

# HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

## February 2010



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This newsletter is published quarterly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107A Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

### MEETING CALENDAR

- Feb. 2** Linn's Stamp News "Stamp Poll"  
Ballots available at the meeting
- Feb. 16** Philatelic Auction Night
- Mar. 2** One-page Exhibit Competition  
Topic: "a person shown on a stamp"
- Mar. 16** Philatelic Auction Night

All regular club meetings begin at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. Auction buyers and sellers are asked to arrive 15 minutes early for viewing of lots.

### CLUB OFFICERS

President: Heinrich Hahn [hhahn@bellsouth.net](mailto:hhahn@bellsouth.net)  
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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Huntsville Philatelic Club - P O Box 4384  
Huntsville, AL 35815-4384

Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual and \$3.00 per additional family member. Dues are prorated for new members and renewals are payable in January.

This month's newsletter and archives back to May 2005 may be viewed at our Southeast Federation web page:  
[www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm](http://www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm)

### STAMP CLUB NEWS

- January's meeting included a very interesting presentation by John Burnett as he showed illustrations of stamps and covers from his collection. John told us some fascinating stories, which makes each of these items a real personal treasure for John. How these stamps and covers were obtained is every bit as interesting as the philatelic items themselves.
- For February's meeting, if you are a Linn's Stamp News subscriber, please bring the center double-page illustration of the 2009 stamp issues from the December 7<sup>th</sup> Linn's.

### HUNTSPEX 2010

- Dates: June 5 and 6 at the Bevill Center and Hotel
- Topic: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Marshall Space Flight Center
- Exhibition: Prospectus and application available
- Awards Dinner: Saturday evening at Soldatenstube

### 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please bring your 2010 club dues to the next meeting. If you can't attend please mail a check for \$12.00 per individual member plus \$3.00 for each additional family member. Mail your check to the club treasurer at the address shown to the left.

### MANUAL OF PHILATELIC JUDGING

The 6th edition of the Manual of Philatelic Judging is now available on line from the APS. It will not be available in a bound edition. This is an important publication for exhibitors to know how their exhibits will be judged. Download it here at no cost -  
<http://www.stamps.org/directories/judgingmanual.pdf>

## SOUTHEAST REGION STAMP SHOWS

**February 13-14**

**ALAPEX 2010**

Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 Ninth Ave., SW, Bessemer. Contact Robert Hamill or Chuck Donaldson, 205-823-7364, 204-410-8383, mcbrayerbob@bellsouth.net

**March 6-7**

**KNOXPEx 2010**

Knoxville Philatelic Society, Holiday Inn, Knoxville-West, 304 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville. Contact Tom Broadhead, twbroadhead@utk.edu; 865-974-1151; <http://www.stampclubs.com/knoxville/index.htm>

**April 10**

**MONTAPEX 2010**

Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Doster Community Center, 424 South Northington St., Prattville. Contact Alan Thomason, 334-272-4964.

**June 5-6**

**HUNTSPEX 2010**

Huntsville Philatelic Club, Bevill Center and Hotel, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 550 Sparkman DR (I-565, exit 12). Heinrich Hahn, 256-536-7785 [http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville\\_hpc.html](http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html)

## 2010 USPS NEW ISSUE LISTING

### **January**

- Mackinac Bridge envelope
- Koi Fish
- Seabiscuit
- Liberty Bell
- Year of the Tiger
- Olympic Winter Games

### **February**

- Mackinac Bridge stamp
- Bixby Creek Bridge
- Distinguished Sailors

### **March**

- Abstract Expressionists
- Bill Mauldin

### **April**

- Julia de Burgos
- Adopt a Shelter Pet
- Love: Pansies in a Basket

### **May**

- Katharine Hepburn

### **June**

- Kate Smith
- Oscar Micheaux
- Flags of our Nation
- American Wigeon
- Negro Leagues Baseball

### **July**

- Comic Strips
- Cowboys Silver Screen
- Scouting

### **August**

- Winslow Homer
- Mother Teresa

### **October**

- Hawaiian Rain Forest
- Holiday Evergreens
- Madonna & Child



## LETTERS FROM HOME

*John Burnett*

As some of you know, I was born and raised in Canada and only moved to the United States after marrying a girl from Brooklyn, New York in 1964. My father was a stamp collector and my mother was a coin collector. After my father's death in 1965 my mother and I corresponded weekly for the next 38 years until her death in 2003.

Once I mentioned how hard it was to get current Canadian commemorative stamps on cover used to pay the proper postage rate. I riled about dealers who had deals with Canada Post to purchase older commemoratives at discounted prices and how easy it was to get older commemoratives with significantly out of date use. This got my mom thinking; she started making sure every note or package she sent me would bear the current Canadian commemorative stamps.

I intend to write a number of small articles with a scan of some of her envelopes and wrappers. Every one of them pays the proper postage for what she had sent. As time went on even my kids got involved as she would make sure their "care" packages were franked with the proper postage and a note saying "send the package wrapper to your dad".

Shown below is an air mail packet sent from Vancouver to Sidney, Ohio which has been franked with five 1996 45¢ "Cinema in Canada" commemoratives and on one side and five 45¢ "Canadian Heraldry stamps on the other. The full postage rate of \$4.60 was made up with two 5¢ Rose Hip definitive stamps. The 1996 year date is clearly visible in the cancellation but the month and day are obscured.

Over the years these envelopes and wrappers have created quiet an accumulation in the Queen Elizabeth II section of my postal history collection. Initially I thought "what the heck, it's just a neat thing for my mom to do", but as time goes by I see that some of this material is actually becoming quiet scarce postally used correctly in period.

Each of you should be looking for modern postal history material in your area of collecting. Properly postage stamp franked mail is becoming very hard to find and I dare say you will have rarities in your collection in a couple of years if you acquire a few.

