

The Postal History Foundation's

Stamp Tracks

Fall 2006

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Student Outreach Passes 3000 Mark!!

After only 3 months with the PHF, Susan Sisson, our new Director of Education, has surpassed her mother's record of 2400 students in the Youth Education Program. We are now reaching over 3000 students in Tucson area schools as well as after-school and community programs. Many readers will recall how Sue's mother Phyllis was our champion in the schools many years ago. This level of success has come at a price. We are stretched to the limit and need many more volunteers to sort stamps and help bring them back into the schools. I encourage you to consider volunteering for this worthwhile program. It is fun and rewarding because volunteers get to see the students enjoying the stamps and be actively engaged with them. We have no shortage of stamps, just the volunteers to sort and deliver!

ARIPEX 2007 is fast approaching! Preparations are underway for our next big stamp event which takes place January 19-21 at the Tucson Convention Center. USPS overspent at the Washington 2006 exhibition and cannot bring their student activity area to the show. PHF will step in and provide our own "Youth Activity Area" with computers, activities, exhibits and an information table. An original Butterfield Stagecoach will be on hand with costumed actors from that era and lots more. There are many ways you can help:

How you can help with ARIPEX 2007

- Sponsor a bus (or two!) to transport the children
- Sponsor the Youth Activity Area
- Volunteer time at the PHF booth or Youth Activity Area
- Help us with media contacts
- Solicit exhibitors for the show



Mr. Slusser got a personal tour from Board Chair Bob Bechtel during a surprise visit to the PHF

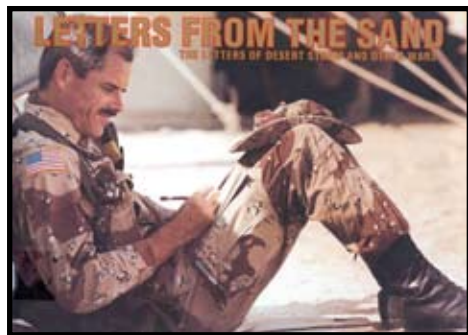
Slusser Library Celebrates 10th

In October 1996, a landmark event occurred at the PHF - the opening of the Slusser Memorial Philatelic Library. A decade has passed but the original beauty and uniqueness of this library remains. The collection continues to grow due to donations of philatelic literature and the library space is used for meetings and events. If you haven't visited in awhile, be sure to stop by and see what's new. Carl Spitzer, our dedicated volunteer librarian, will be happy to assist you!

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Library Corner

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



Letters From the Sand, the Letter of Desert Storm and Other Wars
1991

German Handbook- A Guide for the English Reading Collector
Jensen

Masonic Philately, 1948

Centenario de la Republica
1903, Panama 2003

Encyclopedia of US Stamp and Stamp Collecting
Juell and Rod, 2006

Foreign Mail Issue of Mexibo
1879-1883

Billings, Carter and Duffner
2002

The 1851 Issue
Skinner and Peterson, 2006

The Treskilling Yellow
2004

Washington 2006 World Exhibition Catalog

Acknowledgements

Thank you to Youth Program volunteer Mary Miner for taking the initiative to set up summer stamp activity programs at youth organizations. The library is enormously grateful to Wimila Fernando for her recent donation of 26 boxes of philatelic literature! The wonderful exhibit of Tibetan stamps would not have been possible without the contributions of Alan Warren and Paul Zatalove. And thanks to the many individuals who recently renewed their memberships.

Welcome New Members!

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

Bob Talbot, Tucson AZ
Mark Ayers, New York
Henry Garcia, Green Valley AZ
George Rushforth, Phoenix

Remembrances

Sharon Radcliff, died 7/24/06
Margo Nelson, died July 06
Geoffrey Kimber, died 10/30/06
James "Digger" Jones, died
11/14/06

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.

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Who's Who The PHF Family Portfolio

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Thanks to all our volunteers not listed here!



A Cornucopia Of Giving Opportunities

Limited Time Only IRA Opportunity!

Once in a while, a tax benefit comes along for persons who have a generous heart for charity. The 2006 Pension Protection Act provides for individuals who are 70 1/2 prior to IRA distribution to make a tax-free gift of up to \$100,000 from their traditional IRA to a qualifying charity such as the PHF. Distributions to the PHF can be used to satisfy minimum distribution requirements and initial withdrawals must be made by the end of 2006. These are not deductible; however, they are also not considered taxable income. To make an IRA donation to the PHF, write a letter to your IRA administrator to send a check to the PHF, noting that it is a distribution for charitable purposes. For more information, contact your financial advisor, IRA administrator, or Kelly McLearn at the PHF.

What if...

the **Postal History Foundation** received a penny for every time a member searched the Internet...

NOW IT CAN WITH “GOODSEARCH”!

Use www.goodsearch.com, a search engine powered by Yahoo! which gives half of its advertising revenue to designated non profits, such as the PHF.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter **Postal History Foundation** in the “My Charity” box. Every time you do a search, the **PHF** will **earn a penny**.

Only 100 supporters searching the Internet twice a day will **earn** us over **\$700 per year!** And don't forget to share this information with friends and family. It is an easy way to **support the PHF** without any personal expense.

Shopping The PHF

Bargains abound at the PHF Philatelic Sales Department these days! Stock up on items for your personal collection or to give as gifts to friends and family. We also have great kids gifts such “Stamp It” activity book for \$12 - a nice item for the Toys for Tots and Angel Trees holiday giving programs.

