



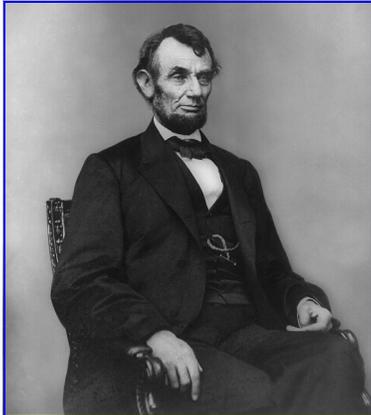
# ECHOES

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE  
GREATER EUGENE STAMP SOCIETY



MARCH - APRIL 2014

## AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIGURES ON U.S. STAMPS



(1809-1865). Lincoln was the sixteenth President of the United States, and the first Republican president. He presided over the Union during the Civil War. Although he had sworn to “preserve, protect and defend” the Constitution when inaugurated, he continually violated it during his terms of office, ostensibly to save the nation. Violations included but were not limited to: waging war against the sovereign states, suspension of Habeas Corpus, and imposition of an unconstitutional progressive income tax to fund the war.

Lincoln is revered for having “freed the slaves” with his Emancipation Proclamation. However, this applied ONLY in the states that had seceded from the Union! The war has been known as the “Civil War”, the “War between the States” and by the military as the “War of the Rebellion.” Was it a war, or, if Lincoln did not recognize the sovereignty of the confederacy the suppression of an insurrection of individual states?

Regardless, at the conclusion of hostilities, from 1865-69, the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments were added to the Constitution.

On April 14, 1865, Lincoln became the first American President to be assassinated. He had wanted a quick and magnanimous restoration of the Union, not the Radicals’ dream of a prostrate and subjugated South. Had he lived, Reconstruction might have succeeded.

This is a fascinating, yet painful period of American History and well worth study. It certainly is a prime example of the phrase, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions!”

In the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln noted the founding of our country as “Four score and seven years ago.” Which document did he thus consider our “Founding Document”? (See page 6 for the answer)

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- *President’s Message*
- *Club Calendars*
- *Monthly Quiz*
- *See page 3 for Member Dealer Info.*

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

PRESIDENT’S MSG.	2
EDITOR’S NOTES	2
LATVIA “ARMS” ISSUE, & NWCU DISPLAY	3
LATVIA “ARMS” ISSUE CONT. FROM PAGE 3	4
CALENDARS	5
BIRTH MONTHS NEEDED! BIRTHDAYS!	6
QUIZ & ANSWERS	6

### G.E.S.S. STAMP SHOW

**The G.E.S.S. Stamp Show will be held 3-16-14 at the Masonic Lodge on MLK Blvd., across from Autzen Stadium as usual! Hours are from 10 am to 4 pm.**

**Club Members wishing to assist in show set up should be at the Lodge at 7:30 am. Club Members wishing to assist in show take down, should expect to remain until 5 pm.**

## ECHOES

Phil Bronner, Editor

6155 Main Street  
Springfield, OR 97478

541-206-0306

philbronner@netscape.net

## G.E.S.S.

## PO BOX 40068

EUGENE, OREGON 97404

## President

Paul Renner

541-505-8618

pncwho@comcast.net

## Vice President

Mary Ann Renner

541-221-0368

pncwho@comcast.net

## Secretary

Jim Parker

541-654-1977

## Treasurer/Membership

Rolin Lewis

541-937-3487

rolew1946@yahoo.com

## Board Members

Mike Weyers

541-501-8894

m.weyers@johnstonenw.com

Larry Spuur

541-343-2552

lws582@hotmail.com

Committee Chairs, Shows, APS  
Circuits, Auctions

Mike Luttio

luttio@msn.com

## Historian

Dorlon Himber

541-688-0803

daddyduck@comcast.net

## Librarian

Appointment pending

## Bid Board

Mike Weyers

541-501-8894

m.weyers@johnstonenw.com

Mike Hardy

541-726-9466

mkhard69@aol.com

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:



Has this been a wild winter or what? Snow, heavy rains, -10 degrees, etc., what's next? It has been an adventure for many, a health challenge for some, and for me a new and interesting learning experience. The good news is that Spring is right around the corner, and I am looking forward to re-experiencing some of the great outdoors!

