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GHSS Had a Truly National Flavor in 2015

By Jay Stotts

Every year the word grows about the fun, the quality and the comradery of our Greater Houston Show through-out the nation. In 2015, we hosted a strong contingent of national visitors and if they enjoyed the show as much as we think they did, they will talk the show up as they continue their philatelic travels throughout the year.

The bulk of the credit goes to our strong volunteer network of club members who make an outstanding effort every year to improve the services and hospitality they provide. And we also benefit substantially from our group of Show Chairmen who are now some of the most experienced and hospitable in their areas as any at any national APS WSP show.

Kathy Johnson of the Chicago area, serving as an exhibit judge at the show commented on how vibrant the show floor was on Friday during set-up. Kathy gets to a lot of national level shows each year and she still took notice of the effort and enthusiasm that our club puts into our show. It is special and notable and we can take pride in it.

We hosted *Unhinged*, a group of six exhibitors from the New England area who travelled here to shop, exhibit and socialize this year with us. They could have chosen to go anywhere, but came to our show.

We had four dealer vacancies this year in the Bourse, but due to our reputation, had a waiting list of dealers and filled the slots with dealers from, Arizona, California, Tennessee and Texas.

Allen Klein and his wife flew in from California to exhibit and enjoy the show. Jean Stout brought her two thematic exhibits featuring Cockroaches and Penguins in from Mississippi and the American Philatelic Society sent Scott Finney from their headquarters in State College, PA to man a table at the show. Jean manned a table to acquaint visitors with The American Topical Association.

Two national dealers, Terry Kurzinski and Labron Harris, prepared exhibits for the Green Theme Single Frame competition. Getting dealers to exhibit is another special accomplishment.

We planned an Awards Dinner for 50 people and we sold out. The Awards Dinner, with its barbeque, cash paying quiz and crayon color drawing ceremony are as entertaining as any banquet in the country, bar none. Thanks Chairmen, Volunteers and club members for playing the role of gracious hosts.

Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses

November 6 - 7, 2015

Houston TSDA Bourse. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: www.tsdastamps.com.

November 13 - 14, 2015

Mid-Cities Stamp Expo. This is the 28th Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club. The venue is the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas. Please note that if you wish to attend this show, currently their web site shows Saturday and Sunday hours, their past practice, but the dates indicate a two-day show to be held on Friday and Saturday. The dates on their web site, Nov. 13-14 also imply a Friday and Saturday show this year and word on the street is that it will be Friday and Saturday only. Please make sure to check their web site for updates as the show approaches. The Mid-Cities web site is: <http://mid-citiesstampclub.com/stampshow.htm>

February 6 - 7, 2016

Houston TSDA Bourse. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: www.tsdastamps.com.

February 26 - 28, 2016

TEXPEX 2016. TEXPEX is an American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately event scheduled for the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center, 1800 State Highway 26 East, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Admission and parking are free. Hours are 10 to 6 on Friday and Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday. A full compliment of Bourse dealers will be on hand. The second annual Texas Shoot-Out has been planned and is open to all TPA chapter clubs. Each club can put together a 1-frame, 16-page exhibit for anything their members want to show, primarily consisting of members' individual single page exhibits with an emphasis on having fun and entertaining the viewers.

Upcoming Meetings

October 5 ...

Treasure in the Trash

An all-participation discussion of great items rescued from the trash. Please bring an example to share with the group.

October 19 ...

Fourth Quarter Auction

Members are encouraged to bring up to three lots for the auction, so look through your excess material, duplicates, etc. to see what might sell well in the called floor auction. With your planned income, go ahead and buy what strikes your fancy that may enhance your collection.

This is also the evening when a nominations committee is formed to solicit officers and board members for 2016.

November 2 ...

Adams Express: A Mirror into American Life and Times

Larry Ballantyne will present a look at the workings of the Adams Express.

The Nominations Committee will present a slate of officers and board members for 2016. Nominations will also be entertained from the floor.

November 16 ...

U.S. Bulk Mail of the Transportation Coil Series

Rich Bajenski will present an overview of the bulk mail of the period as franked with Transportation coils. We will also have officer and board elections.

December 7 ...

Holiday Season Party

Our annual celebration is scheduled for this evening. Details will develop as the time draws near and will be shared at upcoming meetings and on the web site.

January 4 ...

Arkansas Doane Cancels

Clayton Finney will present the popular area of collecting Doane cancels from Arkansas.

January 18 ...

