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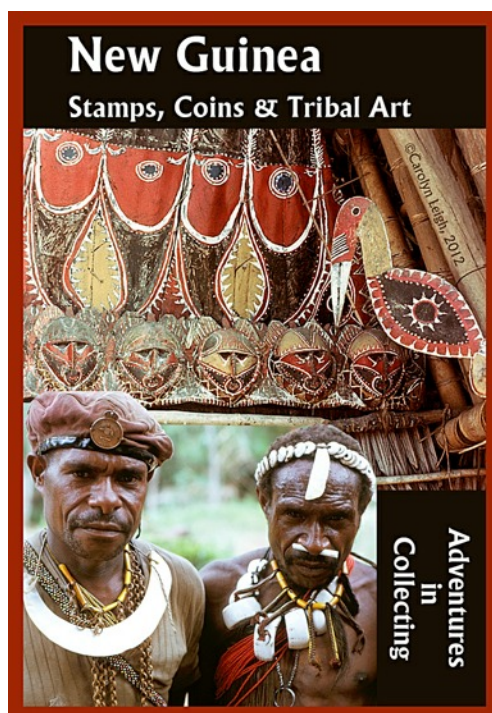
*NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES*

## Event to Feature Papua New Guinea

On Tuesday, August 21, the PHF will hold an event to coincide with the opening of an exhibit in the Slusser Library that will combine stamps, coins, and native art from Papua New Guinea in the South Pacific. One of our new members who was drawn to the PHF for the Civil War event last May is Ron Perry, a Tucson native and resident who has spent several decades in Australia and Papua New Guinea collecting examples of native art. Together with his wife Carolyn Leigh and an associate, Doug Mehaffey, they have placed examples of Papuan and Indonesian art in major museums in several countries and have published a well-illustrated book about the first decade or so, in the 1960s, of Ron's experiences on the island. Another manuscript is in process.

We will have comprehensive displays of three-dimensional art, weapons, masks, utilitarian objects, and Papuan stamps and coins that illustrate these cultural artifacts. This showing will be available for several weeks after it opens, but we'll have a special cacheted cover and cancel, designed by Carolyn Leigh, with the date of August 21 in the canceller.

Our postal alias for this cancel will be "Toksave Station"; "Tok" means "talk", and "save" (pronounced "savvy") means "understand" in the lingua franca of Papua. Therefore, we hope that this display and related



**Event Cachet**

discussions will increase the understanding of our visitors to the exhibit. Be sure to attend this exhibition; it's not like anything you have seen at the PHF in the past!

A full color cacheted cover with a USPS approved pictorial cancel will be available for the event. The cover will be available for \$2. If you cannot attend the event, send a \$2 check plus a large SASE, or \$2.50 and we will furnish the post-paid envelope. Send your order to the Postal History Foundation, 920 N. First Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719-4818, ATTN: Alex.



**Pictorial Cancel**

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Phone: 520-623-6652 • Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Chairman's Message

As we pass through the first half of 2012, we are excited about the continuing expansion and growth of our Postal History Foundation programs.

The YES program (Youth Education through Stamps) has doubled its participation in the past six years to over 10,000 students per year - we are running out of some stamps! Summer Stamp Camp hosted excited groups of kids (see "Stamp Camp!" p. 5). Our Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest is expected to draw 100 or more local entries (see "Awards" p. 5). Our geographical connections include schools and museums across the country including the National Postal Museum at the Smithsonian.

The Slusser Library is not only enhancing the extent and quality of its collections, it is continuing to be recognized among the world's philatelic libraries as a major information resource (see article below). By participating in projects such as the Global Philatelic Library website, the American Philatelic Research Library's Union Catalog, the Arizona Memory Project, and the Arizona Archives Online, the Slusser Library is able to share and promote its holdings via the Internet and reach people worldwide.

PHF is hosting and participating in numerous events throughout the year. To accomplish this and continue our growing influence in promoting philately, especially to the youth, philately's future, we need support. Volunteers help immensely, stamps sales cover some costs, but continuing individual contributions are critical to our current and future success.

