



The Postal History Foundation's



Stamp Tracks

Winter 2006

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES



Fantastic Fall Trio

The PHF hosted three special events in late 2005 to expand awareness of our organization in the local community. In November, we held an outdoor ceremony to honor veterans while unveiling the "Distinguished Marines" stamp and a beautiful reception in the Slusser Library for the opening of "The Artful Envelope" exhibit. In early December, the PHF and International Wildlife Museum teamed up to host a reception for the annual Federal Duck Stamp tour. Be sure to visit pages 5-6 to see photos and learn more!

Many thanks to our extraordinary volunteers. These memorable events could not have happened without you!

Chairman's Message

2006 came quickly, didn't it? It's time to look ahead to surpassing our outstanding 2005 record. Can we exceed our sales goals, visitors and special events? I believe we can all of these and more! We have a terrific pool of volunteers, Lena to nurture members and visitors and Kelly to expand community partnerships.

The BIG EVENT is the Washington DC International Philatelic Exhibition. Our presence will enable the PHF to reach a wide international

International Philatelic Exhibition

May 27-June 3
Washington, DC

audience and hundreds of students from the DC area. Watch for the spring newsletter which will have a special insert on this exciting event.

Another development is a PHF Handbook. Volunteer Dan Stoleson, who is an accountant and familiar with current business

practices, has the lead on this important project. He will be gathering input from volunteers, staff and Board in order to understand the many functions of our unique organization.

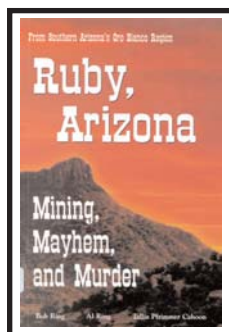
I expect 2006 to be another series of positive, well-focused "firsts" and look forward to sharing our good news throughout the upcoming year.

**Policy and Procedures
Handbook is Under
Development**

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The Library Corner

What's New in Acquisitions at the Slusser Philatelic Library? Recent additions to the Library collection include:



SWEDEN

"The Swedish Stamp 150 Years"
Post Museum Sweden, 2005

CHINA

"Letters from the Celestial Empire: Postmarks from 19th-20th Century Warships of the Nine Nations with Naval Presence in China"
George Saqqal, 2005

UNITED STATES

"Chicago's Great White City, A Postal History Panorama of the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition"
Harvey Karlen, 2003

"Ruby, AZ - Mining, Mayhem and Murder"
Bob Ring, Al Ring, Tallia Pfrimmer Cahoon

TOPICALS

"Computers on Stamps and Stationery Volume 2"
Larry Dodson, 2004

"Insects on Stamps of the World Volume 3"
Donald Wright Jr., 2005

Acknowledgements

Thank you to all of our many generous donors. Your contributions of philatelic material, equipment and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Due to space limitations, we cannot print everyone's name but please keep the donations coming!

Welcome New Members!

PHF members are the life of our organization, so we want to extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Don Campbell, Tucson AZ
Bill Cirrito, Tucson, AZ
Anthony Holford, Beaverton, OR
Don & Marilyn Schraeder, Tucson, AZ
Geoffrey Kimber, Tucson, AZ
Edward Burien, Tucson, AZ
Norbert Hobrath, Strongsville, OH

Join The Fun!

Do you know someone who would like to become a member of the Postal History Foundation? Spread the word to help us grow! We offer various membership options. For information, contact Lena Rogers at (520)623-6652 or at phf3@mindspring.com.

PHF Hours:
M-F 8am-3pm

WHO'S WHO The PHF Family Portfolio

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Chairman	Bob Bechtel
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Newsletter Editor	Kelly McLearn
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Thanks to all our volunteers not listed here!



Shopping the PHF

New
items
arrive
weekly

and nice bargains are always available. Contact Eileen or Al for personalized assistance.

Recent Additions Include:

• Scott International Binders	\$10
• Harris US Plate Block Albums and Statesman Deluxe Albums	\$2
• US Postage, Countries and Topical Packets	\$10
• Packets of 2000+ used US stamps, off paper	\$3

And don't forget, we always have a full range of mint and used US stamps, booklets and souvenir sheets and a wide selection of foreign materials.

People in the News

■ Congratulations to PHF Rangers Alfred Kugel and Ann Triggles who received the 2005 John Luff Award, the highest recognition accorded by the American Philatelic Society for their outstanding contributions to philately.

