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**GHSS Winners: HPS President David Willig, left, and Bryant Korn were big winners as exhibitors at Greater Houston Stamp Show exhibitors. Willig won the coveted Single Frame competition and signed the Scroll of Many Colors for the second time. Korn won the Grand Award for his Perkins Bacon produced Liberia. (photo by Bethel Strawser)**

## *GHSS 2018 was Another Great Success*

GHSS 2018 was just as successful as annual past Greater Houston Stamp Shows and that's our goal - to provide a great philatelic event for the collectors and dealers of Texas. Buyers, sellers, dealers, collectors, visitors and beginners all seemed to be pleased with their GHSS experiences and the compliments flowed freely.

The credit for the success of our show rests squarely on the shoulders of a very strong group of volunteers and an experienced group of chair persons. Thanks to one and all for exceeding our needs every step of the way!

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

## Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses ....

### November 2-3, 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](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

### November 9-10, 2018

**Mid-Cities Stamp Club Expo.** 31st annual stamp show of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club. Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051. (Highway 114 at Main Street exit, just north of DFW Airport). Friday, 10-5 and Saturday 9-4. The theme for EXPO 2018 is *Birds*. The show will feature a 25-dealer bourse, exhibits, a silent auction, a giant mixture pick, special cachet, cancel, a Beginning Collectors Center, chance board, club sales books, and a U.S. Postal Service booth. Free parking and free admission.

### January 4-5, 2019

**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](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

### March 22-23, 2019

**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](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

## Award Winners ...

*Editor's note: Please report your activities as an exhibitor and we'll give you the spotlight here in the Winners' column.*

### Okpex, June 29-30, 2018, Oklahoma City, OK:

**Jay Stotts** - "The 1914 Summer Tours of the C & B Line" - Large Gold medal, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' Best Plans and Headings Award, Chicago Collectors Club Literature Award and American Philatelic Society 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence.

## Upcoming Meetings ....

### October 1 ...

#### Greater Houston Show Wrap-Up Meeting

Each committee chair will sum up the highlights for their area of responsibility and we'll entertain questions, comments and suggestions from the members. Everyone is welcome to bring a purchase from the show for Show-and-Tell.

### October 15 ...

#### Called Floor Auction

Sellers may bring up to two lots to sell. Sale sheets are available on the HPS web site. Sellers and buyers must be HPS club members. Bring your cash and buy as many lots as you wish.

### November 5 ...

#### Exotic Animals

HPS member Frank Senz, the owner of a Texas ranch featuring exotic animals, will present a talk on exotic animals on stamps.

A slate of nominated officers and Board members will be presented for the upcoming year.

### November 19 ...

#### Philately and the Internet

Ron Strawser will monitor this discussion on the fascinating and fast changing philatelic areas of the worldwide web.

The positions for 2019 HPS officers and Board members will be voted on during this meeting.

### December 3 ...

#### Holiday Party

Our annual Holiday party will be held at the church fellowship hall where our regular Monday night meetings are held. Everyone is encouraged to bring their spouses and family members to the party.

Prior to the party, at Monday night meetings, we will circulate sign-up sheets for dishes, beverages and sweets for the pot luck dinner.

### January 7 ...

#### Mystery Program

## HPS Members Shine During APS Stampshow in Columbus



**Above: Denise Stotts signs the Luff Scroll.  
(APS photo)**

Four HPS members were singled out and recognized during the American Philatelic Society's annual meeting at Stampshow in Columbus, Ohio.

Greg Cain was recognized as a 25 year member of the APS. He was awarded his pin by Trish Kaufmann, chair of the APS Board of Vice Presidents and Greg Galletti, who stepped in for Robert Zeigler, APS president, who could not attend the show.

Ron Strawser was awarded the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Recognition Award for his years of service to Texas philately. The Carter Award recognizes the outstanding efforts of volunteers at national and local levels. The award was named in memory of past APS president Nick Carter who helped to establish them.

Denise Stotts was named one of three Luff Award winners by the APS for 2018. The Luff Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a philatelist in the United States and Denise received her award for Exceptional Contributions to Philately. Her many accomplishments were listed in the last issue of *The Perforator*. Denise signed the APS' Luff Scroll and received a ring to commemorate the occasion.

Rick Barrett received a Gold Medal in the Literature Competition for his new book, *Buffalo Cinderellas*, his first publication.

Our congratulations to these four special HPS members on their acknowledgement from the American Philatelic Society.



