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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: *To provide a vehicle through which women exhibitors can encourage each other through sharing information, ideas, experience, advice, problems, and solutions.*

Next Meeting: **AMERISTAMP**, Feb. 20-22, 2009; Arlington, TX. Sat., Feb. 21, 12 noon: Title & Synopsis Pages, by Pat Stilwell-Walker.

Festival for Philatelic Women, May 28-31, 2009; Bellefonte, PA. Keynote speaker, Cheryl Ganz, *Women in Philately: Where We've Been; and Where We're Going*. Lots of other great workshops, seminars, social events.

Satellite Mtgs: **Hudson-Fulton Stamp Expo**, Sept. 25-27, 2009, Albany, NY; will include mini-seminar on The Basics of Exhibiting, by Barb Harrison.

Keeper's Korner:

Season's Greetings to all. May your holidays be joyous and may you enjoy happiness in the New Year.

One of the wonderful benefits of being your *Keeper* is the conversations with WE members. During the past few weeks, many have told me they are buying philatelic gifts for their spouses and friends. Isn't that great! I'm sure the recipients will be pleased.

While we're thinking of gifts, don't forget to put the *Festival* on your wish list. Plan how you're going to get there and then add those plans to your holiday wish list. Do send in your registration to Liz and make lodging arrangements with the hotel. Some have told me they don't fly alone, so make plans to fly with someone who is going. WE membership is 100 strong, so someone near you should be a good flying partner.

Before the Festival, the WE meeting at AmeriStamp Expo is on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at noon. Put this time on your calendar now. Pat Stilwell-Walker is giving the program on *Title and Synopsis Pages*. We'll hear everything we've always wanted to know about these two important pages for our exhibit and entry form.

Wishing you the best, for your philatelic ventures and otherwise, during this holiday season,

Ruth

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Have you had/do you have a mentor(s) in the hobby? Who were/are they? How did they become your mentor(s)? What makes a good hobby mentor?

(From Jane K. Fohn) I have had so many people contribute their advice to "The 9-Cent Alamo Stamp and Its First-Day Covers" that I'm afraid of leaving someone out.

Denise and Jay Stotts have been invaluable mentors from the very beginning, and continue to be so. They are always on the look-out for new and unusual material. They have helped me with problems such as rates and setting up exhibits on the computer, etc.

There was the good fortune to have Bill Dunn and Ken Lawrence at TEXPEX when I received a national silver. Both are Liberty Series specialists. Alan Warren reviewed the Alamo for the AAPE critique service, and this was the beginning of the gold awards.

All the judges who have evaluated the exhibit have contributed sound suggestions, and all their ideas have been incorporated. It is always a learning experience visiting with them at the frames.

As an aside, I reworked a page for one show and put a piece in with the back showing. Ron Strawser, who had just judged the exhibit elsewhere, assured the jury that there was a front and I got the gold.

Another aside. I showed the Alamo at the Houston AFDCS show. Jay Stotts was a judge and teased me unmercifully about lapping my first-day covers. This would downgrade my award, I think he said, to a certificate. I had a gold.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER: Thinking of your OWN exhibits, which is your favorite and why? How did you come up with the idea? How long did it take to complete? How and from where did you gather needed material? Do you plan changes or additions in the future?

HELP!! SUGGESTIONS FOR MONTHLY QUESTIONS ARE NEEDED FROM YOU, in addition to your answers!! PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS OR TOPICS FOR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS, AND ALSO SEND IN YOUR RESPONSES –THIS IS AN EASY WAY THAT WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER!!

HOLD THE DATE: May 28 – 31, 2009.

******Festival for Philatelic Women******

If you are planning to attend, SEND AN E-MAIL NOW TO FESTIVAL ADDRESS BELOW STATING YOUR INTENTION, even if you will be sending your registration fee in later. A headcount is needed. For those who can: Please send in your registration fee as soon as possible as expenses are already being incurred which must be paid. The Festival Committee needs to know that you are coming!

There will be ample time to make use of the American Philatelic Center and all it has to offer stamp collectors. The cost to attend the Festival for Philatelic Women is \$85 and covers daily lunch, dinner, and all activities. Hotel and travel expenses are on your own. For more information contact Women Exhibitors, 7277 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. Email: WEfestival@comcast.net.

