



WE Expressions



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Women Exhibitors

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Free WE Youth Membership - Kristin Patterson

At the WE meeting at StampShow 2012 in Sacramento, a discussion about how WE can help promote youth exhibitors was discussed in length. It was thought that money was the number one obstacle for young people when joining clubs and organizations. So with a unanimous vote, it was approved that youth would be given free membership to WE.

WE will start by offering a 1-year free membership to anybody 17 years or younger who live in North America. If you know of a young person interested in joining WE, an application is available from Liz Hisey, lizhisey@comcast.net.

Chair Chit-Chat - Liz Hisey

As we start the New Year, I would like you all to consider how Women Exhibitors is going to grow. The current Board will be coming to the end of their terms and many do not wish to continue having served in the same capacity since the start of WE, so we will need new officers to replace them. This will be an opportunity for others to add their input into the organization. Without new blood we will stagnate and eventually die as a group. The new newsletter format is certainly one way to continue, but we need more publicity that would work with our marketing strategy.

We have booked out for the next 6 years three more WE FESTs, again I urge members to come forward to help organize these Festivals. Presenting the same old seminars each time, does not showcase what talent we have in our membership. We are looking for

All WE members receive via email a quarterly newsletter which highlights different topics related to exhibiting and stamp collecting, as well as upcoming World Series of Philately (WPS) shows. Every two years, a WE FEST is held in conjunction with a WSP show. Bi-annual WE meetings are held at APS StampShow and AmeriStamp. Reminders will be sent to members who have email addresses on file. Current WE members are also willing to answer members' questions.

WE hopes that this new offering will encourage young people who are possibly interested in exhibiting to join us in the joys of stamp collecting and exhibiting.

someone to become the WE FEST Chair for St. Louis in 2014 and a second Chair for WESTPEX in 2016. Those of us who have worked on the last three will certainly be around to help these Chairs.

One of the ways for us to grow is to have WE seminars at the two main APS shows; AmeriStamp and StampShow. Again we ask for someone to come forward to help organize these seminars. You do not have to present but must be willing to find topics that interest exhibitors and then qualified speakers. The drawing board is wide open for some fun and new seminars.

So we are looking for new Officers; a WE FEST Chair, Seminar Chair, and a Publicity person. We have over 100 members with all kinds of talent, so please come forward and take us into the New Year as a strong organization with a bright future.

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WSP Exhibitions

- Jan. 18-20 APS AmeriStamp Expo, Louisville
- Jan. 25-27 Southeastern Stamp Expo
- Feb. 1-3 Sarasota National Stamp Ex.
- Feb. 8-10 SANDICAL
- Mar. 1-3 TEXPEX
- Mar. 15-17 Garfield-Perry March Party
- Mar. 22-24 Edmonton Spring National Stamp Show
- Mar. 22-24 St. Louis Stamp Expo

APS Young Stamp Collectors Offerings - Janet Houser, Youth Coordinator

"We need more young collectors in our hobby." How many times have you heard that stamp collecting needs more young people to keep the hobby alive?

The American Philatelic Society promotes stamp collecting to youth in many ways. One program — the Young Stamp Collectors of America, YSCA, is devoted to supporting stamp collecting among individual young people, up to age 18. Services and educational opportunities are offered to enhance the collecting enjoyment for beginning collectors, as well as for those who have collected for several years.

New YSCA members receive a membership card, a packet of stamps, and a First Day Cover. In addition, members get the quarterly *YSCA E-newsletter*, a colorful electronic publication with columns on stamp collecting basics and topical, U.S., and worldwide collecting. Fun activities for young collectors are included as well. Other member benefits include online support via email and stamps sent quarterly (including on their birthday.)

Members will find support at monthly e-meetings, courtesy of

the Virtual Stamp Club, at www.virtualstampclub.com. In addition, live-member meetings are held twice a year at APS StampShow and AmeriStamp Expo.

Regular membership in YSCA is open to any person of good character, under age 18, at \$10 per person per year. Family memberships are available for two or more youth in the same household for \$15 per year. A membership application can be found on the APS website at stamps.org/YSCA.

