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GHSS 2017 Weathers the Storm

For those of you who may run across a copy of this newsletter at some future date, let it be known that GHSS 2017 was held just two weeks after the most devastating floods in the history of Houston. Late on August 25, Harvey, a category 4 hurricane hit the southeast coast of Texas with Houston on the dirty side of the storm.

Harvey lingered for four days, dumping in excess of 40 inches of rain over parts of Houston, Harris County and the surrounding metropolis and flooding over 100,000 homes.

With the drama of a national natural disaster as a backdrop, the Houston Philatelic Society and the GHSS Foundation, Inc. were faced with the challenge of either cancelling the show or staging it despite the storm's impact on the community.

Once Show Chairman Ron Strawser was able to determine that the Humble Civic Center incurred no damage, we knew we wanted to go forward with the show. The Civic Center was used for a day as a staging area for those flooded from their homes, but the process was quick and efficient, freeing the hall for regularly scheduled events.

At stake were deposits on the hall, plans and expenses on such things as the awards dinner, post cards to be mailed, etc. The warehouse where the frames were stored was okay, so we had high confidence that the frames were fine.

We faced a barrage of emails and calls from the dealer community, stating concerns about the condition of the hall, Houston road conditions, hotel room availability and even the anticipated gasoline shortage. They expressed the concern that no one would attend the show because everyone in Houston had suffered flood damage.

But we also had a lot of positive dealer correspondence, supporting our decision to stage the show. We were blessed that these dealers showed such positive support.

The show went on and it was truly an excellent show. Our dealer count was down from 34 to 26, and a couple of exhibitors pulled out, but attendance was excellent, exceeding 500 for the 3-day show. We thank the philatelic community for supporting GHSS 2017.

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

Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses

November 3-4, 2017

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 10-11, 2017

Mid-Cities Stamp Expo. This is a 2-day show at the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine TX 76051. Hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. The show will feature a 27-Dealer Bourse, Exhibits, and a U.S. Postal Service booth. Free Parking and Admission.

January 5-6, 2018

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 23-25, 2018

APS AmeriStamp Expo - The APS' winter show, this year to be held in Birmingham, Alabama, just a one day drive from greater Houston. The show typically hosts 50-75 dealers, 300 frames of exhibits, meetings and seminars, society booths, and more.

April 13-14, 2018

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.

June 1-2, 2018

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.

June 29-30, 2018

OKPEX 2018. OKPEX is an APS World Series of Philately show with the winning exhibit qualifying for the Champion-of-Champions at Stampshow in August. Reed Conference Center, I-40 at Sooner Road, Oklahoma City. Hours are Friday, 10-6 and Saturday, Saturday, 10-4.

Upcoming Meetings

October 2 ...

British Channel Islands

Tom Herbert will provide a program on this interesting area of British philately.

October 16 ...

Fall Quarterly Called Auction

Bring up to two lots for sale at the auction. Bidders must be club members, but visitors can join the club that night before the auction starts.

The president of the HPS is scheduled to appoint a nominating committee for the 2018 club election of officers and board members.

November 6 ...

Virtual Tour of the APS Headquarters

Greg Cain will present the program for this evening featuring the American Philatelic Society's Match Factory facility in Bellefonte, PA.

The nominating committee is scheduled to present a slate of candidates for our 2018 election.

November 20 ...

No program is scheduled.

This is election night for 2018 officers and board members.

December 4 ...

Annual Holiday Party

This is a pot luck dinner and desert fellowship gathering to celebrate the season. Members are encouraged to sign up for a dish at one of the prior meetings.

January 1 ...

NO MEETING !!!!

This meeting is cancelled due to News Year's Day.

January 15 ...

Fun with Philatelic Publishing

Rick Barrett will tell about his experiences in the field of philatelic publishing.

February 5 ...

Winter Quarterly Called Auction

Bring up to two lots for sale at the auction.

Aussie Study Group Update

By Jay Stotts

Seven HPS collectors of Australia philately gathered on Saturday morning, August 19 for our quarterly meeting to share information about our collections.

Attendees were Bryant Korn, Rich Bajenski, Jay and Denise Stotts, Larry Ballantyne, John Germann and Tom Herbert.

The meeting commenced with collection reports from Larry Ballantyne (George VI postal stationery), Jay Stotts (George VI Zoological issues of 1936-60) and Rich Bajenski (postal history of the pence to decimal currency transition era). Other members present had introduced their collecting areas during the May meeting.

Larry showed the specialized Bruusden-White catalog of pence era stationery and Jay showed the B-W specialized catalog of George VI era stamp issues. The Bruusden-White catalogs provide the most advanced Australian collecting information available.

