

The Postal History Foundation's



Stamp Tracks

Winter 2009

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Chairman's Message

2008 was an eventful year and I will try to hit the highlights for you:

- We joined the AZ Memory Project. 50,000 people saw our digital collection

- YES: Youth Education Thru Stamps became the official name of our youth program. We now reach 7,000 youth in school and community settings. Board member Sue Sisson spreads the word about YES in Show Low, AZ by providing children with stamps and exhibit opportunities

- We have 50 volunteers and new applications arrive weekly. Volunteers were honored by the Points of Light Foundation and the AZ Governor's Office.

- Board members met with the AZ Philatelic Rangers at the Hartford Stamp Show, and Paul Nelson gave a presentation on our programs. This dialogue with both organizations will continue at ARIPEX.

- A Donor Prospectus was prepared to guide potential donors and is available upon request.

- Grants were received from the United Way and the British North American Philatelic Society.

- A complete stock inventory was taken for our annual accounting. We have material valued at over 1.2 million!

50,000 Online Visits!

- We hosted three philatelic community events. First day celebrations for the Ruben Salazar and Arizona Flag stamps, and the 1st annual Tucson Birthday Stamp design contest brought us good publicity and visitors.

- Carl Lemar John has resigned from the Board. Please contact me with possible candidates for his position.

- The Library Reference Room was named in honor of Carl Spitzer. The Library Committee provided direction in the recruitment and hiring of a new librarian.

- A new Customer Request tracking system was initiated to provide us with data on email information requests.

- The Tucson Stamp Club is back! After several years at a downtown center, the club will now meet at the PHF.

I think you will agree that it has been a busy and successful year. Help us greet 2009 with your generous contribution!

Bob Bechtel, Chair

Warm Welcome To Our New Librarian *(cont'd pg. 2)*

The PHF welcomes Charlotte Cushman, recently hired Librarian for the Slusser Library. Charlotte holds a Masters in Information Resources and Library Science from the University of AZ and worked in the UA Special Collections



Slusser Library welcomes Charlotte Cushman

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Library Corner



Carl Spitzer and son Richard at Reference Room celebration

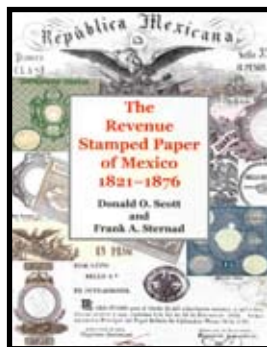
health issues, he has reduced his hours, but still volunteers two mornings a week. The PHF extends its gratitude to Carl for his commitment to philatelic literature and research over the course of the past 10+ years.

New Acquisitions arrive frequently. Recent additions include:



The Postal History of World War II Mail between Canada and Switzerland
Andrew J. LaBlonde 2008

Stamp Collector's Bible
Stephen R. Datz 2003



The Revenue Stamped Paper of Mexico 1821-1876
Donald O. Scott &
Frank M. Sternad 2006

Children's Book Drive Is Underway

The Slusser Library and YES Program are partnering to create a reading/storytelling program for youth. **Stamps 'N Stories** will focus on books and stories related to postal history and postage stamp themes. There are many appropriate books which we hope to acquire for the children's collection. Members are asked to consider donating a book anytime during the year.

Visit our website or contact Charlotte Cushman for a list of requested children's books. To jumpstart the program, United Way of Tucson gave us a mini-grant to purchase kid-size floor cushions for storytelling sessions and a supply of children's bookplates. Thanks, United Way!!

Librarian (from pg 1)

and Science libraries. She completed a graduate internship at the Library of Congress. She has a keen interest in special libraries and dedicates a portion of her time as a reference specialist for a national clearinghouse for blind and visually impaired persons.

