



WESTPEX 2019 Presents Latest APS “On-the-Road” Course

Kristin Patterson Appointed CNCPS Vice-President



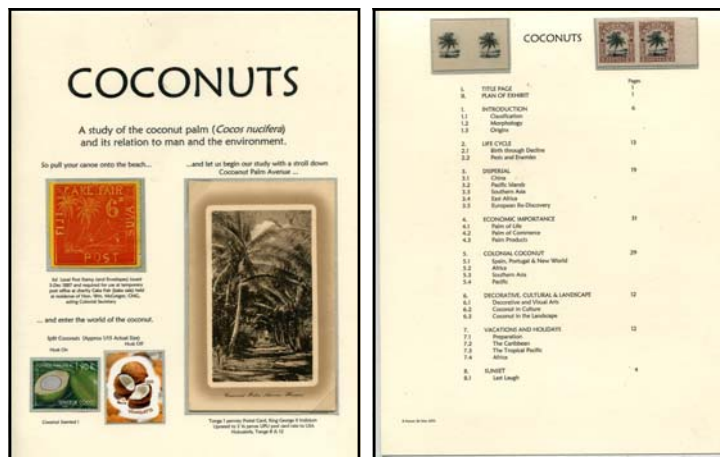
In the final Council meeting for 2018, the CNCPS Board ratified the selection of Kristin Patterson of the Sequoia Stamp Club in Redwood City to fill the vacancy of Vice-President.

Kristin brings a wealth of experience in club leadership and stamp show management (PENPEX and WESTPEX) which is very useful in her new role as VP of the Council.

In addition to local experience, Kristin serves on the APRL Board of Trustees, and she is very active in the national group WE (Women Exhibitors). Previously, Kristin had served two terms on the APS Board of Directors.

She was also the 2017 recipient of the Chaloner Award for outstanding volunteer work supporting Council activities.

Congratulations to our new Veep!



Title & Plan pages from Phil Stager's COCONUTS exhibit

A one-day workshop on “Competitive Thematic Exhibiting” is coming to WESTPEX on Thursday before the show, April 25, 2019. The announcement is attached to this issue of the *Council Courier*.

The workshop will be led by Phil Stager, a Gold Medal exhibitor in Thematics, Display and Postcards exhibits. He is a well respected retired philatelic judge and 12-year veteran of CANEJ. Phil also served as a subject matter expert for both the 6th and 7th editions of the *Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting*.

The cost of the workshop is \$45 for APS members or \$95 for non-members. Registration closes March 30. Space is limited, so contact APS as soon as possible, if you want to attend. More details in the attachment.

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CNCPS Elected Officers and Appointed Positions 2018-19

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MEETINGS in 2019: WESTPEX (NOON, April 28, 2019, 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

SACAPEX November 5, 2018

Attendees:

Robert Pope	Harvey Edwards	Vesma Grinfelds	Dave Gehringer	John Kofronek	Doug Iams
Larry Crain	Tom Hayes	Kristin Patterson	Brad Fritts	Joe Ross	Peter Thy

Call to Order: President Larry Crain called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM, followed by introductions as each member stated their name and stamp club or show they represented.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections made to Dennis Hassler's name. Vesma moved to approve minutes from WESTPEX and seconded by John.

Treasurer's Report: Notes sent in from Nigel and copies disseminated. Haulage fees increasing from \$110 to \$150. Kristin sent an inquiry to Randy.

Shows/Clubs:

Reno show had good attendance including having a new show floor layout.

WINEPEX show attendance down from last year due in part to Fleet week in San Francisco. Thinking of adding non-competitive exhibits to show and possibly combining with other stamp shows in area

EBCC had a good show this year

Redding show is unsure of how they will be doing due to low attendance

Filatelie Fiesta show dealing with political issues internally. Council available to assist if needed.

SACAPEX show doing well and had a busy Saturday

Council Courier: special extra issue in early September to support the clubs who have stamp shows in Oct -Nov. "Everything on schedule, but if a club wants to be recognized for what they and their members do, I need to be on the distribution list for their newsletter." (notes emailed from David)

Frames: Fresno Frames looking to pass on their frames – Picked up by Filatelie Fiesta to house and take for free.

