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Getting Ready for ROPEX

Plans are well underway to present the best ROPEX ever for you and area philatelists! Yes, we can use your help before, during and after the show. We'll be calling you as the show draws near to let you know more. Here's a look at the schedule so far...

Thursday, May 13

8 AM-6 PM...ROPEX setup (exhibitors and dealers welcome 1-6 PM)

Friday, May 14

8 AM-6 PM...Judges' Deliberation Room (Room 2)

9:30-11 AM..."Early Bird" Bourse- \$20 entry fee for interested collectors and dealers

11 AM.....Show opens, Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, show entrance

11 AM-6 PM..Prize drawings throughout the day

1-2 PM.....ACE- Art Cover Exchange General Meeting (Room 1)

6 PM.....Show closes

Saturday, May 15

10 AM.....Show opens

10 AM-5 PM...Prize drawings and youth activities throughout the day

Noon-5 PM...Cachet Makers' Bourse

Noon-1 PM...Empire State Postal History Society trading hour presentation (Room 1)

1-2 PM.....Empire State Postal History Society Annual Meeting (Room 1)

1-2 PM.....Walk-Through Discussion of Exhibits (Frame 1- all welcome)

2-3 PM.....American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors "Open Forum on Exhibiting" (Room 1)

3-4 PM.....Judges Exhibit Critique (Room 1)

4-5 PM.....Exhibit Awards Presentation (Room 1)

5 PM.....Show closes

6 PM.....Dutch Treat Dinner- Delmonico's Italian Restaurant & Steakhouse, cocktails 6-6:30, dinner 6:30

Sunday, May 16

10 AM-3 PM....Prize drawings and youth activities throughout the day

1-2 PM.....RPA Youth "Design-A-Stamp" Awards Presentation (show floor)

1-2 PM.....Federation of New York Philatelic Societies Meeting (Room 1)

3 PM.....Show closes

3 PM.....Exhibitor Reception/Exhibit Pickup



More ROPEX News

While it's still early, we know of at least 6 new dealers planning to make their debut at ROPEX. They are:

Boilermaker Stamps, Greenwood, IN
US stamps & revenues, US & worldwide covers

Brunelle Stamps & Coins, Derry, NH
US and worldwide stamps, US and worldwide covers

Covercrazy2-Doubleday, Alton, NH
worldwide covers

Terry Kurzinski, Cherry Valley, IL
US and Poland stamps and covers, worldwide covers

George McGowan, East Schodack, NY
Dollar covers

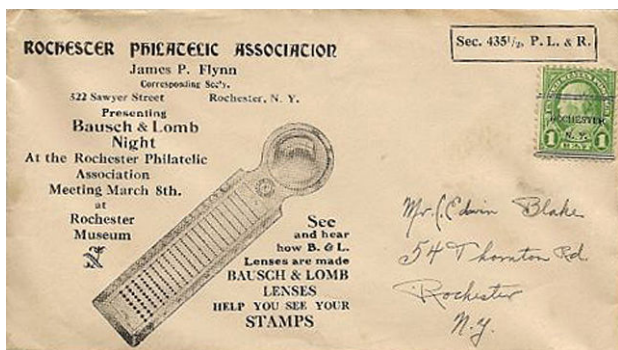
Denny Peoples, Indianapolis, IN
US covers and postcards, revenues,
cinderellas, ephemera

Stamps Verified as Color Missing Errors



The story behind the 27 cent tropical fruit coil stamps was reported in an earlier H&T issue. This find now has an APS APEX certificate proclaiming them as genuine color-missing errors. One coil of 52 was examined, containing several kiwi errors as well as the unique pomegranate stamp clearly showing all plate numbers in their respective colors except the one darker green shade. A handful of kiwi singles were also part of the find. The error will be listed in the 2011 Scott US Specialized Catalogue. The owner is interested in selling his holdings.

eBay Cover Can Be Dated



This eBay-offered cover bears a pre-cancelled stamp without a postmark (as expected), but it can be dated, year wise that is. The RPA has always met the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, so a meeting on March 8th would mean the month began on a Thursday, the 1st.

A look at a perpetual calendar and the corresponding stamp makes 1929 and 1935 the most probable years. A list of RPA officers confirms the year as 1935, as that is when long-time member Jim Flynn held the Corresponding Secretary's position in our club.

Bill Bauer: Exhibitor, Judge, APS President



Bill Bauer with Judy Stewart at STEPEX'05

While his name may not be familiar, his face will be to fellow RPA members. His impact on the regional, national and international philatelic scene was profound.