Prior to studying library science, Charlotte was a teacher and educational consultant, working on several continents. She also volunteered for the Peace Corps in Malawi, East Africa, where she gained a deep respect for the potential value of libraries. She states that she left a successful education career "to fulfill a lifelong interest in special librarianship". Her cataloguing, collections, and volunteer management skills will be immensely useful in coordinating and developing the library.

The PHF is fortunate to have such a talented and enthusiastic individual join our staff and we encourage members to stop in and meet her. Charlotte is onsite Monday-Friday 8-12 or can be reached by email at ccushman.phf@mindspring.com or by phone at #623-6652 ext 107.

Library Wish List

Catalogs - Year 2000 or newer:

- World specialized
- Country specific/any Language
- Michel
- Stanley Gibbons
- Foreign stamps (no Canada)
- AZ post offices postcards

Making Tracks to PHF Happenings




Len Miller (l) peruses the book table while Bill Radcliff takes a break. Frank Mallalieu (r) helps with managing table sales





Neil Balsino faithfully supports our annual yard sales





Days of Caring volunteers bid farewell after a day's education into the world of postage stamps

 The Fall Philatelic Yard Sale raised over \$1000, thanks to the earnest efforts of volunteers Barrett & Nancy Behnke, Bill Radcliff, Frank Mallalieu, Bob Davis, Lisa & Larry Dembowski, Dick King, Lena Rogers, Bob Bechtel, and Alex & Beppie Lutgendorf.

 The annual United Way Days of Caring sent twelve volunteers from AGM Container Controls, Intel & Pima Association for Governments for a fun day of hands-on processing of stamps for our programs.

 Members Barrett & Nancy Behnke scheduled a tour for their church group known as Harvesters. They were so impressed that they printed a terrific article on the PHF in their church newsletter.

 Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is Saturday, January 10th. All volunteers are welcome to attend at no charge. Contact Lena Rogers for a reservation.

 A special exhibit of Pony Express and Wells Fargo rarities has been rescheduled to open from early January through March. Check the website for exact dates and times.



Kelly McLear (l) gives Pat Lane of Pima Association Governments some sorting tips



Harvesters happily tour the PHF

Who's Who

The PHF Family Portfolio

Officers:

Chairman Bob Bechtel
Vice Chair Paul Nelson
Secretary David Bernheim
Treasurer Bill Kohl

Staff:

Executive Assist: Lena Rogers
Youth Ed: Lisa Dembowski
Librarian: Charlotte Cushman

Welcome New Members!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

James Carlson GreenValley, AZ
Tom Gould Tucson, AZ
Celia Phillips Norman, OK
NormThompson Tucson, AZ