Las Vegas looking for frames and possibly use the Fresno frames – declined.

CNCPS - Frame Repair Status – used at East Bay Collectors Club (Larry to communicate with David McNamee)

The pod containing 40 frames is used by two clubs (PENPEX and EBCC) but available for others. Some may need repairs.

Council Judges: After PENPEX, David McNamee will poll the registered judges and apprentices to build the schedule for 2019. Each club having a show in 2019, which needs to be judged, should email him the dates of their show at dmcnamee@aol.com.

Awards:

Leonard Holmsten Award 2018 - Dennis Hassler. Looking for the next show recipient. Looking at SOPEX in 2019.

Vesma made a motion to have it at SOPEX in June 2019 and East Bay collectors club October 2020. Motion seconded by Tom.

Chaloner Memorial Trophy 2018 – Kristin Patterson.

New Business: Vice President needed. Larry is currently term limited for President. Need to fill the vice president position. Two-year term. Discussion around Kristin Patterson as filling in for the position as Vice President until the elections next year. Kristin appointed by Larry to fill in as Vice President until elections. Vesma moved and Brad seconded. All approved. Congratulations and thank you Kristin!

Next meeting: WESTPEX 2019

The meeting was adjourned 12:57 PM Respectfully submitted, Robert N. Pope, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

State of the Council

As we wind down 2018, let me review the year from the point of view of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies. OK, let's admit Northern California has grown to include Western Nevada and Southern Oregon, and it extends south to Fresno. It includes 23 stamp clubs and the Western Philatelic Library.

The Council has a complete set of officers. These are Treasurer Nigel Moriarty (EBCC), Secretary Robert Pope (Sacramento), Vice President Kristin Paterson (Sequoia and Peninsula) and me, President Larry Crain (Southern Oregon). Two meetings are held a year, one at WESTPEX and this year, one at SACAPEX.

The Council cooperates with two WSP shows in the region — WESTPEX in April and Filatelic Fiesta in October. Both were successful.

Throughout the year there are seven regional shows with exhibits: NOVAPEX in Redding, SOPEX in Southern Oregon, Nevada Stamp and Cover Show in Reno, WINEPEX in San Rafael, EBCC Show in Walnut Creek, SACAPEX in Sacramento, and PENPEX in Redwood City. These offer local opportunities to buy or sell stamps and to see exhibits. FRESPEX is a bourse without exhibits in Fresno, and well worth attending.

The *Council Courier*, this newsletter, is a key element of the Council. It is delivered electronically, and each member club is encouraged to forward copies to all its members. It is informative with announcements of events to come and summaries of that which occurred. Thanks to David McNamee for his editing.

Looking at next year, I hope we can strengthen the organization's communication with each other. This could be by inviting speakers for club meetings, exhibiting at any of the nine shows in the Council area and certainly by attending several of them. Volunteers can support the Council on any of its committees: communications, *Council Courier*, web master, speakers, judges, and frames. A few of these are without chair people. Everyone can volunteer or encourage others to volunteer.

Elections will be held next year at one of the fall shows, TBA. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting on Sunday 28 April 2019 at WESTPEX.

Larry Crain, CNCPS President

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
WESTPEX, Sunday, April 28, 2019
Burlingame, CA
Room TBA @ NOON

All are welcome to attend

New Postal Rates for 2019 (Examples)

<u>Effective January 27, 2019</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>2019</u>
First Class Letter — First Oz	.50	.55
Each Additional Ounce	.21	.15
Domestic Postcard	.35	.35
Airmail Letter — First Oz	1.15	1.15
Flat — First Ounce	1.00	1.00
Regular Flat Rate Envelope	6.70	7.35
Padded Flat Rate Envelope	7.25	8.00

Holmsten Award

Leonard Holmsten was a leader and advocate of participation in our Council clubs' local stamp shows. His creativity and energy were an important element of our success over the years of his participation.

