



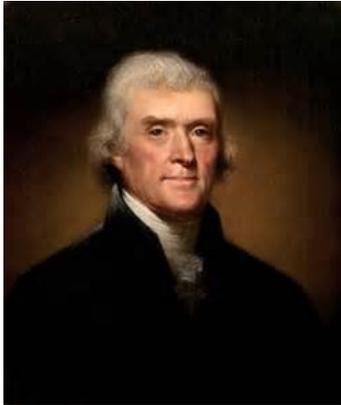
ECHOES

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AMERICAN HISTORICAL FIGURES ON U.S. STAMPS



Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826) was a true Renaissance Man. He was not only our third President and author of our Declaration of Independence; but was a skilled architect (his own home Monticello, as well as the Virginia Capitol and the University of Virginia), horticulturist (he grew our first tomato plants), inventor, musician, and was fluent in several foreign and classical languages. He devised our decimal system of coinage. He drafted the

Virginia "Bill of Rights" for the state Constitution, which was used as the basis for the Federal Bill of Rights.

He served as minister to France, Secretary of State, Vice President, and President of the United States. He successfully prosecuted the War against the Barbary Pirates of Tripoli (1801-05), instigated the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Oregon Territory (1803-05) and Zebulon Pike's exploration of the Rocky Mountains, and authorized the Louisiana Purchase (1803), which doubled the size of the United States.

Jefferson was devoted to individual freedom and rights, and abhorred the idea of a large, and therefore tyrannical federal government. He advocated the premise that laws should be made by those required to obey them. When laws deprived individuals or states of their rights, he was the first to advance the concept of nullification. He had confidence in self-governance, but realized the necessity of a well educated citizenry to successfully maintain it. He insisted on a free press and free public education for all to ensure the perpetuation of the Republic. Jefferson as Vice President and John Adams as President endured an acrimonious relationship while serving together in office. It was a very unusual coincidence that they both died on July 4, 1826 within hours of each other.

Jefferson consistently appears on United States stamps.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:



I want to thank all those who have helped me this year as your President. It has been a challenging year: the passing of several club members, the cancelled show, etc. but we rose to the occasion, added some new members and are set for a great 2014! As we enter the new year, we need to concentrate on continuing the growth of club membership. I believe we should try to reach the 50 and up adults. They are probably familiar with stamp collecting, have access to transportation and available time, and philately is a very affordable hobby! We can do this by: "telling a friend". By advertising. (There are several places we can publicize the club, from local community notices to presentations in senior and community centers.) By welcoming guests and visitors to our meetings.

Fall. Probably my favorite season with the leaves showing the magnificent color variety, holiday spirits warming up, temperatures going down, and stamping activities getting brisk. I wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Please remember, we only have one meeting in November (the 13th) and December (the 11th). Remember to bring a small plate of goodies if you are attending the December meeting (our annual Christmas Party). If you wish to participate in the gift exchange as well, bring a wrapped gift.



Well, there's no doubt

summer is gone! Although a four day mini-vacation to the Coast last week was very nice, except for one very foggy day! This issue we finish up with Jim Jackson's Fiume article, and a nugget I found in the Letters to the Editor of the American Philatelist while looking

to catch up on my tear sheets! It seems some modern stamps ARE soakable with water..when used with "Softsoap." Elections are coming in November for three board positions (see the ballot sent with this issue!) ALL members are encouraged to vote!

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!!*

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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!

SAFE SOAKING

(A reprint of an (April 2013?) Letter to the Editor, American Philatelist

Safe Soaking

Back in the June 2011 issue of the AP, Wanda A. Murray proposed using Softsoap in water as a simple and safe method of soaking self-adhesive stamps off paper (Soaking Technique, page 525). I do not recall reading any follow-up to her suggestion and so I am writing to confirm that this method works beautifully. Being a scientist, I experimented with the method and have a few suggestions for making the procedure faster and more reproducible.

The procedure works best with warm water, obtained either from the hot water tap or by heating water in the microwave oven (3 cups of water heated on high setting for 1.5 minutes). Add ½ teaspoon of Softsoap (any brand works well, but unscented varieties are recommended) per cup of water, mix well, and then soak your stamps. All self-adhesive stamps soak off clean in 2-4 minutes, with no adhering adhesive. Transfer stamps to a large bowl of fresh water and let stamps soak 5-10 minutes to remove the soap. Press and dry the stamps using your favorite procedure.

The soapy water can be reheated in the microwave when it gets cold; or the water can be placed in a bowl that fits onto an electric candle holder (available in hobby and gift shops) to keep the candle warm;

If you want to use cold water, just add 1-2 teaspoons of Softsoap per cup of water and let the stamps soak longer (6-10 minutes). However, you may have to scrape some adhering adhesive from the stamps.

This is a much safer method of soaking self-adhesive stamps off paper than using organic solvents like Bestine (n-Heptane) or lighter fluid, and it does not cause the ink on some stamps to run like citronella based soaps and cleaners. I suggest the APS recommend this Softsoap method for soaking self-adhesive stamps to all of its members, especially to our youth membership.

Thanks to Wanda Murray for bringing this safe and clean method of soaking self-adhesive stamps to the attention of the APS and all stamp collectors!

