



October
November
December
2019

THE NEWSLETTER OF
GHSS
FOUNDATION,
INC.

EDITOR - JAY STOTTS

Copies of this newsletter are distributed to all Houston Philatelic Society members. Send articles for publication, classified advertising (Free !), news of members, exhibit award information or anything else of general interest to GHSS, Inc. members to:

Jay Stotts
P.O. Box 690042
Houston TX 77269-0042
e-mail: stottsjd@swbell.net

Greater Houston Stamp Show 2019 Was a Different Set-up Experience

GHSS 2019 called for the best effort ever by Houston Philatelic Society members the weekend of September 19-22. The Thursday before the show, September 19, saw a sudden tropical storm, named Imelda, form in just two days and dump 14 inches of rain on our host city, Humble, northeast of downtown Houston. Tropical Storm Imelda was the fifth-wettest tropical cyclone on record in the continental United States.

It rained so heavily during the Thursday morning rush hour that our venue, the Humble Civic Center, informed us that they were closing that day due to impassible roads (due to flash flooding) in Humble. Thursday has always been our set-up day in preparation for the opening of the show on Friday at 10 am. On Thursday, the exhibit frames typically are set up, exhibits mounted and dealers move their stocks into the building and set up their sales booths.

Show Management determined that it was our priority to go through with the show, despite concerns from some of our dealers, otherwise we would suffer significant financial losses associated with staging such an event. Some show dealers were already driving to the area and had their own investment in time and expenses for travel. Many of our attendees had arranged their schedules to include a full weekend at the show and some were already on the road heading toward Houston.

The Humble Civic Center made a commitment on Thursday afternoon that they would have the hall open about 7 am on Friday morning, so we called all the dealers and told them that we would call early Friday morning from the hall with an update after we successfully arrived at the building and decided that that staging the show was possible.

The goal was set to delay the opening from 10 am on Friday morning to noon on Friday. That meant that we had to perform the all-day Thursday set-up function on Friday morning and that meant we needed an army of volunteers early that morning to pull it off. An opening time of noon for Friday was posted on our web site and the call went out for HPS club volunteers to gather at the hall early on Friday morning.

The floods had receded remarkably over night and the roads in the vicinity of the hall were all clear. The call to dealers went out from the hall starting before 7:30 am. And the best news of all was that a strong core of club members showed up before 9 am to assist with dealer move-ins and set-up of the concessions and the Beginners' Booth.

(continued on page 3, **The GHSS Show**)

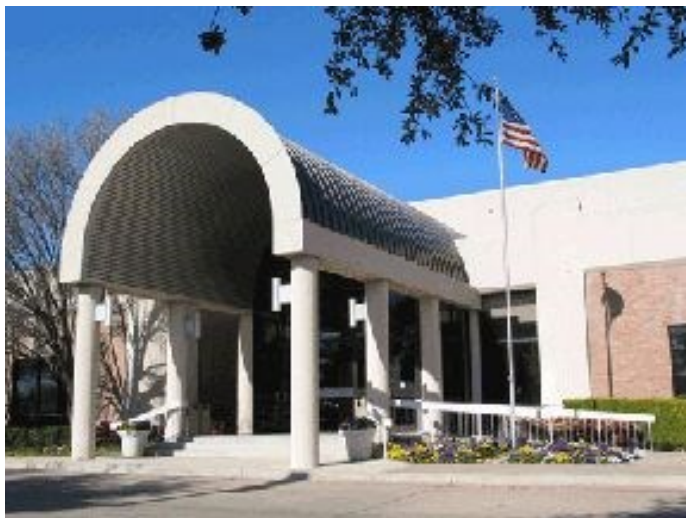
Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses

November 1-2, 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.

November 8-9, 2019

Mid-Cities Stamp Club Expo. 32nd annual stamp show of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club. Venue is the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051. Times are Friday, 10-5 and Saturday, 9-4. The show features a 25-dealer bourse, exhibit, a Silent Auction, special cachet, cancel, etc. A USPS booth is planned.



Mid-Cities Stamp Club Expo venue.

January 24-25, 2020

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.

March 20-21, 2020

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.

Upcoming Meetings

October 21 ...

