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Latest on APS Stamp Store *by Dr. Mike Francis, Editor*

From the January 30, 2023 Linn's Stamp News

As some of you now know, the American Philatelic Society merged it stamp Store business with the online commerce site HipStamp. Linn's Stamp News has been reporting this movement for months in the fall of 2022. The partnership has now come to fruition and officially opened for business on December 21, 2022. The internet site is www.hipstamp.com/store/aps-stampstore.

For those of you that have used the APS stamp store in the past, nothing has really change in that "The APS will continue to provide StampStore sellers the same service, including scanning, posting, fulfillment, and fielding questions from buyers." as mentioned in the January 30, 2023 issue of Linn's Stamp News.

APS members still contact Stampstore.org for the stamp selling kits and then mail their stamps to the HipStamp business. Going to the Stampstore site connects you with hipstore.com automatically. This move give APS members a vast increase In exposure to the philatelic buyers world when selling your stamps. Remember, as an APS member you will still be dealing with the APS staff relating to selling your stamps.

There are also new shipping rates with the APS Stamp Store on HipStamp. According to the latest APS Spotlight newsletter, shipping rates will be based on the mailing address and the highest priced item in the order."if the highest priced item is $49.99 and under, the base rate for U.S. addresses is $3; for Canadian addresses, $5; for all other international addresses, $7."

"If the highest priced item is $50 and over, the base rate for U.S. addresses is $6; for Canadian addresses, $15; for all other international addresses,$18."

Speaking of stamp stores, please remember that we have two official stamp dealers in the club, Phil Spitzer and Jim McNaughton. They have inventory and are more than willing to help you find those philatelic items you need.

Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2023

Jan. 10, Mike Francis
Feb. 14, General Discussion
Mar. 14, General Discussion
Mar 25-26 TALPEX 2023
Apr. 11, Alex Hall
May 10, Mike Francis
Jun. 13, General Discussion
Jul. 11 General Discussion
Aug. 8, Mike Francis,
Sep. 12, George Harmon
Oct. 10, Single Page Exhibit
Nov. 14, General Discussion
Dec. 12, Christmas Party

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- **It has been good to see TS&CC members still comimg back to the meetings despite the lingering Covid threat. If you have any Covid type symptoms, it is best you stay home from the meeting.**
- **This appeal is for articles for the *Postscript.* As editor of the *Postscript* I am more than willing to help you with your article and edit it for you if needed. As a member, you pick the topic even if it has been published before. A fresh perspective on any topic is always welcome.**
- **During 2022, the club saw an increase in donations and the club has benefitted financially. 2023 has seen a continuation of this trend and the members surely benefit.**

TS&CC 2022 Christmas Photos

by Dr. Mike Francis, Editor

As members know, each December we hold the annual club Christmas party. This is always a fun loving event for all the members and their family that shows up.

Of course, we will plan on holding the same event this December, 2023.

It is amazing how food puts a smile on everyone's face!

TS&CC 2022 Christmas Photos *(cont'd.)*

by Dr. Mike Francis, Editor (cont'd)

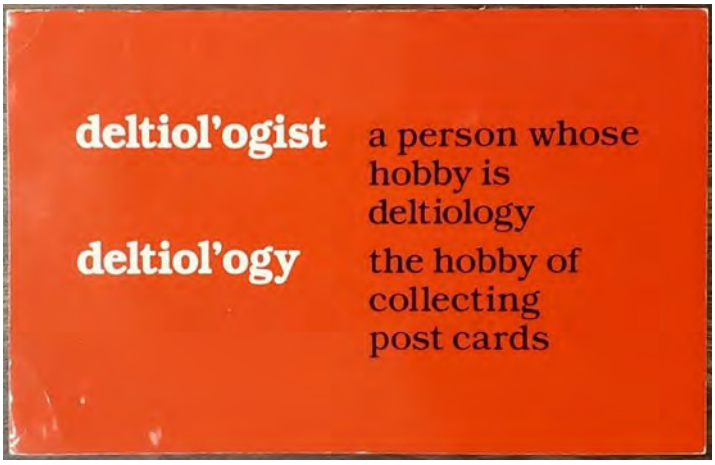
On the left, the President has to eat. On the right, their looks are telling the photographer not to disturb their dinner!

