

NEWSLETTER

OF THE WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB

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NEW CLUB GETS NEW OFFICERS



New WSCC President, Don Peterson, presents token of appreciation to Collectors Club of Washington President, Bruce Kellogg, for his efforts in the merger of the two clubs. Washington Philatelic Society President, Brock Covington was unable to be present to receive his token of appreciation.

Don Peterson was elected the first president of the new combined Washington Stamp Collectors Club. In addition other officers elected were: C. A. Stillions, Vice President; Gerald Marandino, Executive Secretary, Tadas Osmolskis, Recording Secretary; and Joel Fassler, Treasurer.

The following have been appointed to standing committees:

Finance and Audit	Unfilled
Sales Circuit/Auctions	Virginia Randolph
Program	Bill Sandrik
Membership/Promotion	Pat Sluby
Newsletter	C.A. Stillions (Assistant-Tadas Osmolskis)
FDC Sales	Lorraine Bailey
APS Representative	Bruce Kellogg
Website	Ernesto Cuesta (Assistant-Tadas Osmolskis)

President's message ...

This has been quite a year. The Collectors Club of Washington and the Washington Philatelic Society finally did it. After 79 years of separation, they have re-united again – forming the new Washington Stamp Collectors Club. Without a doubt, both clubs made significant philatelic contributions on the local and national level over those years. My challenge, with the help of a terrific slate of club officers and standing committees, is to expand on this success in 2006.

I have thought hard about what the most important message should be for the first newsletter of the new WSCC. The answer was easy – to acknowledge those members of both former clubs who have worked hard on club projects and who have worked to make WSCC a reality. **Bill Sandrik** – forever a behind the scenes supporter and catalyst for change. **Seymour Stiss** – who made the 100-Year celebration of WPS a success, and more. **Virginia Randolph** – who tirelessly makes the sales circuits so much fun for the members. **C.A. Stillions** – who created a high quality newsletter for WPS, knocked down hurdle after hurdle to form the new club, and who never ceases to amaze me. **Lorraine Bailey** – with endless ambition and who is often not fully appreciated for her hard work to keep FDC sales the major financial lifeblood of the club. **Tadas Osmolskis** – with his successful CCW newsletter and auctioneering skills. **Ernesto Cuesta** and **Tadas** – with their web site skills. **Gerhard Wolff** with his humor and auctioneering antics. And to **all 90 members** of WSCC, my thanks for your hard work, and my apology for not specifically recognizing others who have unselfishly contributed to make their former clubs and the WSCC a success. Finally, a very special thanks goes to the former club Presidents, **Brock Covington** and **Bruce Kellogg**, who created an atmosphere of creativity in both clubs and inspired its members to step forward to create the best stamp club in Washington, DC.

I truly believe we work hard at this because we like to collect stamps, we like to share our stamp experiences and, most of all, we like to have fun doing it. Welcome to the New Year.

Don Peterson

WASHINGTON2006



Washington 2006, America's once a decade international stamp show, needs your help! An undertaking such as this requires hundreds of volunteers. Please go to the Washington 2006 web site, www.Washington-2006.org, and fill out the volunteer form or contact WSCC President, Don Peterson. You will be contacted as the show gets closer to confirm your availability and work interests. If you have any questions, contact the show via email at help@washington-2006.org or by mail at Washington 2006, PO Box 2006, Ashburn, VA 20146-2006, USA

A LITTLE TRIVIA by Phil Uhlmann

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COMING EVENTS

18 February 2006 HAGERPEX XXXIII, Plaza Hotel, Halfway Blvd. & I-81 (across from the Valley Mall), 1718 Underpass Way, Hagerstown, Maryland, annual exhibition and bourse of the Hagerstown Stamp Club.

18 February 2006 FAMILY HISTORY MONTH, "LOOKING BACK AND MOVING FORWARD", a genealogical presentation by WSCC's own Pat Sluby, 1:00 – 4:30 PM at the Washington, DC Mormon Temple Visitor's Center.

25-26 February 2006 SPRINGPEX 2006, Robert E. Lee High School Cafeteria, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield Virginia, annual exhibition and bourse of the Springfield Stamp Club, Hours: Saturday 10 AM – 6 PM, Sunday Noon – 4PM.

11 March 2006 ANNAPEX, Knights of Columbus Center, 2590 Solomon's Island Road, Edgewater, Maryland, annual exhibition and bourse of the Annapolis Stamp Club.

