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“If you’re trying to achieve, there will be roadblocks. I’ve had them; everybody has had them. But obstacles don’t have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don’t turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

Michael Jordan
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PIPEX 2012

11, 12 and 13 May
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Portland, Portland, OR

The Pacific Northwest
Premier Stamp Show
Details at www.pipexshow.org or from
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Keepers Korner

Have you sent in your registration for Fest 3? If not, why not? The Fest 3 committee would like to know how many are attending, so it's time to get those registration forms in the mail. Anne will attach a draft of the schedule of events to this newsletter. You will see there is something for everyone from beginning collector to advanced exhibitor. In addition, you will meet lots of wonderful people interested in stamp collecting and exhibiting.

Along with your Fest III registration, send in an entry form for exhibits at PIPEX. WE is one of the convening societies, and responsible for filling frames. Portland OR is a great place to visit, especially during May. Your days will be full between attending Fest 3 activities, exploring the show, making new philatelic acquaintances, and enjoying the sites and sounds of the city.

WE asked for, and received, 10 non-competitive frames at PIPEX. I've heard from Sheryl who wants 5 frames, and word has filtered down that someone else wants to exhibit non-competitively. Who is that someone who is considering non-competitive exhibits? Please get in touch. Let's fill the 10 frames WE requested.

Several kudos go to those writing for the newsletter. WE thanks go to Ron Leshner for his entertaining article on Revenues in the Kitchen in the September newsletter. Kathy Johnson took up the call to respond to the Future of Philately by writing an article, and Charlene Walker by sending a file of her exhibit commemorating Black Heritage people and events. Keep those articles coming.

Eleven members are filling the WE Club Showcase frame at SEAPEX. WE will have a title page about our organization and 15 one-page exhibits in this frame. Three clubs within Washington state also have Club Showcase frames. More in the next issue on this venture, as SEAPEX is 5-6 November 2011. Thanks to all of you for supporting ideas, such as one-page exhibits, that encourage people to exhibit.

I have a checklist for SEAPEX which requires that I cross items off my "to-do" list each day. So, I'll leave KK and start on my SEAPEX tasks.

Wear your buttons and get acquainted with other WE members at the shows.

Ruth

Festival for Philatelic Women May 9-12, 2012, Portland ,OR

Schedule of Events

May 10; 8-9 am: Morning Gathering/ R. Caswell & P. Walker (general session)

9-11 am: You Be the Judge/ P. Walker (WE members only)

Noon: Lunch

1-2 pm: One Frame Exhibiting/ L. Hisey (WE only seminar)

3-4 pm: Exhibiting Techniques/ V. Grinsfeld (WE only seminar)

5-6 pm: Display Exhibiting/ A. Harris (WE only seminar)

May 11; 9-11 am: You Be the Judge/ P. Walker (WE members only)

10-noon: Scrapbooking/ H. Griffin (open to the public)

Noon: Lunch

1-3 pm: How to Research/ T. Murray (open to the public)

3-5 pm: Stamp and Ephemera Printing/ B. Hisey, narrator

May 12; 10-11 am: WE Meeting/ R. Caswell (open to the public)

4-5 pm: Beginning Collectore/ H. Ness (open to the public)

"WE" EXHIBITORS INVITED!

PENPEX 2011 is being held in Redwood City, CA (about 30 minutes south of San Francisco) on December 3-4, 2011. As Exhibiting Chairman, I invite you to participate. PENPEX has standard 16 page aluminum frames and there is NO ENTRY FEE. Tim Barshe, past AAPE President, will be on the Jury. Those of you who are familiar with Tim, know that he is dedicated to exhibiting and always provides positive/tangible feedback - written. Mail-in exhibits are welcomed as are novices and new exhibits by more experienced exhibitors. Sorry, gold medal WSP exhibits will not be accepted. This is a chance to try new stuff and get constructive feedback!

Please contact me for a propectus or visit: www.penpex.org.

Vesma Grinfelds
PENPEX 2011 Exhibiting Chairman

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF PHILATELY? HOW TO ATTRACT THE BABY BOOMERS

Janet Klug and I are both members of the New Initiatives Committee that is part of the Council of Philatelists at the National Postal Museum. At our last meeting earlier this month the committee spent some time exploring the above question.

Philately as a hobby has been around for decades; youngsters start by filling in albums, as they grow older they begin to refine their collections, and in many cases they become exhibitors. But there appears to be a trend that the younger collectors seem to leave the hobby during their college years, working at their careers and families, stamp collecting takes a back seat.

Many come back into the hobby after retirement, but in today's world there are so many other distractions that we are seeing less of these original collectors starting again. I would like to open the floor to all of you Women Exhibitor members to start a discussion as to what you feel can be done to "kick start" these collectors/baby boomers/new retirees back into the hobby or to just start collecting and exhibiting.

What are your personal experiences in starting to collect, where do you see the hobby in 10 years, how can you help to further this totally fun experience.

Please send your suggestions, experiences and any thing else you would like to add to the editor, so that she can publish the answers in our next newsletters.

Liz Hisey.

The Future of Philately?

To survive philately needs to be relevant to the computer generation and be an interest-catching avocation AND we who presently enjoy the hobby need to present a forward looking, inclusive picture of the philatelic community. In other words we need to get ourselves in gear and out there!

We need more articles on the importance of stamp collecting and postal history to education, to preserving our heritage, to family activities, to social interaction and as a challenge to our personal growth and mental development!!

Our club puts exhibits in at the post office and has a special category to go with the annual Pear Blossom Festival - this gets us more visibility and community recognition. We have a one day Fall Filatelic Frolic with just dealers and welcoming members in a downtown venue. We've interacted with other community groups: Boy Scout badge help; postal history information to the local Genealogy Society, displays of minerals on stamps in conjunction with the Rock &

Gem Society. (We used to have a weekly stamp collectors' column in the local paper and get TV appearances.)

We need workshops and AEA journals on the use of stamps in the classroom, the value of stamp clubs for kids who do not go out for athletics or excel in music, and community involvement in schools by inviting collectors in. Just as seniors go to schools to encourage kids to read we could offer to tell about stamps and what's on them!

We need articles in AARP magazine on the health benefits of stamp collecting, joining a club, and sharing with grandchildren.

Always try to get a broad spectrum of ages in stamp collecting or stamp show publicity and write ups.

I don't Tweet or use face book so I don't know if there are on-line clubs but it sure could be a new thing for the people who do. Could someone invent a video game relating to stamp collecting!?

Many of my mature friends enjoy seeing my stamps and will tell me "I used to collect stamps." Well, we need to get their curiosity aroused and get our behinds in gear - it's harder to bring down a moving target! Philately has to be a more visible, flexible and active way to spend our time.

Nancy Swan

Thank you, Nancy

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