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WE FEST VI at WESTPEX

Women Exhibitors was formed to promote philatelic exhibiting among women stamp collectors. In spite of their name, WE encourages all new exhibitors, regardless of sex. WE conducts WE FEST training seminars in partnership with major stamp shows from time to time throughout the USA. WESTPEX 2018 hosted WE as a featured guest society, and WE spent the Thursday before the show conducting seminars to help new and intermediate-level philatelic exhibitors.



WE FEST Coordinator Kristin Patterson (at right) introduces David McNamee and his presentation "Layout Challenges in Exhibiting" as part of WE FEST VI.



Participants in WE FEST VI. A few are missing from this photo due to WESTPEX Committee obligations.



WE Chair Lisa Foster (at left) at the society's information table with Paget Lenarz. Photo credits to Kathy Samuels.

For further information about joining Women Exhibitors, contact Carol Edholm, WE Membership Chair, 4404 — 224th Place SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. WE produces a useful quarterly newsletter, *WE Expressions*, edited by our very own **Kristin Patterson**. *WE Expressions* past issues are archived on the AAPE web site.

This is part of WESTPEX education mission.

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CNCPS Elected Officers and Appointed Positions 2018-19

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MEETINGS in 2018: SACAPEX (NOON, November 4, 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.

CNCPS Meeting Minutes

WESTPEX April 29, 2018

Attendees:

David McNamee	Larry Crain	John Walter	Robert Pope	John Kofranek
Dave Epps	Vesma Grinfelds	Nigel Moriarty	Bradley Fritts	Bob Grosch

Call to Order: President Larry Crain called the meeting to order at 12:09 PM, followed by introductions as each member stated their name and stamp club or show they represented.

Show Reports: PENPEX: Great show. New exhibit chairperson for 2018. NOVAPLEX Holmsten award handed out. FRESPEX has bourse no exhibits. Reno show coming up and space still available, looking for a few more exhibits. Renostamp.org. City of Reno does a great job supporting the show.

Approval of Minutes: Correction of *storage frames up \$8*. David moved and Vesma seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Humboldt needing to pay dues for 2018. Haulage bills from U-Haul increased from \$108 to \$162. Nigel looking into reason for increase. Funds from COALPEX absorbed by CNCPS helps to defray frame storage costs. \$4,700 approximate CNCPS budget. Chico now defunct.

Communications: David Epps is working with clubs to update information. Looking for members from each club to participate in the CNCPS meetings. Looking for Communications Committee chairperson.

Council Courier: All is going smoothly and would like to see more contributions.

Web Master: Larry Crain mentioned Tamalpais (new Member club) wanting to be included on the website.

Speaker Bureau: Bob Grosch discussed putting audio to the various video presentations. This could be a difficult endeavor. David McNamee offered a DVD of the WE presentations to the Alameda club.

Judges: Training took place at SOPEX with David McNamee. Bradley Fritts and Mark Woodward training for show judge. Vesma discussed medal levels or criteria for being a show judge for local shows. Bob Grosch shared how effective and helpful David has been with training judges.

Chaloner Award: The highest award the Council can bestow upon an individual in Northern California presented for exemplary service to philately.

Holmsten Award: Awarded at Redding. Award given to the highest scoring exhibit displayed by a Council member at the designated show.

Dennis Hassler received Grand Award at NOVAPLEX for his exhibit *Gold Rush Days*, and he won the People's Choice Award at SOPEX for his exhibit *8 Centuries of Mail*

Next location for Holmsten award TBD

New Business:

Next CNCPS meeting: SACAPEX Sunday November 4, 2018 at noon.

Not an election year. President up for re-election in 2019.

Frames: Fresno is getting rid of their frames (25). Possibly going to Las Vegas or staying in the Bay Area. Roy volunteered to drive and pick up the frames if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Fellow Collectors:

I find reasons to think we have reached the bottom of the waning interest in stamp collecting. From my West Coast view things are looking up.

1. Eugene/Salem, Oregon held a stamp show with exhibits in March. These were the first exhibit shows for the two cities in about ten years. And there were six novice exhibitors and three youth exhibitors!

2. In Moses Lake, Washington many experienced collectors gathered at the John Arn Symposium to discuss stamps, hear speakers and participate in two auctions.

3. In early April my home club, Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, held its about-sixtieth show with decent attendance and dealers willing to return. There has been a steady flow in the area of people bringing in old collections -- unhappily for them strong in FDCs and old albums with many common-stamp spaces filled, but the dealers are obtaining new stock and there will be much inexpensive material for new collectors to begin with. High school kids help dealers move in and the next day out. In between there were usually at least two at the youth table.

4. Late April at WESTPEX in San Francisco the table of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies was visited by people who were curious about stamp collecting, by a man looking to form a new club in his area and by a woman who was part of a group who were wondering about starting an exhibit show in Las Vegas. Later we found out the group decided not yet, but the seed has been planted. For four days, including a Women's Exhibitors WE Fest VI, the WESTPEX show was alive with visitors.

