

WASHINGTON CITY DESPATCH



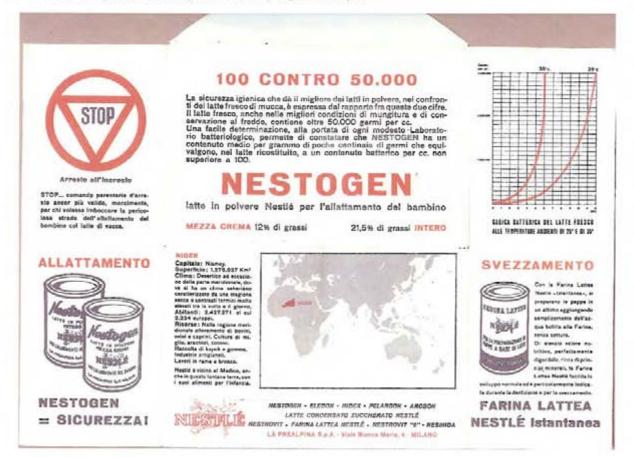
NEWSLETTER OF THE WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB
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BILL SANDRIK WINS FIRST WSCC JOSEPH HERBERT COVER CONTEST

The Fist Annual Washington Stamp Collectors Club Joseph Herbert Cover Contest goes to Bill Sandrik. He won over runner-up C. A. Stillions and four other participants. For his efforts, Bill received \$25.00. It was a fun evening with spirited competition and interesting judging and scoring discussions. As can be seen from the following, the submitted entries were most interesting. Thanks to all who participated. The following are the winners in each category:

CATEGORIES DECIDED BY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS:

Most interesting postal stationery cover. Won by Virginia Randoph.



2. The cover with the prettiest stamp. Won by C. A. Stillions



3. The cover with the most deceptive advertising on it. Won by Bill Sandrik.



4. The most interesting cover to or from a member of the military or a military post office. Won by Don Peterson.



5. The Post Card with the funniest message or picture. Won by Martin Fleisher.





CATEGORIES DECIDED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES:

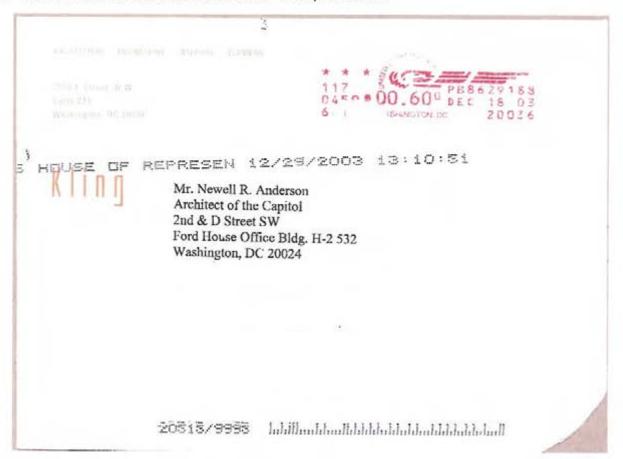
6. The cover with the most recent 2006 sprayed on cancellation. Won by Bill Sandrik.

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7. The cover with the oldest red cancellation or postal marking. Won by Bill Sandrik.



8. The most recent U.S. double rate first class cover. Won by C. A. Stillions.



9. The earliest use of a Postal Card. Won by Bill Sandrik.



10. The cover with the most recent Washington, DC cancellation. Won by C. A. Stillions.

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If this last entry looks familiar, it should as everyone received one. It is WSCC Newsletter No. 2 and is postmarked with a 9 March 2006 cancel from the U. S. Capitol, House side Post office, Washington, DC 20515.

EDITOR'S CORNER

As can be seen on page 1, we have a name for our newsletter, Washington City Despatch, and a new masthead. The stamp images are the 1850 Wiley's One Cent Despatch local post stamp for Washington, DC and 2000 diamond stamp for the District of Columbia. The name comes from the Wiley stamp and is why the old spelling for dispatch is retained. I hope you all like it.

C. A. Stillions. Editor

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Notices of changes of address are to be sent to the Executive Secretary, sending them to any other officer will just cause delays. Send corrections to Gerard Marandino, WSCC Executive Secretary, via USPS at 5105 Skyline Village Court, Alexandria, VA 22302, or via email at gmarandino@alum.mit.edu.

President's message ...

Washington 2006

This will be the last Newsletter before **Washington 2006** takes off **May 27 through June 3, 2006**, as the paramount international stamp exhibition of the decade. Not since San Francisco in 1997 or SIPEX in DC way back in 1966 has such a prestigious event occurred in the U.S., and of course, in our own Washington, DC backyard. I am proud that the **Washington Stamp Collectors Club** is poised and ready for the exhibition.

