

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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MAY MEETING – April Showers and Blizzards bring May Flowers, I hope!

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER

WHEN: May 17, 2018 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

PROGRAM: Election of Officers

*Reminder: To **Randy Younger** to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting, if you can't, please find someone else to do it – thanks.*

April Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Burrows.

There were no visitors this month.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes of the March meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Kirk Becker presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented was approved.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: All reports indicate that the show was a great success. Dave Carney reports that he had one of the best shows he has ever had. Dave further commented that people attending BAYPEX are there to purchase stamps, not just look. He also thanked club members for all their help in setting up, taking down, and moving dealers in and out of the show. Several suggestions were made for future shows:

1. Have some people there by 7:00 a.m. to help the early arriving dealers, be clear the doors will not open before 7:00 a.m.
2. Find a better way to bolster local advertising (in a cost-saving move this is the first year in a long time, maybe ever,

that we did not advertise in the Press-Gazette).

Ray announced that the same venue has been reserved for next year's show on March 23, 2019.

Unfinished Business:

Boy Scout Merit Badge: Date has been tentatively set for Saturday, June 23. As of press time, we are still short one volunteer. Ray still needs to confirm the location reservation with the local Scout office and get the preliminary information to the Scout leaders for distribution to the troops.

Cheryl Ganz Presentation: There will be a special presentation at 2:00 p.m. at the Sturgeon Bay library by Cheryl Ganz on her roles as a member of the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee and as past director of the National Postal Museum, part of the Smithsonian Institution. Thanks to MaryAnn Bowman for arranging for this event. Bob Petersen has volunteered to host GBPS members for hot dogs prior to the presentation. Thanks Bob for your kind offer.

New Business

Due to a Packer game scheduled the night of August 16 (our usual meeting night and day of our picnic), the picnic will most likely be rescheduled for Wednesday night, August 15 at Dave Burrows' house.

In regards to the Flag Day stamp first-day ceremony in Appleton, it looks like that will be by invitation only. Rumor has it that members of the Green Bay, Appleton, and Oshkosh clubs will receive invitations. It is a shame that this is not open to the public and general collecting community. Stay tuned for further details and watch your mail.

April Program:

The April program was “Hey Look What I Found.” Below is a list of the “finds” as best as I got them down:

- Dave Carney: Appleton fancy cancel with an apple and the word “ton” written inside it.
- Darryl Ruprecht: Martin Luther philatelic passport.
- Dave Devroy: Two ways to shoot down a zeppelin.
- Ray Perry: Coldland local posts.
- Cliff Binder: South Pole cover from the 1950’s – “Operation Deep Freeze.”
- Tom Johnston: Russian stamp exhibit on cosmonauts.
- Kirk Becker: German New Guinea.
- Clete Delvaux: Ruth Fisher’s U.S. cut squares collection. Ruth was the secretary of GBPS for many many years.
- Mark Schroeder: “The Expert’s Book” on Washington/Franklins.
- Dave Carney: “Carney” covers, including an American Legion post card with his Dad’s name on it.
- Dave Carney: covers with a penny taped to the front of the cover for a 1-cent make-up rate.

Great participation and interesting/unusual topics. Thanks everyone for your contributions.

May Program:

The May program will be Election of Officers. The nominating committee announced that we have a full slate of people willing to run for the offices.

Dave’s Deliberations

At the beginning of this year’s meetings we voted and chose Bob P’s Germany presentation and Dave D’s Zeppelin presentation as our most

enjoyed programs of the previous year. I would very much expect that should this be repeated for this season’s programs we would choose Kirk B’s Japanese presentation and Dave C’s Outagamie County presentation as those most enjoyed this year.

There is a lot of work behind each of these presentations and it is very much appreciated that we have members who are willing to show us the result of their efforts. In all cases there have been significant questions and commentary by recipient members. Each program opened the boundaries of our understanding of “Philately.”

The April meeting program “Hey, look what I found” was one that I enjoyed very much. There were a considerable number of “finds” that members displayed and described. Each of these presentations expanded our understanding of some aspect of philately. I personally would be very happy if members would bring small “Show and Tell” items whenever they find something of interest. Two or three could fit into just a few minutes after our business meeting.

Ray’s Ramblings

Two months ago we explored the “Liberty Series” of U.S. definitive stamps. Last month we took a look at the “1938 Presidential Series” commonly referred to as the “Prexies.” Maybe it is time to switch gears and look at some foreign stamps. A country that has always interested me is New Zealand. Let’s take a trip down under.

New Zealand is composed of a group of islands in the south Pacific off the southeast coast of Australia. According to Wikipedia it is about 900 miles across the Tasman Sea from Australia to New Zealand. The capital of New Zealand is Wellington and its largest city is Auckland. The current population is estimated to be about 4.9 million people, the majority of which are of European descent. The largest minority is the indigenous Māori. New Zealand is about 103,000 square miles in area.