**Above: Greg Cain, middle, receiving his 25-year recognition from Trish Kaufmann and Greg Galletti.**

**Right: Ron Strawser congratulates Rick Barrett on his Gold Medal for *Buffalo Cinderellas*.**



**Right: Ron Strawser received the Carter Volunteer pin from Betsy Carter, widow of Nicholas Carter.**



## ***Bryant Korn wins Greater Houston Stamp Show 2018 Grand***

HPS member Bryant Korn earned his first GHSS Grand Award this year with a showing of Liberian material and last year's Reserve Grand winner, Tommy C. Sim, MD repeated the feat again year. Nationally prominent stamp dealer Doug Weisz won the Single Frame Grand Award with a brand new exhibit, *New Orleans in the Confederate Mail System* and David Willig was the coveted Single Frame color competition winner.

**Grand Award** - Bryant Korn - *Perkins Bacon Liberian Stamps of 1897-1912*. Also Gold Medal, Brad Horton Award for best exhibit by an HPS member and the Texas Philatelic Association President's Award.

**Reserve Grand Award** - Tommy C. Sim, MD - *Philippines: The ABN Company Semipostal Issues of 1949-1952*. Also Gold Medal.

**Single Frame Grand Award** - Doug Weisz - *New Orleans in the Confederate Mail System*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.

**Single Frame Reserve Grand Award** - David Willig - *The U.S. 3 Cent War Tax Letter Rate of World War I, November 2, 1917 - June 30, 1919*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal, Best Single Frame Purple Exhibit and Barry's Purple Challenge Award.

**American Philatelic Society Certificate of Award** - Bryant Korn - *Liberia's Lithographed Stamps of 1860-1892*. Also Gold Medal and Collector's Club of Chicago Award .

**United States Stamp Society President's Award** - Stanley Christmas - *The Life Cycle of the 4-1/2 Cent White House Stamp*. Also Gold Medal.

**United Postal Stationery Society Award** - Ronald Strawser - *The Postal Stationery of British Zanzibar 1895-1964*. Also Gold Medal.

**American Topical Association Merit Award** - Jay Stotts - *African Antelopes*. Also Gold Medal and Texas Stamp Dealers' Association Most Popular Multi-Frame Exhibit.

**Most Imaginative Single Frame Purple Exhibit** - Ray E. Cartier - *Monsters: They Can Scare People Purple!* Also Single Frame Silver Bronze Medal and National Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Single Frame Exhibit.

**Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award** - Liz Hisey - *Lilac Sentiments*. Also Single Frame Silver Medal and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin.

**American Topical Association Single Frame Merit Award** - Bethel Strawser - *Pondering Purple Gallinules and Purple Swamphens*. Also Single Frame Vermeil Award and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin.

### **Additional Multi-Frame Award Winners:**

**Gold Medal:** Tommy C. Sim, MD - *Philippines: The 2 Centavos Legislative Palace Issue of 1926*.

Robert Hisey - *The 1d Ship Stamp of South Africa 1926-1954*

**Vermeil Medal:** Ben H. Jansen - *Difficult Deliveries: Auxillary Markings on Mail to and from the Netherlands*.

### **Additional Single Frame Award Winners:**

**Gold Medal:** Jay Stotts - *The Swiss Violet 10 Rp. Chillion Castle Issues of 1934-1939*.

**Vermeil Medal:** Gary Bruce - *The Canal Zone Rotary Press Issues of 1933 with Emphasis on the 3 Cent Purple Washington*.

Bryant Korn - *Postal History of the Netherlands East-indies and Indonesia 1942-1949*.

Ray E. Cartier - *U.S. PSYOPS Propaganda Leaflets of Desert Storm*

**Silver Medal:** D. A. Lux - *Around the World in Purple*

### **Non-Competitive Exhibits:**

Doug Weisz - *Historic New Orleans Hotels*

## Images of GHSS

Right: Ron Strawser, wearing the cowboy hat, assists GHSS judge Rich Drews as he extracts crayons from the Crayola box in preparation for drawing the GHSS 2019 official Single Frame color. Chief judge Dr. Peter McCann, at the left, drew an orange crayon from the tin, so our 2019 color is ORANGE. (photo by Terry Kurzinski)



Above: Doug Weisz won the GHSS 2018 Single Frame Grand Award with his exhibit *New Orleans in the Confederate Mail System*. (photo by Miriam Weisz)



Right: Jane King Fohn was awarded the Diamond Award from the American Association of Philatelic exhibitors for earning ten national Gold Medals in the last ten years for her exhibit on the 9¢ Liberty Series Alamo stamp. Jay Stotts presented the award during GHSS. Stotts was on the Americover 2000 jury that gave Jane her first national Gold Medal. (photo by Bethel Strawser)



Friday night fellowship dinner during GHSS: Left to right, Ron and Bethel Strawser, David Willig, Judy and Stanley Christmas, Denise Stotts, Larry Ballantyne and D.A. Lux.

