

# HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

## March 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

- Mar. 2**      **One-page Exhibit** presentation  
Topic: "a person shown on a stamp"
- Mar. 16**     Philatelic Auction Night
- Apr. 6**      TBD
- Apr. 20**     Philatelic Auction Night

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

### CLUB OFFICERS

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### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Huntsville Philatelic Club - P O Box 4384  
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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

- February's meeting included an update on ongoing preparations for HUNTSPEX 2010 and all members present filled out ballots for Linn's Stamp News 2009 Stamp Poll. A couple nice show-n-tell items were also passed around.
- For March's meeting, remember to put together a one-page exhibit based on a person on a stamp. Those without will serve as judges.
- We are saddened to report that former club member Amos Crisp died on January 23, 2010. Amos was always willing to handle the publicity for our annual shows. The job was a natural for Amos as a long-time employee of the Marshall Space Flight Center's Public Affairs Office. An obituary appeared in the Huntsville Times on January 28, 2010.

### 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
- Dealer's tables are completely sold out
- Artwork for cancellations has been delivered

### 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please bring your 2010 club dues to the next club 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.

## SOUTHEAST REGION STAMP SHOWS

### **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>

### **March 13-14 NASHVILLE STAMP SHOW**

Nashville Philatelic Society, the Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Suite #144, Nashville. Contact Bob Picirilli, show@nashvillephilatelic.org; [www.nashvillephilatelic.org](http://www.nashvillephilatelic.org); 615-297-0183.

### **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)

### **September 24-26 SOUTHEASTERN STAMP SHOW**

Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs, Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta, Georgia, Scott Mark, mark\_s@bellsouth.com, [www.stampclubs.com](http://www.stampclubs.com)

## 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

## PHILATELY IN MY FAMILY

*John Burnett*

I have a small album in my stamp collection simply entitled "*Special Meaning*" in it are philatelic things that somehow relate to my family. I'd like to tell you the story of one of them with this newsletter column.

In 1976 my wife and I were living in York Pennsylvania and I had just entered the exhibiting process at National ranked shows.

I had put together an exhibit I called "*Canada - The Small Queen Era 1870 - 1897*" and in it I not only showed the stamps and postal history of the period but I also included a 16 page frame of postal stationery and a 16 page frame of revenues.

I had entered my exhibit in NAPEX 76, in Washington DC; I had received a silver medal and decided I needed to enhance my exhibit with more powerful material if I was to ever gain a gold medal at the national level.

It was Saturday and the "judge's critique" was a couple of hours off so I went shopping. I was at the table of "Hamish Bird" a respected revenue dealer from the DC area. I had looked through just about everything he had and was going to say thanks but no thanks when Hamish gave me one last box he had yet to price and said look through these and we can come to an agreement if you find anything! I had another 20 minutes to kill so I started looking and low and behold I found the piece shown nearby. The British Columbia Law stamp is a little out of my period, but the piece was very important to me because it was my Grandfather's citizenship paper.

Hamish was as excited as me and insisted I keep the piece gratis; it sits in my collection to this day.

Well, after this amazing discovery I proceeded to the judge's critique and heard loud and clear from big time respected philatelic judges "*Get rid of the stationery and revenues from your exhibit*" and that is when I dropped revenues from my exhibit.

Think about the coincidences. Here I was only minutes away from deciding to drop revenue collecting, sitting at a bourse table in Washington DC, and finding one small piece of family history which originated in British Columbia Canada in 1909. I really feel as if I was destined to have that Certificate of Naturalization, what do you think?