5. Last night at our club meeting there was one rejoining member after about ten years, one new member who joined at the show, one other new person and a young girl and her Dad. At the stamp show three weeks earlier she had best-guessed the number of stamps in a large jar, which she won. They looked through stamps and talked with our members.

So, I see stamp collecting continuing, stamp people exchanging stories and stamp/history interest growing. The future is looking up.

Larry Crain

Tamalpais Stamp Club The Council's Newest Member

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

At WESTPEX, the Tamalpais Stamp Club representative **Leona Weiss** submitted the paperwork to be an active club in the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies. The Tamalpais Stamp Club meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:30 PM at the Whistlestop, 930 Tamalpais Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901. Further information at weissleona@gmail.com.

National Recognition For Local Philatelists

During the APS Town Hall Forum at WESTPEX, APS Executive Director Scott English honored **Ed and Judy Jarvis** and **David McNamee** for their sustained volunteerism with awards named after the late APS President Nick Carter. These awards were announced last fall, but the recipients were unable to attend APS StampShow or Ameristamp Expo where the awards normally are recognized.

Roger Skinner was also honored at the Town Hall forum for his local activism for philately. **Ed Laveroni** had been honored earlier also with a Carter Award for local philatelic volunteerism.

**Why Not?
Introduce a Fellow
Collector to your next
Club Meeting. The
hobby grows richer
when we expand our
social contacts and
friendships.**

Around the Council: Clubs and Members

Redding Stamp Club/NOVAPEX

NOVAPEX was the site of this year's **Holmsten Award**, won by **Dennis Hassler** from the Redwood Empire Collectors Club (picture below, with **Vesma Grinfelds** and the Holmsten Award).



The Holmsten Award is named after the late Leonard Holmsten, a tireless booster of local stamp shows.

Santa Rosa Stamp Club

Steve Brett is the secret weapon for the success of the Santa Rosa Stamp Club's *Newsletter*. Funny as all get out! If you live anywhere near the Santa Rosa Stamp Club, you should pay them a visit.

Important: change of meeting — The first Tuesday of the month from 6:45 to 9 pm in Room 25 of the Finley Community Center, 2060 W. College Road in Santa Rosa. Club President **Paul von Gottfried** reminds us that they welcome visitors. Also check out their web site:

www.santarosestampclub.org

Alameda Stamp Club

In its 61st year, the Alameda Stamp Club is one of the oldest continuously operating stamp clubs in the Council. President **John Kofranek** invites guests to meet with the club on the third Tuesday at 7 pm at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1155 Santa Clara Ave, Room D, Alameda.

Southern Oregon Philatelic Society and SOPEX

President **Ed Park** announced that **Bradley Fritts** has accepted the position as SOPS Secretary.

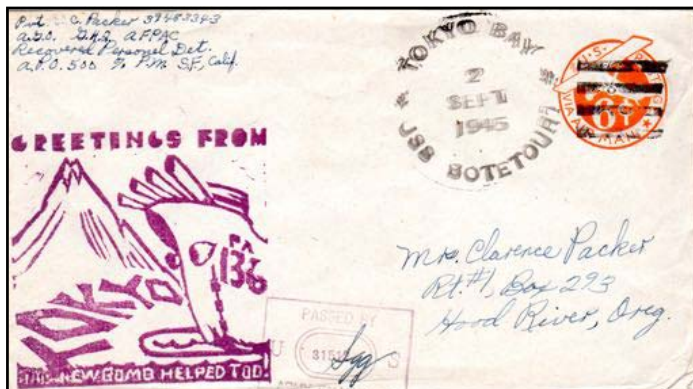
SOPEX was a wonderful experience, according to members, exhibitors, judges, and dealers interviewed. The only one who did not share in this was the serving person at the Awards Banquet — the restaurant claims not to have been notified! Everyone at the banquet enjoyed the extra time to share and visit.

John Hart announced that **SOPEX is moving to new dates** for 2019: June 8 and 9, a departure from their usual April dates that corresponded with the Pear Blossom Festival. The show will continue to be held at the Jackson County Expo Park in Central Point, OR.

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library

The Bay Phil, quarterly journal of the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, is edited by **Bob Gordon**. The FWPL will soon be holding elections for

a new Board of Directors. If you are a member of FWPL, please consider volunteering your time and experience to chart the path of one of the largest collections of philatelic literature in the USA. If you are not yet a member but want to support the Library, contact Membership Chair **Richard Clever** through email at libry@att.net.



U.S.C.S.

USS *Saginaw* Chapter No. 59

The May 2018 edition of the U.S.C.S. *CoverAge* announced a number of national chapter awards for our local #59 *Saginaw* bunch, including articles, talks, volunteer services, recruiting, and more. Well done!

