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Welcome Back!

Another RPA stamp season is here! Welcome to our new members and "well seasoned" ones as well! As of this writing our list of Fall meetings is getting squared away, but here's a reminder of our upcoming dates:

Thurs., Sept. 9- Welcome Back Stories

Sat., Sept. 22- Check Out the BRC

Thurs., Oct. 11- "Faces of Owls" live presentation by John Babbitt

Sat., Oct. 27- Live Auction, Kiloware Day

Thurs., Nov. 8- TBA

Thurs., Dec. 13- Holiday Meeting

The Saturday meetings will be from 2-5 PM at the Brighton Reformed Church, 805 Blossom Road. Thursday meetings will be at our usual locale, the 12 Corners Presbyterian Church, 1200 South Winton Road from 7-9 PM.

The October 27 meeting is in celebration of Stamp Collecting Month. Members are welcome to bring in up to 5 auction items each. Youth are especially welcome that day. We'll have kiloware available for all and invite the public to learn about stamp collecting basics.

Dues are Due!

Here's a reminder that 2012-13 RPA dues are to be paid soon. The address label on this mailing will tell you if you have paid yet or not, based on payments received as of early July.

Bring your \$20 per member/\$25 per family to the next RPA meeting, or mail it to our PO box address found at the top of this page.

It's Our Birthday!



Yes, March 12, 2013 marks the club's 100th anniversary. Mark that date on your calendar, as you and a guest are invited to celebrate at our party!

All members receiving this newsletter (and having paid their 2012-13 dues unless a life member) will receive free tickets for themselves and a guest to our Centennial Dinner planned for that evening beginning at 6 PM at the Locust Hill Country Club, 2000 Jefferson Road in Pittsford. Attire is business casual, so leave your suits and ties at home! The cash bar will be from 6-6:30 followed by dinner. The menu is being worked on. The club is handicapped accessible. Rides will be offered to the best of our ability for those needing them. We hope to take a group photo of everyone attending that evening.

Further details will be sent to you when available, including the cost for additional guests who would like to attend. RSVPs will be needed to confirm your attendance in advance.

This is just one of several events in the planning stages to mark our anniversary.

Would you like to help out? The Centennial Events Committee has formed to discuss and implement various ideas and suggestions. Please contact Tom Fortunato by email at stamptmf@frontiernet.net, phone 585-225-6822, or meet with him at a RPA meeting if interested.

ROPEX/NTSS 2013 Update



There is so much going on as we work towards putting on a great stamp show this coming May 17-19 that it's hard to decide what to mention first. This joint venture with the American Topical Association has had its challenges but the results will far outweigh them.

As of now ROPEX has sold out 24 of our 30 available dealer tables. The ATA is in charge of selling their allocation of 21 tables, making a possible total of 51 dealers attending next year.

Exhibit applications have already trickled in, the earliest we have ever received entries.

The ATA is scheduling some 20 different meetings covering a variety of subjects in thematic collecting.

Youth activities will be in full-force at the show.

The ROPEX Board has extended an invitation to Stamp Camp USA to host up to three camps during the show. Each all-day series of mini-classes for kids aged 8-14 introduces them to our hobby through fun activities, culminating in an auction where everyone can bid on items for their own collections.

Our 2012 ROPEX youth Design-A-Stamp competition was a success that we want to build on in 2013. To that end, the competition is open to any student in three grade categories, 3-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Entries can be produced in any media and with any subject. The cash prizes are \$75 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place for each category and grade group. Further rules and an official entry form can be found on our web site, write for one or ask for one at an RPA meeting.

Attention members! Do you know of kids who might be interested in designing a stamp

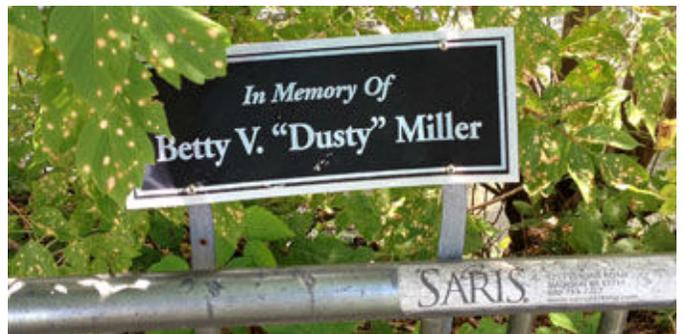
or attending Stamp Camp? We are depending on you to spread the word about these two opportunities to relatives, friends, neighbors and acquaintances.

Please note that Stamp Camp takes place on Saturday, May 18, from 10 AM-4 PM and is limited to the first 20 registrants. Entry fees are being paid by ROPEX. Let us know if you have candidates interested in coming!

Did You Know...



The RPA donated a bike rack in memory of former member Dusty Miller to the then newly opened APS headquarters in Bellefonte, PA. It's still there and is indeed in good use per these photos courtesy of RPA member George Fekete. He was teaching a Summer Seminar mini-course there titled, "Computers and Philately: How to Organize Your Philatelic Material" June 20-21.



Buy, Sell, Trade...

RPA members are welcome to a free 50 word Buy/Sell/ Trade ad on our web site, posted there for 90 days. Send text to Tom by email or to our PO box address found above.