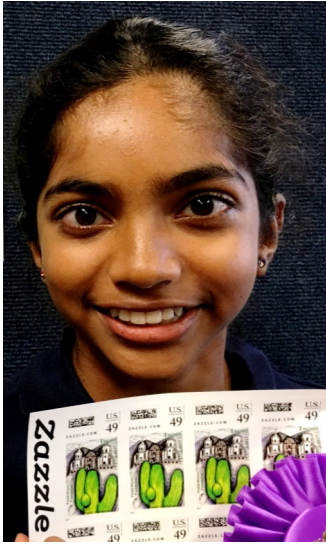


Stamp Tracks

NEWS AND
INFORMATION FOR
PHILATELISTS OF ALL AGES

Historic Site is Focus of New Tucson Stamp

The unveiling of the Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest winner is always an exciting moment in our calendar and a wonderful way to showcase local youth and their creative art.



2017 Grand Winner
Tanvi Narendran

Throughout the past ten years, several students have repeatedly entered the contest along with their siblings, and some of them have eventually won the grand prize. Our Grand Winner, Tanvi Narendran, is one such example. She and her younger brother, Vijay, have been entering the contest for several years, and 2017 was Tanvi's year to win the Grand Prize. Tanvi is now in 8th grade and attends St. Michael's School in Tucson.

The Slusser Library was packed with families and 15 finalists from three age groups. Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild was in attendance and congratulated each winner with a flag pin and Tucson sticker. He then unveiled the grand winning design and gave Tanvi a special "City of Tucson" coin usually reserved for diplomats. Tanvi graciously received her awards. She felt that "the San Xavier Mission was a



2017 Grand Prize Design

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Covers Celebrate Tucson's History As Capital

Those of you keen on milestones from Tucson history might be interested in two collectible covers sponsored by the Tucson Stamp Club. Local artist Don Regole of Regole Designs researched the history of Tucson as the capital of Arizona Territory 150 years ago from 1867-



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The Arizona Territorial Capital resided in Tucson from 1867-1877. However, there was no designated state-owned capital building. Established in 1868 on Calle de la Alegria (Street of Joy) and Meyer Avenue, the Congress Hall Saloon hosted meetings of the Arizona Territorial Legislature, hence its name. In 1870, Tucson maps show that Calle de la Alegria had been renamed Congress Street in honor of the important saloon, where the legislators met.



1877. He created colorful and informative designs highlighting the Congress Hall Saloon, meeting place of the legislature, and the first territorial Governor Richard C. McCormick. To purchase the set, send a No. 10 SASE to:

Alex L. Lutgendorf at 2221

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Chairman's Message by Bob Davis

One of our primary missions is to introduce the world of philately to youth (and adults). The Youth Education thru Stamps (YES) program is the mainstay in reaching young people from kindergarten to the teens, while special programs reach the Boy Scouts and senior adults. We hope their participation will become a lifetime of stamp collecting enjoyment.

As you gather with your family and friends during this holiday season take the time to talk about your stamp collections and see if you can raise some interest from a child or grandchild to continue your collection.

On a personal note, my own three children and six grandchildren have not (yet) shown any interest in continuing any of my collections. They are far more worried about how to dispose of my collections when I die.

If this situation seems familiar to you, it is time to provide instructions regarding your collections (and accumulations). Most of my collections are to be donated to the Postal History Foundation. An album or two can be sold and I have provided a listing of appropriate dealers to be contacted. Some other boxes (nearly two full rooms) will also go to the PHF. I plan more organizing to make it easier for my descendants to give away the "wonderful stuff" I have collected over the years.

We have dedicated volunteers who can advise you or your heirs in disposing of your collections by donation or sale. Contact me with any questions. Happy Holidays.

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ARIPEX to Commemorate Lt. Frank Luke Jr.

Frank Luke Jr. a.k.a. "The Arizona Balloon Buster" contribution by John Wynns

The ARIPEX 2018 (Feb. 16-18) stamp show at the Mesa Convention Center will honor 2nd Lt. Frank Luke Jr. by focusing on him as the theme of the show. Lt. Frank was



Frank Luke Jr. with his French SPAD airplane

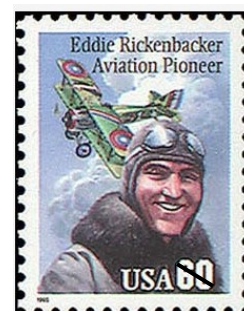
born in Phoenix on May 19, 1897, and died in air combat on September 29, 1918, in France. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his last mission. At the time of his death, he was the leading American Army Air Service ace, having shot down 14 German observation balloons and four German airplanes for a total of 18 confirmed victories. Luke Air Force Base (west of Phoenix) was named in his honor.

