



Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies

# Council Courier



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## WESTPEX 2008! —APRIL 25-27

San Francisco Airport Marriott  
1800 Old Bayshore Highway  
Burlingame, California

This year's WESTPEX 2008 promises to be a great show. WESTPEX 2008 will feature 300+ frames of international exhibits, a team of renowned judges, 75 dealers from around the world, plus an APS-sponsored two-day course on the Washington Franklin issue on April 23-24 (see APS Seminar at WESTPEX 2008, page 3). Show hours are:

Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

For more information about WESTPEX, visit the show website at <http://www.westpex.com>.

**WESTPEX 2008**

VALPARAISO  
DERBY  
SKYHARR  
DAVID CROCKETT

**SHIPS OF THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH**

**Guest Societies**  
Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group  
British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group  
Ethiopian Philatelic Society

4800 pages of Exhibits • 75 Dealers  
Auction • Meetings • Seminars

**APS Advanced Seminar**  
*The Washington & Franklin Issues*  
led by Dennis Gilson, APS Staff  
April 23rd & 24th

*April 25 -27 • San Francisco Airport Marriott*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE COUNCIL TABLE AT WESTPEX

### Message from Vesma Grinfelds, CNCPS President:

The Council would appreciate volunteers to spend a little time at the Council table at WESTPEX. No experience required; just bring a cup of coffee and a smiling face. This is our chance to provide information about clubs in our area and gain potential new members.

### BILL DWYER TO TALK AT WESTPEX



The CNCPS is sponsoring a PowerPoint talk by Bill Dwyer at WESTPEX on "The Philately of French Air Pioneers." The event is hosted by the Peninsula Philatelic Club. The get-together will take place on Sunday, April 27 at 11:00 AM.

## APS SEMINAR AT WESTPEX 2008

The WESTPEX 2008 Stamp Show, which will be held on April 25-27, 2008 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel, will host a special seminar by the American Philatelic Society for collectors of the United States Washington – Franklin issues. This will be an intensive two-day course to help in the identification of the issue.

The course will be led by Dennis Gilson of the APS, on April 23 and 24 at the show site, to learn how to identify the 2 and 3 cent types, of which there are more than 200 varieties, and how to recognize fakes and forgeries. Although there are no prerequisites to take the course, some understanding about perforations, watermarks, printing methods and papers as described in the Scott's U.S. Specialized Catalog would be helpful.

The course, which will include resource material for participants, costs \$195 for APS members and \$295 for non-members. More information is found in the November issue of The American Philatelist, page 1021, at a link on the WESTPEX web site [www.westpex.com](http://www.westpex.com), or at the APS web site, [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org). Registration forms are located at the sites and the journal.

The 2008 WESTPEX show will host COPAPHIL, the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group, the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group, and the Ethiopian Philatelic Society. This is a World Series of Philately show with a 5000+ page exhibition, 75 national and international stamp and postal history dealers, Schuyler-Rumsey Auction, meetings and seminars, Awards banquet, youth area, Western Philatelic Library, and the U.S. Postal Service—the premier stamp show on the West Coast.

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, FILATELIC FIESTA 2008 MEETING

The 1st Quarter meeting of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies was called to order by President Vesma Grinfelds at 12:00 PM, Saturday, March 8, 2008, at FILATELIC FIESTA in San Jose. Seven clubs were represented.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the *Council Courier*.

Vesma, reporting for the Frames Committee, said that all of the new frames have been refurbished.

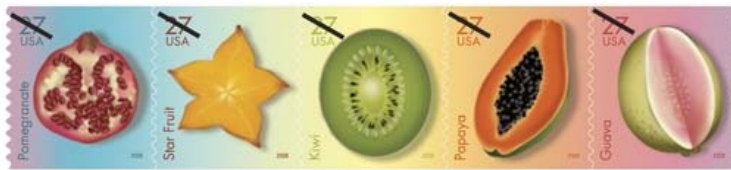
Vesma also reported that Hank Washauer has a backlog of club information for the Courier, that the web page is updated and has good information and that a Philatelic Heritage Committed, composed of Bill Oliver, Jim Jefferson and Wayne Menuz, has been appointed to delve into the history of such organizations as the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, WESTPEX and the Collectors Club of San Francisco, with other organizations to follow.

The next Council meeting is scheduled at the Nevada Stamp Society show in Reno.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Kasdorf, Secretary



## TROPICAL FRUIT STAMPS TO BE ISSUED AT WESTPEX STAMP SHOW

### *First Day of Issue Dedication Will Take Place on Show's Opening Day*

BURLINGAME, Calif. — The new 27-cent, *Tropical Fruit* definitive stamps in five designs will be dedicated and issued at the 2008 WESTPEX Stamp Show, on April 25 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel in Burlingame. The special dedication, which coincides with the stamp show's opening day, will take place at 1 p.m. in the Anaheim Room. Although not the usual USPS first day ceremony, the local will prepare a special program and first day cancel for the public presentation.