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.

Year-End Gifts

Won't you please consider a (2006) tax deductible gift to the PHF?? These can be restricted or unrestricted and help assure the longevity of our programs. Such gifts are guaranteed to “keep on giving” long after the holidays!

Holiday Wish List

- Underwrite a Stamp Tracks
- Unused postage any denomination
- Stamp collections and cancelled stamps
- LCD projector
- Office supplies and paper
- New computer, printer and scanner for library
- Contributions to the Youth Endowment Fund
- Geoboards for Youth

Dear Ms. Sue

Memorable Children's Quotes & Updates from the Youth Education Program



Dear Ms. Sue: Thank you for coming to our school. It was super. I thought stamps were boring but when you told us about stamps it wasn't boring after all, it was fun. I have a question for you. back in the old days like 1560 was a stamp black and white or was it color?

Sincerely,
Your friend Frank

How quickly the school year is flying! Enrollment in the Youth Education Program is at an all-time high and the department is busy processing stamps for schools, out-of-state requests, and community-based programs. We are also preparing for ARIPEX, where we expect 20 busloads of youth to roll into the show on Friday January 19th. We are trying out something new this year to draw more weekend attendees- a special coupon for free items to students who come with an adult on Saturday or Sunday. Classes will be encouraged to display their projects in the youth exhibit area.

Funds and volunteers are needed to support the ARIPEX youth activities and transportation; call me at the PHF if you can assist in any way!

In addition to our school-based program, we recently provided hands-on stamp activities at the City of Tucson "Literacy Day" and the University of AZ "Celebration! Latin America ". Hundreds of youth (and their parents) are introduced to the fun of stamps and our organization by these community endeavors.



***Ironwood Hills School
visited the PHF during
summer session***



***Youth and adults enjoyed
our stamp activity table
at the UA Latin America
Celebration***

Volunteer Spotlight



Geoff Wadman adds a touch of British wit and wisdom to stamp sorting

Geoff Wadman comes from a small country town in south-west England, the youngest of nine children. He became interested in stamps at age 10 when school chums exposed him to the fun of collecting. After finishing his childhood parochial education, he enrolled in night school to study engineering. At 18, he served with the British Army for a couple years, then joined the City of Bristol Police. Several years later, he was encouraged by a friend to rejoin civilian life and move to the US. In March 1958, he married (Pat) and they promptly sailed to NYC on the "Queen Mary". He and Pat lived in New Jersey for over 30 years, where he worked for a public utility and raised his family of three children. In 1992 Geoff retired to Tucson, having visited the Southwest previously when his daughter attended the University of Arizona. He now has 9 grandchildren whom he describes as "lovely" and visits regularly.

Like many collectors, his stamps lay in boxes and bags during his working years. In 1999 he volunteered through his Knights of Columbus group to assist Boy Scouts with the stamp collecting merit badge. While hunting for materials, he was referred to the PHF by the philatelic clerk at the main post office. He states "I came to the Foundation that same day and it was my element". He has been volunteering ever since that initial visit, coming every Thursday to sort commemoratives.

Geoff's collection specializes in Great Britain and he has a keen interest in other world stamps. He gets a great deal of pleasure from knowing the people at the PHF and is amazed at their level of knowledge. "I get a kick out of stamp collecting. I love to be with stamps!"

Making Tracks To PHF Happenings

The Norwegian Stamp Club recently held its fall meeting at the PHF, with about 20 members attending. Visitors toured the building and PHF Vice-Chair Paul Nelson presented on Norwegian history

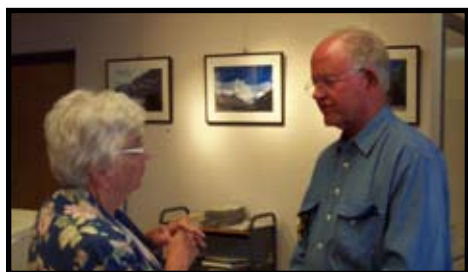
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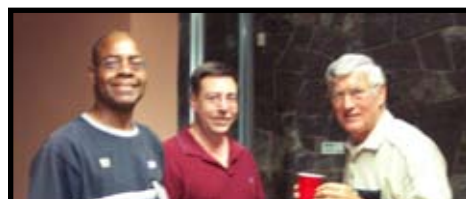
The Tucson Stamp Club celebrated its 123rd anniversary with a November 7th Birthday Bash at the PHF. Twenty

members attended and AZ Stamp Club Federation President Steve Staton presented from his collection of Buffalo Soldiers philatelic material.

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Paul Nelson fields questions about Norwegian postal history



Stamp Club Pres. Tito Palacio, Federation Pres. Steve Staton, and Alex Lutgendorf



Stamps and socializing - perfect ingredients for a fun evening!

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*Guest photographer
Donna M. Guenther
from San Francisco*

On November 18th, the PHF transformed itself for the opening of AMAZING TIBET, an exhibit of Tibetan photography and rare stamps. Over 60 people enjoyed Tibetan food, music and our courtyard filled with colorful Tibetan flags. The high quality stamp exhibit provided a fascinating view of Tibetan history and will be on display through December 15th.



*Flags grace the entry
to Tibet Exhibit*



*The Slusser Library
was transformed into a
beautiful gallery space*



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