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to Merge TPA and TPHS
with one Governing Board,
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President's Message

Congrats to the Greater Houston Stamp Show and to the Houston Philatelic Society, which staffed it for the 70th time with a “the show must go on” mentality in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Hope you made it – it was a fine show all the way around. The wrapup and the Palmares can be found elsewhere in this issue.

It's time now to get ready for the 2017 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo at the Grapevine Convention Center – Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11. It's the last of the season and is always a very good show. Keep in mind that with TEXPEX not on the agenda for next year, there is no other state show scheduled until the Houston show reappears next September. So make sure to support Mid-Cities and capitalize on the opportunity to add some more items to your collection.



John Germann

Also in this issue of the journal is a very important letter to the TPA membership announcing major up-and-coming changes in store for the TPA. Please make note.

Here's this quarter's “in case you missed it” stamp news:

1) Another set of five “Stamp Category” questions turned up on “Jeopardy” in September. Here's the article – see how many you can answer correctly:

http://www.linns.com/news/us-stamps-postal-history/2017/may/stamps-category-on-jeopardy.html?utm_medium=Email&utm_source=Lyris&utm_campaign=WeeklyUpdate

2) Some developments in U.S. Coils: At the beginning of September the U.S. issued its first commemorative coil in five years – in honor of the famed Notre Dame University president,

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Father Theodore Hesburgh. In a related piece of news, the USPS has responded to collectors' pleas and has reduced the minimum number of coil stamps necessary to purchase. The Flowers from the Garden stamps issued in August are available in a strip of 25 as well as a roll of 500.

3) What's wrong with this Luxembourg stamp released on May 9?



Something quite major, actually – it is missing the country name. Oops! The UK can get by with that, but not Luxembourg. An embarrassed Luxembourg postal administration admitted the error and withdrew the stamps from sale on July 1. It is part of a two-stamp Europa issue. It will be interesting to see the catalog values given to the set. Congratulations to our members who happen to be Luxembourg new issue subscribers!

4) Here's a depressing photo of a post office on the west side of Houston in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, documented by the USPS announcement that "All Post



President's Message (Continued)

Offices, stations, branches and finance units in the 3-digit ZIP Code of 777 have suspended retail and delivery operations until further notice.” On a personal note my house, which is also on the west side of Houston, thankfully did not flood in spite of the 41 inches of rain that fell on it. However, the massive release of water from the two dams close by posed a serious threat; it also meant that I had no mail delivery for a week.

5) Last but not least, for the *Star Wars* fans among us: a most attractive set featuring some of the series' robots and aliens will be released by the UK on Oct. 12.



R2-D2, C-3PO, Chewbacca and the rest of the gang

TPA MEMBERS MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Your Membership Directory is now in the Members Only section of the TPA website (www.texasstamps.org). It is listed by member collecting interests. Go to “Members Login” and enter your email and password, then click on the line link that says Membership Directory. Have fun.

Changes Necessary to Ensure the Future of Philately in Texas

At TEXPEX in February, where the multiple TPA and TPA Foundation meetings all centered on the crossroads status and the future of our Association, the arrival of the "winds of change" became quite obvious. Immediately after those meetings, a special committee of six was created to look into our situation and determine what changes were in order to provide the best possible course for the TPA (and its sister organization, the Texas Postal History Society). That committee was comprised of the four officers of the TPA and the TPA Foundation – John Germann, Lyle Boardman, Tom Koch, and Vince King, plus one TPA and one TPA Foundation director – Larry Ballantyne and Jonathan Topper, respectively. (King, Koch and Boardman are also officers of the TPHS). Darryl Metting joined the committee after he answered the call to take over the Secretary-Treasurer duties from Lyle.

Right away, and for the next 6 1/2 months, round after round of email discussions took place. At the same time we sought input from TPA members in a poll asking what they liked most about the TPA currently and what they might recommend to improve the TPA. We thank those who responded; you will recognize some of your comments in the plans detailed later in this report. Then, at the Greater Houston Stamp Show, the committee met at length in person to put the finishing touches on a few subjects and then to rewrite the TPA Bylaws to reflect our plans and hopes. We are quite pleased with the results, and quite hopeful that the new version will bring about a much more efficient, beneficial, and effective philatelic experience for all of us.

Following are the key changes, most of them devised to streamline what had become an amalgam of often duplicative offices and approaches. We hope that you like them and that you appreciate

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the reasons for them. The changes will take effect starting in January, 2019. The current organizations will continue as they are until then.

1) There will be ONE "go to" source for Texas philately – the TPA. (The Bylaws have been merged under the formal designation "TPA Foundation," a 501(c)(3) corporation). The TPA and the TPA Foundation (and the TPHS) will no longer be separate entities, but will instead be blended into the TPA – memberships, funds, dues, etc.

2) The TPA will have ONE Board of Directors.