Only two WWI fighter pilots have stamps issued in their honor: Eddie Rickenbacker, who was the top ace,

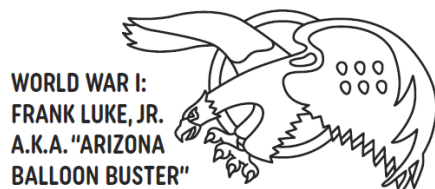


2nd Lt. Frank Luke Jr.

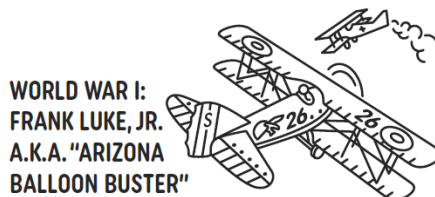
had a 60¢ stamp issued in 1995, and Billy Mitchell, who commanded all American air combat units, had a 55¢ stamp issued in 1999.



Above and below, US stamps honoring WWI flying aces.



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ARIPEX 2018 will be holding, for the first time, the annual convention and multi-frame exhibit of the Collectors Club of New York. The American Philatelic Society's On-the-Road Course "EFOs (errors, freaks & oddities) and You: How You Can Benefit From Postal Blunders" will be held on Thursday Feb. 15, 2018 prior to ARIPEX.

Special postmarks for ARIPEX, shown at left, were designed by Tucsonan Don Regole and can be obtained at the show.

For more information about the "World Series of Philately" ARIPEX show, visit the website at www.aripep.org



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Arizona Rangers Ride Again in Richmond



Contribution by Wayne Youngblood



Back row: Dr. Ben Termini, Ryan Beyer Bob Lamb, Wayne Youngblood, Ed LaVeroni Front Row: Trudy Termini, Clyde Homen, Lucille Lamb, Seny Birkinbine, and interested diner from Sao Paulo, Brazil. John Birkinbine is seated.

A small but dedicated crowd of Arizona Philatelic Rangers gathered for an enjoyable meal and evening during the American Philatelic Society's Stampshow, held in Richmond, Virginia. The dinner, held Friday, August 4th, took place at the well-known Sam Miller's restaurant, which boasts a historic past. Much of the area was burned to the ground by evacuating Confederate soldiers during the twilight of the Civil War (April 1865), but was rebuilt after the war.

As is so often the case at Ranger dinners, diners at the restaurant took notice as more and more folks came filing in, each proudly wearing a star, prompting comments, questions and positive contact with individuals about the hobby. A group from Panama was interested

in our group resulting in interesting conversation and an extended "photo op."

We look forward to seeing you at a future Ranger dinner!

44 Years of Dedication

The Postal History Foundation mourns the loss of Dr. Marvin Weisbard, who passed away this past August. Since the 1970s, Marvin has accompanied his wife, Eileen, to the Foundation and to ARIPEX shows, and, as she says "He was never apart from me."

Marvin practiced pharmacy in the Bronx and also served in Korea as a pharmacist in the United States Army. In 1969 he chose to enter the field of psychiatry and began a practice in Tucson after his residency in Cincinnati. Eileen says of their decision to move to Tucson that it was a "great place to raise kids."



Marvin and Eileen Weisbard at right with good friend Andy Mosko (left) at the Annual Volunteer Luncheon. 2017

Introduced to stamp collecting via Eileen's grandfather's collection, Marvin became especially interested the United States 2¢ reds. Marvin started helping Eileen with sales at the ARIPEX "73" show in Casa Grande, Arizona. For decades, their weekly routine was to arrive every Monday, Wednesday, and sometimes Fridays together. Marvin dedicated his time to our sales department. He was also instrumental in setting up the first computer systems for the Foundation. Eileen continues her work in the sales department.

