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AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIGURES ON U.S. STAMPS

Oliver Hazard Perry (1785 - 1819). (See Scott #'s 144, 155, 166, 177, 191, 202, 218, 229, 261, 261A, 276, 276A.)

Perry grew up in Rhode Island, the oldest of five boys. His family on both sides had a deep naval heritage. His younger brother would become Commodore Perry, who compelled the opening of Japan to the West. Oliver himself was appointed a US Naval Midshipman at age 13.



He is probably best known for his actions during the War of 1812 during the Great Lakes Campaigns. In February 1813, as a 27 year old lieutenant, he was ordered to Erie, PA to supervise the completion of a naval fleet to defend the Great Lakes. His nine-ship fleet was ready in August. He sailed up Lake Erie on the *Lawrence*, his flagship (named for James Lawrence of "Don't give up the ship!" fame.) Upon seeing the British Fleet, he immediately attacked. The effectiveness of the British long cannons was better than anticipated. Soon *Lawrence* had sustained major damage, forcing Perry to transfer his command to the *Niagara* to continue the fight. And continue the fight he did. He bore down on the British *Detroit*, forcing it to collide with the *Queen Charlotte*. Within minutes, British ships began surrendering, and the entire fleet was captured by Perry. It was the first time in history an entire British naval squadron was forced to surrender.

America had regained firm control of the Great Lakes and the way was clear for land forces to recover Detroit.

Perry, in a letter, issued his famous quote: "We have met the enemy and they are ours: Two Ships, two Brigs, one Schooner & one Sloop."

Perry contracted Yellow Fever while in South America and died in 1819.

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FORGERIES?

Interested in finding them? Check the APS Website, www.stamps.org/forged-or-genuine. You could also purchase Linn's "Focus on Forgeries" by Varro E. Tyler. Some country "Specialized" catalogs may also list and/or describe forgeries (such as Michel or Gibbons). A surprising number of "common" early Worldwide stamps you may find forged.

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Summer is coming soon! Yay! (or "oh no" depending on how much you have planned and whether or not it involves kids or grandkids!)

We have another summer of activities planned including the picnic and the multi-club meeting in Florence. Also, consider attending PIPEX in May, it should be a really good show.

Getting tired of the same-old, same old routine in collecting? Everyone gets there eventually. Whether on a budget or just running out of affordable (or findable) items in your interests, we all kind of reach that point where it's impossible to find material.

My suggestion is to start a new area! US collectors often find fascination in Back of the Book stamps, or related items such as seals, philatelic related labels, etc. World collectors often expand their area (i.e.: a Great Britain collector might expand into the colonies, a general collector expanding into revenues, etc.) It can be challenging (and sometimes humbling to "start again", but there are often rewards to be had.

Philately can be a lifetime hobby - and the hunt for new and original material is sometimes the most satisfying part of it. Happy Hunting!

'til later - Prez Paul.

**NOTES FROM THE EDITOR**

Enjoy the conclusion of the Latvia article submitted by Jim Jackson. His blog site is posted in the heading of the article and is well worth a visit. The March Show went well. We welcome new Junior Club member Mason Goeserich. Spring is here and Summer is right around the corner. So look forward to PIPEX coming up this month and the Club Picnic in July or August. Our Club DOES have an exhibit at Pipex.

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 PART II
THE "ARMS" OR "SUN" ISSUE OF 1918-19

By: Jim Jackson

Bigblue1840-1940.blogspot.com



1919 Scott 21 20k orange; Scott 23 50k purple (back) Stamp back is shown to illustrate Pelure paper.

The subsequent issue of nine stamps (imperforate and perforate major varieties) is found on Pelure paper. Pelure paper is like cigarette paper, thin and translucent. The catalog value for imperforate is less than \$1.00, while the perforated major varieties are in the dollars. This issue is only found as design II.

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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!

COLLECTING COMMON DESIGNS

In the front of the Classic Worldwide Scott Catalogue, as well as each Scott World Catalogue, there is a section detailing the "Common Designs" of stamps issued by countries and their "commonwealths" or colonies.

This is an interesting area of collecting, and if each area is completed, a nice addition to a Worldwide collection, Classic or otherwise!

