



The Chaloner Memorial Trophy

The Council's Highest Award for Service to philately

The Council's highest recognition award for service to Council Area philately was named for a Past President Henry Chaloner (President of the Council in 1946), who exemplified the character and the level and variety of activities in support of organized philately in our area. The award recognizes *special individuals* who embody the qualities of *service and leadership in philately in the Council area*. The award was first given to Henry Chaloner in 1952, and later it was made into a memorial award in his name. The award has been made since 1951, so the Council is on its fourth plaque in order to hold all the names! A picture of each plaque and the entire list of names is on the Council web site.

The recipient's name is engraved on a perpetual trophy plaque and presented with a small engraved plaque as a personal memento. Past President **Akthem Al-Manaseer** is holding the Chaloner plaque and 2014 winner **Jim Dempsey** is holding the personal plaque given to the recipient. Jim, together with the 2015 winners, **Terri and Harvey Edwards** are the Committee who make recommendations to the Council Board for the 2016 award. The 2016 recipient will be announced at the annual Christmas Dinner of the Collectors Club of San Francisco.



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CNCPS Elected Officers and Appointed Positions 2016-17

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MEETINGS in 2017: SACAPEX (NOON, Sunday November 5, ROOM TBA)

*Subject to change — watch the **Council Courier** for exact times and places*

What Does the Council Do?

A number of questions arise at this time every year (dues collection time) about what the clubs get for their ten bucks. It is a fair question, because a lot of what the Council does is not visible to everyone or not associated in people's minds with the CNCPS.

Perhaps some clues can be seen by the Committees that are part of the Council:

The *Council Courier* and the web site attempt to keep clubs and member societies aware of what is going on in our area (Northern California, Northern Nevada and Southern Oregon).

The Council promotes local philately

through support for clubs through the Speakers' Bureau for club programs, exchange of membership recruiting and retention ideas through the *Council Courier*, and support for stamp shows through:

- Publicity
- Exhibition Judges for local shows
- Loan of exhibit frames

The Chaloner and Holmsten awards are two of the ways that the Council encourages local philately.

The Council provides a training ground for future leaders in organized philately on the local, area and national levels.

Evelyn Bryan, 1920—2017:

A Very Special Person Closes Her Album

Editor's Note: Every stamp club has that special person who serves the hobby and her club tirelessly for many years. Her dear friend **Nancy Swan** sent the following to the *Council Courier*.

The Southern Oregon Philatelic Society is mourning and remembering our long time cachet cover designer and chair Evelyn Bryan who passed away Thursday, August 3 at the age of 97.

Despite her failing health, Evelyn had already been planning the covers for SOPEX 2018. She will be missed for her cheery attitude, years of faithful service, artistic ability, kindness, uncomplaining determination, and community involvement.

Evelyn came to the Rogue Valley as a child and was raised in Jacksonville. She and her husband Don celebrated their 70th anniversary last fall and were honored with a special cake at our club's Christmas dinner. They joined the stamp club in 1968 to keep their recently drafted son apprised of stamp happenings! (He is now our longest term member.)

For years Evelyn coordinated the stamp club's Christmas Party, and the Bryans hosted the S.O.P.S. July picnic under their shady trees. Evelyn also worked with the Cub Scouts and our club's youth on stamp collecting. She became the club historian for years.

In 1970 Evelyn began designing the Pear Blossom Festival cachet covers. She was our club's representative to the Pear Blossom Committee providing the liaison for our SOPEX as a Pear Blossom Event. Each year she designed the cachet covers and arranged with the post office for special postmarks. Evie's "pear people" drawings cleverly depicted each year's theme.

Evelyn also made special cakes and designed cachet covers for philatelic related community events such as the Jacksonville Post Office birthday, Central Point post office building



Evelyn Bryan during the 2016 SOPS Stamp Show

dedication, the Applegate Trail Centennial, Wings Over Oregon - the anniversary of Oregon's first airmail flight (from Medford), and the 2001 Anniversary of Commercial Air Mail through Medford's Airport. When PIPEX was held in Medford in 1974, Evelyn designed three different cachets celebrating the area's historical, artistic and scenic attributes. This grew into annual S.O.P.S. cachet covers, the "Southern Oregon Historical Series," honoring some of the region's special features.