Adults interested in showing their support for youth philately are welcome to join the YSCA as Adult Supporting Members, at an annual rate of \$20.00. We also invite all adult members to offer advice, write articles, share financial and in-kind donations, and participate in volunteer opportunities at the American Philatelic Center and at the APS annual shows.

Other programs the APS offers to support youth include:

- All★Star Stamp Club Program — assists leaders of local, organized youth clubs. stamps.org/All-Star
- Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship — helps avid young collectors grow in the hobby as

exhibitors, dealers, or authors. stamps.org/Young-Philatelic-Leaders

- Stamps Teach — provides educators with lesson plans, activities, worksheets, and stamps used as hands-on learning tools. stamps.org/Stamps-Teach

- Merit Badge Workshops — provides for Boy Scouts to complete all the requirements necessary to earn a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge. stamps.org/Scout-Merit-Badge

- Youth Area at Stamp Shows — a special area set aside offering stamp-related activities for youth at shows, staffed by knowledgeable collectors. stamps.org/ASE-Beginner-and-Youth

- Summer Seminar Scholarships — youth scholarships are available for the serious young collector. stamps.org/Summer-Seminar

For more information on the Young Stamp Collectors of America, please write to:

Janet Houser, Youth Coordinator, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823;

email yasca@stamps.org;
or call 814-933-3820.

Editor's Remarks - Kristin Patterson

The October 2012 issue of WE Expressions concentrated on technology in exhibiting. It covered items from using videos as a means to enhance an exhibit, QR Codes to compactly include more information in an exhibit, and finding gift ideas online for that tough philatelist.

This issue will concentrate on the computer wizzes among us; the youth. Young people have a knack for understanding electronics whether that is video games or

iphones. I think the main reason is that they breath, eat, and sleep technology. I know when I was 10, I breathed, ate, and slept stamps. It was what I enjoyed when no one was around.

This issue covers what WE is offering to young exhibitors, what the APS has to offer, and what fellowship is available for the serious young exhibitor. On the last page is short story about how a well-known stamp collector got her start collecting.

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Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship - Alex Haimann, YPLF Founder

The purpose of the APS Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship (YPLF) is to seek out and engage the most enthusiastic youth stamp collectors (ages 13-25) in the U.S. Once in the program, the YPLF provides for these young collectors to attend the events and visit the places that make philately exciting including the APS AmeriStamp show, the summer StampShow, the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, and the APS headquarters.

The APS YPLF is in the middle of its fourth class year. Each Fellow chooses one of three tracks (author, dealer, or exhibitor) in which they will complete a number of projects related to that track.

Throughout the course of the year-long fellowship, these youth Fellows interact with a number of adult mentors who guide each Fellow through their chosen track. With eleven graduates and three current Fellows, American philately has laid the roots for a strong and enduring youth philately program designed to prepare the next generation of leaders in organized philately.

The Exhibitor Track of the YPLF has been very exciting for

the four Fellows that have engaged in it since the program's inception. To provide a window into the activities and experiences of an Exhibitor Track Fellow, I would like to tell the story of John Phillips, the 2010-11 U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Fellow.

At the start of his fellowship year, John was a 9th grade student from southern Illinois (near St. Louis). John embarked upon the Exhibitor Track deciding

"The Exhibitor Track of the YPLF has been very exciting"

to greatly improve an existing exhibit, America By Water. The highlights of John's exhibit centered on his 19th century steamboat and inland waterway covers. To fulfill the requirements of this track, John connected with more than a dozen national exhibitors, judges, and other important figures in the philatelic world including John Barwis, C. David Eeles, John Hotchner, Janet Klug, Tom Lera, Dr. Elizabeth Nettles, Ada Prill, and Van Siegling for guidance and other critical assistance in the further development of his exhibit.

In mid-February 2011 (halfway through his fellowship,) John gave a presentation at a Webster Groves Stamp Club meeting about his collecting and exhibiting experiences. The Webster Groves Stamp Club regularly attracts high profile collectors and exhibitors to give presentations at their twice-monthly meetings. John's club presentation can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0J4rqTmXiA.