Please visit our web site [www.postalhistoryfoundation.org](http://www.postalhistoryfoundation.org) and check out "Ways to Help." Be generous in considering your role in supporting our future.

Yours in philately,

*Bob Bechtel*

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## PHF Goes Global

The Postal History Foundation's Slusser Memorial Library has been an active participant in the Union Catalog, hosted at the American Philatelic Research Library in Pennsylvania, for a couple of years now. That means that a person at a computer on the Internet can search the Union Catalog database to see which of the several participating libraries holds a book of interest. Of course, PHF library records alone can be searched using the link on our website to the Pima County Public Library catalog in Tucson. Recently, the APRL, together with the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and the Royal Philatelic Society, London (RPSL), have further consolidated this association into the Global Philatelic Library.

Please access the website [www.globalphilateliclibrary.org](http://www.globalphilateliclibrary.org) and view the home page of this new tool. On that home page you will see the logos of the several philatelic libraries worldwide which are now part of this great research tool. Notice that there are libraries in the United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, Canada, and the United States. As this is being typed, there are sixteen libraries whose logos are illustrated. Each logo is a link to the home page of that organization, which means that philatelic researchers can more easily access the Postal History Foundation website from anywhere on the Net.



# Tucson Returns to Union Control

On May 20, we had a very successful event at the PHF, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the return of Tucson to Union control during the Civil War. Two cacheted covers were produced, franked with the two Civil War commemorative stamps from 2012 (Battle of Antietam and Battle of New Orleans) and canceled with a special cancel developed by Don Regole of Tucson. One of the cachets showing a cannon and the US flag of 1862 was taken from a patriotic envelope in the Thomas Hale Collection which contains some 2500 pristine mint envelopes from the Civil War period. This entire collection may be viewed by appointment with Lisa Hodgkins in the Slusser Library. The other cachet, taken from an Internet design, illustrates cacti and a banner.

We were exceedingly fortunate that David Leighton, a local journalist, had been doing research in the Slusser Library, and wrote several publicity articles in the Arizona Daily Star about this upcoming event. As a result of those articles and a spot on local television, literally hundreds of visitors came to the PHF on the actual commemorative date to acquire cacheted covers. We were unprepared for that volume of visitors, so we sold out within a few minutes of opening the door.



**Cachet from the Thomas Hale Collection**



Orders were taken and more envelopes were acquired, printed, stamped, canceled, and made ready for sale. Visitors also enjoyed the special Civil War artifacts that were exhibited in the Slusser Library.

Covers are still available for sale. Send a \$4 check and include a SASE #10 envelope or send \$4.50 for the two cachets. Make checks payable to the PHF and mail to 920 N. First Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719-4818. ATTN: Alex.

## Thank You for Your Donations!

Donations of stamps, collections, supplies, and all the other philatelic materials that we use in our work with Youth Philatelists continue to arrive in a regular stream. Thanks to all of you who have been part of this effort. The National Postal Museum at the Smithsonian continues to be one of many wonderful partners in our philatelic educational efforts as more teachers who visit the museum learn about our YES program and use PHF lessons and stamps in their classrooms. As the demand for lessons and stamps increases, our need of stamps and philatelic materials is the highest it has ever been. In the past year we have supplied over 500,000 stamps to youth across our country. Please spread the word that we need philatelic supplies, stamps, and covers as we continue to support the 10,000 plus teachers and students in Arizona, the United States, and the world that use our program. Teachers and students enjoy using and integrating philately into the classroom curriculum. Continue to spread the word and support the future of philately. Thank you for your continued support and keep the donations coming!



**Students soaking stamps during a field trip**

# Library Corner

Librarian - Lisa Hodgkins library@phftucson.org or 520-623-6652 x 107

## Call for Books!

The Slusser Library strives to offer up-to-date information to stamp collectors across a wide range of subject areas. However, we find that the high cost of philatelic publications can make it difficult to maintain the latest catalogs for all countries. If you have surplus catalogs (or any other books for that matter) why not donate them to the Slusser?