Bryant showed his expanding collection of the small format 6d Kookaburra on covers. John showed a selection of more than 100 cancelled copies of the 1/2d Victoria bantam stamps.

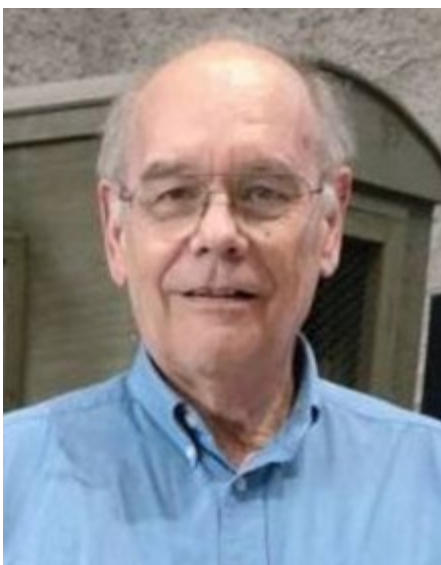
Denise showed a sample of her Queen Elizabeth stamp designs used as stationery indicia on a variety of letter cards, wrappers etc. Tom shared information on Norfolk Island, his collecting interest, including a language lesson on some phrases used and our ability to translate them.

The group discussed joining one or more of the large international Australian philatelic societies, but concluded that the specialized nature of articles may not serve our members.

Our next gathering will be scheduled for a Saturday in November.



An example block of the Victoria 1/2p bantam stamp that John Germann is collecting.



Closed Album - Robert T. Batho

Bob Batho, 81, was active for the past few years at HPS club meetings and presented talks on some of his philatelic interests including helicopter mail and stamp shapes. Bob was an architect by training and avocation, so his interest in stamp shapes makes sense from that perspective. It remains very clear to the editor when Bob explained during his presentation that “a round stamp is a one-sided stamp.

Bob also had an interest in many other philatelic subjects including tractor roller cancels on large mailing envelopes.

Professionally, Bob was a leader in several Houston architectural groups including President of Construction Specifications Institute; chairman of Houston AIA and state committees on energy; founding board member and president of Houston and Texas Solar Energy.

Bob’s daughter Beverly also attended HPS meetings with him.

Exhibits Were a Great Hit at GHSS 2017

Purple Crayon Drawn in Banquet Ceremony

Ron Strawser won the GHSS 2017 Grand Award with a strong showing of Uruguay postal stationery, highlighting a very strong array of exhibits.

The Purple crayon was drawn to determine the Single Frame competition for GHSS 2018.



Successful exhibitors: Dr. Tommy Sim, left, won the Reserve Grand Award at GHSS 2017 while Ron Strawser, center garnered the Grand Award. Bethel Strawser, right won an American Association Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor Pin.

Liz Hisey of Florida stands beside her entry in the Red Single Frame competition. Liz won the Red competition and the Single Frame Grand Award. As winner of the Red competition, she signed the Scroll of Many Colors. She also won the White competition in 2009.

Greater Houston Stamp Show 2017 Exhibit Award Winners

Grand Award - Ron Strawser - *The Postal Stationery Issues of Uruguay From 1866-1946*. Also Gold Medal, Houston Philatelic Society M.J. Lorber Award, Texas Philatelic Association President's Award and the United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White Award.

Reserve Grand Award - Tommy C. Sim, MD - *Philippines: The 1925 Lambert Sales Co. Security Stamps*. Also Gold Medal.

Single Frame Grand Award - Elizabeth Hisey - *Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal and Best Single Frame Red Exhibit.

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 and United Postal Stationery Society Single Frame Marcus White Award.

United States Stamp Society President's Award - Jeff Switt - *U.S. Domestic and International Mail and the Champions of Liberty, ca. 1957-1963*. Also Gold Medal.

British North America Philatelic Society Best BNA Award - Larry Ballantyne - *Postal History of the Canadian "War Issue" of 1942-1949*. Also Gold Medal.

Chicago Collector's Club Award - Bryant Korn - *Waterlow & Sons Liberian Stamps of 1892-1905*. Also Gold Medal.

American Philatelic Society Certificate of Award - Robert Hisey - *The Death of a Postal System - Zimbabwean Inflation from 1980-2009*. Also Gold Medal.

Texas Stamp Dealers' Association Most Popular Multi-Frame Exhibit - Bruce Wakeham - *A Brief History of Wells, Fargo and Company*. Also Vermeil Medal.

Barry's Red Challenge Award - Jay Stotts - *United States: Great Americans Series, 10 Cent Red Cloud Stamp*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.