In 1982, Evelyn was honored as a "club spark plug" in *Western Stamp Collector*, and in 2006 she received a Federation Club Service Award. The club's cachet cover trophy is named in her honor. Evelyn represented the "heart of the hobby," encouraging collector fellowship, youth service, club service, and community recognition of stamp collecting!

Jim Bryan is currently designing a cachet cover to honor his mom.

She will be missed by many.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Fellow Collectors:

First, I hope the fires stayed away from everyone's stamp collection. My home security is not for theft but for fire. The possible thief wouldn't know the straw from the chaff and wouldn't have time to take it all. The fire would burn it all.

With that said, it's time to gear up for shows. East Bay will just be over, but SACAPEX, Filatelic Fiesta and PENPEX are in the next six weeks. All are worth going to.

Next, the dark days of winter, I feel, are the times to mount stamps, to organize covers and to winter-clean the stamp closet or shelves. It is the time to draft-organize exhibits and to prepare want lists. It is the time to set aside extras for the youth tables at the spring or summer shows.

Late fall and winter is the time of the year to be thankful for our hobby and for the joy it brings us, to be of good cheer with family and friends and to set goals (resolutions) for the next year.

Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday season with family and friends,

Larry Crain

Introduce a Fellow Collector to your next Club Meeting. The hobby grows richer when we expand our social contacts and friendships.

Jo Skinner to Retire from FWPL Board

Jo Skinner has been associated with the Western Philatelic Library for more than 40 years. At the May FWPL Board Meeting, Jo announced her intention to step down from her position as Treasurer of FWPL, Inc. at the end of this year, or sooner if a replacement is identified. Jo has served as Treasurer for as long as anyone else can remember.

Best Wishes for a well-earned retirement

COALPEX Announces It is Closing Down

The COALPEX Leadership Committee announced it will not be renewing the lease on the City of Walnut Creek Community Activity Building for its annual stamp show in June.

General Chairman Dave Epps, Bourse Chairman Jim Dempsey and Exhibits Chairman David McNamee thank all of the volunteers, the dealers, the exhibitors, and the patrons for their support these past three years. The attendance numbers did not reach a sufficient number to justify the efforts of all involved.

This does not preclude another group from continuing the show either in Walnut Creek or another East Bay location. The funds remaining after all bills were paid were turned over to the Council Treasurer.

Around the Council: Clubs and Members

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library

This is a repeat of the article from our last issue, because the need is still great.

Note the **new mailing address** for FWPL and the Western Philatelic Library PO Box 7063, Redwood City, CA 94063.

Bob Gordon of San Francisco is the new editor for the *Bay Phil*, the quarterly newsletter for members and friends of the library. Bob promises a more up-to-date layout in full color, and the Board promises more transparency.

Volunteers are needed to make the library more accessible to area collectors.

Contact **Roy Teixeira** at camoes@comcast.net if you have a few hours each month to keep the library open.

The WPL is in its own building in Redwood City at 3004 Spring St. Their normal hours are posted on their web site: www.fwpl.org or call 650-306-9150 for info.

Nevada Stamp Study Society

A complete archive of each issue of the NSSS newsletter, *Post Boy*, published from 1977 to present is available on the NSSS web site:

www.renostamp.org

You can view or download every issue. It is a wonderful way to share the society's rich history. It is also a good use of the web site — all too often, stamp societies and show committees lose track of the pictures, stories and people who made up their group activities over the years.

The Nevada Stamp Study Society meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month: 9 AM for trading, meeting starts at 10 AM, at Silverada Estates Clubhouse, 2301 Oddie Blvd., Reno.

Summer Activities from our Northern Neighbors

This summer brought PIPEX to Portland, OR and SEAPEX to Seattle, WA, both very successful shows with a lot of participation by our CNCPS club members.