Bill Bauer passed unexpectedly in January at the age of 75 in the town of his birth and of his retirement, Unadilla, NY. His work as a geologist with Standard Oil took him to many places over that time, including what he must have considered his second home, Colorado.

Bill was an accomplished exhibitor of gold medal caliber, most notably in postal history of the state of Colorado and Otsego County, NY.

He became a nationally accredited judge in 1971 and eventually chairman of the APS Committee for Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges (CANAJ) from 1986-1995. He was also an international postal history judge, serving most recently at Washington 2006.

He held several elected positions with the APS: Board of Vice Presidents 1973, Secretary in 1977 and President in 1981.

But we will probably remember Bill best for his activities throughout upstate New York. He was a frequent judge at ROPEX and at regional shows sponsored by the Federation of New York Philatelic Societies.

Bill joined the RPA in 2005 and was a mentor to several exhibitors and judges in our club, and will be dearly missed by many of us.

Unique Worldwide Issues

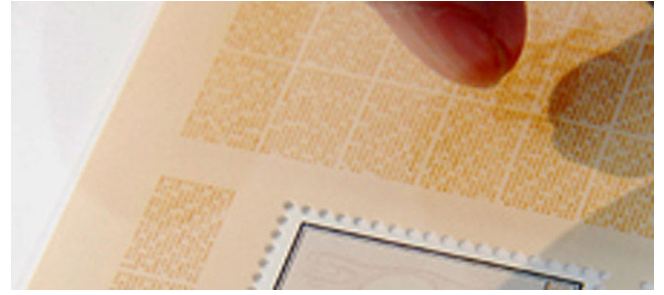


You're probably familiar with Bhutan's record stamps. Well, here's a modern version of talking stamps.

On September 13, 2009, China issued a sheetlet of 6 stamps honoring the famous work "300 Tang Poems," namely "Downstream to Jiangling", "A View of Mount Taishan", "Song of a Lady Pipa Player", "Untitled", "Looking at the Moon and Thinking of One Far Away" and "Ascending the Stork Tower".

Besides being scented with sandalwood, the real attraction is that these are the first of what are called "talking multimedia stamps." By wandng over each stamp with a special reader/player shown above, you can actually hear the poem read by a famous Chinese actor.

But that's not all. The border of the sheetlet contains the remaining 307 poems in microprint that can also be read with the pen. Each of the 25,000+ Chinese characters is about half the size of a ballpoint pen tip!



The Aigo storyteller pen is the electronic gadget that makes this all work. Beijing Huaqi Information Digital Technology manufactured the device that combines mass data storage, an infrared recognition system and an MP3 player. It decodes an invisible digital watermark using its infrared camera, sending that information to the built-in MP3 player. It can "read" both Chinese and English.

The Aigipen was originally developed in 2008. It had previously been used in a variety of applications. Museums have put together guidebooks with interactive audio tours of items on display. Tourist maps come embedded with introductions of attractions, restaurants and lodging. Textbooks add audio to bring alive historical events in a way the written word cannot. Check out <http://en.aigo.com/en/> to learn more about Aigo, China's leading electronics consumer brand.



The stamp sheetlets were initially available in 27 cities around China and cost 9.3 yuan, about \$1.36. Also sold for an unknown price were 50,000 packs containing the sheetlet along with an Aigo pen, a charger and ear phones.

Not an APS member yet? Consider joining and use this form!

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American Philatelic Society

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RPA Members Teach APS Courses



There has always been a strong tie between the RPA and American Philatelic Society. Three of our members are taking active rolls in sharing their wealth of philatelic knowledge beyond western New York through a variety of APS programs.

Ada Prill is now an experience online teacher, running several APS "Basic Stamp Collecting" online interactive courses over the past few years. Her most recent course began on January 18 and includes four sessions covering all aspects of collecting, from identifying stamps, determining their value and using the "tools of the trade."

Ann Trigg and former APS President Janet Klug have teamed up in the past to offer "Keys to Exhibiting." This dynamic duo offers a series of six lessons introducing students to the important aspects of exhibiting. Summaries of their online course are available for viewing at <http://www.stampcampus.org/Exhibiting/lessons.htm>. Janet is teaching the current course that started on February 22.

George Fekete is going "On the Road" with the APS April 22-21 as he travels to the WESTPEX show in San Francisco to teach "Computers in Philately." This two day, 16 hour hands-on course makes attendees aware of the many ways they can integrate electronic technology with their love of stamp collecting. The course is \$195 for APS members, \$295 for non-APS members.