3) The TPA will produce ONE printed journal, titled *The Texas Philately and Postal History Journal*. It will combine the kinds of articles and information previously published in *The Texas Philatelist* and the *Texas Postal History Society Journal*.

4) There will be ONE TPA website, incorporating the essential information previously posted on the TPA and TPHS websites.

5) If need be, we will hire specialists from outside of the TPA membership to do the technical work to produce a top-notch journal and website. They will be guided by members of the TPA.

6) The TPA Constitution and Bylaws and Foundation Bylaws have been combined and revised to reflect this streamlining. The new Bylaws are included in this edition of *The Texas Philatelist*. For comparison's sake, the previous bylaws can be found on the TPA website (www.texasstamps.org). Please look over the revisions; they should answer many questions about dues, life memberships, the Board/Officers, and the like. A couple of the alterations to be found are: a) the substitution of a required Annual Report to Members in place of a required Annual Meeting, and b) a staggered three-year term for the Board of Directors, from whom will be chosen a President and Vice President.

7) The TPA will continue its mission to provide support for Texas philatelic endeavors.

All of this will take a while to implement, of course. The Special Committee will continue to function through the year 2018 in

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order to pursue these changes. BUT we could really use your help. If there is an area where you can help us in this transition year, please contact me or any other committee member. We will hold elections in late 2018 to hand the reins to a new Board of Directors.

Needless to say, if there were ever a time to "come forth" to aid the cause of Texas philately, it is now. It is a challenging moment for the TPA, but it is also an exciting time. We look forward to working alongside you in this special opportunity to make Texas philately in general, and our 120+ year old society in particular, truly special.

John J. Germann

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TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC. BYLAWS

(As proposed Sept. 18, 2017, to replace the constitution and bylaws of the Texas Philatelic Association and the TPA Foundation. Presented to members in the Fourth Quarter 2017 issue of *The Texas Philatelist*.)

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1. This organization, a non-profit corporation, shall be known as the Texas Philatelic Association Foundation, Inc. (also known as the Texas Philatelic Association) and hereinafter referred to as the "Association"

Section 2. It shall be the purpose of the Association to encourage and to aid in collecting and studying postage stamps, postal history, and all related areas of philatelic interest including but not restricted to revenues, postal stationery, postal markings, topical collecting, and air and space flights; to facilitate contact between collectors; to provide facilities and opportunities for dissemination of information for the advancement of the science and hobby of philately; and to promote friendships among all philatelists.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICE

Section 1. The Association may have offices, either within or without the State of Texas, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the Association may require.

Section 2. The principal office of the Association shall be located at the mailing address of the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation.

Section 3. The registered office of the Association shall be with the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Adult Members are classified as follows:

- a) Regular Members. Maintain annual membership in accordance with these Bylaws.
- b) Honorary Members. The Board of Directors, by simple majority vote of those voting, may confer upon any person, otherwise eligible for Adult Membership, an Honorary Membership that may be for Life or for a specific term of years.

Section 2. Life Membership. Life membership is effective for those members who paid for or earned this designation prior to 2018. After 2017, additional life memberships may be conferred as described in Section 1.b. above.

Section 3. Youth Members (less than 18 years of age) shall be granted all the rights and privileges of Adult Members, except as restricted in voting and in holding office. Youth Members shall be subject to one-half the Adult dues established in Section 6 of this Article.

Section 4. Chapters and Units. Existing Chapters and Units so designated prior to 2018

will continue with that designation. Clubs who become part of the Association after 2017 will be designated as Chapters.

Section 5. Application for Membership in the Association shall be in writing and in such form as the Board of Directors may determine. Names of new members will be published in the official publication of the Association.

In the event an applicant for membership is declined admission, prepaid dues and fees shall be refunded. If any applicant for this Association is expelled from any Philatelic Association or Society in the United States of America, they shall be considered as having written charges pending and shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall prepare written charges stating the particulars, known of the case, for the Board of Directors to investigate.

Section 6. Dues. Dues are payable in advance. The amount of the Dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The due date for annual membership renewals shall be January 1 of each calendar year.

Section 7. Good Standing. For the purpose of these Bylaws, this term refers to a member not in financial default and against whom there are no specific written charges pending. In the event that any member of this Association is expelled from any Philatelic Association or Society in the United States of America, that member shall be considered as having written charges pending, and shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall prepare written charges stating the particulars, known of the case, for the Board of Directors to investigate. The Secretary will notify the applicant of the Board's decision immediately following the next Board of Director's meeting.

Section 8. Discipline. The Board of Directors shall have the sole power to investigate and judge and take appropriate action relative to any charges made against any member of the Association. Any charges against a member must be presented in writing to the Board of Directors, which shall inform the member so charged, in writing, of the nature of the charge.

The member so charged shall have a reasonable time to prepare and present a defense, and may be present at the pertinent portion of the Board Meeting to conduct his defense. However, after reasonable time, as determined by the Board of Directors, action may be taken relative to the charges with the concerned member in absentia.