Each year since Leonard's death, the Council selects a club show in rotation to offer the Holmsten Award for the best exhibit by a Council club member. Recent host clubs for the Holmsten Award:

Reno Stamp Show: 2013

PENPEX: 2012

WINEPEX: 2015

EBCC: 2016

SACAPEX: 2017

NOVAPEX: 2018

SOPEX was selected for 2019

Working with Youth

Larry Crain reports on the newsletter *The Philatelic Kid* of the Stamp Collecting Club for Kids, founded by **Rob Martin**, a former member of the San Jose Stamp Club now living in Hawaii. Rob has worked with children in elementary schools to form stamp clubs and show adults how to make use of stamps as a teaching tool and fun for all!

Larry finds the newsletter very interesting and suggests that any one working with youth in the Northern California Council contact the organization. Mail address is PO Box 1809, Kihei, HI 96753-1809 or check out their web site at: www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org.

CLUB CHALLENGE

Which club makes the best use of social networks?

Write a brief description of what you use in your club and how it helps members. Your ideas will appear in the *Council Courier*.

2019 Stamp Show Schedule

Mark your calendars! Here are the new dates for the Council clubs' stamp show exhibitions and bourse.

MAR 9-10 Fresno (Bourse Only)

APR 13-14 NOVAPEX : Redding

JUN 8-9 SOPEX: Medford, OR

JUL 27-28 NSSS Show: Reno, NV

OCT 4-6 WINEPEX: San Rafael

OCT 26-27 EBCC Show: Walnut Creek

NOV 2-3 SACAPEX: Sacramento

DEC 8-9 PENPEX: Redwood City

Let's Have Some Fun!

Larry Crain, well known for his fascinating and creative approach to philately, proposes a new class of exhibits, *Fun Exhibits!* His explanation follows:

The purpose is to encourage more participation and new exhibits. Exhibits would be encouraged from everyone (one entry per exhibitor per show), entry to be 1 to 4 frames (16 to 64 pages).

Feedback would be provided by some group (yet to be determined), but the exhibits would not be judged in the traditional sense of the word.

Some of the feedback criteria suggested:

Topic

- New/Different
- Intriguing/Interesting

Write-up

- Clever/Unusual
- Clear/Precise

Presentation

- Eye-catching/Neat

Each entry in this class of exhibits would receive a CNCPS ribbon on their frame that would make it plain that this was a Fun Exhibit for the enjoyment of the general public.

Comments on this proposal from Council members are appreciated. The proposal will be one of several important items on the Agenda at our Council Meeting at WESTPEX on April 28, 2019.

WESTPEX® 2019 Stamp Show Details & Call for Exhibits

The exhibitor's prospectus is now available for the fifty-ninth annual WESTPEX show **April 26-28, 2019** at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel, 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA, just a mile south of the San Francisco International Airport. **The exhibitor's prospectus and entry forms are available** from Ross Towle 400 Clayton Street, San Francisco CA 94117 or at **www.westpex.org**.

This World Series of Philately open exhibition will feature over 275 frames of exhibits, including participation by the United States Stamp Society, Military Postal History Society, American Society of Polar Philatelists, Universal Ship Cancellation Society, and the Ryukyu Philatelic Specialist Society. The Ryukyu Philatelic Specialist Society will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary at WESTPEX 2019. This is a World Series of Philately exhibition with the Grand Award winner eligible for the Annual Champion of Champions competition at the American Philatelic Society Stamp Show in August 2019.

The show's bourse includes seventy-five national and international dealers in stamps, postal history and postal stationery along with a four-day auction by Schuyler Rumsey Auctions of San Francisco that will fill the bourse with items for the general collector, the specialist and the exhibitor.

Numerous specialty societies, clubs, and study groups will hold more than fifty meetings and seminars during the three-day event. There is a WESTPEX sponsored Youth Area with free stamps and supplies for young collectors. On Sunday April 28, a Boy Scout Merit Badge program is scheduled, which was a sell-out last year.

A United Nations Postal Administration First Day of Issue ceremony will take place on Friday April 26. The theme for the first day is "Endangered Species" and the stamps will be available.