Autumn Called Auction

This is your opportunity to dispose of some of your duplicates at our Autumn floor auction. You may bring up to two lots for sale. You may also want put together an additional lot or two to donate for the benefit of the HPS or GHSS, Inc. Plan on bringing cash to purchase some lots to enhance your own collection.

A Board of Nominations Committee will be established by the HPS President to provide a list of nominees for all HPS Board and Officer positions. This nomination slate will be presented at the first meeting in November.

November 4 ...

The Miracle of the Panama Canal

HPS Programs Director Tom Herbert will take us on a tour of the Panama Canal from a philatelic perspective.

A slate of 2020 Board Members and Officers nominees will be presented at this meeting.

November 18 ...

The Sensational Life of a Stamp Crook

Rick Barrett will present this talk based on his research projects.

Elections for 2020 HPS Officers and Board members will be held.

December 2 ...

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 6 ...

Montenegro

Rich Bajenski will present Montenegro.

The GHSS Show

When GHSS 2019 opened its doors to the public at noon on Friday, we were down six dealers, the United States Postal Service and our three judges, but the public still had plenty of dealers to shop with.

During the storm, the US Postal Service North Houston Sorting and Distribution Center's roof collapsed. This is the largest sorting facility in the country and the base for the USPS team that intended to support our show, so their attendance was thwarted.

Two of the dealer no-shows were California dealers who have always flown to Houston. Bush Intercontinental airport was closed to incoming flights, so their arrival and participation were eliminated.

Three more Texas dealers were contacted that the show was on early in the morning and arrived mid-afternoon.

One exhibitor who intended to fly in cancelled his trip, so an 8-frame substitute exhibit was a fill-in. All three APS accredited judges planned to fly in as well and they had to cancel their trips. As a result, our two resident APS accredited judges, Ron Strawser and Jay Stotts, eliminated their exhibits from com-

petition and served as judges for the GHSS competition.

Attendance was down on Friday and for the show as a whole. Some attendees on Saturday indicated that they didn't travel to Humble on Friday because they assumed the show didn't open.

The remainder of the show was just as it has been in past years and had the feel that there wasn't a problem at all earlier in the week.

The exhibit winners are listed on page 4 and HPS member Bryant Korn won his second consecutive Grand Award.

Without three invited judges at the Awards Banquet, we improvised to create a group of six participants for the crayon selection ceremony. The six participants were drawn at random from those in the audience holding playing cards from the Door Prize Quiz. Dealer Kurt Harding was the last one randomly chosen, so by default, was given the honor of drawing the crayon from the tin.

Harding blindly pulled out the BROWN crayon, selecting our single frame color completion color for 2020. The color is BROWN, so start planning your single frame BROWN themed exhibit now.



Bryant Korn, left, receives the GHSS Grand award from Awards Chairman David Willig.



TPA member Ray Cartier receives an APS Carter Award for national volunteer service from former APS Board member Denise Stotts.

Bryant Korn wins 2nd Consecutive GHSS Grand Award

HPS member Bryant Korn earned his second consecutive GHSS Grand Award this year with a showing of Liberian provisional surcharges. Rich Drews of Illinois, a judge at the GHSS 2018 show, won the show Reserve Grand Award as well as the single-frame Grand Award and the Single-Frame Orange Competition with a powerful showing of 1861-69 Issue 30 Cent trans-oceanic uses.

Grand Award - Bryant Korn - *Liberia's Nineteen Provisional Surcharges of 1892-1920*. Also Gold Medal, Brad Horton Award for best exhibit by an HPS member and the Texas Philatelic Association President's Award.

Reserve Grand Award - Rich Drews - *Lundy Island Local Issues*. Also Gold Medal.

Single Frame Grand Award - Rich Drews - *Trans-Oceanic Uses of the 30 Cent U.S. Issues of 1861-1869*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal and Best Single Frame Orange Exhibit.

Single Frame Reserve Grand Award - David Willig - *The U.S. 3 Cent Vermilion Stamp of 1887*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal, and Barry's Orange Challenge Award.

American Philatelic Society Certificate of Award - Stephen Rose - *U.S. Orange Special Delivery Stamp of 1893*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.

British North America Philatelic Society Award - Vic Willson - *1869 One Cent Yellow Orange Large Queen Stamp of Canada*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.