APS courses are offered periodically throughout the year online and in person. See: <http://www.stampcampus.org/>

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Upcoming Area Shows

Mar 14 Rochester
RS Stamp Show
Eagles Club, 1200 Buffalo Rd (Route 33).
Hours: 10-4. Bourse.
Contact: John Nunes, (518)399-8395.
Email: Nunesnook@aol.com

Mar 28 Cheektowaga
33rd Annual Postcard Show
Sponsored by the Buffalo Postcard Club.
Masonic Community Center (formerly Knights of St. John) at 2379 Union Rd (between Losson Rd and French Rd).
Hours: 9-4. Admission: \$3. Free Parking.
Bourse: www.buffalopostcardclub.webs.com

Apr 9-11 Toronto
CSDA National Postage Stamp Show
Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place.
Hours: Fri 11-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4.
Dealers, Canada Post. Bourse.
Email: secretary@csdaonline.com
Website: <http://www.csdaonline.com/shows/>

Apr 11 Syracuse
Syracuse Stamp, Coin & Collectibles Show
Holiday Inn- Carrier Circle, exit 35.
Hours: 10-5. Bourse.
Contact: Ed Bailey, (315)452-0593.

May 14-16 Rochester
ROPEX National Stamp Show 2010
Sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association. Held at the ESL Sports Centre, 2700 Brighton Henrietta Townline Road on the campus of Monroe Community College. Free admission and free parking. Up to 250 16-page exhibit frames, 30 dealers, US Postal Service, UN Postal Administration, cachet makers' bourse. Seminars, youth activities and Stamp Camp. Show cachets and cancels.
Contact: Ray Stone, (585)266-2524.
Website: <http://www.rpastamps.org/ropex.html>
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A more complete listing of stamp shows in the upstate area throughout 2010 can be found at:

<http://www.rpastamps.org/rpa-stampshowcalendar.html>

New US Stamp Releases



March

11th- 44c Abstract Expressionists, 10 designs
31st- 44c Bill Mauldin

April

?- 44c Flags of our Nations coil, 10 designs
17th- 44c Cowboys of the Silver Screen, 4 designs
22nd- 44c Love Pansies in a Basket
30th- 44c Shelter Pets, 10 designs

May

1st- 44c Kate Smith
12th- 44c Katharine Hepburn
17th- 64c Monarch Butterfly

June

22nd - 44c Oscar Micheaux
?- 44c Negro League Baseball, 2 designs

Next RPA Meetings

Thursday, Mar 11.....Buffalo's FDC
Thursday, Mar 25.....*Treasures & Tales from the Dollar Box*, Rich Spinelli
Thursday, Apr 8.....ROPEX Prep Night
Thursday, Apr 22.....Everyone a Dealer Night
Thursday, May 13.....Meeting at ROPEX
Thursday, May 27.....TBA
Thursday, June 10.....Annual Business Mtg
Thursday, June 24.....Strawberries Night

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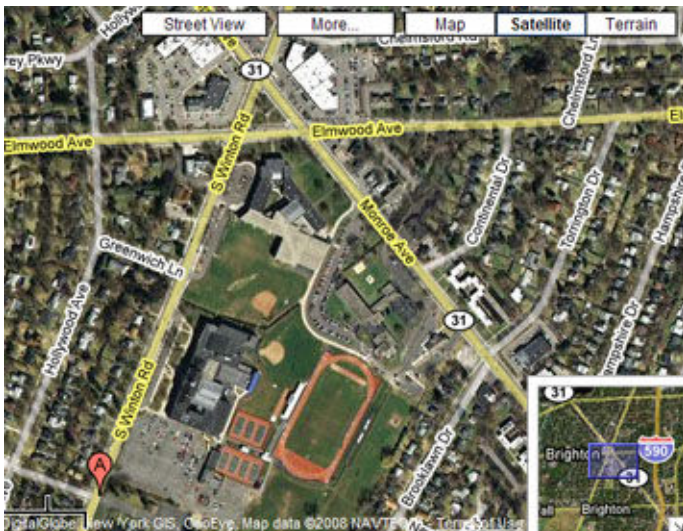
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1200 Winton Rd South, just south of Brighton High School



News arrived too late to make the last issue of Hinges & Tongs that Buffalo was selected to host the "Abstract Expressionists" first day of issue ceremony on Thursday, March 11 at the Albright Knox Art Gallery where four of the 10 works are on display. A brief description about each painting and the artist is found on the reverse.