Remembrances

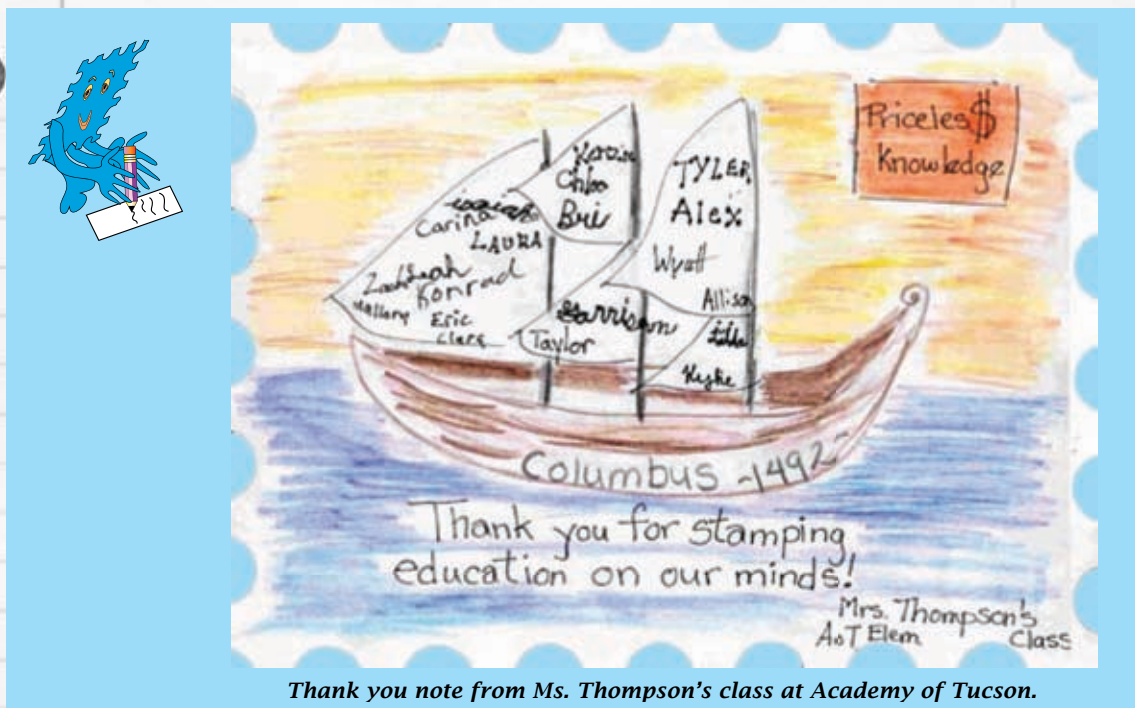
Anne Reck died August 14, 2008
(AZ Philatelic Ranger)

Renewal Time!

Member renewals were sent out in October. Many of you have not yet responded, so we hope to hear from you soon. If you didn't receive the renewal form, please contact Lena Rogers. Please consider renewing at a higher level or buying a gift membership for a friend. Be sure to give us your email address for future newsletter mailings.

Notes From Lisa

News from Youth Education
Thru Stamps



Thank you note from Ms. Thompson's class at Academy of Tucson.

The first semester of school is rapidly coming to a close and ARIPEX 2009 is just around the corner!

The Education Department has been happily employed spreading the word about stamps and the wonderful way they enhance education. This year so far we have sent out over 122,522 stamps into the world which is a six-fold increase compared to last year. We have worked with over 3,000 youth and families, which is a 50% increase. We are having fun in schools and around the community at special events. Word is getting out about the "awesome" Postal History Foundation!

We are busy preparing for the ARIPEX "Kids Zone" here in Tucson. We will have several new hands on activities for the kids and families: Create a Lincoln Stamp, Address an Envelope, U.S.A. Map and Stamps, and World Map and Stamps. Thank you to the Tucson Stamp Club and the British North America Philatelic Society for sponsoring these new activities.

So many volunteers are special friends to the education department and are working on special ARIPEX activities for the kids. Thank you for your help and hard work!



Kids creating bookmarks using cancelled stamps at the annual Storytown event.



Academy of Tucson third graders show off their Explorer Timelines made with stamps.

Lincoln Arrives At ARIPEX 2009



The ARIPEX 2009 Stamp Show is slated to be one of the best philatelic gatherings of the year. The AZ Federation of Stamp Clubs is hosting the 51st consecutive show on Jan. 23-25 at Tucson Convention Center, Tucson, AZ. Excitement is building nationwide for Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday and the issuance of the Lincoln Bicentennial stamp. In keeping with this theme, visitors will see rare Lincoln antiquities as well as live reenactments of

Lincoln history by Tucson's remarkable performance troupe "Celebrando De Tucson El Pueblo". A Horace Mann-Abraham Lincoln Fellowship winner will give presentations on Lincoln's life.

The PHF will have a booth richly laden with wonderful philatelic materials for sale and the exhibitors area will offer exciting new exhibits. Various Lincoln-themed covers featuring a special ARIPEX cancel will be for sale, along with a cachet by contemporary portrait artist Sean Cannon.