According to Wikipedia, it is believed that the Māori culture was developed by Polynesians that first inhabited the islands in the late 1200s. The Dutch explorer, Abel Tasman was the first

European to see the island in 1642. The British signed a treaty with the Māori chiefs in 1840 and New Zealand became a British colony. Today, New Zealand is a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary democracy. Queen Elizabeth II is the head of state.

On to the stamps of New Zealand (NZ). The first New Zealand stamp was issued in 1855 and depicted Queen Victoria. Over the next several decades a portrait of Queen Victoria was the featured design on New Zealand stamps. There are imperf, rouletted, and perfed stamps issued in varying denominations and colors from 1855 to 1895. A couple examples of these early issues are shown below.



NZ Scott 52 NZ Scott 64 NZ Scott 68

Following the Queen Victoria stamps was a series of various natural scenes issued in 1898. Many of them of different mountains within the country of NZ. They included mountains like Mt. Cook, Pembroke Peak, Mt. Earnshaw behind Lake Wakatipu, Otira Gorge and Mt. Raupehu among others. There were also some stamps showing native wildlife like kiwi and hawk-billed parrots. This is a very picturesque set. Several stamps from the set are shown below.



Mt. Cook Lake Taupo Pembroke Peak
Aren't these stamps beautiful? Some stamps in the set are larger in size. More like what we would think of as a commemorative. Reprints of some of the stamps occurred in 1899-1900.

In 1901 New Zealand issued a stamp to honor the country's forces fighting in the Boer Wars in South Africa. The 1½p stamp from this three-stamp set is shown in the next column.



NZ Scott 101 – NZ forces in Boer Wars

As we move into the late 1910's King George V stamps begin to appear. Several examples of this set are shown below.



NZ Scott 151 NZ Scott 154 NZ Scott 158
Aren't the stamps striking in their different colors and elegant simplicity? This set was issued between 1915 and 1922. The stamps were issued in varying colors and perforations.

Let's jump ahead to 1936 when the Congress of Commerce of the British Empire was held in New Zealand and the country issued a five-stamp set to commemorate the event. These five stamps showed various industries important to the country of New Zealand. Four of these stamps are shown below.



Wool Industry

Butter Industry



Apple Industry

Shipping

Not shown is the stamp depicting sheep farming. Also issued in 1936 was another set of stamps showing various scenes, flora, and fauna specific

to New Zealand. I particularly like the 5p stamp from this set. It shows a striped marlin and is shown below. I think you will find it attractive too.



NZ Scott 192 – Striped Marlin

In 1940 New Zealand issued a very nice set of engraved stamps (Scott 229-41) commemorating the centennial of the treaty of Waitangi which established British sovereignty over the country. There are a total of 13 stamps in this issue. The stamps show the history of New Zealand from the landing of the Māoris to Tasman’s discovery of the islands to the treaty of Waitangi. For the most part these are beautiful bi-colored stamps. A couple of them are shown below.



Landing of settlers on Pelone Beach

Māori Council

We’ll jump ahead to 1946 and another beautiful set of engraved stamps (Scott 247-57) called the “Peace Issue.” This set was issued to celebrate the end of WWII and the return to peace. There are a total of 11 engraved stamps included in this set. Most of them are bi-colored with a few just a single color. The set is not expensive with most of the stamps selling at the Scott minimum value and the rest only slightly above the minimum value. Two of these stamps are shown below.



NZ Army overseas badge Southern Alps and altar

We’ll wrap up our trip to New Zealand with a couple of back of the book stamps. Shown below are two more beautifully engraved stamps. This time semi-postals (from two different sets) with the surcharge from both sets going to support children’s health camps.



New Zealand Scott B29 New Zealand Scott B33

The last two stamps (shown below) are officials from the New Zealand Government Life Insurance Department. They both show lighthouses. There are a total of eight stamps in the set, all of them show lighthouses in their design. They would make a great addition to a lighthouse topical collection.



NZ Scott OY29

NZ Scott OY30

Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

Jun 1-3 COMPLEX '18, Chicago Area Philatelic Societies, Guerin College Prep, 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove, IL

Jun 30-Jul 1 MSDA Milwaukee Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Assoc., Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI

July 7-8 MSDA Summer Stamp Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Ramada Inn Chicago North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL

July 14 BAY DE NOC STAMP AND COIN SHOW, Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club, 2000 N. 30th Street, Joseph Heirman Bldg., Room 952 (accessed from Danforth Rd.), Escanaba, MI

July 20-22 MINNESOTA STAMP EXPO, Crystal Community Center, 4800 N. Douglas Dr. North, Crystal, MN

July 28 13th Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club Summer Show, Lakeland Stamp and Coin Club, Woodruff Town Hall, Hwy 47E, Woodruff, WI

Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

May	Elections
June	Special Silent Auction (no business mtg.)
July	Silent Auction (no business meeting)
August	Picnic at the Burrows residence (no business meeting)

Note: There will be a silent auction each month except at the picnic.