Section 9. Termination of Membership. This may take place by any of the following:

a) Resignation. Any member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such action shall not relieve the member so resigning of obligations to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

b) Suspension or Expulsion. The Board of Directors by a simple majority vote of all the members present and voting may suspend or expel a member in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

c) Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues. Any member who is in default of payment of dues shall be automatically dropped from the membership rolls three (3) months after the due date. Such member may be restored to the rolls if full payment of delinquent dues are paid within the current calendar year.

d) Death of the Member.

Section 10. Reinstatement. A former member may become reinstated, and assume their former membership number, upon formal application to the Association and payment of dues for the current year.

This privilege is available only to those members who left the Association in good standing.

Section 11. Transfer Membership. Membership in this Association is not transferable.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board Membership. The Board of Directors shall consist of six (6) members (elected in accordance with Article VII), who among themselves will elect a President and Vice President for two-year terms. The President will then appoint either one of the other directors or another member to fill the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor. Only elected Directors may vote on matters of the Association.

Section 2. General Powers. With the President of the Association as its Chairman, the Board of Directors is responsible for the general management of the affairs of the Association.

Section 3. Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall occur annually at a time and place determined by the President, as noted in Section 5.

Section 4. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or any two (2) other Officers or Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board shall fix the time and place for the holding of any special meeting, as noted in Section 5.

Section 5. Location of Meetings. Meetings may be held in conjunction with stamp shows, at a time and place defined and agreed to by a majority of the Board, or by electronic means if agreed to by a majority of the Board.

Section 6. Notice. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to the date of said special meeting by written notice delivered by the United States Postal Service or electronic means to each officer and director.

Section 7. Quorum. Fifty-percent (50%) of the Board of Directors present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. If less than a majority of the Directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice and until a quorum is present.

Section 8. Proxy. A Director who is unable to attend a meeting, either physically or electronically, may designate another Director as his or her proxy. The proxy must be in written or electronic form, delivered to the President.

Section 9. Compensation & Reimbursement. Directors, by reason of their election, shall

not receive any stated salary for their Director services, but by resolution of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting, any Director may be paid for special services tendered and, by resolution of the Board of Directors may be indemnified for expenses, including attorney's fees, actually and necessarily incurred by him in connection with any claim asserted against him, by action in court or otherwise, by reason of his being, or having been such a Director, except in relation to matters as to which he has been guilty of actual fraud or breach of good faith in respect of the matter in which indemnity is sought. Reasonable expenses incurred as part of a directed activity may be reimbursed when supported by documentation.

ARTICLE V.
OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

Section 1. President. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and, in general, the President shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as are specifically called for in the Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Vice President. In the absence of the President, or in event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions on the President; and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall: have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Association; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Association from any source whatsoever; and deposit all such monies in the name of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors, and in general perform all the duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may be required to give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine to cover the total funds in the treasury.

Section 4. Secretary. The Secretary shall: keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records; keep a register of the post office and electronic mail address of each member; send dues notices to all members, and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Secretary-Treasurer. The offices of Treasurer and Secretary may be combined into the single office of Secretary-Treasurer by affirmative action of a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Term of Office. The term of office for all officers and directors shall be three years, with staggered terms so that two members are elected every year. The Director elected President may serve for only two two-year consecutive terms.

Section 7. Vacancies. A vacancy involving any Director or Appointed Office of the Association, because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term of said office at the discretion of the remaining Directors.

Section 8. Removal. Any officer of the Board of Directors, elected or appointed, may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Association would be served thereby. Such removal shall be only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in attendance.

ARTICLE VI COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

Section 1. Annual Reports. On an annual basis, the Board of Directors shall provide reports to the membership. The reporting shall include (but not be limited to):

- a) Reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and committee heads.
- b) Financial status
- c) Results of election of Directors

Section 2. Other Reports. The Board of Directors may notify the membership of other events or changes that affect the membership, including:

- a) Membership reports
- b) Bylaws changes
- c) Other non-annual occurrences

Section 3. Methods of Reporting.

- a) In the Association publication
- b) By mail or electronic means

ARTICLE VII NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Nomination. Any Adult Member in good standing with this Association, may be nominated and become a nominee for Board of Directors, providing he or she is a resident of Texas.

Nomination is made by (a) a Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, (b) a Chapter or Unit in good standing, or (c) a member offering themselves as a nominee by contacting the President or the Nominating Committee.

Each nomination shall be accompanied by a statement from the member nominated, signifying a willingness to serve on the Board of Directors, addressed to the nominating committee or to the Secretary of the Association. Statements may be submitted via mail or electronically.

Nominations must be filed with the Secretary not later than October 1 of the year in which elections will be held.

Section 2. Election. Election of the Board of Directors shall occur by means of a ballot listing nominees except that uncontested elections may be ratified by the Board without conducting a formal ballot exercise.

