



# Strait Stamp Talk



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## President's Message

Welcome to our Nov-Dec Newsletter



**Wes Falor**

*Photo by Karen Mckee*

It seems that the time goes faster and faster as we get older. I know it doesn't, but just last week it was summer, and here we are now into the holiday season. The first note of importance is that our Nov. meeting is on Nov. 4 Monday, not Thursday. Now that we have that out of the way, for the Nov. meeting the letter of the month is "E", as in envelope, England, Europe, Estonia, Eire, Ethiopie, Eupen, Egeo, Epirus, Fgypt, Eritrea and any number of towns that start with an "E", and also Express. Hope this gives you some assistance in coming up with good items to share. There will be the usual items to look through on the club table and maybe an item or two that I have come up with. As always, anything for the good of the order is appropriate.

## Nov 4th MEETING

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

## Dec 5th MEETING

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

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## APS/NTSS STAMP SHOW A ROUSING SUCCESS

Judy Newblom

As most of you know, the American Philatelic Society and American Topical Association combined for the August 1-4, 2019 National Philatelic Show in Omaha, Nebraska. It looks like this partnership will continue with American First Day Cover Society joining in the sponsoring of next year's event at Hartford, Connecticut. The 2021 show is planned for Chicago, 2022 will be in Sacramento and 2023 in Cleveland.

The national event for me, a first-timer, was like being a kid in a candy store. There were about 75 dealers, over 140 exhibits in more than 700 frames, dozens of presentations, special events and endless other activities to vie for one's attention! Besides finding those philatelic gems, there were several fun activities that I had not expected. One such treat was meeting artist Chris Calle and his young daughter, Arianna, who has inherited her father and grandfather's artistic talent. The works of Chris and his late father, Paul are featured in the July 2019 issue of The American Philatelist (pages 608-610) and the July 15, 2019 issue of Linn's Stamp News (pages 52-62). Additionally, getting to meet some of the Cachetmakers was enjoyable and certainly expanded my collection!

Another interesting event was the U.S. Postal Service's first-day ceremony honoring Military Working Dogs with four stamps.

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There were speakers and pictorial cancellations on each day of the show. The APS, ATA and Union Pacific celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad's completion with the historic Big Boy, No. 4014 steam locomotive that rolled into Omaha for Saturday's event. During the event I met the new incoming ATA Director, Jennifer Miller of Greer, South Carolina, who is friendly, enthusiastic and looking forward to serving the Association which is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Finally some of us ATA members stayed an extra day to tour the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum, the Mormon Trail Visitor's Center and Winter Quarters Museum and the fabulous art deco Union Station that is known as the Durham Museum. The day was filled with history, nostalgia, and fun after spending so many hours checking through philatelic treasures, listening to excellent presentations and viewing the terrific exhibits!

One piece of good news is after ten years, ATA Executive Director, Vera Felts, who many of you know, has retired and is planning to move to Sequim this fall. She has always been a great supporter of the Strait Stamp Society and loves Sequim so it will be great having her part of our philatelic family.

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### **Welcome New Members**

Jim Harris

Larry Williams

Vera Felts

## APS/NTSS STAMP SHOW A ROUSING SUCCESS (cont'd from page 22)



Judy Newblom and incoming ATA Executive Director, Jennifer Miller, stand next to the poster stamps commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869.



Retiring ATA Executive Director, Vera Felts, Judy Newblom, and Carol Costa back from the ATA All Day Tour in Omaha. The Chi Health Center in the background is where the Stamp Show took place.

## Rendezvous Coin and Stamp U.S. and Foreign Coins and Stamps

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## Secretary Notes



## Report from SEAPEX

What a fun show! Am so glad I went. This year, the exhibits were especially delicious.

Now, exhibits can be excellent, scholarly and educational. But isn't it a delight when they're also beautiful and amusing?

It began with a huge fish, a giraffe and a big scary insect in Anne Harris' Installment Postcards.

Next, six frames about Icelandic Horses; and then one frame with an attached ostrich feather to touch.

Two of the frames featured lighthouses, an interest of my friend Judy.

I loved the exhibit of missionary mail in Africa. And I can't forget Harry Potter! Larry Crain is always creative, and "Are We There Yet ?" showed covers with cancels from four or more different countries—ugly, but each one told a story.

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Roger Heath did a wonderful job on his Hotel Schweizerhof display. So much fun history—and I'm not prejudiced because he's a member of our club.

The Scavenger Hunt exhibit gave ideas of what could be done: a camel on a US stamp, a stamp with only ONE toy, a cover mailed and delivered on the same day, a cancel with a palindrome date....

Love the history of the MS Gripsholm by Louis Fiset, and the philatelic souvenirs of the Spassky/Fischer chess tourney in Iceland.

The exhibit that spoke most to me—making me talk to myself and laugh out loud was "A Pilgrimage to Mount Rainier", postcards about our iconic mountain. I found myself reliving childhood camping vacations and hikes, and laughing with surprise at the last frame.

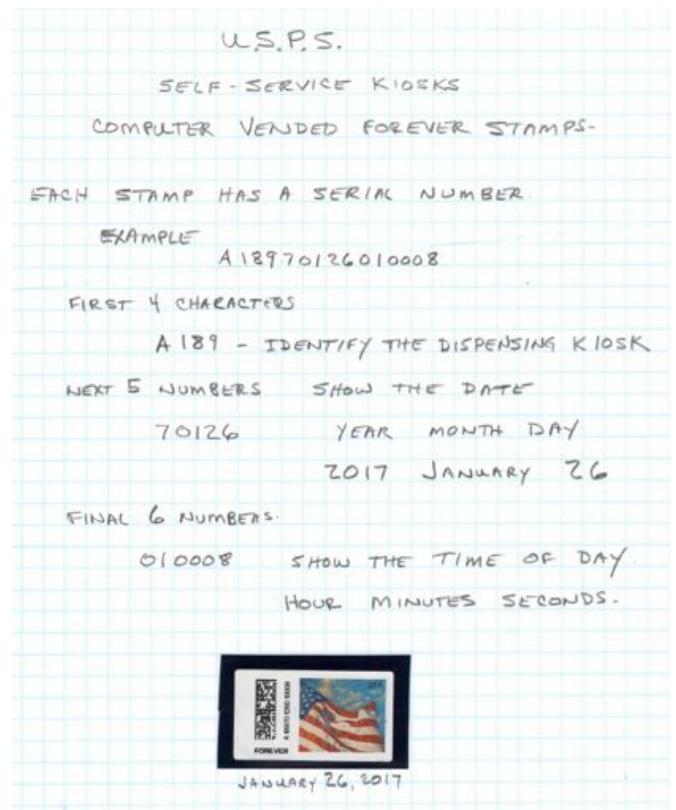
SEAPEX had some of the best exhibits I've enjoyed in years. Thank you, exhibitors and show committee.



"20 years as Stamp Club Chairman and they send my retirement card by E-MAIL"

Did You Know This?

Bruce Munn



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For our December meeting (back to first Thursday) the letter of importance is "F" as in Faroe Is., France, Finland, fish, fruit, flowers, Fiji, foreign mail, free mail, Foochow, and I am sure that you can come up with many more possibilities. We will also have a silent auction, so dig out all of those Items you wish to sell, so you can buy other items to add to your collection.

I HOPE ALL OF YOU WILL HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!!

