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Blessed are those who can give
without remembering, And take
without forgetting.

Elizabeth, Princess Bibesco
English author

1897-1945

ANNOUNCEMENT

The WE Membership Meeting will be at AmeriStampExpo in Charleston SC, February 11-13, 2011. The WE meeting will be on Saturday with the time and place to be announced.

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Keepers Korner

The new pin for the WE Sterling Achievement Award was well received at the local show. The recipient was a 17-year-old who immediately put the pin in his lapel and wore it throughout the show. This was the first time he exhibited, and he was very pleased with the award. Thanks to all who made the WE Award possible, including donors.

You will find more Discussion Topics in this newsletter, and I look forward to your responses. I predict there will be a wide variety in how we keep track of our philatelic possessions. The topic came as a result of discussion at the WE satellite meeting at SEAPEX. Since views on this vary widely, Anne and I thought it would be a good newsletter topic.

At SEAPEX, there is a Club Showcase section where clubs or groups fill with their members work. The intent is that several members of a club or group will each put up a one-page exhibit. Hopefully, getting one-page accomplished will inspire the exhibitor to take on larger exhibits of their own. These are not judged, but they are very popular with viewers. The satellite meeting group suggested that WE have a Club Showcase frame, and 6 members have volunteered (or will be asked to volunteer) to put up a page. Since these frames hold 16 pages, and one is taken with a WE introductory page, that leaves 9 more exhibitors to go. The FIRST nine WE members to volunteer(ruthandlyman@earthlink.net; P. O. Box 98403, Des Moines WA 98198) will have their one-page exhibits in the frame. Don't be shy. This is a fun activity, NO stress, promoting WE. SEAPEX is held near first of November 2011, so you have some time to think about what you want to put on that page.

Don't forget that WE has non-competitive frames reserved for Fest 3 at PIPEX, Portland OR, May 2012. WE now has TWO exhibits for these non-competitive frames. Nancy Swan has offered her *Tour de France*, and Lyman Caswell volunteered *Commemorative Postage Dues*, some of the world's most unusual stamps.

Upcoming events include the WE Membership Meeting at AmeriStampExpo in Charleston SC, February 11-13, 2011.

Support your local shows. Wear your WE buttons.

Ruth

More Discussion Topics

At a recent WE satellite meeting, this question arose.

1. How do you track the cost of your collection or exhibit. Do you have a database, a hand record, or do you just drop everything in the box? These are not suggestions; just options that I've heard people say.

The cost of our exhibits/collections is important for insurance and for selling, when that time comes. HOW do YOU keep track of what you have?

2. Since most of us do not have a perfect exhibit on the first try, what methods do you have to track the different renditions of your exhibits?

BRAGGING RIGHTS

No one did or won anything???????

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nothing is happening?????????

HOW DID YOU BECOME A PHILATELIST?

I have a feeling there are a few of us who started on their way to becoming a philatelist via someone introducing them to stamp collecting. Who was that someone? I would like to hear from those who have a story to tell.

My philatelic collecting began about 15 years ago. That was when my husband, David, decided to start collecting again; he hadn't collected since he was a kid. When he told me what he was going to do I asked, "Why?" That's when he told me there was such a thing as horses on stamps. I wasn't really impressed; so, you take a stamp, lick it and affix it on an envelope, big deal, I didn't and still don't write letters! What changed my mind was when he brought home a block of four of the American horses. They were pretty and one of the breeds was the American Saddlebred, my favorite breed. I was hooked, and, the first "monster" was created!

Well, I did well for about a year or so, but, then got bored. I had all these stamps of horses and critters in Varios stock sheets in binders and was doing nothing except looking at them every now and then. It was about this time that John Arn, one of our local club members, asked me if I would like to exhibit. I asked him what that was. He told me it was easy, you just put stamps on 16 pieces of paper and put them in a frame and they get judged (this is really simplifying what John, who is a national gold winning exhibitor told me). That first show was PIPEX 1997. I received a certificate of participation, and that was a favor! But, about that time Display class came into being. That interested and intrigued me. So, thanks to John, the second "monster" was born.

Now, the third "monster" has been started. Ruth Caswell asked if I would like to apprentice judge at SEAPEX this year. I hesitated a moment then and said, "Yes." Under the mentoring of Michael Dixon, it was an excellent experience. My application has been sent in, and, I hope will be accepted. I am really looking forward to this new chapter in my philatelic experiences.

If someone had told me in 1995 that I would be exhibiting nationally and beginning to judge, I would have laughed. I am so glad David decided to return to stamp collecting.

Anne Harris

INFO

DUES: When paying your dues by mail, please send your checks **ONLY** to our Treasurer, Liz Hisey, 7227 Sparta Rd., Sebring, FL 33872. Dues may also be paid with Paypal at lizhisey@comcast.net

If you are not yet an AAPE member, contact Liz Hisey, AAPE Secretary at lizhisey@comcasr.net Or go to aape.org and click on Join the AAPE. Liz Hisey also has the WE buttons.

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