So, what's up for summer? Aside from the usual club activities, we have the annual picnic, and the tri-club meeting in Florence. Summer is always a slow time for volunteers for presentations, so if you have something in mind to do, that would be the ideal time for one! If you have any suggestions for the tri-club meeting, please let me know. We had a pretty good opener last year, and look to improve on it this year.

The USPS has been coming out with some great new issues (I particularly liked the Harry Potter booklet) and seem to be making some positive strides towards serving the desires of collectors. These people, particularly in our local branches, work extremely hard in what is, with budget-challenges, and uphill fight to do more with less. If you get a chance, let your postal people know how much they are appreciated.

OK, time to come off the pulpit. Have a great spring, enjoy the upcoming events, and see you at the meetings!



## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Enjoy the Latvia article submitted by Jim Jackson! The article will conclude with our next issue. His blog site is posted in the heading of the article and is well worth a visit! If you're in the area, check out Tim Berquist's display at the Northwest Christian University!

The American Historical Figures on U.S. stamps continues. Our March show is coming up as well! Be sure to check the calendar for important dates and times!

The ECHOES is published six times a year in January, March, May, July, September, and November. *If you do NOT get your ECHOES the first week of the issue month, let me know! I will get another mailed out to you! Remember, email delivery = COLOR!!*

## DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All submissions of articles, illustrations, letters, etc., by members of the Greater Eugene Stamp Society will be considered. We reserve the right to edit for length and content. Also, any material might be denied publication based on its inflammatory nature, bias, its poor quality, readability, obviously inappropriate subject matter, or the lack of space in the current publication. These deci-

sions are based on the discretion of the editor. All material must arrive typewritten please (!) to the editor either at a scheduled meeting, by mail, or email. Timeliness of submissions and space will determine when they will appear in the Newsletter. Cutoff dates for all submissions will be the 15th of the month prior to the 1st day of the month the issue is to come out. Don't bold, italicize or underline. Do not use cen-

tering. Use a plain background and standard typefaces.

Many thanks for all who send material! We really appreciate it!



Electronic submissions via email preferred!

**THE STAMPS OF LATVIA**  
**THE "ARMS" OR "SUN" ISSUE OF 1918-19**

By: Jim Jackson

[Bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.com](http://Bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.com)

**SUPPORT OUR CLUB MEMBERS !!**

Carol Furness has **Carol Furness Postcards** in her home in Drain. Please call her for an appointment. She is also a regular at Piccadilly. Drop in!

Mike Hardy sells on eBay as "Mkhard69". (He also sells from his home! Call him!)

Paul Renner sells as "PNC" on eBay and has been known to sell at Piccadilly. He is now a full-time dealer!

Clarín Lewis has a booth in The Mercantile Vintage Mall at 145 Pioneer Parkway East, Springfield. He is also now a dealer.

Mike Luttio is a full time dealer who sells at our shows and at buy, sell, trade nights. Call and leave a message if you'd like to deal with him outside of "hours."

Bill Witcraft, of Dothan Alabama sells on eBay as "Sergeantmajorbill."

Space is available at no charge for club members who wish to let others know they are available to sell philatelic items!

Latvia (Lettland) was an independent Republic between 1918-1940. The population was 2,000,000 in 1939 and the Capitol was Riga.



Latvia, like Lithuania and Estonia, the cousin Baltic Republics, managed to gain - and keep - its independence following the aftermath of WWI under the leadership of Karlís Ulmanis and a provisional government.

It wasn't easy.

There was also the Latvian Soviet government backed

by the Red Army, and the West Russian Volunteer Army (anti-Bolshevik), which, despite its name, was mostly German.

The Latvians, however, with some help from the Estonians, drove the rivals out.

How could a little country with a small population do that? Because Latvia had always managed to keep its culture, musical traditions and language intact. Latvians are a Baltic people, and speak Latvian, a Baltic language. And the Lutheranism was traditionally strong because of the historical link to the Nordic countries.

Now, a closer look at the "Arms" or "Sun" issue of 1918-19.

The first Latvian issue starts off with a bang with one of the more unusual stamp stories.

But first - the motif. It shows a Sun with a sheaf of three rye ears all encircled as unity by a ring that binds. The three rye stalks represent the three important provinces - Vidzeme, Kurzeme, and Latgale.