The list of the nominees, for directorships shall appear in the official publication of the Association and, if required, the official ballot shall be mailed to all Adult Members, in good standing no later than November 1 of the year in which elections will be held.

If an election is conducted by mail, each member must sign and print his or her name on the ballot to validate the ballot. Ballots that do not contain this information are not valid. Elections held electronically must originate from the email address used by the Association. Ballots (either printed or electronic) will be tabulated by the Secretary or a member appointed by the President.

A plurality shall elect Directors, and the election results shall be announced in the next issue of the Association publication.

ARTICLE VIII. PUBLICATION

Section 1. Official Publication. The official publication of this Association shall be in the form of a printed journal. The title, size, and frequency of publication will be determined by the Board of Directors. Each Member, Chapter, and Unit of this Association shall receive a subscription to this publication.

The manager of the publication shall be the Editor, and that persons' responsibilities shall be carried out within the spirit and intent of these Bylaws.

The Board of Directors may designate official business matters of this Association to appear therein, as well as other matters of general philatelic interest.

ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees. The President may appoint Committee Chairpersons and Members and establish target completion dates or committee tasks, subject to the Board of Directors approval.

Section 2. Term of Office. The Term of Office of all Committee Members shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X. CONTRACTS, CHECKS, AUDITS, FUNDS

Section 1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the Association to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Checks. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association shall be signed by the Treasurer.

Section 3. Audit. The Board of Directors may at its discretion order an audit of the funds of the Association.

Section 4. Gifts. The Board of Directors may accept or reject, on behalf of the Associa-

tion, any contribution, gift, bequest, or device for the general purpose or for any special purpose, of the Association.

Section 5. Funds. The Funds of this Association are to be maintained in such designed and described funds and accounts as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Books and Records. Any member may inspect all books and records of the Association for any proper purpose at any reasonable time, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January in any calendar year and shall end on the last day of December in that calendar year.

Section 3. Waiver of Notice. Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, or the Bylaws of the Association, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. (See Article IV, Section 6.)

Section 5. Rules of Order. *Robert's Rules of Order: Newly Revised* shall be the authority on all questions of procedure not specifically stated in the Association's Bylaws. These rules shall apply at all meetings of members, Board of Directors, and Committees.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws shall be amended as noted below:

Section 1. An amendment of these Articles may be proposed in one of the following procedures:

- a) By a member of the Board of Directors.
- b) By a Chapter or Unit of the Association.
- c) By a petition of an Adult Member in good standing, submitted in writing and approved by the Board of Directors.
- d) By a Bylaw Committee appointed by the President and reporting to the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Amendments. Amendment(s) to the Association's Bylaws may be made by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Procedures.

1) Upon receiving a majority number of votes of the Board of Directors, the amendment is immediately certified as having been approved by the Association.

2) The results of the voting shall be reported to the membership in the next issue of the Association publication. All amendments immediately shall become effective thereafter.

ARTICLE XIII.
DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the Association, and after the discharge of all its liabilities, the remaining assets shall be given to a non-profit organization whose purposes and objectives are similar to those of the Association, and that has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Such organization(s) is to be designated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Editor's Notes – Tom Koch

Benefits of the TPA and TPHS Merger Plan

We exist in a day and age requiring adjustments, whether we like them or not. The Crossroads Committee has come up with a plan that streamlines the operation of the two largest active state organizations – the TPA and its Foundation, plus the Texas Postal History Society.

1. The TPA, founded in 1896, keeps its identification, though the two boards will be merged.

2. Many members of the TPHS are also members of the TPA (the current president, journal editor, and secretary-treasurer and the TPA President John Germann).

3. The merger of the two publications will save money, yet the single publication will be larger and comprehensive in its coverage of Texas postal history and stamps. *The Journal of Texas Philately and Postal History* will be more economic and efficient.

4. Same with the merged websites – the best elements of the TPA and TPHS websites will enhance service to all members.

5. It will lessen the constant strain to convince members to serve on the board and as officers.

6. Membership benefits for both groups should increase, along with lower dues and tax benefits from the 501(c)(3) status of the TPA.

As my colleague Vince King stated in his current message to the TPHS members: “I do realize that some may not be happy with this change; however, I personally felt it was the right thing to do for the health of Texas Philately. The Committee was also in unanimous agreement that this course of action was appropriate.”

And that brings me to a final reminder that no matter what format emerges, *the new publication will need your contribution of stories and images* – your favorite stamp, topical, series of stamps, post cards, coils, modern letters, cachets, FDCs, postal history, people stories, collecting tidbits and on and on. The potential is unlimited . . .



30th Mid-Cities Expo Features More Philatelic Grapes, Nov. 10-11, 2017 At Grapevine, Texas, Convention Center

Another salute to philatelic grapes is in order for the 30th Annual Exhibition and Bourse to be staged by the Mid-Cities Stamp Club at its usual venue at the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas. This two-day show runs from Friday, Nov. 10 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 11 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

After TEXPEX staged a successful national first day of issue ceremony of the new U.S. 5¢ Grapes coil stamp in February, Mid-Cities decided to pay homage to Grapes again in honor of the host city's name.