United States Stamp Society President's Award - Louis Fiset - *The Famous Americans Series - A Split Life - Home, War (1940-1941)*. Also Vermeil Medal and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin.

Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award - Ben Jansen - *The "Unknown" Forms of the Netherlands*. Also Silver Medal.

United Postal Stationery Society Single Frame Award - Bryant Korn - *WW II Naval Use of 6 Cent Airmail Envelopes from New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago*. Also Single Frame Vermeil Medal.

American Topical Association Single Frame Merit Award - Jonathan Topper - *"Oranges For Sale."* Also Single Frame Vermeil Medal.

Most Imaginative Single Frame Orange Exhibit - Jeff Switt - *Romance Blossoms in the Orange Grove*. Also Single Frame Silver Medal, National Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Single-Frame Exhibit and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin.

Texas Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Multi-Frame Exhibit - Jay Stotts - *African Antelopes*.

Additional Multi-Frame Award Winners:

Vermeil Medal: Robert Hisey - *The Death of a Postal System*.
Jeff Switt - *The 19445-1946 FDR Memorial Issue - A Postal History Exhibit*.

Silver Medal: Lloyd Hogg - *USA 5 Cent Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry Stamps*.
Lloyd Hogg - *USA 1947 3 Cent Joseph Pulitzer Stamp*.

Additional Single Frame Award Winners:

Vermeil Medal: William Drummond - *The "Flying Buffaloes" of the United States*.

Silver Medal: Joe Crosby - *A.B. Shubert Inc., The Largest House in the World Dealing Exclusively in American Raw Furs*.
Elizabeth Hisey - *The National Orange Show, San Bernadino, CA 1911-1949*.

Non-Competitive Exhibits:

Jay Stotts - *The Swiss Orange 15 Centimes Rhone Glacier Issues of 1934-49*.
Ronald Strawser - *Mozambique Company Postal Stationery*.
Jay Stotts - *African Antelopes*
Ron Strawser - *The Postal Stationery of British Zanzibar 1895-1964*



The six members of the ceremony taking the oath to perform the sacred crayon selection are, from left to right: dealer Kurt Harding, dealer Malcolm Batchelor, HPS club treasurer Larry Ballantyne, dealer Michael Ball, Michael Prokop and APS Carter Award winner Ray Cartier. Bethel Srawser looks on as GHSS Show Chairman Ron Strawser monitors the pledge.

Vic Willson honored with BNAPS Hall of Fame Award

HPS member Victor Willson of College Station, Texas, was awarded the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) Hall of Fame Award in 2019.

Willson joined BNAPS in 1980. He has won three Grand awards, one Herb McNaught single-frame award and numerous Gold medals with his exhibiting. He served on the BNAPS Board of Directors for eight years, and has held the positions of Vice President, President, and Chairman of the Board.

He has also served on Exhibit Juries, the Convention Committee and the Membership Committee. He has written 82 articles for the society journal, *BNA Topics*. In addition, he has two BNAPS Exhibit series books. He is a member of the Order of the Beaver, receiving that honor in 1999.



There's nothing that Vic doesn't know about Canadian philately, start to finish.

Jay Stotts Awarded AAPE Bud Hennig Award

HPS member and long time accredited philatelic judge Jay Stotts has been awarded the 2019 Bernard A. Hennig, Jr. Award by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE).

Initiated in 2007, the award recognizes those philatelic judges who have done an outstanding job over a prolonged period, showing sustained excellence in their judging skills (especially in helping exhibitors) and in innovating and improving the judging process.

The first time the award was given was in 2007, to a long-time judge of whom it can be said was a living legend: Bernard A. Hennig, Jr. of Chicago. It was unanimously decided by the AAPE Board that the award would henceforth be named in his honor.



AAPE president Michael Ley, at left, presents the AAPE 2019 Bud Hennig Award to Jay Stotts.

Recipients of the AAPE Bud Hennig Award:

2007	Bernard A. Hennig, Sr.	Illinois
2008	John M. Hotchner	Virginia
2009	Charles J. Peterson	Maryland
2010	Patricia Stillwell Walker	Maryland
2011	Robert Odenweller	New Jersey
2012	Dr. Peter P. McCann	Maryland
2014	Richard E. Drews	Illinois
2016	Timothy Bartshe	Colorado
2018	David W. McNamee	California
2019	Jay B. Stotts	Texas

Stotts was accredited as an APS World Series of Philately judge in 1989 after serving four apprenticeships per the guidelines of the American Philatelic Society for qualifying as a judge.

