

The Postal History Foundation's



Stamp Tracks

Summer 2007

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Summer Excitement At The PHF

It has been an active and exciting time at the Foundation. The Pollination Stamp First Day event on June 29th exceeded our wildest expectations. Over 500 people stood in line to receive special cancels and purchase stamps and cachets. Many were joking and jostling each other and even waving to us as we ran the PHF table and helped with cancelling. The PHF netted \$2000 from the sale of surplus material and Pollination Stamp cachets.

Lisa Dembowski has contracted with us as Education Director, replacing Sue Sisson who will join our Board of Directors. Lisa is a teacher with excellent school contacts and skills. Over the summer, she and Sue have reorganized the entire education area so that we now have a streamlined volunteer workroom and children/teacher activity room.

Lena Rogers helped organize a lovely employee dinner event with the Mackay Mitchell Envelope Company. Our courtyard was transformed

into a nighttime extravaganza of food, lights and entertainment including a Pony Express rider on horseback. Following the event, the company gifted us with 5000

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**Recruitment
Is Underway
for New Board
Members**

special window envelopes imprinted with PHF information for use in our philatelic sales department.

The 2007 Annual Meeting was well attended and brought many old and new timers" together. Special recognition went to Eileen Weisbard and Carl Spitzer for extended years of volunteer service, Dan Stoleson for

stepping in as acting treasurer for several months, Bob Davis for reviewing our materials for saleability, and Ralph Montano for coordinating facility improvements.

I am donating my collection of Arizona Statehood covers to the Foundation. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for someone to become THE collector of Arizona statehood. There are over 50,000 covers and they include all of the rarest types. Come and have a look!

Lastly, the PHF is actively recruiting new Board members, especially those with fund raising skills. I am asking members to help with this effort by considering your list of acquaintances in both the philatelic and business worlds.

Bob Bechtel, Chair



*Youth volunteers helped
prepare cachets*

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Library Corner

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

The Turbulent Decades Georgia's Post Offices 1860-1869

Francis J. Crown, Jr. 2007

History of Lincoln County Post Offices 1st Edition

James W. White 2007

Frontier Lady of Letters. The Heroic Love Story of Ines Fraser

Bob Ring 2007

Israel Stamps Catalogue

Carmel Publishers 1989

The Henry G Turnbull Collection of Arizona Territories & Statehood Postmarks

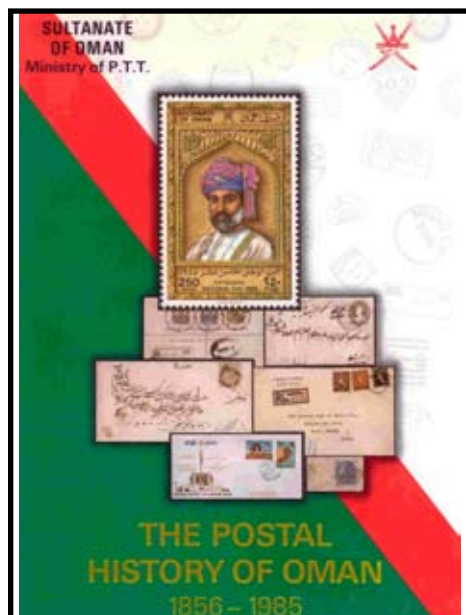
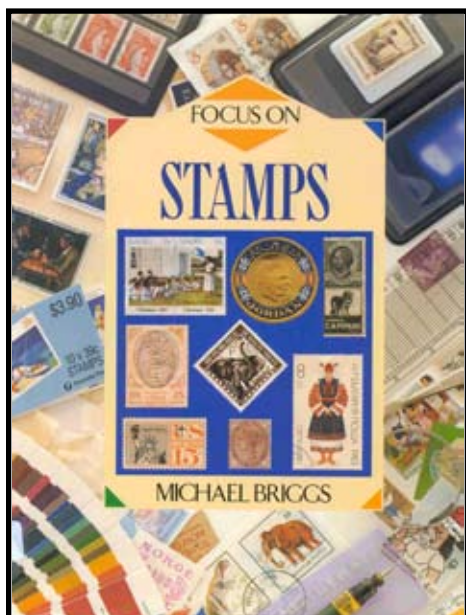
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Confederate Post Offices, Postmasters and Postmarks of the Trans Mississippi States

Warren H Sanders and Erin R. Gunter 2007

Focus on Stamps

Michael Briggs 1992



The Postal History of Oman Sultanate of Oman, Ministry of P.T.T. 1856-1985

British Maritime Postal History Vol 1 & 2

R. Kirk 1852-1914

The Stamps of the Orange Free State

Orange Free State Study Circle England

Welcome New Members!