■ Congratulations to PHF members Harlan Stone, who won the top exhibiting *Champion of Champions Award*, and Gordon Morrison, who will be honored in May with the American Stamp Dealers Association *John*

G. Ross Award, given for his distinguished service to stamp collecting.

■ PHF member Tito Palacios, was recently elected President of the Tucson Stamp Club. Best of luck to him in his new position.

Volunteer Spotlight

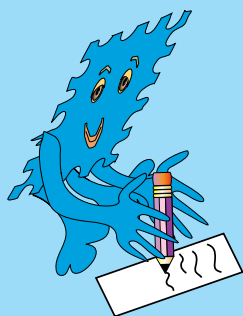
Meet Ralph Montano...born and raised in Barrio Hollywood in Tucson in the 1940's, Ralph has been married 41 years and has two sons, both teachers. He first became interested in stamps when the "Our Fathers Flag" was issued and said "Wow! I gotta see that stamp!" So, he stopped by a local stamp dealer and was asked how many he wanted. He was "bit by the philately bug", started collecting and subscribed to Mystic Stamp Magazine. His interest is WWII related stamps between 1935-46. In the beginning, he kept his stamps in plastic bags and wasn't connected to the philatelic community, until he happened to view the Access Tucson television program highlighting the PHF. He had another "Wow!" experience when he visited the Foundation and saw all that we offer. He hasn't left since.

Ralph is a dedicated weekly volunteer, assisting with definitive sorting. He is even known to clean the coffee pot and remove the trash. More importantly, he contacted and encouraged the Easy Company Marine veterans to participate in our Distinguished Marines Stamp event. Muchas Gracias, Ralph!



Dear Mr. Gohdes

Memorable Children's
Quotes & Updates from
Youth Education Program



"Dear Mr. Gohdes,

Thank you for coming to our class and taking time out of your busy schedule! You taught an amazing lesson! You have some skill, man! WOW! How are you so knowledgeable about, well, EVERYTHING?! Great Job!

Chapman Newman
6th grade
DeGrazia School

Our school presentations started in October and the popular topic this year is "Type of Stamps". We give the students an overview, they learn to soak a stamp off paper and receive a folder with a sheet of mounted stamps. The teacher can then build on this base of information and materials. Students are truly excited about seeing, handling and learning about stamps. Presentations such as this take place in classrooms throughout the school year.

In addition, the Education volunteers have had great success introducing youth to stamps on weekends at the Tucson Botanical Gardens youth activity station. They love having the additional hands-on experience after seeing the various plants and live butterflies in the park. Although our hours are not conducive to student on-site visits, we do encourage youth to visit when school is not in session and are working on computer-generated album pages and other materials, so they can develop the hobby from home and with less financial investment.



Hudlow School teachers spend a summer day selecting stamps in the PHF Education Department.



Enthusiastic youth enjoy stamps at annual *Family Arts Festival*. Thank you to volunteers Paul & Dolores Gohdes, Larry Daly and Mary Miner!

Veterans Honored At First Day Issue Event

Approximately 70 guests were in attendance as veterans were honored at a First Day Issue Ceremony on November 10, 2005 in the PHF Courtyard. The event featured a full color guard, US Marine "Easy Company", American Legion member Gary Harlan playing Taps, formal unveiling of the Distinguished Marines stamp by the new Tucson USPS Postmaster Carl Grigel, local opera singer Beverly Gibson rendering an emotional National Anthem, lots of good food (donated by Trader Joe's), a WWII stamp exhibit, a special cancellation and cachets, and plenty of great memories for the veterans.



USPS provided a beautiful blowup print of the *Distinguished Marines* stamp now on display at the Foundation.



Postmaster Carl Grigel shares the history of the Marines honored on the new stamp.



Visitors await special cancellations provided by Alex Lutgendorf.



Member Ron Roberts reviews an historical map related to the Marines accomplishments at Iwo Jima.



Former Councilman Fred Ronstadt and staff enjoy the day's events.



Local recruiters were an eye-catching part of the event.



Veterans gather to share memories.

Art and Philately Merge At Slusser Library



Reception guests included Joyce Kazarise, a dedicated PHF member and collector.

The PHF Slusser Philatelic Library provided a beautiful backdrop for an exhibit of famous artist Ted DeGrazia's sketches done on airmail envelopes and penny postcards. His "Midnight Sketches" series was loaned to the PHF, by the DeGrazia Foundation thanks to a great deal of work by member Carl LeMar John. The exhibit also featured a creative assemblage of colorful, interesting cachet artwork, both originals and reproductions. Member Alex Lutgendorf generously loaned many of the special cachets from his personal collection and organized a sales table. The exhibit has brought new life to the Slusser Library.