NOTE: The registration form is attached. A hard copy will also be sent via snail mail to all members in February.

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL WE MEMBERS: If you are planning to attend the festival in Bellefonte in 2009, please also consider bringing an exhibit for other attendees to see. Exhibits will NOT be judged, but will be used for discussion and learning. WE hopes to have a variety of exhibits displayed which will provide opportunities to share ideas and to ask questions about the various types of exhibits and exhibiting in general. Exhibits do NOT have to be complete, but can be “under construction.” Please contact me if you have questions or want to volunteer an exhibit. (Joann Lenz; joann@stampsjoann.net)

WE FESTIVAL SEMINARS: The Festival Committee is working very hard to put together an enjoyable and helpful learning experience for all who attend. To whet your appetite, here is a partial list of seminars that are already included:

Cheryl Ganz – Women in Philately: Where We’ve Been, Where We’re Going

Charles Verge -- Family correspondence & research

Denise Lazaroff -- Scrapbooking

Barb Boal – Photoshop Elements

Barb Boal -- Exhibit Page Layouts

Cheryl Edgcomb -- Creative 3-D Exhibits

Sue Dempsey -- How to get what you want from a dealer

Gretchen Moody -- Stamp Saturday (introduction to stamp collecting)

Barb Harrison – Collecting & Exhibiting Picture Post Cards 101

In addition, APS will provide a Stamps by the Bucket booth. We need volunteers to help staff it and collect money for the stamps bought by the bucketful. Lots of fun for little money!

HUDSON-FULTON: Exhibit Entry Forms are available from their website: [Http://www.stampExpo400.org](http://www.stampExpo400.org). They advise early entry – entry fees can be sent after the first of 2009. Show date is Sept. 25-27, 2009. WE will have a table and a satellite meeting. If you can help by spending a few hours at the table, please e-mail your editor. So far we have 2 people: Maureen Lynch & Barb Harrison.

IMMEDIATE EXHIBITING OPPORTUNITIES: Two upcoming shows have frames available: (1) SANDICAL, Jan. 16-18. Check website or contact Donald A. Chafetz, 1943 Altozano Dr., El Cajon, CA 92020-1002. Entry deadline: Dec. 12. (2) FILATELIC FIESTA, San Jose, Jan. 30-Feb. 1. Contact Dr. Ed Laveroni, ejpjl@comcast.net or 408-356-7561. Entry deadline: Dec. 15.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

No new members this month. Current membership stands at 102.

++++**OTHER STUFF**++++

REMINDERS:

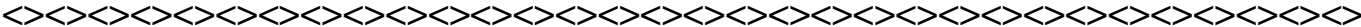
- Be sure to let editor know of any changes of e-mail address, mailing address, or phone number.
- If you have NOT received your newsletter by the last day of the month, contact Barb via e-mail.
- If you have not yet received your WE button, contact Liz to make arrangements. Remember to wear your WE button at local meetings and shows.
- If you are not yet an AAPE member, contact Liz Hisey, AAPE Secy., for info.
- When a new member joins they will receive a copy of the last newsletter from Barb and a dated copy of the most recent membership list from Ruth, which is kept current and sent to everyone by Ruth. Be sure to proofread your own info on the list and let Ruth know if there are any errors. Should you not receive these, please let us know.
- Please do NOT forward our membership list to anyone.

IN CONCLUSION: I hope each one of you continues to work on one of your philatelic projects. I am breathing a sigh of relief: I have accomplished two more projects that I had been putting off. First, I reworked one exhibit that was wavering between award levels – even added an entire new frame. Now we’ll see what happens. Second, I re-printed every page of my very first exhibit, upgrading, adding some info, improving the type and set-up – another major commitment of time. But I am SO pleased with the results, and I hope the judges will be, too. I feel much, much better about that exhibit now. Do you have an exhibit that needs some improvement? This winter is the perfect season to set aside your time to do it!!!

I’m looking forward to hearing from more of you in 2009. It’s always fun “chatting” about our philatelic endeavors via e-mail. Please do send ideas for newsletter topics and your answers, write-ups, or philatelic suggestions. I’d especially like to receive some philatelic biographies to include in the newsletters. It’s a great way to get to know each other!

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Best wishes for a beautiful and meaningful Christmas and holiday season to each one of you.

Barb, Editor



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