Open Date

Highlights of GHSS 2015

In addition to the national flavor of GHSS 2015 described on page 1 and the exhibit summary on pages 4 and 5, here are some highlights of GHSS from this year:

- Our Jury for 2015 were Ken Nilsestuen of Ohio, Kathy Johnson of Illinois and Jeff Switt of Texas. Ken is the current Treasurer of the APS and a candidate for APS President in the 2016 election. Kathy is a past APS Treasurer and Jeff is a long-time supporter of GHSS, so we thank them for taking time from their schedules to join and support us.
- We drew an Indigo crayon from the tin on Saturday night and we declared Blue as the 2016 color for our nationally renowned Single-Frame color competition.
- We had fellowship dinners on Thursday (after set-up) and Friday night and had 20 or more at each dinner. We also had a nice club sponsored dinner Sunday night for those who helped with the show tear-down.
- Our Beginners' Booth was busy throughout the weekend and helped educate several new collectors and put smiles on some young faces.
- Several club members went the extra mile to explain collecting and give tours to those new to the hobby.
- The Concessions Booth was fantastic. The food was excellent and got good reviews from our visitors and the volunteers did a remarkable job, all contributing to the quality of the show.
- Saturday provided a broad offering of meetings and seminars and was highlighted by John Germann's talk *Texas Military Installations and their Post Offices in World War I*.
- The shopping was excellent. Our selection of stamp and postal history dealers provided an outstanding selection of material for all tastes and wants.



Mort Levy delights in the excitement of a pair of young collectors at the Beginners' Booth.



A busy bourse floor during prime shopping hours on Friday

Houston Philatelic Web Site:
<http://www.houstonstampclub.org/>

Jane King Fohn is GHSS 2014 Grand Award Winner

For the second time in just over a month Jane King Fohn's exhibit, *The 9-Cent Alamo Stamp and its First Day Covers*, has capture a stamp show Grand Award.

Her exhibit won the top award at Americover in Columbus, Ohio, on August 15. Americover is the premiere exhibition in the country featuring first day covers and is one of the American Philatelic Society's World Series Champion-of-Champions shows. Jane's exhibit, as a result of winning Americover, will be in the C-of-C competition in Portland, Oregon next summer at STaMpsHow 2016.

Prior to winning Americover, she applied for GHSS and was accepted as a competitive exhibit. The GHSS jury were impressed and awarded her the top prize at Greater Houston Stamp Show. In addition to the Grand Award, she won the United States Stamp Society President's Award for best exhibit of U.S. material and the Texas Philatelic Society's President's Award for best exhibit by a TPA member or Texas resident.

The Reserve Grand Award went to Anthony Dewey for his exhibit *The 1991 "F" Tulip Stamps and Their First Day Covers*. The exhibit was spectacular, including several outstanding pieces from the American Banknote archives.

Tony showed as a member of Unhinged, a group of New England area exhibitors who enjoy travelling to stamp shows and competing in the open competition. Six of the group travelled to Houston for GHSS and we were delighted to host them. Along with Tony, Paul Goodwin, Jeff Shapiro, Charles Ekstrom, David Kent and Larry Fillion all exhibited here.

Jay Stotts won the Single Frame competition with his *The 25 Cent Niagara Falls Stamp of 1922-38*. The exhibit also won the Single Frame Green Stamp competition and the Barry's Challenge. He signed the *Scroll of Many Colors*.

Ron Strawser's exhibit, *The Belgian Congo 10 Centime Reply Card Issue of 1900 and Its Overprints Through 1910* won the Single Frame Reserve Grand.

Additional HPS member exhibiting were William Drummond, David Willig, Denise Stotts, Bryant Korn and Vic Willson. We would like to express our thanks to all the GHSS exhibitors.



Jane King Fohn receives her GHSS 2015 Grand Award from GHSS Awards Chairman David Willig.



Earlier in the evening, Jane King Fohn received her medal for 50 years as a member of the American Philatelic Society from APS Treasurer Ken Nilsestuen. Ken also served as Jury Chairman for the judging panel.

Grand Award - Jane King Fohn - *The 9-Cent Alamo Stamp and its First day Covers*. Also Gold Medal, United States Stamp Society President's Award and Texas Philatelic Society President's Award.

Reserve Grand Award - Anthony F. Dewey - *The 1991 "F" Tulip Stamps and Their First Day Covers*. Also Gold Medal.

Single Frame Grand Award - Jay Stotts - *The 25 Cent Niagara Falls Stamp of 1922-38*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal, Best Single Frame Green Exhibit and Barry's Green Challenge Award.

Single Frame Reserve Grand Award - Ron Strawser - *The Belgian Congo 10 Centime Reply Card Issue of 1900 and Its Overprints Through 1910*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.