We have invited our Northern Neighbors to join us over the next six months at Filatelic Fiesta in San Jose this November and WESTPEX in Burlingame next April.

Sequoia Stamp Club

The Sequoia Stamp Club meets the Second and Fourth Tuesdays at 7:05 PM in the Redwood City Community Activities Building (where PENPEX is held). Visitors are welcome and there are refreshments served! Their Club Program

Want YOUR club's news featured?

Make certain your newsletter editor sends a copy of the club's newsletter and press releases to the Editor of the *Council Courier*:

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Alamo, CA 94507
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Schedule is posted on their web site and published in their newsletter *Stamp Chatter*.

The Fourth Quarter Stamp Chatter contains an important notice about the PENPEX Silent Auction lots to be submitted by Sequoia members: **Jim Mosso** has announced that all lots for the PENPEX Silent Auction need to be submitted by the end of October. Due to the large number of lots that are entered into the auction, he needs time to process the items. Everyone can participate as a bidder/buyer during the PENPEX show.

Sequoia member **David Abrahams** recently received his 50-year pin from APS.

The Sequoia Stamp Club has a youth program. “Stamps R Us,” supported by members **Richard Coleman** and **Kjell Enander** along with donations from many members of the club. Youth are signed up at PENPEX, so if you know of a youth that needs to get started in stamp collecting, check it out at PENPEX! They signed up 10 youth last year.

WESTPEX

Marketing and Bourse Chair Bill Dwyer has come up with another fascinating theme for 2018 WESTPEX:

California Declares War on Squirrels 1918

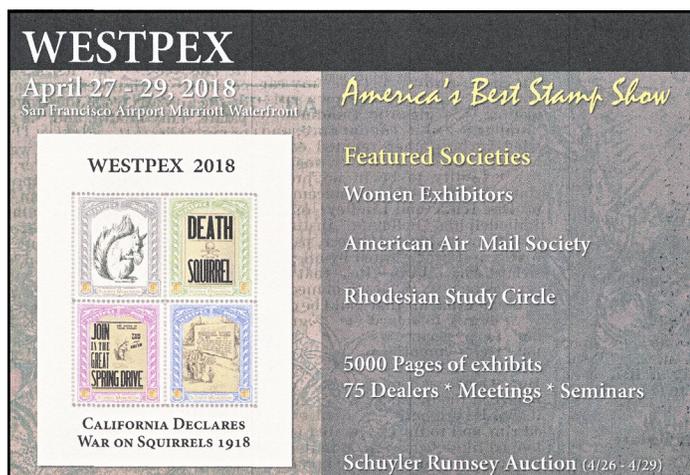
“In April 1918, as American doughboys faced down the Germans in France, California’s schoolchildren were enlisted to open a new Western Front. “We have enemies here at home more

destructive, perhaps, than some of the enemies our boys are fighting in the trenches,” state horticulture commissioner George H. Hecke warned in an impassioned call-up for “School Soldiers.” He exhorted children to do their part for Uncle Sam by organizing “a company of soldiers in your class or in your school” and marching out to destroy their foe: “the squirrel army.”

This children’s crusade was part of Squirrel Week, a seven-day frenzy in which California tried to kill off its ground squirrels. The state’s farmers and ranchers had long struggled to decimate the critters (also known as *Otospermophilus beecheyi*), which were seen as pests and a source of pestilence, particularly the bubonic plague. The burrowing foragers—not to be confused with tree squirrels—devoured an estimated \$30 million worth of crops annually, about \$480 million in current dollars.” [From an article by Dave Gilson, November 29, 2016.]

This should be fun! Will **Stan Tur-rini** make an appearance in a squirrel costume?

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
SACAPEX, Sunday NOV 5, 2017
Sacramento, CA
Room TBA @ NOON



WESTPEX Promotional Post Card

WESTPEX Board Changes: The Board admitted two new members, **Gordon Eubanks** and **Stanley Fong**. Acting Chairman of WESTPEX, **Clyde Homen**, has declared that he is a candidate to become Chairman, filling the vacancy left by **Ed Jarvis**' retirement. **Nestor Nunez** has agreed to take over the Treasurer duties from **Bill Barlow**, who has asked for relief after many years of service.