Marvin scanned many stamps and pictures for use by staff and also devised a much valued visual chart system showing the different stamp groups such as Love, Christmas, and non-denominated stamps. They are very useful to volunteers and staff. In the sales department, Marvin was in charge of the U.S. stamps and pricing collector supplies for sales. Marvin had great rapport with volunteers and staff at the Foundation. Andy Mosko, volunteer head of foreign sales, remembers, "Marvin was a great role model to me because of his kindness, generosity, and sensitivity."

A father and grandfather, he adored his progeny and was the "gentlest man I ever knew," says Eileen. We will miss his special presence here and his dedication to the Postal History Foundation.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Always in Demand

Contribution below by Kyle Anderson

The Postal History Foundation hosts two Stamp Collecting Merit Badge workshops per year for Arizona scouts in our Slusser Library. The library space is perfect for 14 scouts per workshop, and the Youth Education thru Stamps, (YES) director has it timed to the second to help get every hard-working scout signed off on all the requirements. Scout Leader Kyle Anderson has stepped up to fill the same need at WESTPEX and Advance Camp in California.

It has been an exciting year teaching the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge to the Boy Scouts. I have been a Boy Scout Adult Leader for over 10 years with Troop 465 in Concord, California. I'm a merit badge counselor for 20 different subjects including coin and stamp collecting.

Ed Jarvis, the WESTPEX board chairman, asked me to conduct



the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge workshop this past April and after careful consideration, I agreed. This was my first time to run a stamp collecting workshop. Lisa Dembowski, of the Postal History Foundation in Tucson, Arizona, directed volunteers to assemble PHF Stamp Collecting Starter Kits with additions to help the scouts complete the badge requirements. Daniel Piazza, Assistant Curator of Philately at the Smithsonian's National

Postal Museum, came to speak with the scouts and led them through the WESTPEX Stamp Show. All eight scouts completed the requirements for this merit badge, and everyone had fun, especially when they learned to soak stamps.

On Saturday, September 23rd, I again was the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge instructor at "Advance Camp" held at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds in Antioch, California. Advance Camp is one of the largest one day scouting events where scouts can start and/or complete requirements for merit badges and rank advancement. With the help of my son Ryan, I had 13 scouts complete all of the requirements for this merit badge. Last year, 55 merit badges were offered with almost 2,200 boy scouts taking workshops. Total attendance was close to 3,000 scouts, counselors, and volunteers.



WESTPEX 2017 BSA Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop Scouts and Adult Leaders. Right Front: Instructor Kyle Anderson.

Thank you to adults of all generations, who like Kyle, are stepping up and teaching the younger generations about the educational fun of philately.



Pictures from the October 2017 Stamp Collecting Merit Badge workshop at the PHF in Tucson. Thirteen scouts attended and completed the requirements. At left is Ryan Gabbitas, who chose to create a collection of soccer stamps. To the right is Patrick Lee, who traveled from Chandler to Tucson. His collection included the American sports of baseball, football, and basketball.



Library News

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In the “Loupe”

The Slusser Library is abuzz with pollinators! The current exhibit, inspired by the United States Postal Service 2017 stamp set, Protect Pollinators, displays stamps and covers relating to bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, bats, and moths. Of particular interest are postcards, envelopes, and photographs from current ghost town Bumble Bee, Arizona; a striking sheet of American Bats stamps from 2002; a 1942 postcard made of yucca bark, shown to underscore the interdependency of yucca moths and yucca plants; and a set of four colorful cachets from 2008, created for



Examples at left and above from the Pollinators exhibit.

another set of pollinator stamps and postmarked at a joint event with Tohono Chul Park. (A few cachet sets are still available for purchase in our philatelic store.)

Please come to the Slusser Library to view the Pollinators exhibit in person. Also, try our online quiz to test your knowledge on pollinator philately!

See the link on our blog entry,

<http://postalhistoryfoundation.org/2017/08/21/whats-all-the-buzz-about/>.

New on the Shelf

The Canadian Revenue Stamp Catalogue by ESJ van Dam Ltd. (2017)

Cataloging U.S. Commemorative Stamps, 1950 by Charles Posner. (2016)

Catalogue of the Federal Tobacco Stamps of Canada by Christopher D. Ryan. (2013)

The Cherry Blossom Issues of Japan, 1872-1876 by Soichi Ichida. (1965)

Gambia by Fred. J. Melville. (1909)

Imperial Eagles of Mexico: 1864-66 by David C. Pletsch. (2013)

Postal Stationery of Mexico edited by Peter Bamert, Wayne Menuz, & Bill Walton. (2017)

Space Covers: Dictionary and Identifier by H. Bruce Cranford, Jr. (2000)

Successful Stamp Dealing: Tried and Tested Tips and Techniques by Peter Mosiondz, Jr. (1996)

Education Update

Lisa Dembowski education@phftucson.org

Tucson Birthday Stamps and Cachets



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great representation of Tucson and I knew that if I added something in the foreground it would add depth to the picture."

