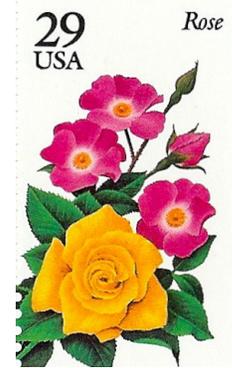


THE SRSC NEWSLETTER

The Santa Rosa Stamp Club: Promoting the study, knowledge and enjoyment of stamp collecting.



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A New Stamp Club for Santa Rosa

Thanks to the efforts of Robert Kirk and George Land, a meeting was held in the Santa Rosa branch of the Sonoma County Library on November 3, 2011 to explore the possibility of forming a stamp club for the Santa Rosa region. Approximately thirty-five collectors attended and they indicated a strong interest in taking the next steps to establish a club. A second meeting was held on December 6, 2011 when the attendees elected officers, adopted the name of *The Santa Rosa Stamp Club*, established a dues structure, and agreed to a format for conducting meetings. At the meetings of January 2, 2012 and February 7, 2012 the Club members discussed and then voted to adopt a set of By-Laws to govern the work of the Club.

What Makes the SRSC Special?

The purpose of the SRSC is to promote the study, knowledge and enjoyment of stamp collecting. We quickly dispense with the business part of our meeting so we can hear a presentation from one of our members or from an invited guest. The last meeting event is an auction of philatelic material offered by our members. In addition, all members receive our quarterly newsletter and enjoy the opportunity to meet with fellow stamp collectors from the Santa Rosa area.

Becoming a Member of SRSC

New members complete an application form along with a one-time application fee of \$5.00. In addition to the application fee, members pay yearly dues of \$5.00. New members are asked to attend a meeting, introduce themselves and describe their stamp collecting interests to the membership.

SRSC Meetings . . .

Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month throughout the year at 7:00 PM in the Lodge at Paulin Creek, Building D, 2375 Range Ave., Santa Rosa.

For more Club information call: 1-707-545-0870 or email: denlyn59@yahoo.com

Club Auctions

Members are encouraged to bring their duplicates, excess or unwanted philatelic material and offer these items for sale at our monthly club auctions. Stamps, covers, philatelic literature, dated catalogs, albums, collections, philatelic ephemera and equipment, etc. can be offered. You may present your lots with or without a minimum starting bid. Payments are made after all auction lots have been sold. The seller is paid the sale price realized minus a 10% commission that goes to the SRSC.

SRSC Newsletter

This is the first issue of our quarterly Club newsletter. Our next issue will be circulated after our June meeting. Members are encouraged to submit articles, ideas or suggestions to be placed in the newsletter. See Dennis Buss for more information.

Affiliate Status

The Santa Rosa Stamp Club has applied for affiliate status with the American Philatelic Society and the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies. Membership in these organizations will give our club access to guest speakers, access to the American Philatelic Research Library, assistance in preparing exhibits, and publicize our Club to potential members.

Member Collecting Interests

Worldwide – classic to modern	British Commonwealth King George VI era
USA (early to recent)	Falkland Islands
USA Plate Blocks	Canada
USA booklet panes	France
Great Britain	Thailand
Thailand (pre1950)	Naval covers
Israel	Greece
Italy and Colonies	Portuguese Colonies
France and Colonies	Ireland
German Third Reich	Sweden
Danzig	Netherlands
British Commonwealth	Botswana
Ireland	California covers
Mexico (pre1950)	Military mailings
South and Central America	Domestic cats on stamps
Local postal history	Unusual mailings
Fencing on stamps	Brazil
China	New Zealand

Meeting Presenters

December 6, 2011: **Bob Kirk** told how he became interested in collecting British Commonwealth stamps from the King George VI era. As a youth he came into possession of three stamps from Pitcairn Island. Impressed by the exotic origin of the stamps he began collecting other stamps of the British Empire. His fascination with Pitcairn Island led him to do considerable research into its' history which, in turn, resulted in the publication of his book about the Island. Bob then distributed Pitcairn Island stamps and covers from his collection along with a copy of his book for members to peruse.

January 2, 2012: **Martin Feibusch** described his collection of United States booklet panes. He now has a near-complete collection beginning with first 2-cent carmine Washington issue of April 18, 1900. Martin reconstructs the panes from cancelled stamps. He described the intricacies of various perforation configurations and the difficulties in collecting used examples. He circulated two albums that illustrated how he collects and mounts the panes.

February 7, 2012: **Paul von Gottfried** talked about how he developed his first topical stamp collection on the theme of the Statue of Liberty. He passed around five albums of stamps and

covers he has collected over the years. He said his collection demonstrated the symbolic importance of the statue in both the United States as well as other countries throughout the world. He recommended the use of American Topical Association checklists as the best way to get started on topical collections.

March 6, 2012: **George Land** described a useful course he took on identifying US Franklin and Washington issues. The course was offered by the American Philatelic Society. He shared some tips on how to sort the various types and distributed a copy of the course text. George highly recommended APS courses and encouraged members to enroll.

Future Meeting Speaker Program

April 3 – Ron Matteri, Wartime Viet Nam stamps
May 1 – Charles Stark, Collecting classic foreign stamps
June 5 – Richard Papp on early Sonoma County covers

Tell us about your collecting interests; volunteer to be a speaker at a future meeting!

Attend a Stamp Show

WESTPEX meets in the San Francisco Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Burlingame on April 27 to 29. This is a great opportunity to see outstanding philatelic exhibits and to buy stamps from dealers who come from all over the country and abroad.

The 2012 APS Stamp Show will be held in Sacramento from August 16-19 at the Sacramento Convention Center. This is the nation's largest annual stamp show, an event certainly not to be missed. Go the APS website for further details: www.stamps.org/Stampshow

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