Most Imaginative Single Frame Green Exhibit - Elizabeth Hisey - *Green is for Poland Water*. Also Single Frame Vermeil Medal and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin.

Best Single Frame Exhibit by a Dealer - Labron Harris - *One Cent Green First Bureau Used on Covers Originating From Abroad*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.

M.J. Lorber Award - Ron Strawser - *The Postal Stationery Issues of Uruguay From 1866-1946*. Also Gold Medal.

American Philatelic Society Certificate of Award - Jean Stout - *A Celebration of the Cockroach*. Also Gold Medal and Texas Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Multi-Frame Exhibit

Lighthouse Stamp Society Award - Paul B. Goodwin - *Gloucester and the Sea: A Maritime History, Early Republic to ca. 1940*. Also Gold Medal.

Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award - Jeffrey Shapiro - *Vermont's Scenic Route 100, The Main Street of the Green Mountains*. Also Single Frame Silver.

National Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Single Frame Exhibit - Denise Stotts - *A Trip Down the Yellow Brick Road*. Also American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin.

Additional Multi-Frame Award Winners:

<u>Gold Medal:</u>	Charles J. Ekstrom III - <i>Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps</i> Allen Klein - <i>Remember the U.S.S. Macon</i>
<u>Vermeil Medal:</u>	William Drummond - <i>Ellan Vannin: Isle of Man</i>
<u>Bronze Medal:</u>	Rex H. Steever - <i>U.S. Government Postage and Penalty Envelopes</i>

Additional Single Frame Award Winners:

<u>Gold Medal:</u>	Anthony F. Dewey - <i>The "D" Rate-Change Stamps of 1985</i> Terry Kurzinski - <i>Postal Uses of the 1904 Livingston Stamp</i> David Willig - <i>19th Century Green Postal Markings on U.S. Mail</i> Bryant E. Korn - <i>Liberia's Green Liberty Twenty Four Cent, 1860-1867</i> Victor Willson - <i>Postal History of the First International Canada Postal Cards</i> David A. Kent - <i>The 8 Cent Olive Drab Transport Airmail of 1944</i> Jean Stout - <i>A Penguin Christmas</i>
<u>Vermeil Medal:</u>	Douglas & Nancy Clark - <i>The U.S. 1971 Revalued Green Postal Stationery</i> Allen Klein - <i>U.S. Frigate Constitution at Texas Ports</i>
<u>Silver Medal:</u>	Paul B. Goodwin - <i>"Green" Flies the Mail: Argentina Air Mail Rates; Domestic, Western Hemisphere and Europe: 1929-1956</i> Larry Fillion - <i>Morocco's 1962 Green Anti-Malaria Issue for "The United Against Malaria" Campaign</i>



Distinguished panel which selected the color for the 2016 Single-Frame exhibit competition. Left to right, Ken Nilsestuen of Ohio, Jeff Switt of Texas, Kathy Johnson of Illinois, Tony Dewey of Connecticut, David Willig of Texas and Labron Harris of Maryland.

Buy/Sell/Trade: Texas Postal History. Email John Germann or phone him at 281-493-3938. jghist@comcast.net .

Stamp Position Open: Sam Houston Philatelics has need of an individual or two to assist on our growing auctions, retail and mail sales. Interested individuals please call Bob Dumaine. Must be bondable. 281-493-6386.

Morocco stamps & covers. Do you have in your collection examples of stamps and covers showing cancellations from Mogador, Morocco? I am gathering images of the many cancellations used in Mogador for a study of the postal systems operated in that city up to 1956. This includes stamps of Morocco, French Morocco, German Offices in Morocco, British Morocco Agencies, Gibraltar, Spain and Spanish Morocco, and local issues. Also includes stamped and stampless covers originating in Mogador and handled by French, German, British and Spanish postal systems, the state-run Cherifien post, local postal carriers, maritime carriers and the Catholic Church. Contact: Rich Bajenski at RBajenski@hotmail.com, or locate me at HPS stamp club meetings.

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Wanted: Mint and used stamps and postcards from China (year 1878-85). David Wu, Houston, TX freefoodwater@yahoo.com. 832-276-2956.

Wanted: U.S. unusual postal history material; 1887 large banknote issue, 10¢ through 15¢ Washington/Franklin issues. Also, U.S. 19th century green cancels. David Willig, Houston, TX, cbhz3@hotmail.com. 713-201-2042.

The Houston Philatelic Society....

Enjoy the fun of stamp collecting by sharing your interests with fellow collectors at an upcoming HOUSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY meeting.

When : First and third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM

Where : West University United Methodist Church, 3611 University Blvd., Houston, TX

Visitors and new stamp collectors are always welcome.

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