

# Button Gwinnett Stamp News

November 2009

## Upcoming Events:

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

- ~November 18, 2009 - Regular meeting & auction
- ~December 16, 2009 - Christmas Party (more details below)
- ~January 20, 2010 - Regular meeting & auction

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

Oct. 27 – Sol Singer Exhibit, Emory University  
Nov. 21-22 – Mounsour Center, Marietta, GA  
Dec. 12-13 – Stamp & Postcard Show, Raleigh, NC

## Notes from last month's meeting:

The business meeting started at 7:30 pm.

\* Treasurer's Report: Tom Drinkard reported that the club has \$894.95 in the club treasury.

\* Membership: A total of 30 members from Atlanta, Cobb and Gwinnett stamp clubs were present at this month's meeting. Motion was made by Don and seconded for a memorial gift to be sent in honor of our former member, Paul Feniello, who passed away a few weeks ago.

\* Show & Tell presentations: Presentations this month were waived due to the joint meeting and expanded auction.

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

\* Relection Committee for 2010 officers: Please see Don LaBerteaux and Bob Lieb if you are interested in holding a club position next year.

The business portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. followed by the club auction.

## Show & Tell

Don't forget 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'll gladly schedule you for an upcoming meeting!

## Club Roster Project...

Please double-check the club roster for any errors or omissions and call me at 770-717-7785 or send them to me at [pgabilondo@comcast.net](mailto:pgabilondo@comcast.net)

## Need Supplies???

If you have stamp supply needs, please send Mac Will an e-mail at: [kenneth.will@ce.gatech.edu](mailto:kenneth.will@ce.gatech.edu). He'll gladly make sure that he brings the needed items to the next meeting.

## Sol Singer Stamp Collection.....

"I have no idea what its worth", according to Professor David Blumenthal of Emory University. He was referring to a collection, a complete collection, of stamps from Israel. He is responsible for bringing the Sol Singer Collection to Emory University in 2002. The collection of philatelic Judaica is extraordinary. It was put together over a forty year span by retired Atlanta businessman Sol Singer. His collection includes every stamp issued by Israel as well as supporting material and stamps featuring Jewish themes issued all over the world. Dr. Blumenthal hosted a dozen or so members of the Atlanta, Cobb and Gwinnett Stamp Clubs who had free reins to peruse many of the stamps and their matching first day covers and sheets at Emory's Library.

The collection is actually in three parts. The first part is the complete set of stamps from Israel. The second part contains stamps of Jewish topics that have been issued by countries around the world. Student Assistant Geoffrey Horowitz said, "No one knows how many such stamps exist, but the Singer collection contains several volumes of stamps on such subjects as famous Jews, Jewish holidays, topics from scripture, and the Holocaust." Horowitz was also responsible for cataloging the collection. The third part is a nearly complete set of stamps issued by the Jewish National Fund to help raise money to purchase land in Palestine and to develop the land once the State of Israel had been established.

The entire collection is stored in over a hundred boxes at Emory's Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library. The only other university in the United States to have such a collection is Brown University. Club members who thumbed through and explored over a dozen of the boxes during the two hour session expressed amazement, awe, reverence and respect among many other emotions. Everyone in attendance said they learned something – that is philately.

By Mel E. Coe, Jr.

## Would you like to be Published?

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