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Summer 2022

Club Meeting Location

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS
3301 E LOUISE ST (2920 S.)
First and third Thursday of each month
7:00 pm until 8:45 pm

Club Officers

President: Steve Baldridge
Vice-President: Craig Edwards
Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Wall
Board Members: Vladimir Makarov,
Steve McLaughlin, Howard Reed and

Jerry Pitstick

Newsletter Editor: Ewald Kuefner

Next Stamp Show

Sons of Utah Pioneers Building 3301 E Louise St. (2920 So.) Date: October 7-8, 2022

Friday 10 am to 6 pm Saturday 10 am to 4 pm

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The President's Corner Steve Baldridge

Greetings Members!

Sometimes it seems like warm weather has taken a long time to get here, and then I remember that it will take just another short time to leave.

I hope you are taking advantage of the warmth to pry yourselves away from your stamps for a bit, so you can get out and absorb some of that life-supporting sunshine.

We had a great show in May. However, our dealer count was down, but I know that at least some of the dealers had some vigorous activity at their tables. Because of the low count the Club lost a little money, but it wasn't as bad as first thought. We managed to sell some of the books that have been taking space in our library, so we have a little more room to store what we do want to keep, and we got some cash in the bargain.

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The Presidents Message continued....

The Youth Corner received a large donation of stamps on paper, and that always makes Virginia and Sandi happy.

We also picked up two new members. For the first time in recent memory, we had exhibits, with prizes going to Don Marr (\$50), Rick Hendricks (\$30) and Jack Wall (\$20).

Probably the most significant thing to note right now is that the Board is making some needed changes to the Club's constitution. Most of the changes are fairly minor, but any change needs the approval of UPS membership. So, after they have been approved at a board meeting, we will send out a copy of the new constitution by email for your inspection.

I will make a few hard copies available at the club meeting when this is discussed. In reviewing the present constitution, we have discovered that we don't have a signed copy of it anywhere. That means it was never officially ratified, that we can show, so we'll be certain to sign and archive the new constitution, and even have it notarized.

I've said it before, but it is worth saying again — joining the Utah Philatelic Society has done more for my collecting and philatelic understanding than anything else I might have done in this hobby. I hope you feel the same way, so ... see you at the next meeting! -0-

Our new Secretary and Treasurer

Congratulations to our new Secretary and Treasurer, Jack Wall who is doing a very fine job on taking the minutes at our bimonthly meetings.

From the June 16th meeting, the first order of business was to announce that at our July 7th meeting will be a Bourse Night. At \$2.00 a table we should see an abundance of many interesting items for exchange among our club members. Also, a very interesting presentation by club member, Craig Edwards on British Crown Coronation and Jubilees was given.

"Currently there has been a lot of attention given in the news to Queen Elizabeth II and the monarchy because of her 70th Jubilee.

The Coronation takes place after the installation of the of the new monarch. If you are old enough to remember the coronation of Queen Elizabeth you will know that it happened on June 2, 1953, at Westminster Abby in London and was actually televised on American television.

It was one of the first main news features that was televised, because commercial TV in 1953 was still very new. school children were let out of class in order to go home and witness it on their home televisions, touted as a once in a lifetime event which in time has been proven to be true. Back then schools were not yet equipped with televisions and electronics."

For 2022, here is the date of our final Stamp show of the year.
October 7-8, 2022

Soon we will be announceing the date and location of our Annual Stamp Club Party.

Flag Day in America

Flag day is celebrated in the United States, on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. When the flag resolution passed it stated, "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United states be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."



This is a poster in 1917 celebrating 140 years.

This is not a postage stamp, but wouldn't it be nice if it had been. Very colorful and artistic.



The Treaty of Paris 1783, U.S. Bicentennial 20-cent stamp was issued September 2, 1983.

The United Kingdom officially recognized American independence by signing the "Treaty of Paris in 1783". David Hartley, a member of Parliament representing British King George III, signed the treaty along with the American delegation of John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and John Jay on September 3, 1783.

Queen Elizabeth II, 70th Jubilee 2022



British Stamp - 1953 Queen Elizabeth Head Blue 1d Block of 4 MNH



Queen Elizabeth II, with color ID cut from Booklet MNH Canada 2019 #3137



Great Britain (United Kingdom) Queen Elizabeth, booklet stamp 2 ½ Scarlet Rare Stamp \$139.00

Betsy Ross, First United States Flag

Elizabeth Griscom, seamstress, known as Betsy, has been attributed to be the person who sewed our original American flag. She was born January 1, 1752, to parents Rebecca James and Samuel Griscom of Gloucester City, New Jersey, and was the 8th of 17 children.

She and her first husband, John Ross, started their own upholstery shop after they got married. They met as apprentices, working for the popular upholsterer, John Webster. The couple eloped in 1773 as she was raised a "Quaker" and he a member of "Christ Church" where she also later became a member. After his death she continued their shop the rest of her life, employing different family members.



3 cent Stamp depicting Betsy Ross who sewed the first United States of America Flag. Issued 1952



Issued 1975 13 cent Betsy Ross Flag above Independence Hall

Betsy Ross, continued

Years after her death, Betsy's grandson William Canby (1825-1890, son of Jane Claypoole and Caleb Canby) presented a paper "The History of the Flag of the United States" to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in 1870. William based his paper on accounts he had heard from family members and memories of his grandmother, Betsy, indicating that General George Washington, together with Robert Morris and George Ross (members of the Continental Congress Committee) had asked Betsy Ross to make the new flag for the new country. George Ross was John Ross' uncle.

According to the account, George Washington handed her a sketch of the basic design. Thirteen stars and 13 strips representing the 13 colonies. She suggested 5 point stars instead of the 6 pointed stars indicated in their design.

Betsy outlived three husbands, all patriots, John Ross, a member of the Pennsylvania Provincial Militia who died 2 years after their marriage when an explosion happened when the munitions, he was guarding exploded. They had no children.

In 1777, Betsy married Joseph Ashburn. He was a sailor and a patriot. The English Royal Navy captured his ship and charged him and the rest of the crew with treason. He died in an English jail in 1780. Betsy and Joseph had 2 daughters together, Zilla (died as an infant) & Eliza, born after his death.

In 1783 she married John Claypoole. He had been in prison with Joseph Ashburn but survived. He later met Betsy. They were married for 34 years until he died of poor health. They had 5 daughters, Clarissa, Susanna, Jane, Rachel, and Harriet, the youngest who died as an infant.

After many years of work, Betsy's eye-sight began failing her, and became completely blind. In her old age, Betsy lived with her daughters, first Eliza and then her final three years with Jane. On Saturday, January 30, 1836, 60 years after the Declaration of Independence Betsy died at the age of 84. -0-