The Expo features a 27-dealer bourse, a Silent Auction with a "Buy it Now" feature, Giant Mixture Pick, competitive philatelic exhibits, Chance Board, Beginning Collectors Center, and a U.S. Postal Service kiosk. The Beginning Collectors Center and Chance Board has been moved this year to the Convention Center foyer.

A raffle will be held for a "5¢ Benjamin Franklin," the first U.S. stamp issued in 1847. Tickets are \$1. As usual, there is free admission and free parking at the show.

Dealers include Rickey Reed, Kurt Harding, Larry Martin,

Byron Sandfield, George Watkins,
 Joe Overstreet, Damian Johnson,
 Lynn Davidson-Stroh, Pat McElroy,
 Kirk McKenzie, Ken Scheller,
 Doug Weisz, David Alex, Charles
 Deaton, Jonathan Topper, George
 Kubal, Thomas Cunningham,
 James D. Myers, Melvin Edmonds,
 Paul Johnson, Brian Hunt, Sharon
 Loeffler, David Cobb, Steve Car-
 penter, William Hontos, Bill Burdick and Michael Ball.



The nearby Comfort Inn is the show hotel, with a special show rate of \$89 per night plus tax for up to four people. The reservation number is 817-329-9300, and patrons should mention the Mid-Cities Show Room Block before the special rate expires Nov. 1.

TSDA 2017 STAMP FAIRS

DALLAS ●

Richardson Civic Center
411 W. Arapaho Road (Richardson)

Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. - Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Apr 7-8, Jun 23-24, Aug 25-26, Dec 8-9

HOUSTON ●

Crown Plaza Hotel
7611 Katy Fwy. (I-10 West)

Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Feb 10-11, Apr 21-22, Jul 14-15, Nov 3-4

SAN ANTONIO ●

Norris Conference Center
618 Northwest Fwy Loop 410

Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. - Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Feb 4-5, May 6-7, Jul 8-9, Oct 14-15



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Strawser, Hisey win Houston's Multi- and Single-Frame Grands

The 70th Greater Houston Stamp Show is history. Among its highlights were:

I The Exhibits (84 frames): The judges were Steve Schumann of California (Chief Judge), David McNance of California, and Yavuz Corapcioglu of Maryland. There were a grand total of 15 gold medals awarded, 8 of them among the single-frame “red” exhibits. Please see the Palmares on Page 19 for the ribbons they awarded. The Grand Award winning exhibit was “The Postal Stationery Issues of Uruguay” by Ron Strawser. The TPA President’s Award also went to Strawser’s Uruguay exhibit. The Reserve Grand was awarded to Tommy C. Sims for “The 1925 Lambert Sales Co. Security Stamps.” Elizabeth Hisey won the Single-Frame Grand Award for her presentation of “Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf.” The Single-Frame Reserve Grand Award went to Ron Strawser’s “The Belgian Congo 10 Centime Reply Card Issue of 1900 and its Overprints through 1910.” In addition to these awards, the attendees at the show voted on the “Most Popular” categories. The winners were: Most Popular Multi-Frame Exhibit (TSDA): “A Brief History of Wells, Fargo and Company” – Bruce Wakeham, and Most Popular Single-Frame Exhibit (NSDA): “How to Grow Tomatoes” – Dawn Hamman.

II The Dealers: Thirty dealers from 11 states – Texas, California, Oregon, Louisiana, Arizona, Maryland, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and New Mexico – offered a wide array of stamps, covers, and supplies.

III The Societies: The Texas Philatelic Association and the Texas Postal History Society provided an information table and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors sponsored a forum on philatelic exhibiting.

IV The Awards Extravaganza: Texas barbecue, quizzes (and prize money) on stamps and Texas, and lots of humor were served up, as usual. The “Ritual of the Crayon” led to the drawing of next year’s color – **Purple/Violet** (including shades thereof). Note: The limited frames allotted for this very popular competition “sell out” quickly, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. The show prospectus and entry form are now available on the Houston Philatelic Society website – www.houstonstampclub.org.

Additional photos of the event and other information on the show and our club are also available on this website.

We hope that you were able to make our show. If so, we hope that you enjoyed it. If not, we missed you. The 2018 Greater Houston Stamp Show is scheduled for Sept. 21-23, again at the Humble Civic Center. See you there.

Submitted by John Germann,
Publicity Director, Greater Houston Stamp Show 2017

GHSS 2017 Awards

Multi-Frame

Grand & Gold

The Postal Stationery Issues of Uruguay From 1866-1946

Ronald Strawser

Also, TPA President's Award,
GHSS Lorber Award, UPSS
Marcus White Award.

