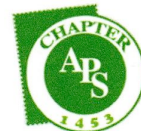




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## President's Message

## May 2nd MEETING

Welcome to our May-June Newsletter



**Wes Falor**

*Photo by Karen Mckee*

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "Y." Bring any questions you have about stamps or stamp collecting.

## Jun. 6th MEETING

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "Z." This will be followed by a Silent Auction. Forms can be downloaded from our website [straitstamp.org](http://straitstamp.org)

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## SPECIAL DELIVERY

### Strait Stamp Society philatelists extol the benefits of stamp collecting

*(Excerpts from Living on the peninsula  
Winter 2017 by Laura Lofgren)*



Richard Tarbuck, second from left, shares his collection of stamps relating to Antarctica with fellow members of the Strait Stamp Society at Cathie Osborne's Sequim home. Pictured are Osborne, left; Grace Easterbrook, second from right; and Bruce Munn, right.

## THE COLLECTORS

Richard Tarbuck of Sequim has a collection of stamps displayed on a map of Papua New Guinea. He has been collecting stamps since his youth and boasts quite the international collection. For his display of "Birds of Paradise," he won an award at the Strait Stamp Show. "People today are missing so much by not collecting" Tarbuck said. Tarbuck said stamp collecting is a part of him and his wife, Julie, has taken up the hobby with him.

Julie Tarbuck, who has been collecting for about four years, found a love of collecting gorilla stamps. She visited Africa in previous years and now devotes her stamp-collecting time to finding related stamps, including masks. Julie has been winning awards left and right for her collections, Richard said, and is surpassing everyone with her ribbons.

"(Stamp collecting) is an evolution of the things that interest me over the past four years," she said.

Philately is very topic-based. Cathie Osborne focuses her collections on bells, but her collection had a different origin. "When I started collecting, I was trying to get all the United States stamps. But then there comes a point where you don't have the ones that are too expensive," she said. While traveling abroad, Osborne realized many collectors focus on a specific topic. She decided on bells. "That will be a small collection, something I can afford," she said. While this might seem like an easy interest, Osborne takes it to another level despite earlier thoughts of a simple collection. "I started with Liberty Bells. Then I found out other countries have Liberty Bells. Then there were Christmas bells. It grew from there. Trains have bells and churches have bells and ships have bells and animals wear bells and dancers wear bells and jesters wear bells. It's wonderful because I'm never going to run out of stuff to look for." One collection she has even includes cancellations with the word "bell" in the town name.

Once a topic has been chosen by a collector, there are clearly never-ending opportunities to expand on it. Bruce Munn of Port Orchard, who started collecting at age 10, focuses his collections on historical stamps, including coil stamps, which are "printed like money" and wine and narcotics stamps. His extensive collections include stamps with cameos of the Queen of England; watermarked stamps, plate-numbered coils; beer stamps; metered stamps; and digital stamps that one can customize online. By looking at Munn's work, the history of stamps is easily seen — from 2-cent cancellations to custom stamps with photos of his grand-daughter, it's easy to see the thoughtfulness he's put in behind his collections.

But the beauty of stamp collecting is that it takes many forms. For Grace Easterbrook of Port Ludlow, she loves making stocking-stuffers with stamps.

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"Do you really think giving them free stamps will make them go away?"

## The Collectors (continued from page 10)

She'll find little wooden children's books, sand them down, and take Christmas stamps and seals to glue into the books. She then paints and decorates around the stamps to create personalized gifts for friends and family. Her love of 1920s and 1930s stamps translates into not only gifts but into collection albums. Easterbrook and her husband collect "etiquettes," which are labels used to indicate that a letter is to be sent by airmail. She also has an affinity for cinderellas, stamplike objects that are not really postage stamps, such as promotional labels, poster stamps or souvenir stamps created for a special event or location.

While each philatelist has their own way of collecting and displaying their postal history, stamp collecting is not a solo hobby. "Sharing is part of the fun," Easterbrook said.



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## Chester Masters



1936 - 2019

Chester Masters died January 20, 2019. Life-long collector, exhibitor, and editor-emeritus of **Strait Stamp Talk**, Chester will be missed by us all. Another album is closed.



## Secretary Cathie Osborne Notes



**March 7th meeting**

**Judy Newblom, filling in**

We opened the meeting and Dick gave the following updates and announcements. Cathie had her surgery and appears to be doing quite well. Chester Masters (see above) died January 20th. Rick suggested that we check on a

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## Secretary's Notes

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Mailer's Postmark Permit for the annual cover. All entries for the PIPEX are due to Cathie by next month's meeting, April 4th. The theme is your favorite Show and Tell. The mid-monthly meeting is Wednesday, March 20th, at 9:30 am at Burger King. New members, Otis Krause and Ben Nilsson, introduced themselves. Otis is a general collector from Paradise, CA and came with his son, Lauren. Ben collected as a child and now has a renewed interest in collecting.

Interesting show and tells for the letter "W" were provided by Judy, Dick, Roger, Rick, Jim, and Bill. Another successful meeting.

### April 4th Meeting

Dick McCammon opened the meeting and presented a slide show of Chester Masters over the years (see **Chester Masters, 1936-2019**). It turns out that Chester donated his Postal History of the Olympic Peninsula collection to the Clallam County Historical Society for safe keeping. As it happens, an exhibit by the Society is planned for the fall of this year that will feature material about the history of the Post Office. Dick suggested that anyone interested in volunteering for the exhibit let Cathie know so she can contact them when the call for volunteers goes out.

Cathie and Judy have met on the cancel for the show in August and Judy will create 100 stamps through Stamps.com. The show now has the maximum number of dealers. The planning meetings for the show will begin in May on Tuesday mornings. The mid-monthly meeting will be on April 17th, at Burger King at 9:30 am.

Cathie congratulated Mark Wilson (see **Mark Wilson Awards**) for his recent awards. Cathie encouraged everyone to recruit new members for the APS. Our club receives \$5 for every new member. Cathie was the only one, Xmas bells, for the show and tell for the letter "X."



## Mark Wilson Awards



photo by Dick McCammon

The Association of British Philatelic Societies has just given Mark Wilson an Award of Merit for his contributions to British philately. On the same day, the Society of Collectors of Typographic Stamps made Mark a life-time honorary member for his contribution to Czech philately. Altogether a great day.

### Young Collectors



photo by Dick McCammon

Skyler Latour and Mekaela Gardner add to their collection at a recent club meeting.

### Pres. Message (continued from Page 9)

We are now down to the last 2 letters of the alphabet for the May-June news letter. May is the letter "Y" such as in Y.A.R., Yunnan-Fou, etc. and maybe some topicals. June is the letter "Z" like take your pick. Hope everyone is well and had a nice Easter.

**PIPEX 2019**  
**10,11,12 May 2019**  
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