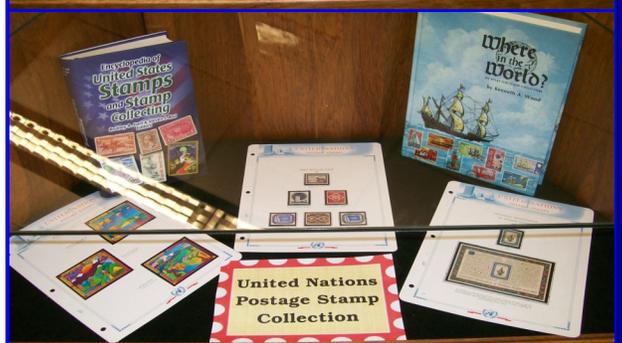


December 18, 1918 Scott 1 5c carmine "Arms"

Continued to page 4.

**NorthWest Christian University Displays**

Club Member Tim Berquist has displays of "Superman Comics", "US" and "UN" Stamps at NWCU for their "Hobbies on Display" through mid-March.



**THE STAMPS OF LATVIA: THE “ARMS” OR “SUN” ISSUE OF 1918-19 CONTINUED**



*The stamps were printed on the back of German Military Maps. Map colors are usually brown and black.*

What is unusual about the first issue? It was printed on the back of German Military maps that were surplus and available.

The 5c carmine is found both imperforate and perforated. Turning over one of these stamps and finding part of a map is surprising and pleasing. How delightful! Despite their unusual nature, the catalog value for these stamps is less than one dollar.

The first stamp issue has design I. The next issue had the design redrawn, and is known as design II. The major differences are the sheaf of rye ears is thicker for design II and the sprig of vegetation on the left ground has five leaves rather than four in design II. Noting the design differences is more important than



*Design I (left) and Design II (right) - Note the arrows!*

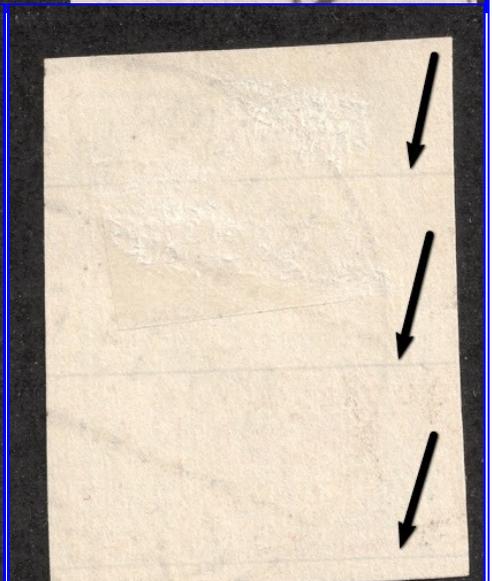
one would think, as design I is used again occasionally in later issues.

The next issue of three stamps (example illustrated below) is found both imperforate and perforated. There is again something unusual about this issue. These stamps are printed on paper with widely spaced horizontal ruled lines, as illustrated below (as noted by the arrows...ignore the cancel which can also be seen.) Fascinating! The catalog value is less than one dollar for imperforate stamps.

(My understanding is the stamps were released imperforate, but then a number were perforated. Generally, imperforate specimens are less expensive than perforated, and actually represent the “natural” state in which they were released, even though Scott also gives the perforated specimens major numbers. For me, an imperforate example is good enough!)



*1919 Scot 5, 15k green “Arms” Design II.*



*Paper with ruled horizontal lines.*

*Continued to the May - June 2014 issue of the Echoes*

**CALENDAR**

**SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETINGS!**

**MARCH**

- 1: Cottage Grove Library, 1-3 pm, VanderPlaat
- 8: Springfield Library, 1-3 pm, TBA
- 9: Daylight Savings Time begins
- 12: Club Meeting 7-9:30 pm, Program: Overview of Worldwide Classics: Jackson; CM: Neuhausen
- 16: GESS Stamp Show 10am-4pm
- 17: Saint Patrick's Day
- 20: Spring Begins
- 26: Club Meeting 7-9:30 pm, Program: Collecting Naval Covers: Bronner; CM: Bronner
- 29-30: Inland Empire Philatelic Society Bourse, Spokane, WA