Reserve Grand & Gold

Philippines: The 1925 Lambert Sales Co. Security Stamps

Tommy C. Sim, M.D.

Gold

Waterlow & Sons Liberian Stamps of 1892-1905

Bryant Korn

Postal Markings of Waterbury, Connecticut (1865-1890)

Bruce Wakeham

Postal History of the Canadian "War Issue" of 1942-1949

Larry Ballantyne

Also, British North American Philatelic Society Best BNA Award

U.S. Domestic and International Mail and the Champions of Liberty, ca. 1957-1963

Jeff Switt

Also, USSS President's Medal.

The Death of a Postal System - Zimbabwean Inflation from 1980-2009

Robert Hisey

Also, Am. Philatelic Society Award.

Vermeil

A Brief History of Wells, Fargo and Company

Bruce Wakeham

Also, Texas Stamp Dealers Assn.
Most Popular Exhibit (multi-frame)

3 Cent Washington Regular Issue of 1932 - Usages, Rates and Destinations

Lloyd Hogg

Also, American Assn. of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award

Silver

Correctly Addressed but Returned
Ben Jansen

Non-Competitive

Barbados 1882-1910

Friend of those who have no friends

Single-Frame

Court of Honor

U.S. : Siderographers of the Two Cent Reds

Jay Stotts

Grand and Gold

Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf

Elizabeth Hisey

Also, Best Single-Frame
Red Exhibit

GHSS 2017 Awards

Reserve Grand and Gold

*The Belgian Congo 10 Centime
Reply Card issue of 1900
and its Overprints Through 1910*

Ronald Strawser

Also, UPSS Single-Frame Award

*United States: Great Americans
Series, 10 Cent Red Cloud Stamp*

Jay Stotts

Also, Barry's Red Challenge

How to Grow Tomatoes

Dawn Hamman

Also, National Stamp Dealers
Assn. Most Popular Exhibit Award
(single-frame), American Topical
Association Merit Award

*Scots Local Postmarks
on Penny Reds, 1854-1860*

Kathryn Johnson

*Philippines: The 4 Centavos
Legislative Palace Issue of 1926*

Tommy C. Sim, M.D.

*New York Type A
Supplementary Mail*

Ardy Callender

Also, Lighthouse Stamp Society
Award

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

David Willig

Vermeil

*Two Cent First Bureau on Mail
to and from the Philippines During
the Spanish American War*

Labron Harris

Also, American Assn. of Philatelic
Exhibitors Award of Honor

Redbirds: A Study of Cardinals

Bethel Strawser

Also, American Assn. of Philatelic
Exhibitors Award of Honor

*Canada: Private Order Stationery
of the 8 Cent Centennial Issue*

Denise Stotts

*Transpacific 50 Cent Airmail Stamp
First Day Covers*

Allen Klein

Silver

*Uses of the U.S. 5 Cent
Large Skymaster Airmail Stamp*

Joseph Bock

Also, Women Exhibitors Sterling
Achievement Award

The Red Days of July 26th

Mike Davidson

Also, Most Imaginative
Single-Frame Red Exhibit

THE 70th GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW SCENES



Images Courtesy of the Greater Houston Stamp Show website

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, admission and parking are free at all Texas shows listed. For inclusion on this calendar and the one on our website at www.texas-stamps.org, prepare the listing in the format below. Email the information to tkoch@tx.rr.com. For the latest Texas Stamp Dealers Association (TSDA) information, see the website www.TSDAstamps.com.

2017

- NOV 3-4 TSDA HOUSTON STAMP SHOW**
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (IH-10 West), Houston, TX 77024. Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4.
- NOV 10-11 MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB EXPO**
Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051. (Highway 114 at Main Street exit, just north of DFW Airport), Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4.
- DEC 8-9 TSDA DALLAS STAMP SHOW**
Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080-4551, Friday 11-5, Saturday 9-4.

2018

- FEB 23-25 APS AMERISTAMP EXPO**
Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex, 2101 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35203. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- JUN 29-30 OKPEX WORLD SERIES OF PHILATELY SHOW**
Reed Conference Center, 5800 Will Rogers Rd., Midwest City, OK 73110.
- AUG 2-5 APS NATIONAL STAMPSHOW**
Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High St., Columbus, OH 43215. For the first time to be held in conjunction with the American Topical Association's National Topical Stamp Show.
- SEP 21-23 GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW**
Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Rd., Humble TX, 77338. www.houstonstampshow.org.