Michael J. Borrelli

Little Rock, Arkansas

Editor's Note: I have tried this method with mixed results so far.. Could be the water wasn't warm enough, or the soap wasn't mixed in enough...I would like club members to try this method, keep track of their results, and then forward the Scott numbers of the stamps that you've tried this with, and the results. It would be nice to put together a list for reference to all members!

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!

The Chalon Heads, by Barry Maitland ; Arcade Publishing, New York , © 1999.

"One of the best-crafted, best-plotted, and most convincing British thrillers for decades." according to London's Daily Mirror.

When Detective Chief Inspector David Brock and Detective Sergeant Kathy Kolla are summoned to a dealer in rare stamps on the Strand, they expect a simple case of theft . But they're presented with a far more unsettling matter. An unsavory character from the past, Sammy Starling, aka Sammy China is in deep trouble and is asking for help. His pretty young wife has been kidnapped; but the strange part is that the ransom notes are decorated with rare and valuable Chalon Head stamps of the young Queen Victoria-to whom Sammy's wife bears an uncanny resemblance. Sammy thinks a corrupt cop he helped put in jail is behind the kidnapping. The thing is, for all his innocent appearance, Sammy is a tough operator whose flair for business conceals a career of fraud and deceit. How can Brock and Kathy trust anything Sammy says?

The Author, Mr. Maitland was born in Scotland and raised in London. He now resides in Australia, where he was dean and professor of architecture at the University of Newcastle, until becoming a full-time writer.

THE FREE STATE OF FIUME

BY JIM JACKSON

(CONTINUED FROM THE LAST ISSUE)



Free State of Fiume



1923 5c blue green "Venetian Ship"
 1924 20c orange red "Roman Arch" overprinted "Regno d'Italia"
 1924 60c red "Saint Vitus" overprinted "Annessione All'Italia"

A 1923 twelve stamp issue featured a "Venetian Ship", "Roman Arch", "Saint Vitus", and "Rostral Column" designs. When the Treaty of Rome gave Fiume to Italy, the stamps were twice overprinted in 1924 as above.



One has to admit, this is an interesting stamp for a postage due!

1921 Postage Due 5c on 25c blue "Dr. Antonio Grossich"



1920 newspaper stamp 1c gray green "Steamer"

Not many newspaper stamps are this attractive!



1920 2c on 25c indigo with red surcharged "Hands Holding Daggers."



1920 Scott E3 Special Delivery 50c rose.

Big Blue: For those using the Big Blue album (Scott International Part I 1840-1940), the coverage is seventy spaces over three pages (27% coverage). The Steiner PDF pages album provides all the spaces for the Scott major numbers.

Out of the Blue: Fiume provides a very interesting philatelic and "real" history. No doubt, many of these stamps were for "propaganda" purposes as one would expect in this revolutionary environment. Perhaps, selling all these issues to stamp collectors helped too! ;-) (Comments to the author appreciated!)

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

- 2: CG Library, 1-3pm,
Vanderplaat
- 9: Springfield Library, 1-3pm,
TBA
- 11: Veterans Day
- 13: Club Meeting, 7-9:30pm,
Election night, Program:
TBA, CM: Bill Richards.
- 27: Hanukah begins
- 28: Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

- 5: Hanukah ends
- 7: CG Library, 1-3 pm,
VanderPlaat
- 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance
Day
- 11: Club Meeting, 7-9:30pm,
Christmas Party, Officer
Installation. CM: All.
- 14: Springfield Library, 1-3 p.m.
TBA
- 21: Winter Solstice
- 24: Christmas Eve
- 25: Christmas Day
- 31: New Year's Eve

NOTE: Northwest Philatelic Library is
open on Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm, dur-
ing the Stamp Fair and Collector's Cor-
ner.

NOVEMBER 2013

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DECEMBER 2013

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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:

Nov: M. Kyle, R. Palmer

Dec: G. Hulin, B. Murray, L. Spuur

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, Shepherd, and Wood.

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

1. San Francisco Bay
2. Abraham Lincoln
3. One cent
4. Abraham Lincoln
5. Robert A. Taft
6. Triangle
7. Palace of the Governors, Santa Fe, New Mexico
8. "The Wake of the Ferry"
9. Twenty-four cents
10. 1845

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

U.S. Stamp Quiz No. 25

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

1. The discovery of what body of water is commemorated on a ten-cent stamp in the Pan-Pacific Expo issue of 1913?
2. What U.S. President appears on a 1942 stamp honoring resistance by the Chinese to Japanese aggression?
3. In the Famous American Series, what is the denomination of the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow stamp?
4. Who is on the sixteen-cent stamp in the 1938 definitives?
5. What Ohio Senator appears on a 1960 commemorative?
6. What is the shape of the stamp on the eight-cent airmail envelope of 1962?
7. What building appears on the one & one-quarter cent definitive of 1954?
8. The John Sloan issue of 1970 features one of his paintings. Which one?
9. Old North Church appears on a stamp in the Americana Series. What is its denomination?
10. In what year did the PM of New York begin using his own adhesive stamps called "Postmasters' Provisionals"?

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 2013 !!!