



2025 Council Area Events

WESTPEX

April 25-27, 2025

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront
Burlingame, CA

SOPEX

June 6-7, 2025

1st 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.



Nevada Stamp Study Society – Meetings are held twice a month, on the second and fourth Saturdays. The club recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. See the report on page 5.

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. A “Buy it Now” sale of donated philatelic material was held on September 27. See photos on page 8.

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/>



The Collectors Club of San Francisco met at the Western Philatelic Library of September 10 for a presentation by Vivek Chopra on stamps of the Indian Feudatory State of Jhalawar.



CCSF members view Vivek's presentation.

Sequoia Stamp Club – Philatelic Bingo was the program at the August 26 meeting. Lucky winners received philatelic prizes, and the evening was enjoyed by all. September 30 saw the club meet for their annual pizza party. The club hosts six live auctions annually, and silent auctions at other meetings.



SSC President Kevin Kraemer discusses an item offered in the silent auction with member Bill Andersen.

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

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

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

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. The club will have a table at the EBCC show in Walnut Creek, selling donated items.

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

Around the Council



Sacramento Philatelic Society

The Sacramento club has a lending library of books available to members. Items may be checked out for one month.

Subjects include catalogs, general philatelic information, forgeries, United States, and British Commonwealth. Meetings are held every Wednesday at the Northminster Church, 3235 Pope Ave, Sacramento. Visit their website: sacramentostampclub.org/.

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://sanjosestampclub.com/>

Contact Brian at: sanjosestampclub@gmail.com.

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

<http://www.filatelicfiesta.com>



Fremont Stamp Club

Year-end activities include an election of new officers, appointments of program

chair, club host, and other positions, and a holiday party.

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

East Bay Collectors Club – EBCC holds two monthly meetings, one virtually via Zoom, and one in person at the Alano Club of Contra Costa County. Contact Harry Henderson for information: 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.

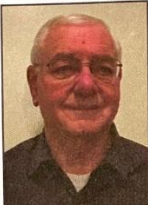
Due to the untimely death of Kurt Schau and the inability to find a new show chairman, WINEPEX has unfortunately been cancelled.

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

Southern Oregon Philatelic Society – The club held its annual SOPEX show June 6-7.

2025 Luff Honorees

Menuz, Schwartz, and Liao





Since 1940, the Luff Awards are the most prestigious awards that the American Philatelic Society can bestow upon living philatelists. The Luff Award was established in honor of John N. Luff, APS president from 1907 to 1909. Luff Awards are presented each year at the APS annual convention for meritorious contributions by living philatelists.

Wayne Menuz, Mark Schwartz, and Bobby Liao have been chosen as the 2025 recipients of the John N. Luff Awards. They will be honored at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday, August 16, 2025, in Schaumburg, Illinois. They will join a distinguished company of 163 prominent philatelists.

Wayne Menuz

Luff Award for Distinguished Philatelic Research

Mark Schwartz

Luff Award for Exceptional Contributions to Philately

Bobby Liao

Luff Award for Outstanding Service to the American Philatelic Society

66 GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW 2025 | SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS

50th Anniversary Celebration of the Nevada Stamp Study Society August 9, 2025

As the 50th anniversary of our stamp club was approaching, the membership wanted to do something special. The winning suggestion was to have a catered celebration instead of our annual August picnic.

Jeanne Paquin and **Maggie Griener** volunteered to coordinate the event. The venue was at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse in Reno, same place as the meetings.

The catering arrangements were made with Famous Dave's restaurant. The food provided was beef meatballs, with two kinds of pasta, rigatoni and white sauce, and spaghetti with red sauce, plus Caesar salad and garlic knots (bread). The meal was wonderful, hot and fresh and there was plenty to go around with seconds if so desired.

Maggie had flowers and snacks on every table. Bottled water, soft drinks and wine were available.

Two special anniversary cakes and ice cream were served as dessert.



Vanilla cake with an image of the cancel used at the stamp show.



Happy 50th Anniversary on the chocolate cake

After opening remarks from Jeanne Paquin and President James Steckley, everyone enjoyed some great social time and a wonderful meal. Dave Gehringer had some appreciative remarks for James Steckley, retiring after 4 years as president, and for Jeanne and Maggie for a great event.

Attendance was 52 members and family, by far the largest club social gathering to date.

Our special guest, Dick Dreiling, 49-year member, could not make the celebration as he was admitted to the hospital 3 days before after suffering a heart attack. We all signed a get-well card and wrote some special comments to be delivered to his hospital room.



Our Junior member, Donny Sehr, provided some entertainment asking some Trivia questions that were based on the history of the club with a couple of extras, like "What is the name of the longest river in the world?" Correct answers were rewarded with a Starbucks gift card.

On the left is Jeanne Paquin and Donny Sehr with the trivia questions.

Jeanne then made several presentations, the first to James for four years as President. He received a gift of a hand turned mug made by an artisan in Nevada, with the NV state outline on the front with a horse.