Membership Report

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

July 3, 2017 - Oct. 2, 2017

No Activity

Membership July 3, 2017342

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*We welcome minutes, recent newsletters, or summaries of your club activities and news sent by email or by regular mail to: **Greg Cain** at greg.cain@comcast.net or **Greg Cain, 1926 Brimbery St., Houston TX 77018-1730.***

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Greg Cain

American First Day Cover Society Fred C. Sawyer North TX Chapter 56 (www.afdcs.org)

– During the September meeting hosted by club president **D.A. Lux**, the club website was a hot topic of conversation. Lux described his recent trip to Americover in Independence, Ohio, where he won a gold medal for “The 20¢ Brooklyn Stamp of 1983 and Its First Days – A 100 Year Celebration.” The exhibit also won the American Philatelic Congress Award. At the club meeting D.A. showed various Love stamps on first day covers from the 1980s. They were Scott 1951 - 20¢ Floral Love, Scott 2072 - 20¢ Love with colored hearts, Scott 2143 - 22¢ Love with colored strips, Scott 2202 - 22¢ Puppy Love, Scott 2248 - 22¢ Blooming Heart, Scott 2378 - 25¢ Love (rose), and Scott 2379 - 45¢ Love (rose). **Bob Emrick** won second place in the Cachetmakers contests for his FDC of Pickup Trucks. It was also noted that **Kris McIntosh** received a gold medal for her Susan B. Anthony exhibit in Minneapolis. – *Annie Benner*

Austin Texas Stamp Club (www.stamps.org/austin-texas-stamp-club) –
– At the club’s first meeting in July, held at the Lakewood HOA club house, 7317 Lakewood Drive, in Austin, member **Dan Green** presented a talk several early U.S. stamps of similar design and explained how to tell them apart. The club’s second meeting of the month, held at the South Austin Senior Activity Center, 3911 Manchaca Road in Austin, saw the club’s monthly auction. Fifty-seven lots sold out of 90 offered, raising \$777.50, of which \$141 went to the club. Club secretary **Lyle Boardman** wrote in the August issue of the club’s monthly newsletter, *Stampede*, about the economics of acquiring the circuit books from the American Philatelic Society. Because club purchases from the books have tapered off in recent years,

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Boardman concluded that members will have to increase their purchases to justify the books' postage and insurance costs. The first meeting in August featured a member Show and Tell. The month's second meeting witnessed the customary auction, where 61 lots out of 80 offered found buyers and brought a total of \$103 to the club's coffers. At the club's first meeting in September, Vice President **Lisa Nicks** led an evening of philatelic games, consisting of a stamp search game and Stamp Bingo. Winners received stamp gift cards handmade by Lisa. The monthly auction, conducted at the club's second meeting for the month, consisted of 56 lots sold out of 90 offered, netting \$100.79 for the club, totaling \$1,028.30 year to date. – *Lyle Boardman*

Collectors Club of Dallas – In August, **Byron Sandfield** hosted a roundtable discussion at the Dallas home of **Larry Sall** in uptown Dallas. Byron showed two articles about promoting the philatelic hobby of today's generation – one radically different from that of 50 years ago. It was noted that families involved with philately had the interest of their children. Today there are many reasons why kids and young adults are not forming an interest in the hobby that has been around for more than 150 years. In September, **Jeff Erichson** presented his original research on 1891 Hawaiian registered covers. For his census, he charted and pictured 13 covers sent from Hawaii to foreign destinations that were recorded in auction catalogs and on eBay. Most covers sent to Europe first entered the U.S. at San Francisco and then to New York, where a New York registry label was applied. The Universal Postal Union (UPU) rate was 5¢ per 1/2 oz., 10¢ registration, and a 5¢ per 1/2 oz. U.S. transit fee approved by the UPU. A requested return receipt was properly unmarked and cost an additional 5¢. Some covers bypassed the U.S. and avoided the transit fee. Hawaii joined the UPU on Jan. 1, 1882. All-in-all, it was excellent research by Jeff. – *Anne Benner*

Heart of Texas Stamp Club – Club secretary **James Berryhill** convened the monthly meeting on July 6 at the West Waco Library, Waco, at 6:15 p.m., with five members and one guest present. He and wife Jerrie offered to host the club for the August meeting and an ice cream social. Show and Tell saw member **James Fabbre** sharing photos of the club's Christmas parties from the 1970s, when it met at the McGregor State Bank. Door prize and raffle winners were announced and the evening's presentation was made by **Royce Walston**, who showed covers from Leona (Leon County),

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Texas, from 1848 to 1863. In the club's newsletter, *HOT Stamp News*, editor Berryhill shared several interesting facts about Great Britain's launch in 1840 of the world's first postage stamp, the Penny Black, and corresponding U.S. philatelic activity a few years later. In September Fabbre showed a postal card his grandfather received in 1907. It was sent from the Jamestown Exhibition with a 1¢ Scott 328 stamp. Berryhill displayed a special delivery cover to the Texas Cotton Palace Exhibition from the Grain Company of Fort Worth in 1926. Another Cotton Palace cover from Ardmore, Okla., in 1929 featured six 2¢ Edison (Scott 654) stamps. Berryhill also showed modern sheets of stamps from the Marshall Islands.

