



## 2025 Council Area Events

### WESTPEX

April 25-27, 2025

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront  
Burlingame, CA

### SOPEX

June 6-7, 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, Medford, OR

### Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show

July 26-27, 2025

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV

### WINEPEX

October 4-6, 2025

Best Western Plus Novato Oaks Inn  
2115 Camino Del Prado, Novato, CA

<http://www.redwoodempirecollectorsclub.org/>

### East Bay Collectors Club Show

October 18-19, 2025

1375 Civic Center Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

<https://www.eastbaystampclub.com>

### SACAPEX

November 1-2, 2025

Sacramento, CA

<http://sacramentostampclub.org/events/sacapex/>

### Filatellic Fiesta

November 15-16, 2025

Napredak Hall

770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA 95131

<http://www.filatellicfiesta.org>

### PENPEX

December 6-7, 2025

Community Activities Building

1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

<http://penpex.org>

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The Council Courier is published four times a year by the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (CNCPS). CNCPS currently has 24 member clubs in Northern California, Southern Oregon, and Nevada. The Council promotes local philately through support for clubs through the Speakers' Bureau for club programs, exchange of membership recruiting and retention ideas through the Council Courier, and support for stamp shows.

**Next CNCPS meeting** will be held at SACAPEX on Saturday, November 1 at 4 pm. We strongly encourage each member organization to send a representative to this meeting.

## Around the Council

Each member club is encouraged to submit information they wish to share with the other clubs. Let us know what you are doing, challenges you face, and what is working well. Send information to Tom Hayes at [fremontstampclub@gmail.com](mailto:fremontstampclub@gmail.com).

**Nevada Stamp Study Society** – Meetings are held twice a month, on the second and fourth Saturdays. The club held an auction on May 24 that consisted entirely of donated material. All proceeds went to the club treasury. Preparations are underway for the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show to be held on July 26-27 at the National Bowling Stadium Hall of Fame Museum.

**Alameda Stamp Club** – The Alameda Stamp Club meets at Mastick Senior Center on the second Thursday of the month at 1PM. There are presentations and live auctions

<https://www.alamedastampclub.com/>

**Willits Stamp Club** – The Willits Stamp Club meets at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial. For more information, contact Marv Talso: [talsofam@pacific.net](mailto:talsofam@pacific.net)

**Pájaro Valley Stamp Club** – Members recently traveled to Redwood City to visit the Western Philatelic Library.



William Horne signs the visitor's book at the Western Philatelic Library as other Pajaro Valley members and WPL volunteer Wally Jolliff look on.

**Sequoia Stamp Club** – . The Sequoia Stamp Club recently undertook a stamp donation drive to send off-paper stamps to Boston 2026 World Expo for use in their welcome packets and youth and beginners' programs. The box that was sent weighed in at 19 lb., 4 oz.!

SSC calendar: <https://www.penpex.org/calendar-2/>



SSC members Jim Giacomazzi, Eduardo Martino, and Eric McCrystal volunteered their time at the WESTPEX CNCPS booth.

**Western Philatelic Library** – The Western Philatelic Library is located at 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City, California. This library is run by a dedicated group of volunteers, the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library.

The library's collection includes more than 15,700 books and monographs, 5,200 journals, and 13,300 tear sheets. WPL provides philatelic literature of all countries; specialized stamps, such as transportation, pony express, maritime, airmail, revenue, postal stationery and topical.

<https://www.fwpl.org/>

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**Sacramento Philatelic Society** – Meetings are held every Wednesday at the Northminster Church, 3235 Pope Ave, Sacramento. Visit their website: [sacramentostampclub.org/](http://sacramentostampclub.org/).



SPS Poetzi Scholarship winner Lance Larot

**San Jose Stamp Club** – The San Jose Stamp Club meets once a month on the first Wednesday at the Pearl Avenue Library in San Jose. Visit their website at <https://sanjosesc.com/>

SJSC President Brian Jones continues his efforts to recruit new collectors. With that in mind, he has scheduled a special meeting on August 6 entitled “Stamp Collecting 101.” He has arranged with the library where they meet to promote the meeting to visitors. Brian states in the club’s newsletter, “The program I have in mind will use the experience of long-time collectors and our newer collectors to relate to a potential new collector with the questions and issues you felt when you got started.” May you have a good turnout and success in introducing our great hobby to some new individuals.

Contact Brian at: [sanjosestampclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjosestampclub@gmail.com).

The club’s annual show, Filatelic Fiesta is scheduled for November 15-16 at Napredak Hall in San Jose.

<http://www.filatelifiesta.com>

**Fremont Stamp Club** – Several members of the Fremont Stamp Club will be traveling to Schaumburg, IL for the Great American Stamp Show.

Meetings are held at 7 pm on the second Thursday of each month (except June) at the Fremont Community Activities Center, 3375 Country Way.

[www.fremontstampclub.org](http://www.fremontstampclub.org)

**East Bay Collectors Club** – EBCC holds two monthly meetings, one virtually via Zoom, and one in person at the Alamo Club of Contra Costa County. Contact Harry Henderson for information: [harryhendereson51@gmail.com](mailto:harryhendereson51@gmail.com). The club’s website is <https://www.eastbaystampclub.com/>

**Redwood Empire Collectors Club** – Dinner meetings are the order of the day for this active club. The meetings are held monthly at Café Bellini in Petaluma.

Due to the untimely death of Kurt Schau and the inability to find a new show chairman, WINEPEX has unfortunately been cancelled.

<https://www.redwoodempirecollectorsclub.org/about.html>

**Southern Oregon Philatelic Society** – The club held its annual SOPEX show June 6-7. Here are the Awards given.

### GOLD & GRAND

Oregon Express Covers - Larry Maddox  
Vermeil

Philatelic History of Tui Tui - Kristen Shafer & President’s

Selected POs of Idaho Territory - Shane Loveland & Carley & Popular Choice

Four Stories - Larry Crain

### Silver

Pacific Highway Over the Siskiyou - Rick Aubin

Nicaragua - Frank Swan & Thunderbird ribbon

Katanga - Bob Grosch

Tokelau Island - Rick Aubin

Station Agent Postmarks 1851-1907. - Steward Chang



## Great American Stamp Show



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<https://stamps.org/great-american-stamp-show>

## Boston 2026



Plan now to attend this international show in Boston, from May 23 to 30, 2026. Registration is now open. Blocks of rooms at nearby hotels have been reserved at special rates and are expected to be taken early.

<https://web.cvent.com/event/bbbdc1d9-e50e-44dd-8bef-eb36c9d1251f/summary>

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## WESTPEX 2025

Pictured here are some of the award winners from Council member clubs. APS Executive Director Scott English personally congratulated each exhibitor and presented their medals.



Vesma Grinfelds (Collectors Club of San Francisco), Large Gold



Vivek Chopra (Sequoia Stamp Club), Large Vermeil



John Kofranek (Alameda Stamp Club), Vermeil



Andy Sass (Fremont Stamp Club), Large Vermeil



Robert Pope (Sacramento Philatelic Society), Large Vermeil