The Federal Duck Stamp Tour Visits Tucson

Every year, the Federal Duck Stamp Program and Junior Duck Stamp Program feature their winning entries in a US Tour. The Tucson International Wildlife Museum hosts the exhibit as part of their wildlife conservation program. This year, the PHF co-hosted the opening of the exhibit at a members-only evening reception. The director of the Junior Duck Stamp Program was present, along with an Arizona youth who won 3rd place in the stamp design competition. Cachets were designed and offered for sale, a youth activity was provided using our wildlife stamps, and the USPS provided a special cancellation.



Renate Fearonce, USPS Philatelic Clerk chats with International Wildlife Museum Education Director Kristine Massey



Margot Bissel (Junior Duck Stamp Director), Kris Massey and Katie Cummings (Wildlife Museum Education staff), Paul & Dolores Gohdes, Beppie Lutgendorf and Mary Miner (PHF Education volunteers) share the spotlight.

Making Tracks to PHF Happenings

The PHF and AZ Philatelic Rangers will participate in the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition from May 22-June 3, 2006. This is THE philatelic event of the decade, held once every 10 years in the US. Our booth will allow us to introduce the PHF to thousands of visitors from around the world. We also plan to give seminars on western postal history and present the youth essay awards.

The exhibition runs 10am-6pm daily and volunteers are needed to staff the PHF booth. Rangers and members who plan to attend the event are asked to give a few hours of their time. This is an opportunity to show support for the PHF and meet other members. Please contact Jim Bowman

at namwob@aol.com or call #805-526-3122.



When Kelly McLearn, PHF program developer, read about a unique stamp exhibit touring AZ, she jumped on the opportunity to bring it the PHF. The exhibit "Celebrate 350: Jewish Life in America 1654-2004" was on display in December and provided a fascinating look at the contributions of Jewish Americans. It was prepared by Lee Shedroff, a collector in Phoenix, AZ who is a member of APS and the Society of Israel Philatelists.



Mark Your Calendar!

Aripex 2006 is Feb. 10-12th at the Mesa Convention Center. The theme is golf. For information, visit www.aripex.com



The PHF Annual Meeting and Luncheon is Saturday, April 22nd in Tucson.



Happy memories in the making at PHF's first on-site wedding!

Visit us on the Web! www.postalhistoryfoundation.org

Need A Unique Gift?

PHF gift certificates are available for any amount and make great gifts for your philatelist friends.

Certificates can be used for any items, excluding U.S. Post Office supplies and materials. Contact Lena Rogers to purchase a certificate.

Wish List

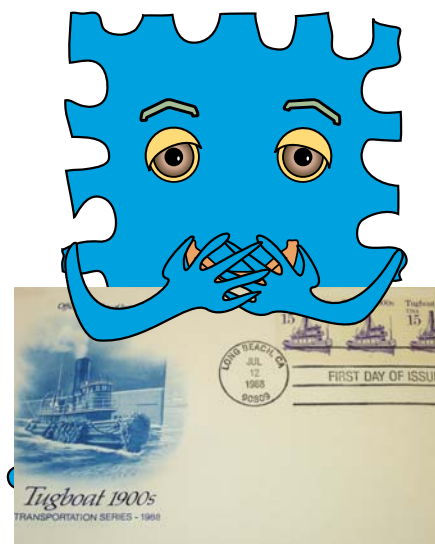
- Unused postage to offset our mail costs
- LCD projector for presentations
- Donated used stamps and collections
- Newsletter underwriting
- Stamp exhibits for the Exhibit Room
- Donated printing services
- New binders for youth stamp starter kits

Stamp Buzz Items of Interest about Stamps

Eileen Weisbard, who volunteers in the Sales Department, recently ran across a surprise "find" in the donated stamps - a souvenir sheet of Chinese stamps. Upon inspection, it was determined to be worth \$200 (catalogue value) .

The PHF recently received an assortment of unique first day covers with plate number coils and are looking for buyers or an appropriate place to market them. If anyone can assist the PHF in evaluating and merchandising holdings such as this, please contact Bob Bechtel, PHF Chairman.

Did you know?!? The PHF has over 4000 items listed for sale with the *APS Stamp Store* and *Stamps 2 Go* websites. Thanks to the generous amount of time given by volunteer Bill Radcliff, the PHF is able to have this sizeable inventory for sale on the Web!



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