Even if you don't collect worldwide, collecting a "common design" from a country or topic of interest is an enjoyable addition to your regular collecting pursuits. One of my collecting interests is "Watercraft on Stamps". Thus, the Great Britain and Commonwealth 1946 Peace Issue and the 1949 Commonwealth UPU 75th Anniversary Issue are both of collecting interest! (Even though the UPU issue has only two of the four stamps on which ships are depicted, collecting the entire set is easier and enhances resale value!)

I also collect Common Designs prior to 1940 for inclusion in my Classic Worldwide collection. (Start with Great Britain and France...the Portuguese sets are pretty expensive by comparison!) Even if you're a Souvenir Sheet collector, and only collect the Souvenir Sheets from these issues, it makes for a satisfying feeling when you complete a set! **-Ed.**

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



Another 1919 issue, this time just imperforate, had nine stamps. Catalogue value is less than \$1.00.

1919 Scott 25-33 issue —
Watermark 108 - “Honeycomb”

This imperforated issue can be distinguished from the others as it is watermarked with the “Honeycomb.” The stamps were only issued as design II. It is important to watermark the “Arms” or “Sun” issue to rule in or out the “Honeycomb” stamps.

The last six “Sun” stamp issue is a puzzler to me. I had about ten perforated 5k carmines, all design I, but no map on the back, so they were not Scott 1. Scott makes no mention in the catalogue about the possibility of both design I and II stamps for this issue. It turns out the 5k, 20k, and 5r are design I, while the 40k, 50k and 75k are design II !



1919 Scott 27 10k deep blue,
watermarked “Honeycomb”

Watermark 108:
“Honeycomb”



In summary, the “Arms” or “Sun” issues of Latvia are delightful, but one has to be mindful of paper, watermarks and designs - to say nothing about maps.

CALENDAR

SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT THE MEETINGS!

MAY

- 3: CG Library, 1-3 pm,
Vanderplaat.
- 9-11: PIPEX, Red Lion, Port
land, OR.
- 10: Springfield Library, 1-3 pm,
TBA.
- 11: Mother's Day.
- 14: Club meeting, 7-9 pm, Pro-
gram: Japan, J. Jackson.
CM:
- 17: Armed Forces Day.
- 26: Memorial Day.
- 28: Club Meeting, 7-9 pm, Pro-
gram: Club Auction. CM: J.
Spuur.

JUNE

- 7: CG Library, 1-3 pm,
Vanderplaat.
- 11: Club Meeting, 7-9 pm, Pro-
gram: TBA. CM: TBA
- 14: Flag Day
- 14: Springfield Library, 1-3 pm,
TBA.
- 15: Fathers Day.
- 21: First day of Summer.
- 25: Club Meeting, 7-9 pm, Pro-
gram TBA. CM: V. Neu-
hausen.

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

MAY 2014

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JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15 	16	17	18	19	20	21 
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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

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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

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BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

**MAY: T. Berquist, D. Forster,
M. Goeserich, R. Hulse.**

**JUN: M. Bughman, D. Christensen,
C. Cornet, D. Gregston, B. Kyle,
J. Leroux, J. Parker, W. Pate,
E. Rimerman.**

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 and Wood.

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

1. Sagamore Hill
2. Dog
3. Five cents
4. The Old Man of the Mountain
5. San Antonio, Texas
6. S.S. Dorchester
7. Grover Cleveland
8. A track runner and a discus thrower
9. Sepia and yellow
10. Robert R. Livingston

**Answers to the quiz
below:
Don't Peek!!!! Cover
this box with a piece of
paper!**

U.S. Stamp Quiz No. 28

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

1. What was the name of President Theodore Roosevelt's house that appeared on a 1953 stamp?
2. What animal appears on the stamp honoring the Humane Society?
3. What is the denomination of the Walt Whitman stamp in the 1940 series?
4. What is shown on the New Hampshire stamp of 1955?
5. In what city was the HemisFair of 1968 held?
6. What ship is shown on the Four Chaplains issue of 1948?
7. Who is on the twenty-two-cent value of the 1938 definitives?
8. The U.S. issued two stamps for the Xth Olympiad in 1932. What did the designs show?
9. What colors are the windmill stamps in the 1980 booklets?
10. What Revolutionary War patriot is shown on the one-cent value of the Louisiana Purchase stamps of 1904?

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 !!!