25 March 2006 TRIPEX Spring 2006 Show, Lavale Volunteer Fire Dept., Station 1, 421 National Highway, Lavale (Cumberland), Maryland. Sponsored by the Tri State Stamp Club.

1 April 2006 DELPEX 2006 Stamp Show and Bourse, Nur Temple, 198 S. Du Pont Highway (US Routes 13 & 40), New Castle, Delaware. annual exhibition and bourse of the Brandywine Valley Stamp Club.

27 May – 3 June WASHINGTON 2006 International Philatelic Exhibition, Washington Convention Center, Mt. Vernon Square, Washington, DC

WSCC MEETING PROGRAMS THROUGH MAY 2006

4 January	Nominations for Officers, Swap and Trade
18 January	Nominations and Election of Officers, Swap and Trade
1 February	Member Auction
15 February	swap and trade
1 March	TBD
15 March	Herbert Cover Contest, see next page for details
5 April	TBD
19 April	Donation Auction
3 May	Hungerford Album Competition
17 May	TBD

EDITOR'S CORNER

It is with some trepidation that I become WSCC's first editor. Having produced the WPS BULLETIN for more years than I care to remember, I know what kind of work it takes. At least with WPS, I did not have to invent much as the template was already established. Setting up the template for all future WSCC newsletters is a new challenge and especially challenging for an "Engineer" as engineers are not known for their journalistic skills. That certainly fits me.

One thing I did have at WPS was a great group of contributors. My hope is that the group expands with new contributions from the former members of the CCW. Material will always be welcome. If you have news of a member such as winning an award or publishing an article; if you have an article or an idea for an article you wish to test, I want to hear from you. You do not have to be able to type or use a computer, as I will be happy to take handwritten drafts and turn them into type articles for the newsletter. Because ours is a visual hobby, I would like photographs, photocopies, or scans accompanying your submission. Postal history articles are especially welcome. The WPS BULLETIN had a tradition of publishing articles on the Postal History of the District of Columbia which is a tradition I would like to continue. You may give me your article at a club meeting or you may send it to me via post at C. A. Stillions, 1435 Fourth Street, S. W., No. B212, Washington, DC 20024-2227 or you may email it to me at castillions@hotmail.com. A third way is to fax it to me at 202-484-6524.

Hopefully, or at least for now, the plan is to publish a newsletter of four to six pages every other month or six a year. That is fewer than I was sending out for the WPS, but more than was being produced by CCW. It will depend upon how much material I get and how much time I have. The goal will be to send out a newsletter at the start of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

ANNUAL HERBERT COVER CONTEST

WSCC's First Annual Herbert Cover Contest will occur at the second meeting in March, March 15th to be exact. This Contest was a favorite of the old Washington Philatelic Society. Hopefully it will become just as popular in the WSCC. Basically, a group of categories are selected, usually the previous years winner, and members submit an entry into as many of the categories as they can. To determine a winner some of the entries are voted on by the meeting attendees and some are judged by a panel of judges selected by the presiding officer at the meeting. The votes are tallied, a winner is declared, and a prize is awarded. Also the judges must determine when an entry belongs in its category or not. This is when the fun begins as it is often not clear cut that an entry belongs in its category. So, start now to gather your entries for the Cover Contest.

CATEGORIES TO BE DECIDED BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS:

1. Most interesting postal stationery cover.
2. The cover with the prettiest stamp.
3. The cover with the most deceptive advertising on it.
4. The most interesting cover to or from a member of the military or a military post office.
5. The Post Card with the funniest message or picture. The Post Card must have gone through the mails.

CATEGORIES TO BE DECIDED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES:

6. The cover with the most recent 2006 sprayed on cancellation.
7. The cover with the oldest red cancellation or postal marking.
8. The most recent U.S. double rate first class cover.
9. The earliest use of a Postal Card.
10. The cover with the most recent Washington, DC cancellation

Unless otherwise specified a cover can be an envelope, card, folded letter, complete front, wrapper, package, form or document that shows payment or lack thereof of postage and/or postal fees.

Editor's Note: The Newsletter Editor would like to receive either a photocopy or a scan of the winning entry in each category for future publication in the club newsletter.

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Membership information may be obtained from the Executive Secretary. Dues are due June 30th and are \$16.00 a year for resident members, \$10.00 a year for non-resident members, and \$10.00 a year for junior members.

Meetings are held the First and Third Wednesdays of the month at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth Street, S. W., Washington, DC starting at 7:00 PM.

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