DOG.



What kids like about collecting stamps

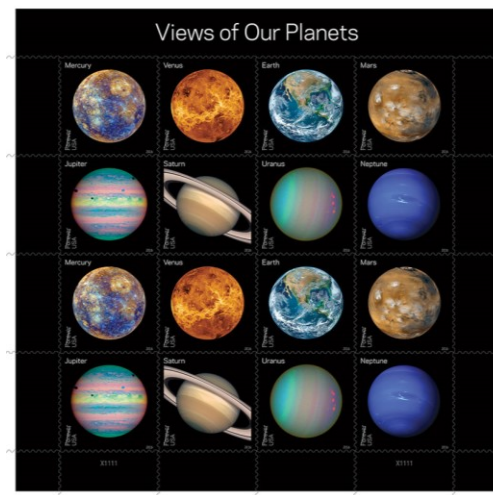
Stamp collecting is one of the most popular, family-friendly and inexpensive hobbies around. Do you have a Boy Scout, a grandchild or little friend? Stamp collecting is a fun hobby. “Stamp collecting is very easy,” says Gretchen Moody, Director of Education at the American Philatelic Society. The best thing about stamp collecting is that it’s a great opportunity to learn about new countries, cultures, currencies and landmarks, even for children, or beginners.”

“Stamp collecting is great as a teaching tool because it is a “discover based” method of learning,” says Moody. “The kids don’t realize that they’re learning. They might discover a stamp that they like that has a name of a country that they don’t recognize or know. “

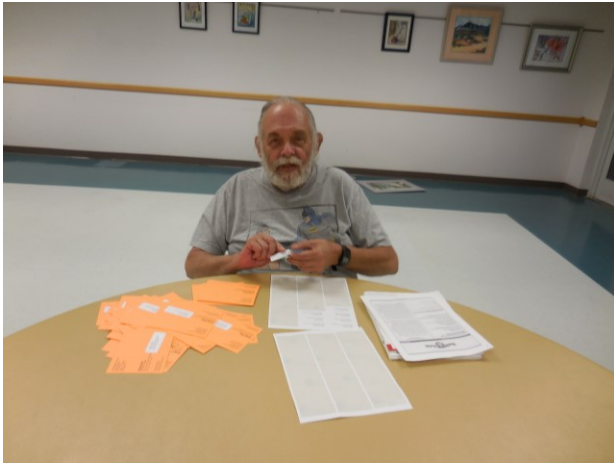
“Their natural curiosity is going to kick in, and they are going to find the answer.” That means researching, discovering and learning, all outside of school walls!”

The U.S. Postal Service has an elementary level educational program called “Community Connection”. It includes some beautiful classroom enhancements and curriculum supports, as we as a very rich trove of online teaching tools. Another resource for beginners or the young folks is The “American Philatelic Society-Just for Kids”. ##

Kids interested in the solar system?



2016 new stamps, The Moon, Planets and Pluto



John Alleman



Verla and Blaine Cox



Don Marr



Ed Blaney



Ewald Kuefner, Stamp Club Newsletter Editor
Who happens to be VFW Post Commander



Members view various items
at Stamp Club Auction