

The Postal History Foundation's



Stamp Tracks

Summer 2009

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Chairman's Message

The big news is that Charlotte Cushman, our Librarian, was recently awarded a grant for over \$70,000. This is the largest grant that the PHF has received in many years. Our highest praise to Charlotte for her efforts.

Birthday's are upon us. Don Amesbury, one our most devoted volunteers reached 96 years of age on June 16th. Alphie Kuhm's was also on June 16th and Ed Grafe (who celebrates his 90th) was on June 24th. A pot luck luncheon was held on June 8th to surprise Don as well as celebrate all these birthdays.

Believe it or not the number of volunteers here at the PHF has reached 69! This is more than we have ever had in the past. Visitors have also increased. After a TV program hosted by Bonnie Henry presented the PHF as a place to visit the number of visitors jumped to 75 in May, while just through the 8th of June there have been 41.

On February 9th the PHF celebrated the first day of issue of the Abraham Lincoln

stamps with over 200 people attending the ceremony and flocking to get their covers stamped. These occasions are not only fun but they introduce many people to the PHF and the great variety of activities with which the PHF is involved.

**\$70,000 Grant
Received**

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**Thousands Enjoy
YES Program**

Lisa Dembowski continues her work in the schools and bringing students to the PHF for her Stamp Camp sessions. The PHF continues to reach over 7,000 students and we hope to increase this number by hiring educational assistants to support Lisa's efforts.

Paul Heydt has been brought on board to write proposals for the Foundation and has identified fifty possible sources. These leads will

be pursued with the hope of being able to hire assistants for Lisa.

With all these increases in visitors and volunteers it hardly seems like the Summer doldrums around the PHF. What will happen when all those Winter visitors return in the Fall?

Our closest neighbor, a U of A Fraternity house, was closed by the University and may be abandoned. It has been suggested that the PHF annex it and expand our operations. What do YOU think?

Bob Bechtel, Chair



Collectors lining up to purchase special cachets and cancels at the Abraham Lincoln first day of issue celebration.

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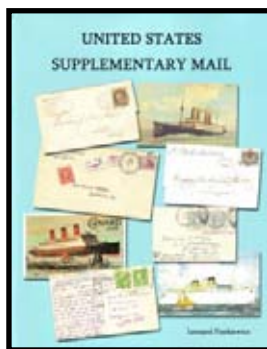
Library Corner

The Peggy J. Slusser Memorial Philatelic Library was awarded a generous grant to create an online catalog of its holdings. Made possible by funds granted by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the funding will be for fourteen months, beginning at the end of June 2009. Two additional staff will be hired to assist with converting the existing card catalog and creating electronic records of the library's collection. This will be done in collaboration with the Pima County Public Library, as well as a proposed union catalog with American Philatelic Research Library and Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. The goal of the project is to make the collection more accessible and easier to search.

New Acquisitions

The library has recently received a number of donations, including two significant collections: one related to topical stamps and thematic issues, the other of Canadian materials. In addition, we have received a number of individual items, including: *United States Supplementary Mail* by Leonard Piskiewicz and *The Postal History of the Lesser Sunda Islands, Moluccas and New Guinea during the Japanese Occupation and*

Immediate Aftermath 1942-1946 by J.R. van Nieuwkerk. The latter was published last year in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of Dai Nippon, a Dutch philatelic organization that specializes in the philately of the Netherland Indies during the Japanese occupation and the Indonesian Revolutionary period thereafter.



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Leonard Piskiewicz



*The Postal History of
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Library Research

The library continues to receive numerous requests for research assistance, via email, telephone, and in person. Public service is a primary function of the Peggy

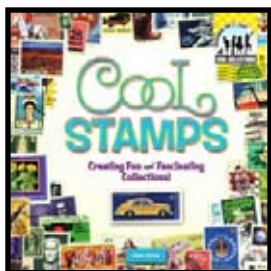
J. Slusser Memorial Philatelic Library and the library may be used free of charge. While items in the collection do not circulate, the library may be used Monday through Friday morning from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, or by special arrangement.