Five definitive stamps picture tropical fruit that look good enough to eat. Illustrator Sergio Baradat created art that visually slices or halves five tropical fruits – pomegranate, kiwi, star fruit, papaya and guava - depicting them in eye-catching and mouth watering color. Designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Md., the stamps go on sale nationwide April 25, 2008 in Post Offices, on [usps.com](http://usps.com) and by calling 800-STAMP-24.

These stamps will be available in the following formats:

- Pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) Pane of 20.
- PSA Coil of 100.

Customers can conveniently use these stamps to mail postcards at the new 27-cent postcard price that takes effect May 12, 2008.

WESTPEX is the largest and most successful stamp show held west of the Mississippi. For 48 years WESTPEX has been the place on the west coast where stamp collectors and dealers from all over the world meet to show, buy, sell and talk philately. WESTPEX 2008 will be held April 25-27 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel.

The WESTPEX Exhibition will include more than 5000 pages in 322 frames of worldwide stamps, postal history and postal stationery. Guest societies include COPAPHIL, the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Group, the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group and the Ethiopian Philatelic Society along with meetings of numerous other societies, clubs and study groups. For complete details and schedules of the WESTPEX events and the show theme souvenir items, see the web site [www.westpex.com](http://www.westpex.com), or at WESTPEX, Inc. P.O. Box 201579, San Francisco, CA 94121.

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# COLLECTORS CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO WESTPEX MEETING

Guest Speaker: Peter P. McCann, Ph. D. RDP

More than You Ever Wanted to Know about Montserrat Postal History!

Dr. Peter P. McCann was elected to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 2007 and currently serves as Vice President of the Federation Internationale de Philatelie (F.I.P.). From 1995 until 2007 he served on the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society successively as Vice President, President and Immediate Past President. He is also currently a Trustee of the Philatelic Foundation, and is on the Council of Philatelists of the Smithsonian Institution National Postal Museum.

He is a member of many specialized philatelic organizations and has served as President of five including the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and the American Philatelic Congress.

From 1973 to 2007, he published 37 philatelic articles and two books, all dealing with the small 'British' islands which have been his main collecting interests: British Virgin Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, Montserrat, Tristan de Cunha, Gilbert and Ellice Islands and the Cayman Islands,

His exhibits have won numerous gold awards (and 5 Grand Awards) at WSP exhibitions from 1987 to 2003. At one time or another, he has served on the jury at all the WSP exhibitions, numerous times as Chief Judge.

He is an accredited FIP international judge and has served on 11 World Philatelic Exhibition juries from 1993 through 2007. He is certified for Postal History, Traditional and One-Frame Exhibits and is a qualified Team Leader.

Anyone wishing to stay at the Marriott can ask for a special WESTPEX hotel rate of \$102.00 plus tax. For reservation call (800) 228-9290 and mention Group Code: WPSWPSA or WESTPEX Show. Any questions, please visit the WESTPEX web site: at [www.westpex.com](http://www.westpex.com).

Location: **San Francisco Airport Marriott** in the Bayside II meeting room  
1800 Old Bayshore Highway  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
Phone: 650-692-9100

**Wednesday April 23, 2008; 6:00 pm no host cocktails, dinner at 7:00 pm**

**(See the following page for a menu and reservation form)**

# *Menu*

## **Baby Field Green Salad**

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**Tuscan Marinated Chicken or Pan Seared Salmon  
Chef's selection of starch & vegetables**

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**White Chocolate Raspberry Cream Cake  
Starbucks Coffee & Tea**

**\$50.00 per person (sales tax and gratuities included)**

Email: [judyjarvis@westpex.com](mailto:judyjarvis@westpex.com)

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Cut off this portion and include it with your reservation

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Main Course selection: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ dinner(s) @ \$50.00 per person.



## UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

### WESTPEX 2008

April 25-27, 2008

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1800 Old Bayshore Highway  
Burlingame, CA

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(415) 387-1016  
([ejarvis@westpex.com](mailto:ejarvis@westpex.com))

Website: [www.westpex.com](http://www.westpex.com)

### COALPEX 2008

June 14-15, 2008

Walnut Creek Community Center  
Civic Center Assembly Hall,  
1375 Civic Dr.  
Walnut Creek

Contact: David McNamee  
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### GREATER RENO STAMP & COVER SHOW

July 12-13 2008

National Bowling Stadium  
300 N. Center Street  
Reno, NV 89501

Contact: Nevada Stamp Study Society

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<http://home.earthlink.net/~renostamp/id6.html>

### CLUB LISTINGS

For a complete listing of the CNCPS member clubs, please visit the club page on the CNCPS website at:

<http://www.norcalstamps.org/clubs.html>



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GREATER RENO STAMP SHOW

National Bowling Stadium

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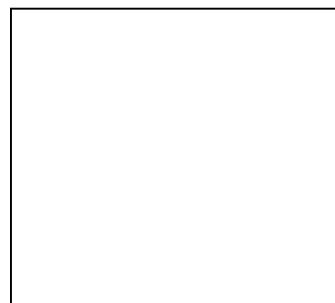
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