

Button Gwinnett Stamp News

December 2009

Upcoming Events:

All meetings will be held at Lilburn City Hall unless otherwise noted in this newsletter!

- ~December 16, 2009 - Christmas Party
- ~January 20, 2010 - Regular meeting & auction
- ~February 17, 2010 - Regular meeting & auction

Have Tongs.....Will Travel.....

- Dec. 3-5 – FLOREX – Orlando, FL
- Dec. 11-13 - VEGASPEX – Las Vegas, NV
- Dec. 26 – Stamp & Postcard Show – Cresthaven, FL
- Jan. 8-10, 2010 – New Orleans Stamp Expo – LA
- Feb. 27-28, 2010 – Stamp Dealers Assoc. Show – Mansour Center, Marietta, GA

Notes from last month's meeting:

The business meeting started at 7:31 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Drinkard reported that the club has \$677.01 in the club treasury.

The club made a donation of \$25 to the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at the Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center in memory of former member Paul Feniello who passed away earlier this year.

Reminder: Annual membership fees are due in January for the year ahead.

Membership: 13 members were present at this month's meeting. No guests were noted at this month's meeting.

Show & Tell: Don Laberteaux presented three unique covers of historical interest/value. The first was a 1948 cover, which had flown on the Berlin Airlift. The second, a cover from 1944 that was mailed from the Richelieu warship. The third was a rare 1922 embossed cover from Sydney – the only known example of this type of cover. Estimated \$7500 Australian \$ value.

Christmas Party: Contact Roy Brown to RSVP for the Christmas Party on December 16th. The dinner will be at 7 pm at the Norcross Station Café located at 40 S. Peachtree St Norcross, GA 30071. (770) 409-9889

Reelection Committee for 2010:

Don made a motion for John Ziegler to serve as the new club VP and Pat Gabilondo to serve as the new club Secretary. Motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the motion passed. Congratulations and thanks to John and Pat for agreeing to accept these positions!

New Business:

Dues: A motion was made and seconded to keep 2010 annual dues at the same levels as current rates. Membership voted and the motion passed. Annual membership payments of \$12 are due at the January meeting. Please give your payment to Tom Drinkard on or before then.

Supplies: Discussion surrounding the excess inventory of supplies owned by the club. A motion was made and seconded to auction off club owned supplies at the January meeting below cost. A vote was taken and motion passed. (More details below)

Auction Forms: Motion was made and seconded for the printing of a new auction item form. This new form would be a 2-part NCR with designated areas for detailed product descriptions and other pertinent details. One copy would go to the Treasurer and one copy back to the seller so that each can have an identical receipt for every transaction. Don LaBerteaux agreed to absorb the cost of printing the new form in exchange for free membership for 2010. Membership voted and the motion passed.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. followed by the club auction.

Supplies Update by Mac Will

At our November meeting, the Club voted to auction off the supplies of Showgard and Scott mounts and a few sheets. The starting price for the supplies will be 50% off the list price and the funds will go to the Club. A more detailed list of the available supplies will be sent via email prior to the January meeting.

If you need to order supplies in the future, Tom Drinkard provided me with this list of places from which to order stamp supplies. See attached chart with contact info.

You may also purchase supplies from one of our members, Tony Roozen, who has a shop in Atlanta. Tony's telephone number is 404-688-9161 and his home page is <http://www.stampsunlimitedofga.com/>.

Would you like to be Published?

Don't be shy! Go ahead, get your pen or PC out, and jot down some thoughts. We would love to have a couple of articles on topics of interest or philatelic adventures you have had and are willing to have published in our monthly newsletters. Here are a few suggestions:

- Collecting Topicals / ATA
- Watermarks – how to.....
- Proper storage
- Determining authenticity
- Did you know?
- Your idea here

Show & Tell

Remember to bring your interesting philatelic finds or treasures to the meeting to share with the group. Let Mac Will know that you have a presentation, and he will gladly schedule you for an upcoming meeting!

Club Roster Project...

Thanks for everyone who has provided updates on the roster. Please keep me informed of any errors or omissions and call me at 770-717-7785 or send them to me at pgabilondo@comcast.net.

Auction next Month

Is your significant other nagging you to get rid of some of your philatelic treasures? Bring them to our January meeting on January 20, 2010 so they can find a new home and you can use the extra cash to pay off some of those Christmas bills!

PS – Be persistent. Don't be discouraged if your item does not sell one month because it just might catch someone's eye the following month.

Did you know?.....

The first US 'Christmas' stamp was issued in 1962 depicting a green wreath with a red bow and white candles. The USPS carefully chose the wreath and burning candles as a non-sectarian, non-religious design honoring the holiday season.

The third US 'Christmas' stamps were issued in 1964 as se-tenants, which is the term used to describe two or more attached stamps with different designs. (Se-tenant is a French term meaning "to hold one another".) The four illustrations were selected because they were considered non-secular traditional symbols inspired by nature: mistletoe, holly, evergreen boughs and a poinsettia.

Wow – have times changed. Now we have multiple holiday stamps to choose from, and so regardless of your religion or stamp preferences, we would like to wish you and your family a very

*Merry Christmas,
Happy Holidays
and
Happy New Year!*