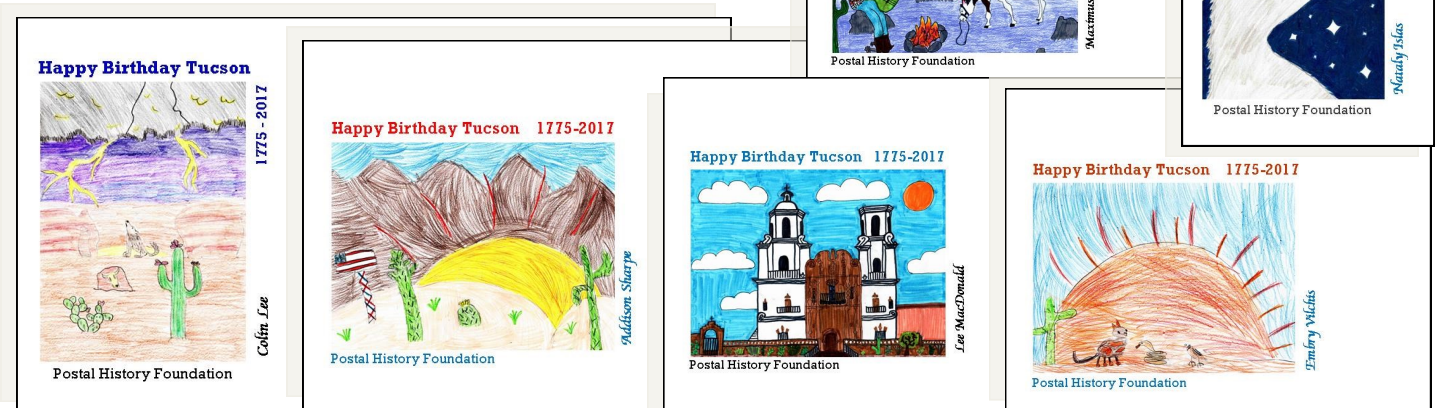
In addition, two designs from each age group were selected and printed as collectible art on envelopes (cachets).

Pictures below show the following students' designs. Age 5-8: Addison Sharpe and Embry Vilchis; both from Tanque Verde Elementary. Age 9-12: Lee MacDonald and Maximus Rose; both are home schooled. Age 13-17: Nataly Islas of Salpointe High School and Colin Lee of Leman Academy of Excellence.

Cachets and stamps can be ordered by calling 520-623-6652 x 102 or visiting www.postalhistoryfoundation.org.



The fifteen finalists with Education Director Lisa Dembowski on the left and Mayor of Tucson Jonathan Rothschild on the right in back.



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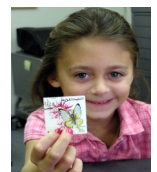
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United Nations Topicals

December 16, 2017

End of year auction and
election of officers

January 6, 2018

Speaker, John Wynns

January 20, 2018

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February 3, 2018

Annual Banquet

February 17, 2018

No Meeting—ARIPEX

March 3, 2018

Comic Book Topicals

March 17, 2018

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New Members

Larry Brown
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In Memoriam

Marvin Weisbard
Volunteer & Ranger

PHF Calendar

January Board Meeting

January 20, 2018

9 am

ARIPEX at Mesa, AZ

February 16-18, 2018

Tucson Postcard Club

Meets every second Sunday at the PHF
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Contact **Joyce Kagarise** at
dkagar@dakotacom.net or 520-682-8424

December 10, 2017

January 14, 2018

February 11, 2018

March 11, 2018

Civil War Roundtable

Meets every second Friday at the PHF
at 11:30 am, except summer.

Contact **Bob Burdick** at:
bobandglandaburdick@q.com

December 8

Non Trial of Jefferson Davis

January 12

Jewish Soldiers, Blue & Gray

February 9

Politics of the Civil War

March 9

Video—Civil War Monuments



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