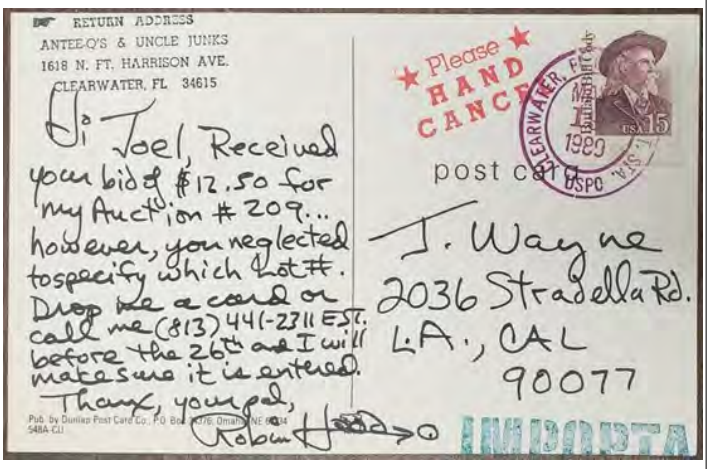
Unique Postcards *by Sahitya Setty*

Recently, I had been to a coin show organized by Florida United Numismatists club called 'FUN 2022' held in Orlando, Florida. It is one of the biggest shows in the world attended by dealers and collectors worldwide. I thought it is only related to the coins and currencies, but dealers do sell philatelic materials from various countries. One such item caught my eye, which is postcard made of real money. Not by a dollar of 1 or 2, but a single postcard made from redeemed and macerated U.S. bank notes worth $200. I immediately bought them with the money my dad gives to me to use in shows.

Postcard made from the pulp of bank notes redeemed and macerated by the U.S. Treasury, Washington. D. C. Estimated to contain $200.00

This find motivated me to search and learn about other postcards made of unique materials apart from the regular US post office issued postal cards made of paper. Just to give a brief history, postcards have developed over the period. Did you know the study and collecting of postcards is called 'Deltiology' and is popular hobby these days? Postcards come in various sizes and designs. In the late 1800s the US postal department regulated postcard's dimensions and color. But private postcards come in various size and materials. Deltiologist have studied and classified postcard antiquity based on their style and method of production during various periods. Let's not go deep into it.





1989 Postcard from Clearwater, FL to Los Angeles, CA.

Unique Postcards *by Sahitya Setty (cont'd)*

I dug through my dad's collection and found some unique postcards. I feel the need to share these unique finds through this article. Among them are leather postcards. These postcards were introduced in 1903, and they became a fad. People even started stitching them and they were typically made of deer hide. Various drawing and humorous messages were inked on the leather. A process called pyrography was used to burn the design into the leather. Leather postcards lost popularity when they were banned by the US Postal Service around 1907. The post office complained that the leather got caught in their sorting machines and the postage stamps didn't stick to the leather very well.

Leather postcards – popular fad from 1903-1907

I came across some wood postcards as well. Most of them were made for keepsakes. They were first sold in 1904 at St. Louis World's Fair held in Forest Park and later at various Expositions. Most commonly oak, walnut, cypress, maple and other woods were used to make these postcards. Early wood postcards were printed with colored images and while others were marked by pyrography (woodburning). Sometimes a combination of both the processes was used to impose designs on the wood postcards like leather postcards. You will come across various images, cartoons, advertisements and event commemorations on these post-cards.

Unique Postcards *by Sahitya Setty (cont'd)*

1906 Wood Post

I also found postcards made of copper materials. I could not find much information on these cards. They were very popular in 1970's and 80's and were tourist items. They used engraved printing to design or to write messages on these copper plates.

Copper embossed postcards called 'Kopper Kard'.