And from the other end of the table: Left to right, Denise Stotts, Larry Ballantyne, D.A. Lux, Jane King Fohn, Jeff Switt, Peter McCann, Rich Drews and Ron and Bethel Strawser.



HPS President David Willig, left, presents Stanley Christmas with a Gold Medal for his exhibit during the GHSS Awards Dinner (photo by Bethel Strawser).





Jonathan Topper (left) and Ralph Chaiet.

## Topper & Chaiet Represent HPS

by Jonathan Topper

On July 26th, there was a "2nd Day" (as opposed to a 1st day ceremony) stamp unveiling of the Mister Rogers Forever stamp at the Houston Children's Museum. Just a few days before the event, I was asked if I could set up a table and give free stamps to kids. Ralph Chaiet had a lot of the GHSS' Beginner's Booth material so I called him to help out.

There was a good turn out of 100's and 100's of kids and their parents. We gave out three and a half boxes of freebies to kids, their parents, and many of the postal workers who were part of the program (20+ people) and were also fascinated with the stamp puzzles, old FDC's, souvenir sheets and postcards. We had a handout available explaining our club and our upcoming show.

HPS is now on this museum's list as a contact point, should there be any other events with tie-ins to philately.

## An Early Dane in Early Houston

by John Germann



Among the earliest Danes to settle in Houston was John H. Repsdorph (Anglicized from Johan Henrik Roepsdorff). Born in Fredericia in 1835, he emigrated to the US and in 1873 married a fellow Dane and recent widow, Laura Amalie Strombom Wellejus, in Chicago. He worked briefly as a policeman and railroad passenger agent in Chicago but soon headed south to the fledgling city of Houston (around 16,000 population at the time) and in 1878 established the Repsdorph Company which manufactured tents, awnings, tarpaulins, etc.

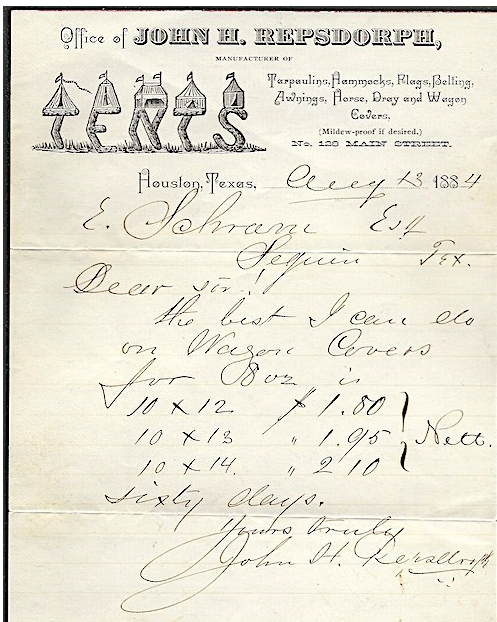
He set up shop in downtown Houston, on Main Street just two blocks from Buffalo Bayou. The business was large enough to rent out two storefronts, at 110-112 Main, in the still standing Raphael Building.



Repsdorph also lived in the block, just a couple of doors down. Over the years the company moved locations frequently, ultimately winding up at 402-404 Capitol.

The founder died in 1892 and is buried in Glenwood Cemetery. But the company stayed in the family. In fact, his son Bernhard led the company into the 1930s; it may well have been a casualty of the Great Depression.

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The illustrated cover, bearing a Houston & El Paso Eastern Division railway post office cancel, was posted in 1884 to the merchant Egmont Schram in Seguin, Texas. Above his signature, the attractively headed enclosure quotes prices ("the best I can do") to Schram for various sizes of wagon covers.



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**Wanted:** Mint and used stamps and post-cards from China (years 1878-1985). David Wu, Houston, TX. 832-276-2956. [freefoodwater@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:cbhz3@hotmail.com)

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

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## 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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