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

Barrett Behnke, Tucson, AZ

Bob Boynton, Scottsdale, AZ

Christine Brown,

Postmaster, Chloride, AZ

Jean K. Berger, Tucson, AZ

Lisa Dembowski, Tucson, AZ

Armand La Potin, Tucson, AZ

Richard Peterson, Wooster, OH

Richard Rose, Tucson, AZ

Remembrances

Blaine Slusser, died 6/2007

Art Everett, died 7/2007

David Hopkins, died 8/2007

(past PHF Asst. Director)

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.

Who's Who

The PHF Family Portfolio

Officers:

Chairman Bob Bechtel

Vice Chair Paul Nelson

Secretary John Wynn

Treasurer Bill Kohl

Staff:

Executive Assistant

Lena Rogers

Youth Education

Lisa Dembowski

Making Tracks To PHF Happenings

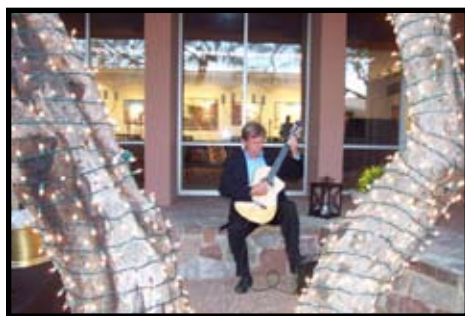


Courtyard Magic

A perfect spring evening, twinkling lights, food and entertainment all came together in the PHF courtyard and library to provide a wonderful setting for the MacKay Envelope Company annual dinner. In addition, the twenty guests received a signed Chris Calle cover from the Washington 06 Exhibition. Everyone attending was a first-time visitor to the Foundation and really enjoyed our facility.



A visit by a Pony Express rider and his horse was a highlight of the evening and a "first" for our facility.



Live courtyard entertainment provided an added treat



Guests enjoyed an elegant candlelit meal in the Slusser Library

Annual Celebration Honors Our Members

The 2007 PHF Annual Membership Meeting and luncheon was held once again at the lovely Hacienda del Sol Resort in Tucson. This year's attendance was up and spirits were high as Chairman Bob Bechtel recognized members, volunteers and staff for their numerous contributions to our organization. Officers and board of directors were introduced and the annual report presented to members.



The PHF gang



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grafe



Eileen and Marvin Weisbard

Annual Celebration Honors Our Members (cont'd)



*David Copins, Madelyn
McLearn and Carl LeMar John*



*Geoff and Patricia Wadman
with Lena Rogers (center)*



*Ralph Montano opens his gift from the Board,
a treasure box of covers*



*Bob Bechtel welcomes
new education director*



*Jim Bowman, Ralph Montano,
Alex Lutgendorf*



Stu and Dorothy Milstein



Steve Staton, Rusty Kolton and Sue Sisson



*Alphie Kuhm, Priscilla
Weatherwax and Al Kuhm*

Pollination Stamp Kickoff Is Huge Success!



Our desktops awash in first day covers



Artist Jackie Springer with her original cachet artwork



Paul Nelson, Bill Radcliff provided hand cancels



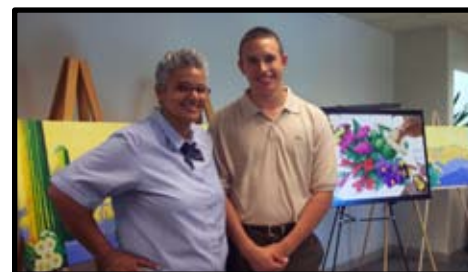
Mike Skeps receives coaching from Lena Rogers



Kelly McLearn, Bill Radcliff, Paul Nelson, Barrett Behnke, Dan Stoleson



Bill Kohl, Bob Bechtel & Dan Stoleson tally up profits at PHF sales table



Renate and Griffin Fearonce managed very successful stamp sales



Joyce Kagarise still smiling after her 500th hand cancel



Youth volunteers helped prepare cachets

Volunteer Spotlight



Larry Daly began volunteering in 1998 as part of his annual winter residency in Tucson. Born and raised in Massachusetts, he collected stamps as a kid, starting with U.S. because they were easy to acquire. When asked to write a school geography report, he chose Nepal, having seen an article on it in National Geographic Magazine and because "it was alot

smaller than Asia". It was difficult to acquire stamps from Nepal, but fortunately the public library subscribed to Linn's. At 13, he read about stamp albums for sale and a collection of early Nepal for \$5.10 and thus began his foray into the collecting world. He had a paper route to earn money so he could explore stamp auctions and new issue dealers.

After graduating from Boston College, he worked as an Army chemical engineer and began his world travels. Upon visiting China, he gained interest in Chinese stamps and now has a collection of all PRC stamps, except one. Other collections include Tibet and Antarctica. Retiring to New Jersey in 1995, he began trekking China, Nepal and (this fall) Bhutan. Besides hiking, he stays active with theatre arts and music, and is a member of APS, China Stamp Society and American Society of Polar Philatelists. He hopes to assemble his collections into exhibits in the future.

