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This newsletter is published monthly 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.

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

First Tuesday Meeting – Feb. 5

APS slide show entitled, "In Violation of the Rules" by Stephen L. Suffet.

Third Tuesday Meeting – Feb. 19

Member's Philatelic Auction Night

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features a new stamp commemorating Charles W. Chesnutt, a pioneering writer recognized today as a major innovator and a stamp for Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Membership dues are payable in January. Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family.

The HPC Newsletter may be downloaded from the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs' web site at www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm

STAMP CLUB NEWS

- **Last month's auction meeting** was well attended with most lots selling. If you have philatelic material to sell, be sure to come to the next auction meeting on the 19th. Apparently buyers are coming with money to spend. Let the secretary know if you need auction sheets.
- **The February meeting program** is an APS slide show entitled, "In Violation of the Rules".

For as long as the Post Office has had rules and regulations, people have violated them, intentionally or not. These violations have included various forms of nonpayment, intentional underpayment, and improper usage of stamps. Some violations were caught by postal employees; others were not.

Based on the award-winning exhibit of the same name, this enjoyable program provides a rich, creative view of postal history. Interesting examples include a German Hitler-head stamp successfully used to carry a U.S. cover; a North Korean forgery of a U.S. meter impression produced as part of a propaganda campaign; and a hand-drawn parody of the U.S. 6-cent Navy Jack commemorative, accepted for postage.

- **Membership dues** were payable at the first meeting in January. If you were unable to attend please send \$12.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family to the club treasurer.

CLUB CALENDAR

Feb. 5	APS Slide Show, "In Violation of the Rules"
Feb. 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Mar. 4	Open
Mar. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Apr. 1	Open
Apr. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
May 6	Pre-HUNTSPEX 2008 Meeting
May 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jun. 3	Open
Jun. 7 - 8	HUNTSPEX 2008
Jun.17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jul. 1	Post-HUNTSPEX 2008 Meeting
Jul. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Aug. 5	Open
Aug. 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Sep. 2	Open
Sep. 16	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Oct. 7	Open
Oct. 21	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Nov. 4	Open
Nov. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Dec. 2	Open
Dec. 16	Member's Philatelic Auction Night

2008 USPS NEW ISSUES

Jan 9 - Year of the Rat (Lunar New Year)
Jan 31-Charles Chesnutt (Black Heritage Series) Bette Davis (Legends of Hollywood)
Feb 21-Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (Literary Arts)
June Summer Olympic Games (Beijing) Great Lakes Dunes (Nature of America) American Scientists
Apr 26-Mount St. Mary's (Postal Card)
May - Wedding Stamps (1 ounce & 2 ounce rates)
May - Frank Sinatra
May - Charles & Ray Eames
Jun - All Heart (Love series)
Jun 14 - State/Territory flags (10 coil stamps)
May 11-Minnesota Statehood
Apr - Baseball
Apr - American Journalists
Apr - Vintage Black Cinema
Sep - Latin Jazz
- The Art of Disney: Imagination
Jul - Tail Fins and Chrome
May - Alzheimer's Awareness
Aug 14- Albert Bierstadt (American Treasurers)

AREA STAMP SHOWS

February 9-10 **ALAPEX**
Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave., S.W. (Exit 108 on I-20/59) Bessemer. Contact Robert Hamill, 303-880-0986.

March 1-2 **KNOXPEX 2008**
Knoxville Philatelic Society, Budget Inn, Cedar Bluff Road at I-40 (Exit 378), West Knoxville, TN
Contact: Jim Pettway, jbpettway@comcast.net

March 8-9 **Nashville Stamp Show**
Nashville Philatelic Society, Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Contact Bob Picirilli, picirillir@bellsouth.net; 615-297-0183.

April 12 **MONTAPEX**
Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Holiday Inn, I-65 at Exit 179, Montgomery. Contact Betty Murray, eamurray1@bellsouth.net; 334-279-8018.

June 7-8 **HUNTSPEX 2008**
Huntsville Philatelic Club, Bevill Center and Hotel, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 301 Sparkman Drive (I-565, exit 12).
http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html

August 14-17 **APS STAMPSHOW**
American Philatelic Society, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext. 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

September 26-28 **Southeastern Stamp Show**
Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Cobb County Civic Ctr., 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta. Scott Mark, 770-619-2917. *WSP*
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2008 USPS NEW ISSUES

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Sep	- State/Territory flags (2nd set of 10)
Oct	Christmas Nutcrackers
Oct	Madonna and Child by Botticelli

Charles W. Chesnutt

Late last month, the 31st stamp in the Black Heritage series honoring Charles W. Chesnutt was issued. This pioneering writer is recognized today as a major innovator and singular voice among turn-of-the-century literary realists who probed the color line in American life.



Charles Waddell Chesnutt (1858-1932), was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 20, 1858, the son of two free African-Americans who had moved north from Fayetteville, North Carolina, two years earlier. He is best known as the author of the novels *The Marrow of Tradition* (1901) and *The House*

Behind the Cedars (1900), as well as the short story collections *The Wife of his Youth* (1899) and *The Conjure Woman* (1899). Chesnutt was an astute and nuanced chronicler of the aftermath of slavery in the south, and was particularly interested in the arbitrary yet powerful legal and social conventions of the "color line" separating black from white. Increasingly alarmed by the rise of racial tensions and violence in the 1890's, Chesnutt hoped that his most ambitious novel, *The Marrow of Tradition*, would have an impact on the nation of the order of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Unfortunately, his most powerful work of social criticism was not critically successful in his day, and his literary reputation was soon eclipsed by the vibrancy and innovation of the Harlem Renaissance writers.

Art director Howard Paine of Delaplane, VA, wanted a stamp that emphasized Chesnutt's intelligence and dignity. Stamp artist Kazuhiko Sano of Mill Valley, CA, painted Chesnutt's portrait based on a 1908 photograph from the collections of Fisk University's Franklin Library.

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Best known for her Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *The Yearling* and her memoir *Cross Creek*, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings will be commemorated this February at the site of her Cross Creek, FL, home.



Marjorie Kinnan was born in 1896 in Washington, DC, to Frank, an attorney for the US Patent Office and Ida Kinnan. She was interested in writing as early as age six, and submitted stories to the children's sections of newspapers until she was 16. She entered a story titled, "The Reincarnation of Miss Hetty," at age 15 for which she won a prize.

In 1928, with a small inheritance from her mother, she purchased a 72 acre orange grove near the city of Hawthorne, Florida, in a hamlet named Cross Creek for its location between Orange Lake and Lochloosa Lake. She brought the place to international fame through her writing.

Rawlings is best remembered for a series of short stories, novels and non-fiction works about life in the Florida backwoods. Her memoir spurred readers to urge her to write *Cross Creek Cookery*. Rawlings' collections of southern recipes remain a popular addition to many kitchen libraries today.

Art director Carl Herrman of Carlsbad, CA, worked with award-winning artist Michael Deas of Brooklyn Heights, NY, to create a portrait of the novelist with a background depicting a fawn at a watering hole in the Florida scrub country. The rows of spots on the male fawn are consistent with the description in *The Yearling*.

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