The major WSCC activity at Washington 2006 will be volunteering your time in helping set up and take down the 3,500 exhibit frames. Undoubtedly, this is one of the most daunting challenges for Washington 2006. Besides WSCC, there will be dozens of other volunteers assisting in this task. Thankfully, we are not alone. Set up begins Wednesday morning, May 24 at the DC Convention Center, and will continue Thursday and Friday (May 25-26) until the work is done. Hopefully, you can be there for all three days or as many days as possible. There is no parking at the Convention Center, but there are many parking lots in the area, however, they are expensive. The best way to get there is by Metro Rail (DC Convention Center Station on the Green/Yellow Line). When you arrive, go to the Washington 2006 registration desk, where you will be directed to the Volunteer Office. A badge, special exhibit team tea shirt, food, and drinks will be provided free to all volunteers. If you haven't completed a Volunteer Form, don't worry. Just show up at the DC Convention Center and they will get you started. Don't forget, we need to be at the DC Convention Center to take down the exhibits, starting after the show closes at 4:00 PM on June 3, and again on June 4.

The other activity that WSCC members will be engaged in will be to "man" the Mid-Atlantic Region Stamp Clubs table to provide stamp club brochures to interested new members to clubs in the region. WSCC will have a club brochure at the table. Over 100 clubs in the region will be participating. Please contact Pat Sluby at 301-630-2752 (email: sluby@erols.com) for more information. We need several volunteers for short stays at the table.

Washington 2006 is huge. It likely will be decades before a stamp exhibition of this size will again occur in DC. This is a chance of a life time that you will never forget, and, of course, why not buy a few stamps and covers while you're at it. Enjoy.

Don Peterson



WSCC MEETING PROGRAMS MAY - AUGUST 2006

3 May Hungerford Album Competition Members willing to participate, should bring an album of their choice (printed, homemade, stockbook

participate, should bring an album of their choice (printed, homemade, stockbook, exhibition pages in a binder, etc. Anything containing stamps or covers). The albums will be placed on a table in the front of the room, for members to view. Each member who brought an album with briefly talk about their album (5 minutes or less) in front of the group. After everyone has spoken about their special album, the meeting attendees vote on the best album or the one they would most like to take

home. Award is \$25.

17 May George T. Turner District of Columbia Postal History

Collection, Bill Sandrik

7 June Review of Washington 2006

21 June Member Auction

5 July Swap n Trade Night

19 July Philatelic Quiz

2 August Swap n Trade Night

16 August Donation Auction

COMING EVENTS

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

8 – 10 September Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, annual exhibition and bourse of the Associated Stamp Clubs of Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (SEPAD), Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

Matthew Bennett to Auction Turner Collection

On May 9, 10, and 11, 2006, Matthew Bennett International will sell at public auction the George T. Turner Collection of District of Columbia Postal History at their gallery in Baltimore. George Turner, who was a member of the Collectors Club of Washington and the Washington Philatelic Society, on his death left to the WPS his collection and research notes of District of Columbia Postal History. The intent was to have the WPS complete his work on the postmarks of the District of Columbia. However, the merger of the WPS and CCW came before publication could be accomplished. The merger agreement stipulated that WPS was to arrange for the disposition of the collection before the merger could take place. This was accomplished by consigning the collection to Matthew Bennett International. The lots are available to view on Matthew Bennett's web site, http://www.bennettstamps.com. Bill Sandrik will discuss the sale at the second meeting in May.

STAMPS FOR SALE

37 + 39 cents Hi-Ends \$17.00 a pound

34 cents and under Low-Ends \$ 9.00 a pound

Christmas \$1.00 a pound

Bulk Stamps \$1.00 a pound

Appraised value 38 cents and over 5 or 10 cents a piece

Plate # stamps 5 cents a piece

Foreign Stamps \$15.00 a pound

Order from: Stamps for a Living Business, FO18/JHP/OT Dept., 2700 M L King Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. 20032-2601.

Long-time collector liquidating large accumulation of stamps, souvenir sheets, booklets, some covers, primarily 1950-1988 though there are some earlier items. Send email to acraven@mindspring.com detailing what you collect (country, era, mint/used, etc.) for a list of items that may interest you. Most countries represented. Heavy British Commonwealth, Andorra, worldwide booklets. Sorry, no classic USA.

Secretary's Corner

DUES

Members should send their dues for the 2006-2007 year before the end of June to the Executive Secretary, Gerard Marandino, at 5105 Skyline Village Court Alexandria, VA 22302. Dues are \$16.00 a year for Resident Members, \$8.00 a year for Non-Resident Members, and \$8.00 a year for Junior Members.

Members should also take this opportunity to verify their mailing address as they would like to have it appear in the club directory, update their home and office phone numbers, and revise their list of collecting interests. The directory will also include the current spouse's name if member wishes.

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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, \$6.00 a year for non-resident members, and \$8.00 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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