We particularly need the following titles: *Bale Catalog of Israel Postage Stamps* (post-1998); *Michel Asia or Africa* (post 1994); recent catalogs of Australian or Australasian stamps; recent catalogs of Central or South American stamps; *Sassone Specialized Catalog of Italian Postage Stamps* (post 1993); *Scott Specialized Color Guides* (2005), *Mellone's Planty Photo Encyclopedia of Cacheted First Day Covers* (Vols 2 onwards). As a special thank you for uncovering any of the above books, we will give you your choice of a book from the Library Sales area. So take this opportunity to tidy your shelves at home and swap what you don't need for something you don't have.

## New Books at the Slusser

*Catalogue of Postage Stamps 1857-1991: Russian Empire 1857-1917, RSFSR 1918-1923, USSR 1923-1991* (2011) edited by V.B. Zagorsky  
*The Postal History of Mongolia 1841-1941* (2011) by William Hellrigl  
*Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue: Part 3, Balkans* (2009)  
*Descriptive Handbook of Norwegian Stamped Revenue Paper 1660-1940s* (2012) compiled by Paul Nelson  
*The Industrielle Kriegs-wirtschaft issue of Switzerland 1918-1919* (2011) by Michael Peter and Ralph Soderberg.  
*Southeastern Arizona Mining Towns* (2011) by William Ascarza

## Revisiting *The Heliograph*: Grant Awarded to the Slusser Library

In June, the Slusser Library was awarded a grant of \$2,056 by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records Agency, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State, under the Library

Services and Technology Act, which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The grant will go towards creating an online exhibit of Arizona's postal history which will be linked to the Postal History Foundation's website. Funds will also be used to index the full run of the PHF's postal history journal *The Heliograph* which ran from 1987 to 2000 and was the premier source of research on Arizona postal history. The following article about what is now the Dos Cabezas ghost town is an example of the wealth of information contained in the pages of *The Heliograph*: (Winter 1988, page 8)

### Dos Cabezas

#### Arizona Territorial Post Office

The name Dos Cabezas comes from the Spanish name for two bald summits in the nearby mountain ridge. This post office was established on April 8, 1879, with F. Beebee as postmaster. On June 17, 1879, James Monroe Riggs, a member of a family which has continued as prominent ranchers in the area, became postmaster. The original location was at Ewell Springs about 1/2 mile east of the present small community. In 1857 the San Antonio and San Diego Stage Line established a station at the Springs. The route of the Butterfield Overland Stage was somewhat to the southwest of the Springs. The Springs was the site of the first school built in what is now Cochise County in 1878, when new mines created local prosperity. Postal Route 40102 was listed as connecting Dos Cabezas with Teviston and Ft. Bowie in early 1882. O.J. Salisbury was the contractor. On October 3, 1882, Dos Cabezas was omitted from Route 40102. Route 40139 began connecting Dos Cabezas with Willcox on October 6, 1882. The route operated three times a week and required 5 hours each way. J.S. Bassett was the contractor at \$595 per annum.



Note the postmaster's name on the cancel.



## Education Notes



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# Awards will be Presented August 17th

The fifth annual Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest is due to be completed in a few weeks! Everyone is waiting with anticipation for the new grand award to be announced.

Every year our judges enjoy looking through the creative entries from our local students. It takes several votes to come up with 1st - 5th places for each age group and then the final decision on the grand award winner. The grand award winner is then ordered as custom legal postage and sold at the event. Some designs are used for cachets on envelopes that are given to winners and also sold at the event. The prizes include philatelic kid-friendly treasures, and gift certificates from Bookman's, a popular Arizona store chain that carries books, music, videos, and more. Bookman's is very supportive of our education programs.

Come and join the fun. The awards ceremony is August 17th at 10 am in the Slusser Library. Birthday cake will be served! This event is free and open to the public.