The American Philatelic Society in conjunction with WESTPEX will conduct a special pre-show "On-the-Road" course titled "Competitive Thematic Exhibiting" taught by retired philatelic judge Phillip J. Stager on Thursday April 25. See the APS website stamps.org for details and required pre-registration.

Arizona Philatelic Rangers and the Collectors Club of San Francisco dinner Friday, April 26, 2019 at the Terrace Café, 1100 El Camino Real, Millbrae.

Continuing the tradition of a local show theme, WESTPEX 2019 will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of the extraordinary John W. Geary, Postmaster of San Francisco and San Francisco's first and youngest mayor. WESTPEX will offer a special Cinderella souvenir sheet as well as cachet covers. The show will officially open at 10 AM, Friday April 26 and you will not want to miss this 59th WESTPEX Stamp Show. Complete show details, reservations, schedules, and theme story available at www.westpex.org.

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Around the Council: Clubs and Members

Alameda Stamp Club

The Alameda Stamp Club meets the third Tuesday of each month except November and December at 7 PM at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1910 Santa Clara Ave. (enter from Chestnut Street) and refreshments are served!

The club re-elected its current President **John Kofranek** and selected a new Vice-President. **Tom Hoffmann**, **John Kuhlenkamp** and **Marc Lambert** will continue as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Nevada Stamp Study Society

President **Harvey Edwards** announced that Erik Fields has taken over as Show Chair for the annual NSSS Stamp and Cover Show in Reno.

News from the NW Federation

In the December issue of *The Federated Philatelist*, **Jack Congrove** reports on SEAPEX held last September. The show is held in a suburb of Seattle near the SEATAC airport. This year the show had the largest attendance to-date as collectors from all over the region and beyond have come to enjoy the Northwest hospitality and the quality of its shows.

Next year's NW Federation WSP shows:

Spring Show (Edmonton, AB) Mar 23-24

PIPEX (Portland, OR) May 10-12.

SEAPEX (Tukwila, WA) Sep 13-15

CNCPS President **Larry Crain** is also Executive Secretary of the NW Federation.

Southern Oregon

S.O.P.S. President **Ed Park** announced the slate for 2019 officers will be carrying over the 2018 officers:

President: Ed Parks

Secretary: Brad Fritts

Treasurer: Rich Moyer

The Southern Oregon Philatelic Society President appoints the Vice-President, who also serves as the Program Chair. Best Wishes for a successful 2019!

For the second year, the Salem Stamp Society and Greater Eugene Stamp Society are planning a unique joint show to be held on consecutive days in each city on 16 and 17 March 2019.

This regional show will include exhibits displayed at each site, and the organizers are encouraging new exhibitors to participate. The exhibits will be judged, with numerous awards, plus very useful feedback from the experienced judges.

Exhibits can be from one to four frames, in keeping with the desire to keep it a low-key, welcoming show for developing exhibitors. Exhibits that have earned gold awards at WSP shows like PIPEX and SEAPEX are not eligible.

The prospectus and entry form are on the Salem Stamp Society website:

www.salemstampsociety.org



U.S.C.S.

CoverAge, the newsletter of the U.S.S. *Saginaw* Chapter #59 of the USCS published the above cover in their December issue. It is a December 1, 1941 cover from the U.S.S. *California* at Mare Island six days before she was sunk at Pearl Harbor. The USCS focuses on naval covers with blended interests in philately and history.

USCS is one of the featured societies at WESTPEX 2019. Stop by their club desk at WESTPEX if you have an interest in what they do.

The photo below is from the December 2 Christmas luncheon. Attendees L-R: Members Dave, Kathleen, Donald Steve, Lauri, Suzie, Stan, Al. Greg, and Lloyd. This is a fun bunch!



The California Collectors Club

The California Philatelist November-December 2018 issue reports that the proposed Trump Tariffs applied to Chinese goods includes “used postage stamps.” This is the first time used stamps have been subject to an import tariff, and something to plan for if you are purchasing stamps from retail or at Chinese auctions. Newsletter Editor **Pierre Hahn** puts together a very informative newsletter.