The 50-member WESTPEX Committee of volunteers is gearing up to make another memorable stamp show experience April 27-28, 2018. Don't miss it!

San Jose Stamp Club/

Filatellic Fiesta

Filatellic Fiesta is coming November 11-12! There is new leadership on the Show Committee. **Jessica Rodriguez** has been named Chair of the Show Committee, and her youthful vigor is just what the show needs, since it is held in the heart of Silicon Valley.

The San Jose Stamp Club's web site: **www.sanjosescc.com** has more information about the SJSC's Filatellic Fiesta.

Keep Your Club Contact Information Up-to-Date on the Web Site!

Contact Ed Biermann

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New Book by Akthem al-Manaseer

The Royal Philatelic Society, London has released a new *Guide to the Postal Stationery of Iraq* by former CNCPS President **Akthem al-Manaseer** with co-author Clayton Rubec.

New Article by Clyde Homen

Clyde Homen, Acting Chairman of WESTPEX, Inc. has an article in *The Collectors Club Philatelist*, "Timor: One of a Kind?" about a postage due letter from Timor. No other such cover is recorded in the literature. The importance of this cover is demonstrated by the picture of it on the cover of the September-October 2017 issue.

Apologies from your Council Courier Editor. Due to a health episode the last few days of September and the beginning of October, we missed our usual schedule of publishing the Council Courier on October 1 and missed some Club Newsletters.

Council Shows Report

NOTE: The *Council Courier* will publish only the highlights of each stamp show. We will not publish the full palmares — that information is available on the CNCPS web site: www.norcalstamps.org.

Results for Third Quarter 2017

OCT 6-8: **WINEPEX**, San Rafael, CA

Grand Award: **Dennis Hassler**,

California Mails — 18th Century to Statehood

Schedule for Fourth Quarter 2017

OCT 28-29: **EBCC**, Walnut Creek, CA

Info: tuurifam@comcast.net

NOV 4-5: **SACAPEX**, Sacramento, CA

Info: thepope66@hotmail.com

DEC 2-3: **PENPEX**, Redwood City, CA

Info: vesmag@gmail.com

NOV 11-12 **Filatelie Fiesta** San Jose, CA

There are so many fine stamp shows this time of year, **so get out there** (and take the family). Rekindle your passion for stamp collecting, and show a young person how much fun stamp collecting can be.

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SACAPEX, Sunday NOV 5, 2017

Sacramento, CA

Room TBA @ NOON

Everyone welcome

SHOW SCHEDULE & JUDGES

CNCPS Judges Chair **David McNamee** announced the Exhibition Show Schedule and Judges for 2017:

NOVAPEX Redding, CA **Canceled for 2017**

FRESPEX MARCH 11-12, Fresno

Bourse Only

SOPEX APRIL 8-9, Medford, OR

Judges: Vesma Grinfelds + TBA

COALPEX JUNE 17-18, Walnut Creek

Judges: Bill Barlow + Nigel Moriarty

RENO STAMP SHOW **Canceled for 2017**

WINEPEX OCTOBER 6-8, San Rafael

Judges: David McNamee + Larry Crain

EBCC SHOW OCTOBER 28-29, Walnut Creek

Judges: Nestor Nunez + Ed Laveroni

SACAPEX NOVEMBER 4-5 Sacramento

CNCPS HOLMSTEN Award Show

Judges: Dzintars Grinfelds + Lisa Foster

PENPEX DECEMBER 2-3 Redwood City

Judges: Daryl Reiber + Bob Grosch

Further information for these shows can be located through the CNCPS web site:

www.norcalstamps.org

Consider exhibiting — it's fun!

Become a Council Judge!

Contact David McNamee at his email dmcnamee@aol.com if you have an interest in becoming a Council Philatelic Judge — another way to enjoy our hobby.