Over his 30 year career as a philatelic judge, he has served on 109 juries and served as a Chief Judge 30 times. He has served on a jury on 32 different APS WSP shows across the country.

Stotts was recognized during the APS Stampshow awards banquet on Saturday night, August 3 in Omaha, Nebraska. He is the 10th national APS philatelic judge to receive the award since its inception in 2007.

Annual Directory Update

The annual publication of the Houston Philatelic Society's membership directory is coming up soon.

If you are already on the list and wish to make any changes (additions/subtractions/alterations), please contact John Germann at the email address below.

If you are not currently on the list but would like to join it, simply send me your name, email address and collecting interests. No mailing addresses or phone numbers are used. The list is emailed via "blind cc" and is not made public.

Thanks, John Germann jghist@comcast.net

The Jewel Box of the Prairie

By Jay Stotts

While my wife and I drove to Minnesota for the Minnesota Stamp Expo in mid July, we made an overnight stop the second evening in the town of Owatonna, Minnesota (pop. 25,800), the county seat of Steele County.

This was an early stop, so after getting a hotel room, we headed downtown to the square just to view the town.

Owatonna is a charming town with a central park which features a two story bandstand, a beautiful fountain and an array of eateries, shops and government buildings.

There was a small bookstore that was open past 5 pm, so we dropped in to browse and chatted with the proprietor. He made some recommendations for local restaurants, but made a point to suggest, that if we were available in the morning to take a moment and check out the interior of the bank across the street.

The bank, a Wells Fargo bank, had a distinct look and seemed vaguely familiar. As it turns out, the bank graced one of the four 18¢ Architecture stamps of 1981 (Scott 1928-1931).

People travel great distances to see this significant piece of Prairie architecture, and here it was, just across the square from us.

We had the morning available because check-in in our Minneapolis hotel was not until after noon, so the sights of Owatonna became a priority. The in-

side of the bank is spectacular and features huge farm related murals.

The bank was commissioned by local bank president Carl Bennett. He contracted noted architect Louis Sullivan, the “father of the skyscraper” and had him design a building that could be “a lasting work of art.” Sullivan was nearing the end of his career in 1906 when the bank was constructed, but had already had made a significant legacy in his field. He was a mentor to Frank Lloyd Wright. Sullivan coined the famous phrase “form follows function.”

In addition to enjoying the interior of the bank, we took in the Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children museum (aka state orphanage) where 10,000 children were housed from 1887 to 1970. This complex had almost 20 separate buildings and a cemetery. It was a heart wrenching tour.



The Owatonna Bank Building depicted on Scott 1931.

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 28-29, 2019, Midwest City, OK:

Bryant Korn - "Liberia's Lithographed Stamps of 1860-1892" - Gold Medal.

Jay Stotts - "African Antelopes" - Gold medal, American Topical Association First Award medal and People's Choice Award.

Denise Stotts - "Canada: Private Order Stationery of the 8-cent Centennial Issue" - Single Frame Large Vermeil medal, American Association of Exhibitors Award of Honor Pin and The United Postal Stationery Society Single Frame Award.

American Philatelic Society Stampshow, August 1-4, 2019, Omaha, NE:

Bryant Korn - "Liberia's Lithographed Stamps of 1860-1892" - Gold Medal, American Philatelic Society Research Medal.

Houston Philatelic Web Site:

<http://www.houstonstampclub.org/>

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: 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. ijhist@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.

World-Wide Stamps on Approval At 40% of 2019 Scott Catalog

Breaking up 50+ years of accumulation.
Name your country and receive everything available to review and select from.
Contact Rich Bajenski with country of choice.
RBajenski@HotMail.com

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.

Officers: President: Paula Pedrick
Vice-President: Ardy Callender
Secretary: Jay Stotts
Treasurer: Larry Ballantyne
Past President: David Willig

GHSS Show Chairman: Ron Strawser
Editor: Jay Stotts
Webmaster: Jonathan Topper
Program Chairman: Tom Herbert

Board of Directors: Richard Fruth Ralph Chaiet David Nickson John Germann
Greg Cain Steve Stewart Denise Stotts