Lighthouse Stamp Society Award - Ardy Callender - *New York Type A Supplementary Mail*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.

American Topical Association Merit Award - Dawn Hamman - *How to Grow Tomatoes*. Also Single Frame Silver Medal and National Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Single Frame Exhibit.

Most Imaginative Single Frame Red Exhibit - Mike Davidson - *The Red Days of July 26th*. Also Single Frame Silver Medal.

Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award - Joseph Bock - *Uses of the U.S. 5 Cent Large Skymaster Airmail Stamp*. Also Single Frame Silver Medal.

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin - Labron Harris - *Two Cent First Bureau on Mail to and from the Philippines During the Spanish American War*. Also Single Frame Vermeil Medal.

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin - Bethel Strawser - *Redbirds: A Study of Cardinals*. Also Single Frame Vermeil Medal.

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award - Lloyd Hogg - *3 Cent Washington Regular Issue of 1932 - Usages, Rates and Destinations*. Also Vermeil Medal.

Additional Multi-Frame Award Winners:

Gold Medal: Bruce Wakeham - *Postal Markings of Waterbury, Connecticut (1865-1890)*.

Silver Medal: Ben Jansen - *Correctly Addressed but Returned*.

Additional Single Frame Award Winners:

Gold Medal: Kathy Johnson - *Scots Local Postmarks on Penny Reds, 1854-1860*.

Tommy C. Sim, MD - *Philippines: The 4 Centavos Legislative Palace Issue of 1926*.

David Willig - *The U.S. 2 Cent Pilgrim Tercentenary Issue of 1920*.

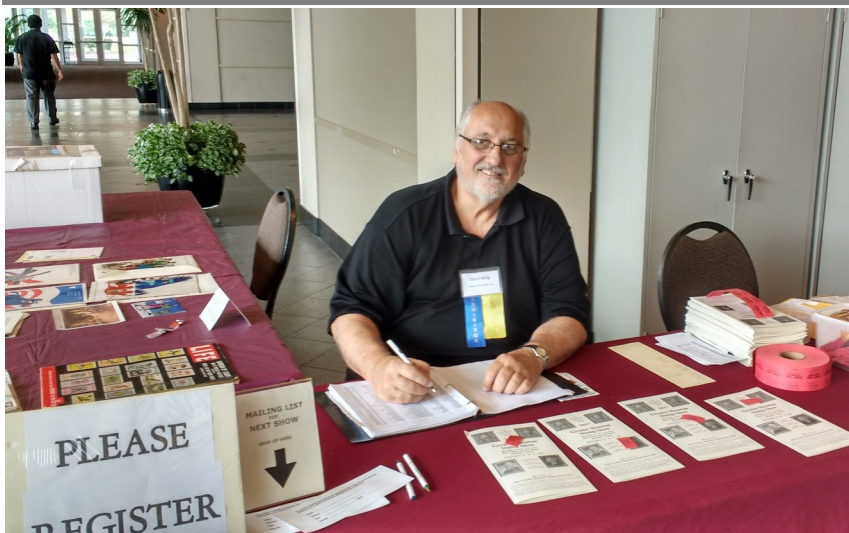
Vermeil Medal: Denise Stotts - *Canada: Private Order Stationery of the 8 Cent Centennial Issue*.

Allen Klein - *Transpacific 50 Cent Airmail Stamp First Day Covers*.

Non-Competitive Exhibits:

Jay Stotts - *U.S. Siderographers of the Two Cent Reds*.

Friend of those who have no friends - *Barbados 1882-1910*.



Houston Philatelic Society president David Willig taking his turn at the reception table during Greater Houston Stamp Show 2017.



Two young collectors demonstrate good philatelic form, using their magnifying glasses to examine covers in the exhibit from Labron Harris.

Classified Ads:

Members may place philatelically related Buy, Sell, or Trade ads in The Perforator free of charge. HPS Dealer-Members may place free classified or feature ads in The Perforator at no charge as well. Member ads will run indefinitely until the advertiser requests a change or cancellation. Send copy to the editor.

Wanted: Mint and used stamps and post-cards from China (years 1878-1985). David Wu, Houston, TX. 832-276-2956.

freefoodwater@yahoo.com

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. 713-201-2042. cbhz3@hotmail.com

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

U.S. FACE VALUE POSTAGE - Offered at 50% of face. Order any amount from \$25 to \$300 Face Value and receive a mixture of 5¢ to 30¢ values. Clean and fresh material. Send order with payment to: Jonathan Topper, 10480 Grant Road, Suite 117, Houston, TX 77070. Stamps can be mailed to you or delivered at the next stamp club meeting.

A Word About 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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