From the May edition of *CoverAge* also comes this intriguing cover from the USS *Botetourt* canceled at Tokyo Bay September 7, 1945 witnessing the signing of the articles of surrender. Note the caption to the hand stamp used as a cachet, "A New Bomb Helped Too!"

The USS *Botetourt* was an assault ship, named after Botetourt County, Virginia, which was named for Lord Botetourt, Governor of Colonial Virginia 1768-70, during which the county was formed.

Nevada Stamp Study Society

Things are beginning to get really serious. As the annual Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show draws near: **July 28-29**. The show has become a regular partner with the July Reno Artown celebration. For more information about the festivities: <https://renoisartown.com/>.

John Walter continues to create displays for community libraries in the Greater Reno/Sparks area. This activity is one that can be used by any club — the displays are good promotion and recruitment activities.

Meeting of the Nevada Stamp Study Society are the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at the Silverado Estates Clubhouse, 2301 Oddie Blvd., Reno. Come at 9 am for gossip and trading, or 10 AM for the meeting.

Fremont Stamp Club

Dave Epps, CNCPS Vice-President and recently retired from teaching in the public schools, announced that he sold his home in Fremont and resigned his CNCPS position. Dave and his wife are moving to the Portland, OR area. We will miss him around here, but our Northwest Federation is gaining an excellent philatelist and tireless worker.

Bon Voyage, Dave!

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

SACAPEX, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018

Sacramento, CA

Room TBA @ NOON

All are welcome to attend

San Jose Stamp Club/ Filatelic Fiesta

The big news is that FF will be held once again at the Elk's Lodge at 444 West Alma Ave., San Jose, CA 95110 with doors open at 10 AM on Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21. Free Parking, Door Prizes and good fellowship.



Jessica Rodriguex has pulled together an experienced and motivated team to put on another great show. More information can be found on their web site: www.filatelicfiesta.com or email at filatelicfiesta@gmail.com.

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*:

David McNamee
PO BOX 37
Alamo, CA 94507

Sequoia Stamp Club

The Sequoia Stamp Club meets every second and fourth Tuesdays 7:05 PM at the Community Activities Center, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City. They have a very active meeting schedule with auctions, presentations and swap sessions. Their quarterly magazine is full of news plus informative articles on stamps and post card collecting.

This is an active group who also sponsors PENPEX, one of the "magnificent seven" local exhibitions sponsored by Council Member clubs. **Chris Palermo** at Chris_Palermo95125@yahoo.com would love to hear from interested collectors!

A Message from Dave Epps

The CNCPS recently took to updating the information it had on member clubs. Some of the club information on the council website was out of date and needed correction. We would like to ask that each club please check the "club directory" link on the council website to make sure the information we have is correct. This link can be found at the bottom of the council webpage below the CNCPS map. We want to make sure that any collector looking for a local club gets the correct information.

In the future, if any of the posted information changes please let us know as soon as possible and we will update the webpage.

The council will be contacting clubs before our bi-annual meetings to invite someone from each club to attend. In this way we are hoping to get more input for all of you and to hopefully better serve our philatelic community.

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 Fourth Quarter 2017

APR 14-15: **SOPEX**, Medford, OR

Grand Award: **Nick Follansbee**

India "Refugee Relief" Postage Stamps 1971-73



Nick with the Grand Prize (basket of goodies).

New Council Judges

Ralph Nafziger from Oregon and **Mark Woodward** from Redding are the latest to sign up for training as a Council Certified Philatelic Judge. They successfully completed their first assignment as part of the jury at SOPEX.

To sign up for judges training at a future Council stamp show, contact David McNamee at dmcnamee@aol.com.

SHOW SCHEDULE & JUDGES

CNCPS Judges Chair **David McNamee** announced the Exhibition Show Schedule and Judges for 2018:

NOVAPEX Redding, CA March 3-4

CNCPS HOLMSTEN Award Show

Judges: Larry Crain + Bill Willis

FRESPEX MARCH 10-11, Fresno

Bourse Only

SOPEX APRIL 14-15, Medford, OR

Judges: David McNamee + Lisa Foster + Ralph Nafziger (Apprentice) + Mark Woodward (observer)

RENO STAMP SHOW JULY 28-29, Reno, NV

Judges: Daryl Reiber and Vesma Grinfelds

WINEPEX OCTOBER 5-7, San Rafael

Judges: + David McNamee + ?

EBCC SHOW OCTOBER 27-28, Walnut Creek

Judges: Behruz Nassre + Akthem Al-manaseer

SACAPEX NOVEMBER 3-4 Sacramento

Judges: Nestor Nunez + Bob Grosch

PENPEX DECEMBER 1-2 Redwood City

Judges: Nestor Nunez + Bill Barlow

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

www.norcalstamps.org

Consider exhibiting — it's fun!

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

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