Larry found the PHF through a Linn's article, took a tour and wanted to give something in return so decided to volunteer. He helps sort, file, has reorganized our filing system, runs the post office and has even joined the AZ Rangers. He especially enjoys having access to our library where he can keep up with current philatelic literature. You can find him here mid-December through mid-April, along with his fascinating tales of far East mountain treks.

People In The News

Burton Sellers recently received the Haiti Philatelic Society's first honorary life membership for his outstanding service and contributions to Haitian philately.

Thomas J. Alexander received the Alfred F. Lichtenstein memorial award in May from the Collectors Club of New York for his contributions as an author and service to numerous philatelic organizations.

Helen Galatan-Stone was awarded the Collectors Club of New York President's Medal for her extraordinary contributions to the club.

Bob Bechtel's Grand Canyon material, featured in the exhibit "Covers from the Canyon", will be on permanent display at the renowned Sharlott Hall Museum in Prescott, AZ.

Carl Spitzer has been selected "Outstanding Library Service Professional" by the AZ State Library Association for his exceptional work in our Slusser Philatelic Library.

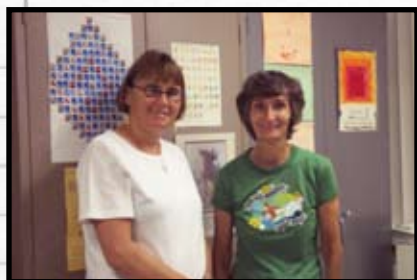
Acknowledgements

Muchas gracias to our fabulous volunteers enough for all their help at our spring yard sale (which netted \$486) and for cancelling 6000 covers (in the course of 4 days!) and helping at the Pollination Stamp First Day event. Please take a bow - Dan Stoleson, Paul Nelson, Ralph Montano, Barrett Behnke, Frank Mallalieu, Athena Maynard, Michael Skeps, Susan Sisson, Lena Rogers, Bob Bechtel, Bill Kohl, Bill Radcliff, Joyce Kagarise, Alex & Beppie Lutgendorf, Paul & Dolores Gohdes, and Richard King!

Special thanks to Tony Benz for gleaning loads of stamps from around the world for us and to our volunteer graphic designer, Susie Weijers, for her attractive PHF Annual Report. Copies are available upon request or by visiting our website.

Farewell Ms. Sue

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



Lisa and Sue

It has been a busy, fantastic year!" says outgoing Education Director Sue Sisson. She will now join the PHF Board of Directors as an education consultant and continue to volunteer. Her superior work this past year has enhanced our program and visibility, for which we are all grateful.

Our new Education Director is Lisa Dembowski, who came to Tucson in 1971 from southern CA. She had a tennis scholarship during her college years and received a BA in Education, with an emphasis in social studies, from the University of AZ. After graduation, she taught in public schools for 7 years, including work with Native American youth and students with special learning needs.

Lisa loves stamps and started collecting as a kid when her father took her to a dealer and bought her a "Traveler Album". Her father (a noted ornithologist photographer) received mail from around the world, so she had access to plenty of foreigners. Collecting went on the "back burner" while raising two daughters until her husband Larry encouraged her to get back into stamps. She is an APS member and collects US Mint and topicals, especially cathedrals and forts.

"This is a cool place to work and is so much fun! I love the volunteers!"

Lisa Dembowski



*Stamp collecting basics
with Ms. Sue*



*Young visitors from Prague have
loads of fun with our stamps*



Shopping The PHF

There are are so many great items to purchase here! The sales department has recently acquired a large supply of worldwide covers and has a very attractive set of Pollination Stamp first day covers. This set of 4 covers was designed by Tucson artist Jackie Springer, with each cover depicting a Tucson mountain range accompanied by native desert flowering plants. Her colorful images and the special cancel are a perfect compliment to the artwork on the stamps. The set of 4 covers sells for \$10 (plus shipping) and makes a beautiful gift or addition to a collection.

We are also selling the 2008 Entertainment Book, featuring 50% off coupons to restaurants, entertainment, travel and more. Books are available for Tucson (\$35 each) and other cities and can be purchased onsite, by phone or email. Out of town books will be shipped w/o charge. These make great holiday or thank-you gifts and a portion of all book sales directly benefit the PHF.



Pollination Covers

Wish List

- Philatelic material (Lots Needed!)
- Card tables
- Padded folding chairs
- LCD projector
- 2007 commemorative stamps (for education program)
- Foreign stamps related to Greece, Rome, Egypt
- US stamps related to Ocean, Plants, Animals
- Large screen for library



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