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President's Message

Welcome to our Jan-Feb Newsletter



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Wes Falor

Hope everyone had a great Christmas with friends and family. You will probably be getting this newsletter before all of the holidays have had a chance to happen. That's the power of, and advantage of, the computer, and to some, it is also a disadvantage.

For our January meeting, the letter of interest is "G" as in Gun, Grenada, Guatemala, Germany, Georgia, and the list goes on and on. There are lots of "G" topics out there, so have fun. If you received something special for Christmas, it would be neat to have you share it with us.

Jan 2nd MEETING

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

Feb 6th MEETING

After the general meeting, there will be a show and tell that begins with the letter "H." This will be followed by a Silent Auction. Forms can be downloaded from our website straitstamp.org

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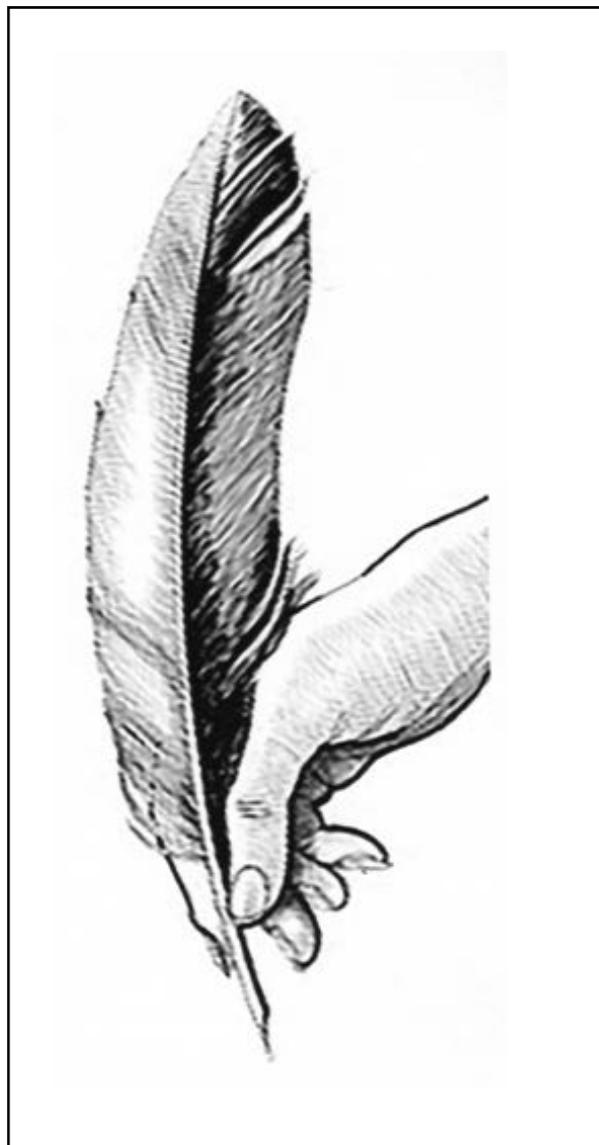
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THE DIARIE OF SAMUEL CREEPS

an ordinarie collector of stamps

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3 February. Passed an hour this night after Supper in stuffing Envelopes and making them readie for Her Majestie's Mail, a trifling task to the Benefit of a small Societie of which I am a member. In so doing, made use of obsolete commemorative Stamps gotte from a Merchant some moneths agone at a saving of ten per centum of the face valew, a frequent Practice of mine attributable, averrs Mistress Creeps, to what she is pleased to call my Meane Streake (the possession of which I constantlie deny). 'Tis trew that Stamps acquired in this fashion come in a Gallimaufrey of valews at the whim of the Provider thus calling into play all the User's arithmetically Capabilitie. 'Tis also trew that the User must furnish himself with numerous Stamps of low valews (e.g. 1p and 2p), gotte from the Post Office at full Pryce, in order to make up the right totals for first or second classe Post. 'Tis also trew that manie of these old Stamps are of such valews at 15 1/2p or 11 1/2p which rarelie combine to make 20p or 26p, so certayne Creeps Letters go to the Post with a half-penny more than is required, a Circumstance greatlie to be regretted. Fell to wondering whether all these little Imperfections in the Process of using discounted Stamps did not perchance make the whole Practice more Trubble than it is worth. Fell again to wondering, on the other hand, whether it were possible to find a Dealer with sheets of half-penny Stamps for sale at a knock-down Pryce.