Lisa and her team of volunteers are cooking up plenty of fun activities for youth at the ARIPEX KIDS ZONE. World and US map games will be sponsored by Tucson Stamp Club and BNAPS. The new APS "Stamps of Arizona" album will be unveiled. Plus, Arizona students will be exhibiting for the first time in their lives.

Special Note: All Rangers are invited to an informal get-together on Friday January 23rd at 5pm at ARIPEX. Finger foods will be served and there is no charge or RSVP required. See you there!

For details on ARIPEX 2009, visit www.aripexonline.com, email mman3@comcast.net or call 520-572-8980.



HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE ARIPEX 2009 A SUCCESS

- **SPONSOR A BUS TO TRANSPORT YOUTH TO THE EVENT (\$150 PER BUS)**
- **UNDERWRITE THE KIDS ZONE (\$250-1000)**
- **VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE PHF BOOTH OR KIDS ZONE**
- **SPONSOR A NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENT (\$ 300 AND UP)**
- **PURCHASE 2009 LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL CALENDARS AS GIFTS (\$10) (A PORTION OF EACH SALE BENEFITS THE PHF)**
- **BRING 2 NEW PEOPLE TO THE SHOW**

Acknowledgments

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the fall yard sale, to Barrett Behnke for many handmade items for the youth program and a glass museum case, to Rob Soler and Renate Fearonce for a supply of USPS materials, and to Joyce Kagarise, Nancy Behnke and Paul Nelson for steady support in the YES program.

Help Keep the Magic of Postal History Alive

Here are some easy ways to help raise funds for the PHF:

- Don't miss out on the Southern Arizona Attractions Passport. This nifty book is fabulous for Arizona visitors or for your family. It provides numerous two-for-one offers and discounts to local attractions, including the PHF. Passports offer \$400 in savings for only \$15. Be sure to tell friends to purchase these passports at the PHF, as we make a percentage of every sale.

- Basha's Shop and Give Program runs through March 31st. Pick up a "Thank You Card" next time you shop and link it to our GroupID number #24978. Have the cashier scan it whenever you shop. A portion of your purchases will go to the PHF.

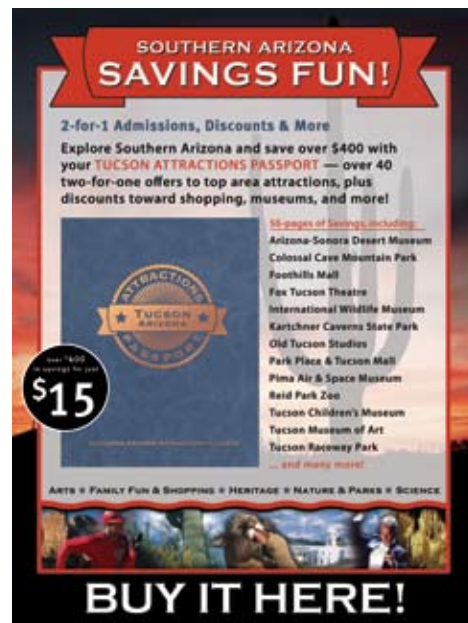
- Use Goodsearch.com for all your online searches. Every search generates 1.3 cents. It may seem small, but if every member used it once a day, we would generate \$100+ each month.

- Make future online purchases at Goodshop, where you can designate the PHF as your beneficiary of choice. A percentage of any purchases will be given to the PHF. The site includes numerous retailers and vendors. Visit www.Goodshop.com today!

- Shop at our Sales Dept. It is full of philatelic delights, including the following:

- *Want lists are solicited (worldwide)*
- *One ounce packets of worldwide stamps (\$10)*
- *Wide variety of one ounce packets of topicals (\$10)*
- *US stamps have been enhanced, so want lists are solicited*
- *Large stock of more valuable material changes regularly*

Contact our sales staff at phf3@mindspring.com or by phone at 520-623-6652 ext 108. Callers are asked to include an email so that we may reply with details.



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