Some of the participants and the 50th anniversary party.

Certificates of appreciation were given to members for their contributions to the success of the club.



Left to right -

Eric Moody: Creating wonderful quizzes for the Post Boy and Beyond.

Barbara Stanfield: Our hostess, always there when needed.

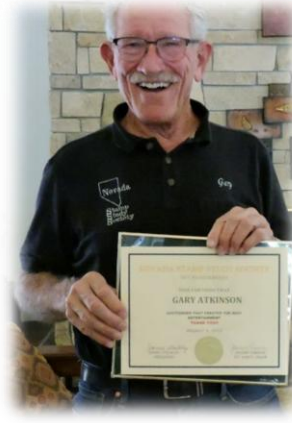
Dave Parsons: Running our on-line auctions and handling Penny boxes.



John Walter: Tech Advisor, Webmaster and so many more jobs we don't have room to list them all!



George Ray: Responsibility of clubhouse reservations and raffles.



Gary Atkinson: Auctioneer that created the best entertainment.



Jeanne Paquin: Always willing to volunteer for numerous club activities, dedication for the betterment of the stamp club.



Maggie Griener: Keeping auction Bucks program, handling guest book and Anniversary Party.



Mike Potter: Membership & facilitator of our show frames and auctioneer.



Dave Gehringer: Director of educational programs.

Having the annual Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show 2 weeks previous, a special 50th Anniversary cachet cover was given to members in attendance.

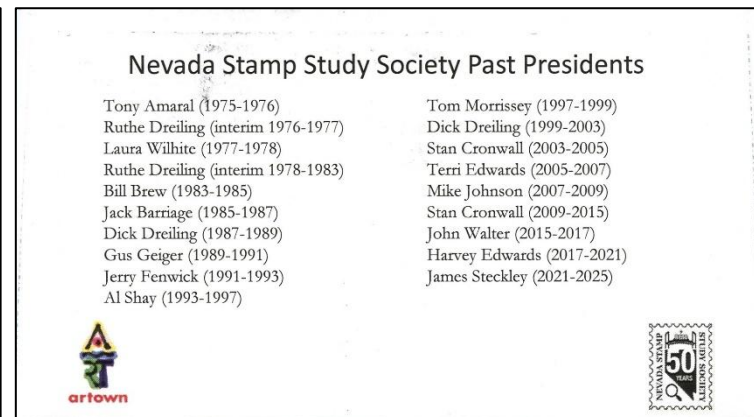
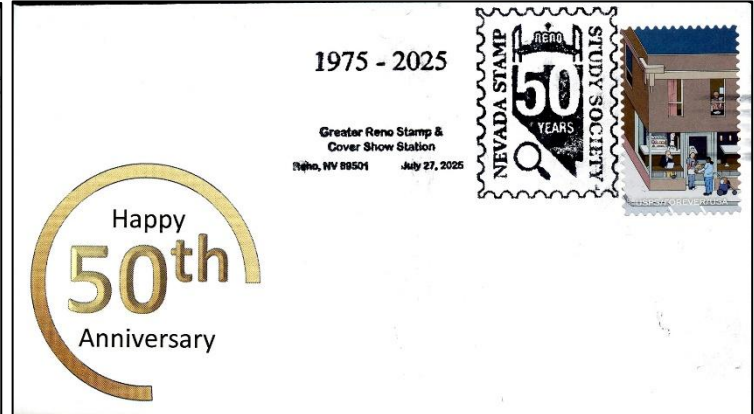
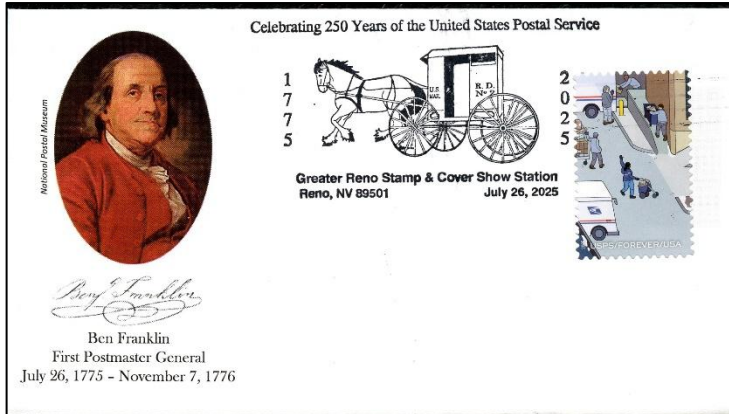
The final act at the party was annual elections. They are normally held in August when the membership year starts.

The contested office for President: **Jeff Waldman** 18 votes and **Jeanne Paquin** 14 votes. **Erik Fields** was reelected Treasurer and **Dave Gehringer** was reelected as Director.