**2011 winner Ryan Bridges pointing to his winning design**

## Stamp Camp! Stamp Camp! Stamp Camp! Stamp Camp!

Philatelic fun is the name of the game at the PHF stamp camps. From beginner to advanced, days flew by as campers learned basics such as how to soak stamps, how to use perforation gauges and tongs, and how to use a stamp catalogue. Super Campers, some of whom have attended for four years, worked on individual projects designed to increase their love of philately and at the same time build on their academic learning and skills. These projects are designed to appeal to students' interests, push philately outside the box, and make it more relevant to the individual youth collectors and their academic talents. Some campers created cartoon stories using stamps while others expanded their geographic knowledge by creating presentation boards about specific continents. Other students designed a series of cachets to coordinate with a U.S. Postal issue and created a topical exhibit collection. If you attend ARIPEX 2013 you will see these colorful and imaginative projects in the youth area.

**Campers working on their projects during stamp camp**



## In Memoriam

### **Lawrence (Larry) Daly**

PHF Volunteer, Ranger  
 Newton, New Jersey  
 Died: May 2012  
 Memberships:  
 APS, ASPP, CSS  
 Philatelic Specialties:  
 Nepal, Tibet, Bhutan, P.R.C.

### **Gene Hastings**

PHF Member, Ranger  
 Anaheim, CA  
 Died: April 2012  
 Memberships:  
 APS, APC, BIA, CSA, USPC  
 Philatelic Specialties:  
 Confederate States of America,  
 U.S. Official, U.S.

### **Garvin Lohman**

Ranger  
 San Francisco, CA  
 Died: March 2012  
 Memberships:  
 CCSF, CCNY, APS,  
 EPA, ISGC, BNAPS, etc.  
 Philatelic Specialties:  
 Ireland, Canada, Guatemala

### **Richard H. Salz**

Ranger  
 San Francisco, CA  
 Died: March 2012  
 Memberships:  
 APS, WCS, Canal Zone  
 Study Group #125  
 Philatelic Specialties:  
 Presidents, Canal Zone

### **Dr. Roger G. Schnell**

Ranger  
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
 Died: June 2012  
 Memberships:  
 APS, GPS, SCC, RFSL,  
 Collectors Club, Classic  
 Society, etc.  
 Philatelic Specialties:  
 DWI, German Offices Turkey,  
 Germany in Caribbean,  
 Scandinavian Mail pre-UPU

## **Tucson Stamp Club**

First Tuesdays - 5 pm bourse  
 Third Saturdays - 12 pm bourse

August 7 - Tuesday  
 TV Topicals by  
 Stephen Hackney

August 18 - Saturday  
 First Day Covers by  
 Steve Brainerd

September 15 - Sat.  
 Dutch Auction

## *News + Notes*

The National Postal Museum of the Smithsonian recently notified the PHF that all four of the PHF Owney cacheted covers have been selected to become part of the museum's Owney exhibit in the new William H. Gross Gallery. Two of the covers will be featured in an online exhibit on the NPM's website Arago.

## **PHF Family Portfolio**

### **Officers:**

Chairman: Bob Bechtel  
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 Lisa Dembowski  
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 Editor and Youth Assistant:  
 Linda Wynn

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[www.postalhistoryfoundation.org](http://www.postalhistoryfoundation.org)

## **PHF Calendar**

### **August 17**

Tucson Birthday Stamp  
 Design Contest Awards  
 Ceremony  
 10 am

### **August 21**

Papua New Guinea exhibit  
 opening and special  
 cancellation 1-3pm

## **New Members!**

Ken Branscomb  
*Olympia, WA*

Stephen Eisingen  
*Oro Valley, AZ*

Gary Fenstermacher  
*Tucson, AZ*

Stephen Gross  
*Phoenix, AZ*

Bob Hoffman  
*Jensen Beach, FL*

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*Hollister, CA*

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*Green Valley, AZ*

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*Chandler, AZ*

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*Tucson, AZ*

Richard Poulter  
*Marana, AZ*

Randolph N. Roy  
*Herndon, VA*

William & Barbara Whitman  
*Green Valley, AZ*

Michael Wood  
*Green Valley, AZ*