Secretary Notes



Judy Newblom

November 4th Meeting

Wes Falor opened the meeting and asked for comments from those who attended the Stamp Show in Omaha. Judy Newblom made a few comments and Vera Felts announced that sales were as strong on Sunday as on other days which was unusual for these shows. Jim Kloetzel shared that he scored big with civil war covers and Rick Kunz represented the Mobile Post Office Society. Roger Heath attended VANPEX and said that this year's competitive exhibits were the best they had ever had. He also recommended the Indigenous exhibit at the Vancouver Art Museum.

Wes answered questions and discussed the problem of people robbing coin/stamp dealer's stock from cars. He had been the victim of two such robberies in Washington.

Show and Tell - "E"

Rick Kunz – Chattanooga, TN **Electric Car** – postmark sold for \$2100 & commercial cover

Judy Newblom – **Amelia Earhart** – covers relating to her involvement with the Ninety-Nines organization and one postcard and cover for the two ships named in her honor.

Dick McCammon – Beautiful **Embroidered** stamps started by the Swiss and also used by Austria; stitching done by machine.

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David Fuller – **Egypt** covers with 1880's Garfield's and 1885 Naval ships

Roger Heath – **Egypt** covers with cancels (some misdirected, one from Shepheard's Hotel, razor cancel).

Bill Halliday – **Eureka, CA/1st** flight cover

Rob Hamilton – **Bald Eagles** at **Eagle Beach, AK/** Audubon Society cover booklet with 5 stamps by artist, Michael Warren.

Jim Kloetzel – **Scott E** (Special Delivery)/1954 Circus Advertising cover by King Brothers Circus also **EFOs** – page of Scott listed **Errors** (imperfs, color omitted, missing colors, missing object, etc.)

Angela Watson – **Ellensburg (h)** –originally spelled with an "h"/1887 postcard, big fire destroyed much of the town; "H" removed 7-8 years prior to official date of 1884. **Earthquake** 1864 Good Friday earthquake in Anchorage/cover with earthquake cachet and cancel by Anchorage Philatelic Society for the 25th Anniversary of the quake.

At the end of the meeting, members looked at items brought by Wes and the boxes and notebooks donated to the club.



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Secretary Notes



Cathie Osborne

December 5th Meeting

The meeting this month was enhanced by delicious cookies from the kitchen of Vera Felts, who is now an official resident of Sequim.

Discussion of a theme for our cachet for next year's Show included the following topics: 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing; 100th year of women's suffrage; 75th anniversary of Iwo Jimo; 200th year of the voyage of the Beagle; 75th anniversary of VE Day; 90th anniversary of Rotary; 100th anniversary of the first Washington radio station; and 150th anniversary of the summiting of Mt. Rainier. We plan to vote on these, or at least to trim the list, in January.

The letter "F" was represented by a Forklift on a stamp by Don M; Freaks by Jim K.; French colonies (with traveling post offices) by Rick K.; FDCs, First Flight, First Cable of the Golden Gate Bridge, Fancy Cancels and Fort Jones by Bill H.; Flowers from Bruce H.; Franco-Prussian War by Roger H.; Fire Engines with bells from Cathie; the Fresnel Lens by Judy N., who also showed French stamps with light houses and the First lighthouse to have a 6th order lens; Vera F., who failed to have an "F". but—since she won't be here for the January meeting—shared her "G"—Gingerbread—article in the American Philatelist; and finally, Dick M. who showed the FDC of the First Embroidered Stamp.

The rest of the meeting was cookies and a silent auction. The next Burger King meetings will be December 18th and January 15th.



Visit from Santa



photo by Dick McCammon

Santa dropped by at our November Mid-monthly meeting on one of his morning rounds. Seated from left to right Vera Felts, Dan Brooks, Grace Easterbrook, Cathie Osborne, Bruce Munn, and Don McIntyre.



Pres. Message (continued from Page 1)

It does not seem possible that it has been 20 years since I joined the club. I would have to say it has been one of the BEST decisions I have ever made. This group of people is the best group I have ever had the opportunity to be involved with. THANK YOU for allowing me to be part of your club.

For the month of February, the letter is "H" as in Honduras, Hawaii, Haiti, Hungary, and "?", I am sure you will find other ideas, as you always seem to. We will also be having a silent auction so bring in those treasures you wish to sell.

Again hope you had a Happy Holiday Season.