John's improved exhibit qualified for the 2011 Youth Champion of Champions competition where he received the Reserve CofC Award. Following his graduation from the YPLF in 2011, John continued to work on his exhibit and qualified for the 2012 Youth CofC. John's hard work paid off last summer when he won the 2012 Youth CofC! We are very proud of John's efforts and look forward to seeing him increase his involvement on the exhibiting scene in the years to come.

This is a great opportunity for someone under 26. For more information on the YPLF visit stamps.org/Young-Philatelic-Leaders or contact Alex Haimann at bretalex1@aol.com.

WE Sterling Achievement Award Winners

A special congratulations to the following Sterling Achievement Award winners for their fine exhibits at recent stamp shows.

Christopher Dahle - *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights* at STAMPSHOW

Earle Covert - *Not all the Mail Gets Through Uneventfully - 1940-Present* at CALTAPEX

Linda Johnson - *Mourning Covers From Around the World* at OMAHA

Robert Tataru - *U.S. Poland's*



Sterling Achievement Medal

Millennium Stamp: Background, Design, and Symbolism as Told through First Day of Issue Print at MILCOPEX

George Constantourakis - *Greco-Roman Sculpture, Historical Development* at Novapex

Jaime Marckwordt - *Guatemala: The Social Assistance Regular Issue of 1950-59, Airmail Overprint and Erroneous Stamp Design* at WINEPEX

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From Childhood Gift to Lifelong Pursuit - Interview with Janet Klug

Six-year-old Janet was a little jealous when her two older brothers were given stamp collections one Christmas morning. So she waited until her brothers lost interest and then “confiscated” their collections, hiding them under her bed. Once the coast was clear, a lifelong passion was born.

She specifically remembers a Canadian issue, a “pretty lady stamp” of young Queen Elizabeth. On a map, Canada was not far from Klug’s native Ohio, but to the elementary-school student, it was a million miles away. “All of this seemed extremely exotic to me.”

“Children are naturally inquisitive and natural collectors,” she tells people often in her unofficial role as an ambassador for stamp collecting. “All it really takes is to put a

spark in front of them and let them go.”

From 2003 to 2007, Janet served as president of the American Philatelic Society. She was, therefore, a natural



Janet Klug, longtime stamp collector, exhibitor, and judge

pick when a spot opened on the U.S. Postal Service Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee in 2010. Janet serves on the subject subcommittee, which is tasked with distilling thousands of ideas into the small number of stamps released annually.

Janet currently serves as Immediate Past President on the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society. There she is helping the Society develop a 20-year plan. She is also a member of the National Postal Museum Council of Philatelists, and continues as a member of the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee.

- Excerpts taken from a *Beyond the Perf* article that interviewed Janet Klug in 2010.

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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.*

WE are on the web at www.aape.org/weweb.asp

WE Sterling Achievement Award Winners - cont' from page 3

William Burton - *New London, CT 100+ Years Then and Now* at THAMESPEX

John Pare - *Inauguration of Air Mail Service Between Bermuda and the U.S.* at OK-PEX

Brian Snider - *United States Seven Cent Airmail Stamp Series 1958* at SACAPEX

Donald Tjossem - *USS Moffett - First Year of Illustrated Covers* at SEAPEX

Teri Edwards - *The Penguin: Fact and Fiction* at Filatelic Fiesta

Susan Baker - *Patriotic covers of World War II* at Mid-Cities Stamp Expo

Silvia Garcia-Frutos - *The First U.S. Special Delivery Stamps used in Cuba* at CHICAGOPEX

Tony Mancione - *History of Flight - World War II -1941-*

1942 from Pearl Harbor to Midway at MIDDPEX

Randy Turri - *Estonia - Postal Rate Study 1918-1941* at PENPEX

If your show has exhibits and you are interested in awarding the WE Sterling Award please contact Denise Stotts at PO Box 690042, Houston, TX 77269-0042 or email her at stottsjd@swbell.net.