Most requests for in-library reference assistance are routine and are provided as a part of the library's public service. Library staff and volunteers will do their best to help users to locate the information they seek and independent research may be done by patrons at no cost. Occasionally, requests for access to materials and research time by both members and non-members are beyond the scope of routine assistance. Because the library is a non-profit entity and receives no local or state funding it must recoup costs associated with providing extensive, time and material intensive, reference efforts. All telephonic or written requests will receive 15 minutes of reference time without charge. Queries estimated to require more than 15 minutes will be discussed with the requestor to reach an agreement on potential fees.

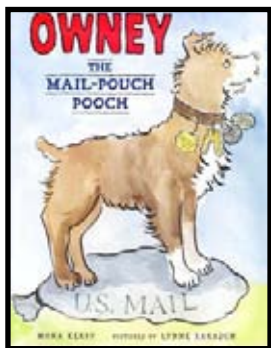
Youth Activities

The library has welcomed numerous school and community groups this year in collaboration with the Youth Education program. We are trying to add to our collection of educational and children's materials, including DVDs and print materials.

Library Corner *(continued)*



Cool Stamps
Pam Price



Owney the Mail Pouch Pooch
Mona Kerby

Library Wish List

Catalogs - Year 2000 or newer:

- World specialized
- Country specific/any Language
- Michel
- Stanley Gibbons
- AZ post offices postcards

Volunteers

The library continues to be most grateful to a dedicated group of volunteers, who have been working with journals, stamp catalogs, archival materials, and collection development, as well as assisting with an inventory of Civil War materials. We welcome new volunteers!

Join The Fun!

Do you know someone who would like to become a member of PHF? 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.



Students at ARIPEX 09 matching foreign stamps to the world map.

Save Money & Help The PHF

Three of the most dedicated PHF volunteers are now selling PHF stamp material on eBay and STAMPS2GO to help raise money for the PHF. These three volunteers kindly list PHF material and take no money in return, which is of a great benefit to the PHF. The three volunteers and their Internet names are as follows: Bob Davis (on eBay) - bobacarol (all PHF items are identified as PHF in the listing as well as the item description). Barrett Behnke (on eBay) - barrettstoy (all PHF items are listed with the prefix "F", for Foundation). Bill Radcliff (on STAMPS2GO) - BRADCLIFF (all PHF items are listed with the prefix "P", for PHF). Please patronize these sellers of PHF materials, as you will find many desirable items at fair prices, while raising money for the PHF at the same time!

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!

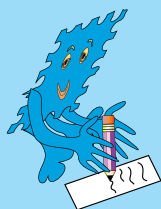
Darwin Colley	Safford, AZ
Steve & Debra Altchuler	
Rochester, MN	
Joe Bettinger	Tucson, AZ
Linnea & David Hedrick	Tucson, AZ
Susan Beckman	Tucson, AZ
Manuel Lopez	Tucson, AZ
Fran Macintyre	Albuquerque, NM
Leo Warda, Jr.	Turlock, CA
Kevilee & Steven Watterson	
Tucson, AZ	

Retirement

Norman "Doc" Vivian is retiring as a volunteer at the Postal History Foundation and moving to Hampton, VA in the not too distant future. Doc was a faithful and respected volunteer at the Postal History Foundation and will be remembered fondly by all his friends and fellow volunteers, and we wish him all the best in his move Virginia. He will be greatly missed.

Notes From Lisa

News from Youth Education
Thru Stamps



Dear Mrs. Dembowski,

Thanks for coming to our class-room. I loved the stamps bags you gave us. The ocean stamps were amazing!

Can you send me some stamps?

I'd like two kinds of stamps. I'd like some cartoon stamps because I love drawing cartoon animation. I'd also like caterpillar stamps. Caterpillars are so interesting to me.

I made a stamp for you. I hope you like it. It is a picture of a flamingo. It is pink and white. It has a tree in the back ground. Again I hope you like it.