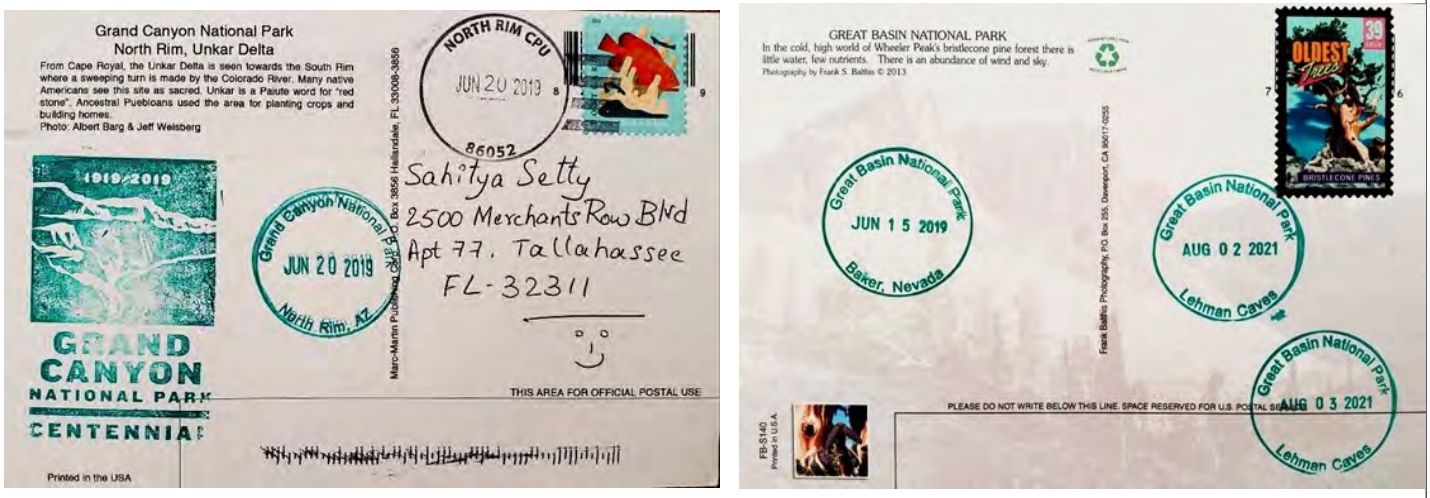
1911 Real photo postcard of U.S.S. Tallahassee

Unique Postcards *by Sahitya Setty (cont'd)*

Other unique postcards are postcards with real pictures on them and linen postcards. With the introduction of the Kodak camera in 1903 people started using real photos as postcards.
Linen postcards however, they were not made of fabric but because of the high rag content in them they were called linen postcards. The paper contained a certain amount of cotton fiber in them. They were introduced in 1930s and bright dyes were used to color the images. They look like they are made of linen and not paper. Most of these postcards have white borders.

1930s Linen postcards from Tallahassee, FL

There may be postcards out there made of exclusive materials that I am not aware of but, I hope to collect a representative of each one day. Collecting postcards either mint or postally used is a unique hobby. Our family likes to travel a lot and we have developed a habit of posting a postcard anywhere we go. We also try to get a cancellation stamp on the postcards which are available at various National and State parks and other visitor centers.



Postcards depicting cancellation stamp from National Parks

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RECENT NEW MEMBERS

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President's Message *from Mike Francis*

Now that the baby boomers are aging and "moving on" more and more collections are showing up to be appraised, sold or just reviewed. For the next decade we can expect a load of philatelic material to show up. I suspect that the TS&CC will have its hands full with collections. Seniors will be contacting the Senior Center wanting to know what they should do with the material. By design, we are the service unit associated with the Senior Center that handles such requests. We will be busy!

I would like to personally thank all of you for the very nice and productive meetings we have been having lately. Our club is robust and fun. The raffle and silent auction have been busy with items for everyone. Keep up the great work!

I am still looking for articles for the *Postscript* and for volunteers for speaking and presentations at the meetings. A fifteen or twenty meeting presentation is more than enough for our meetings.

At the August 8, 2023 meeting we discussed the topic of limiting the number of raffle tickets one could purchase to 8 tickets. We took a vote and the majority of those present (which are the most active members of the club) voted not to have a limit. We just might have a ballot vote with some options. Our Treasurer had a neat idea of limiting the tickets to eight but give everyone at the meeting one free ticket. Let me know what you think! Our raffle is a giant success no matter how many tickets one can purchase. Just mix them up!

Dr. Mike