– *James Berryhill*

Houston Philatelic Society (www.houstonstampclub.org) – The club meets the first and third Mondays, from 7:30-9 p.m., at the West University United Methodist Church. We started off the quarter with a fun, patriotic "ice cream social" at our July 3 meeting. One of our five-per-year auctions followed later in the month, called by none other than **Ron Strawser**. The member presentations included **Denise Stotts'** "Japan Stamps – Its History in Art" and **John Germann's** "Chasing Down Texas Post Offices." The final two meetings focused on our annual Greater Houston Stamp Show – the preparation and then the post-show debriefing. **Rich Bajenski** also got the Australian Study Group together to show material, talk about experiences, and ask questions about our new-found field. Most unfortunately, the quarter had its very sad moments as well, because we lost two longtime club members. Our dear friend and loyal and active club member **Bob Batho** passed away due to illness. So too did another friend to all – club member for a half-century and nationally prominent postal stationery expert, **Brad Horton**. Both will be greatly missed. Condolences are extended to both members' families. – *John Germann*

Mid-Cities Stamp Club - Arlington Branch – (www.mid-citiesstampclub.com) – Club president **Ray Cartier** called the branch's July 5th meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Bob Duncan Community Center in Arlington. Secretary **Ben Termini** reported that newest member **Wayne DeWald** brought total membership to an even 100. The meeting included updates on club and EXPO news as well as Show & Tell by several members that included a "squid" cover from Japan. **Ray Cartier** gave an interesting talk about the origins of the club (which was distributed in print by In August **Stanley Christmas** presented a program about making stamp

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mounts. Cartier wrote about the absence of TEXPEX in 2018 and how one of the traditions we'll miss is the single-frame "Shoot-Out" competition that clubs in Texas and Oklahoma eagerly participated in. Ray shared that he's working to inaugurate the event at the MCSC's November EXPO show. **Peter Elias** wrote about the pleasures and challenges of ordering stamps online directly from the issuing country. Quite a number of countries now allow that and constitute the WOPA, or World Online Philatelic Agency. WOPA can be accessed at <http://wopa-stamps.com> – *Ben Termini, Peter Elias*

Mid-Cities Stamp Club-Granbury Branch – **David Stockbridge** greeted 18 members to the June 27th meeting. In Show and Tell, **Bob Patterson** had several English mourning covers from the Victorian era, **Brian Smith** recounted some correspondence with Scott's over questionable Greek listings, **Lloyd Willis** showed a large cover almost completely covered with 5pf stamps, **Jim Case** discussed problems with orders from Canada Post and **Alliene Franklin** circulated a TEXPEX purchase from the Iowa State Fair. Christmas noted that the beginning collector area and the chance board at EXPO will be moved to the foyer to make room for more dealer tables. The program was presented by Christmas on "How To Collect a Single Stamp," in this case the 4 1/2 cent "prexie" issue. Stockbridge announced that CDs were available of the late **Dick Phelps'** "ABCs of Stamp Collecting," as well as presentations by **Jim Case** (the new Canada 150th anniversary sheet) and Christmas (a purchase of philatelic literature at OKPEX). In August, Case made a presentation on collecting sports on stamps, a topical collection with examples that ranged from archery to wrestling and totaled more than 100 stamps. The evening's door prize winners were **Ludlow, Jim Bailey** and **Edwin Sicher**. – *Gene Atkinson*

Mid-Cities Stamp Club-Eules Branch – Thirteen members and one guest (from Florida!) attended the branch's July 27 meeting, held at member Evan Islam's Central Marketing Offices in Eules. Secretary **Mike Smith** noted that MCSC membership was back to 100 members. Most of the evening was spent updating routine business and various members' recent philatelic activities. Gift certificate winners included **Kylie Tracht**, granddaughter of members **Jim** and **Madeline Myers**. The branch's August 16 meeting was held with nine members present and no formal presentation. – *Skip Ely*

Texas Cancels

This is a listing of special pictorial cancels recently authorized for use in Texas or of interest to collectors in Texas. Because of time constraints it serves more as a record of area cancellations.

It is best to check details online in the *The Postal Bulletin*. Many pictorial postmarks are available for only 30 days after the cancellation date.



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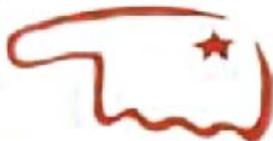
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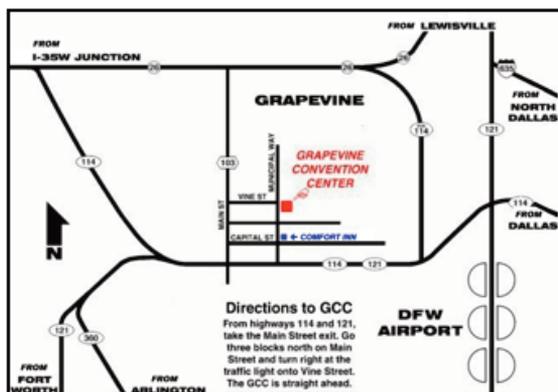
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