CCC meetings are at the Saint James Episcopal Church at 4620 California St. between 8th and 9th Avenue. Meetings open at 6:30 PM on the **second** Friday of the month.

Sacramento Philatelic Society

The Philatelic Prospector November-December 2018 issue reports on a very successful SACAPEX 2018. The SPS is one of the most active clubs in the Council with meetings every week and a number of special activities such as scholarships, circuit books, speakers, shows, and an informative newsletter. The club also has a presence on the Web at:

www.sacramentostampclub.org

Melissa Murphy maintains the site. Check it out!

Sequoia Stamp Club

January 6, **Jim Southward** will be sworn in as the new President of the Sequoia Stamp Club in Redwood City.

The latest *Stamp Chatter* of the Sequoia Stamp Club includes a “Postcard Corner” describing a postcard depicting the TB sanatorium built in the hills above Redwood City in 1927.

Many philatelists are “closet” postcard collectors, so an occasional article like this might spark some additional enthusiasm for your club.

Also included in the January edition of *Stamp Chatter* is a short article about Freddie Mercury (lead singer for rock group Queen, the subject of the current film *Bohemian Rhapsody*) and his childhood stamp album held by the British Postal Museum. Like the Beatles’ John Lennon stamp album, the stamps reflect the collection of a young man, and it serves as a way to humanize a famous singer and give us a way to relate to them on another level.

The annual PENPEX show December 1-2 at the Community Activities Bldg. was another smashing success! The show committee successfully turned over several key jobs to new people this past year.

The show experience included an auction, cachet cancellations and a bustling lunch counter to make it possible to spend the entire day looking at exhibits and checking out the bourse tables. What a wonderful way to spend a day. Don’t miss this year, December 7-8, 2019.

**Your Club’s News and Pix
could be featured here**

IF . . .

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Results for Fourth Quarter 2018

Oct 5-7: **WINEPEX**, San Rafael, CA

Grand Award:

William Kaiser

Greetings from North Korea

William Kaiser also won the **Novice Award**, which means he scored a home run his first time at bat! *Way to go, William!*

Oct 27-28: **EBCC SHOW**, Walnut Creek

Lester Wadsworth

Archival Material, Stamps and Usages of the 1918-1941 Issues of Mozambique Company

NOV 3-4: **SACAPEX**, Sacramento

Richard Clever

Classic Mongolia 1887–1932

DEC 8-9: **PENPEX**, Redwood City

Dennis Hassler

Halloween Postcards

USPS Raises Rates Again

Postage rates after Jan 20, 2018:

First Class Mail Letter (1 oz.) – 50¢

First Class Mail Letter (2 oz.) – 71¢

Rigid Envelope Surcharge – 21¢

Postcard – 35¢

Large Envelope (2 oz.) - \$1.21

Int'l Letter and Postcard (1 oz.) - \$1.15

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2019 Council Shows

SHOW SCHEDULE & JUDGES

CNCPS Judges Chair **David McNamee** announced the Exhibition Show Schedule and Judges for 2013:

NOVAPEX April 13-14, Redding, CA

Judges: Vesma Grinfelds, Larry Crain,
Ralph Nafziger (Apprentice Judge)

FRESPEX MARCH 9-10, Fresno

Bourse Only

SOPEX JUNE 8-9, Medford, OR

CNCPS HOLMSTEN Award Show

Judges: Bob Grosch, Lisa Foster (NW Judge),
Ralph Nafziger (Apprentice Judge)

RENO STAMP SHOW JULY 27-28, Reno, NV

Judges: David McNamee, Lisa Foster

WINEPEX OCTOBER 4-6, San Rafael

Judges: Nigel Moriarty, Nestor Nunez

EBCC SHOW OCTOBER 26-27, Walnut Creek

Judges: Henry Marquez, Dzintars Grinfelds

SACAPEX NOVEMBER 2-3, Sacramento

Judges: Ed Laveroni,

PENPEX DECEMBER 7-8 Redwood City

Judges: Akthem Al-Manaseer, Behruz Nassre

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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