**APRIL**

- 1: April Fool's Day
- 5: Cottage Grove Library, 1-3pm, VanderPlaat
- 9: Club Meeting, 7-9:30 pm, Program: TBA, CM: TBA
- 12: Springfield Library, 1-3 pm, TBA
- 13: Palm Sunday
- 14: Passover Begins @ sundown
- 18: Good Friday
- 20: Easter Sunday
- 23: Club Meeting, 7-9:30 pm, Program: Buy, Sell, Trade; CM: TBA
- 25-27: WESTPEX, San Francisco, CA
- 28: Holocaust Remembrance Day

**NOTE:** Northwest Philatelic Library is open on Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm, during the Stamp Fair and Collector's Corner.

# MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 
9 	10	11	12 	13	14	15
16 	17 	18	19	20 	21	22
23	24	25	26 	27	28	29
30	31					

# APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2	3	4	5 
6	7	8	9 	10	11	12 
13 	14 	15	16	17	18 	19
20 	21	22	23 	24	25	26
27	28 	29	30			

**Repetitive Events:**

- Rose City Stamp Fair, 2nd Saturday of the month, OSS Clubhouse, Portland.
- Collectors Corner, 4th Saturday of the month, OSS Clubhouse, Portland.



**GREATER EUGENE STAMP SOCIETY**

PO Box 40068  
Eugene, Oregon 97404

The Greater Eugene Stamp Society (G.E.S.S.) meets the second and fourth Wednesday at Saint Jude's Catholic Church, 43rd Avenue and Willamette Street. Visitors are always welcome! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for trading, bid board, and socializing. The regular meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Applications are available at the meetings, at the GESS sponsored local Stamp Show held in March and September each year, or by contacting the club at the above address. Dues are \$15 a year for adults, \$5 a year for juveniles under 18 years of age. Visit us on the web at: [www.greatereugenestampclub.org](http://www.greatereugenestampclub.org)

GREATER EUGENE STAMP SOCIETY

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

**MAR: W. Beplat, L. Clough,  
M. James, R. Lewis, M. Renner.**

**APR: L. Marcus, A. Murray,  
B. Witcraft.**

**BIRTH MONTHS NEEDED!**

In order to include everyone in the "Birthday Wishes" section in the Echoes, I **STILL** need birth months for the following:

Adler, Forster, and Wood.

I don't need the day or year.....just the month!! **(That shouldn't embarrass anyone !)** Thanks, Ed.

(Answer to question on page 1: The Declaration of Independence)

- 10. May 20, 1902
- 9. George and Martha Washington
- 8. Aircraft Carrier
- 7. 7.9 cents
- 6. U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Eagle
- 5. Globe and Wing
- 4. Moira Michael
- 3. San Antonio, Texas
- 2. Seattle, Washington
- 1. Fifteen cents

**Answers to the quiz below:**

**Don't Peek!!!! Cover this box with a piece of paper!**

**U.S. Stamp Quiz No. 27**

(from 100 Trivia Quizzes for Stamp Collectors by Bill Olcheski copyright 1982, APS)

1. *What is the denomination of the only certified mail stamp issued in the U.S.?*
2. *A stamp honoring the World's Fair was issued in 1962. In what city was the fair held?*
3. *The Alamo appears on a nine-cent stamp issued in 1956. In what city is it located?*
4. *The originator of the Memorial Poppy issue appears on a 1948 stamp. Who is she?*
5. *What is the central design feature of the airmail set issued for the Canal Zone in 1951?*
6. *What ship appears on the fourteen-cent postal card of 1978?*
7. *What is the denomination of the bulk mail stamp showing a drum?*
8. *What type vessel is shown on the International Naval Review stamp of 1957?*
9. *What American couple appears on the paid reply postal card of 1951?*
10. *When did the U.S. stop issuing stamps for Cuba?*

Give yourself five points for each correct answer for numbers 1-4.

Give yourself ten points for each correct answer for numbers 5-7.

Give yourself twenty-five points for each correct answer for numbers 8-9.

Give yourself fifty points for a correct answer to number 10.

**Remember to:**

**Check the Sign up sheets for Springfield Library Saturdays; Cookie Monster (CM); Presentations; Show setup, teardown and cleanup; Show Exhibit, Ride Share, and New Member Guide!**

**Also, let's each try to get one new member to join our Club in 2014 !!!**