I hope you come back soon! One day I hope to be as great as you.

Sincerely,
Jordan, Corbett Elementary, Tucson, Az



School is out for the summer! Usually this means I can come up for air! But I wasn't allowed to because of Stamp Camp! Eleven enthusiastic kids had great fun learning with stamps earlier in June. Subjects such as math, history, geography, philately, and art were incorporated into the camp. Students traveled around the world and designed their own stamps and cachets. They had fun looking for tagged stamps under the black light, using the stamp decoders and creating their personal shields and passports with stamps. Little brothers wanted to tag along at camp! Our sales department sold several Star Wars souvenir sheets.

This last school semester has been very busy especially because ARIPEX was in Tucson in January. About 750 students and family attended the show and there were 30 frames of school and scout exhibits reflecting how creative and useful stamps can be in the classroom. Education is so much better with stamps! Kids loved hunting through the cover and stamp pools and connecting to geography with stamps on the US. Stamp Rug Map and the World Stamp Map. I would like to thank the following organizations again for their help: Tucson Stamp Club, Postal History Foundation, British North American Philatelic Society, Renate Fearonce and Rob Soler of the United States Postal Service, and the Arizona Philatelic Rangers. Several other individuals also contributed money for buses! Because of these organizations and individuals we were able to provide school buses and new activities for the kids. 2011 will be the next Tucson ARIPEX!

The past school year has flown by very fast! The total for the 2008-09

school year is over 8,500 students, adults and teachers participating in our program. This includes local, national, and international students and programs. These students are learning with and about stamps and will hopefully translate into future collectors!

We are very excited that the Postal History Foundation has become a destination for school field trips. Charlotte Cushman, the librarian, and I run the field trips and the kids rotate through various activities here at the foundation. These activities include story time in the library, designing and mailing their own postcards, and searching through the Stamp Treasure chest for their favorite stamps!

If I didn't have volunteers to help sort, file and do various other preparations work for me all of this would not happen. I would especially like to thank Barrett and Nancy Behnke, Bill Radcliff, and Danielle Martinez for the specific preparation work I ask them to do for classes and events. Other volunteers that are constantly organizing stamps to use in the program are Priscilla Weatherwax, Joseph Fiordalis, Don Schroeder, Geoff Wadman, Richard Crawford, Doc Vivian, Don Amesbury, Richard Amesbury, Andy Mosco, Mary Miner, and Ralph Montano. Eileen Weisbard, Al Kuhm, Warren Franzen and Ed Grafe also give stamps, covers, and supplies to the education department which I use with the kids. Richard King drops off a stamp-related object to me weekly and Paul Nelson is the Tour Master. If Paul wasn't here daily to give tours to the tourists, Lena and I would never get our work done!

We are starting our Fun with Stamps at the Library campaign this summer. More than ten local public libraries are going to receive Stamp Treasure Chests filled with stamps and fun activity ideas as well as pamphlets about the PHF. Barrett Behnke is building the treasure chests at home and deserves a standing ovation for going above and beyond as a volunteer!

New on the horizon will be Youth Memberships designed around the specific interests of the child. As with classes that we visit, students will be able to write request letters to our department throughout the year and we, in return will send them stamps that they want to add to their collections.



Cub Scout Pack #348 in Sahuarita, Arizona had fun learning about stamp collecting!



Local students gather around one of our volunteers, Connie, finding stamps from different countries!

Notes From Lisa (continued from page 5)

Joyce Kagarise from the Tucson Stamp Club has designed special display charts for specific stamps series such as Disney and Celebrate the Century. We plan to print these charts which can be framed along with the stamps to sell in the future in the sales department.

All in all we have had a very successful and busy year again! We hope to have many more but this is up to you and other local organizations as we need philatelic and monetary contributions to continue this wonderful educational and philatelic experience for the youth of Tucson and the nation.

Have a fun-filled philatelic summer!



The Postal History Foundation is a fantastic field trip destination for schools in Tucson!



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