2025 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

By Erik Fields, Chairman

The 2025 Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show was held July 26 and 27. Eleven dealers participated and the United States Post Office was on hand to serve 208 visitors on Saturday and another 105 on Sunday. The Post Office sold stamps and applied this year's cancel on our show covers. Saturday's cover commemorated the 250th anniversary of the United States Post Office. Sunday's Cover celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Nevada Stamp Study Society.



July 26 cover, front and back, with special cancel.

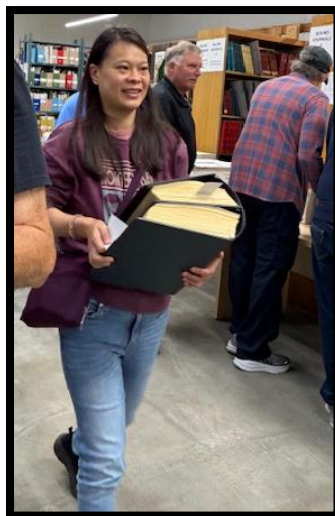
July 27 cover, front and back, with special cancel.

The exhibit area had 26 frames with 11 exhibits plus two frames with "Favorite Things." Once again, Dave Gehring manned the Kid Table, introducing folks of all ages to the hobby of stamp collecting.

Also of note is that this may be the last year we can have the show at the Hall of Fame room at the National Bowling Stadium. The Hall of Fame contents have been moved to the main hall in Arlington Texas to make room for 1st floor retail space.

Sale at the Western Philatelic Library, 9/27/2025

An enthusiastic crowd gathered in Redwood City for the net price sale at the Western Philatelic Library on September 27. A large number of albums and mystery box lots were available at low prices, and sales were brisk. See photos below.



PENPEX 2025 ENTRY FORM

December 6-7, 2025

Redwood City Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail _____

Society Affiliation: ☐ APS, ☐ AAPE, ☐ Member of CNCPS Club, Other _____

Exhibit Category (see p.2): _____ First Time Exhibitor (Y/N): _____ Youth Exhibitor (Y/N) _____

Number of Pages: _____ Number of Frames Requested: _____

Exhibit Title: _____

Brief Description of Exhibit:

This exhibit has won these awards in the following shows:

I apply to enter my exhibit in PENPEX 2025 according to the rules and regulations which I have read.

Signed _____

☐ I DO NOT wish to receive feedback from the PENPEX jury members.

☐ I DO wish to receive point scores with my feedback.

How will your exhibit be delivered? ☐ I will deliver it. _____ will deliver it.

☐ Will be mailed and arrive no later than November 30. Please include return postage and instructions.

If entry is a Youth exhibitor, please note age: _____

If entry is a Youth exhibitor, please provide Parent's Signature _____

Entries close November 7, 2025, or when the frames are filled.

Send to: Tom Hayes, Exhibits Chairman

40087 Mission Blvd., PMB 296, Fremont, CA 94539

Email: PENPEXRedwoodCity@yahoo.com

Updated
5/10/2025

PENPEX 2025
Prospectus - Rules and Regulations

GENERAL INFORMATION: The PENPEX Stamp Exhibition is planned and organized by members of the Sequoia Stamp Club. The PENPEX Committee and the Sequoia Stamp Club, their members, the city, and its employees assume no liabilities. Owners of exhibits must provide their own insurance. Reasonable precautions, including providing an overnight guard, will be taken. The show will take place on December 6-7, 2025, at the Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue.

ELIGIBILITY: Exhibiting is open to all philatelists. Novice exhibitors are happily invited and encouraged to enter.

ENTRY: All exhibits must be entered on the entry form. The Exhibits Chairman reserves the right to accept or reject any entry. Exhibits Chairman may reassign exhibiting category. Any exhibit having received a large gold or gold medal at an APS National show is ineligible. Exhibits must be genuine property of the exhibitor. There are *no entry fees*. Title pages and synopsis for categories A – D should be submitted with the entry form. Closing date for entries is November 7, 2025, or when all frames are filled.

EXHIBIT CATEGORIES: There are **four competitive** categories of exhibits.

A. Multi-frame exhibits: 8-frame maximum.

B. One-frame exhibits

C. Youth exhibits: Exhibitor must be under 18 as of 12/1/2025. The exhibit must be his or her personal endeavor.

D. Display philately or postcard exhibit: 8-frame maximum; a display of philatelic and supporting collateral material or a postcard exhibit.

The next category is open to Sequoia Stamp Club Members ONLY:

E. “My Favorite Things”: 1 to 4–page exhibit from a Sequoia Stamp Club member. Exhibits may be a maximum of 4 single pages on different subjects or up to 4 pages on a single subject.

F. Non-Competitive or Court of Honor exhibits will be invited only if space is available.

FRAMES: Standard aluminum exhibit frames (WSP style) will hold 16 pages, 8 ½ x 11, four per row in four horizontal rows; an exhibitor’s exhibiting space equals 1 square meter to be filled as desired.

JUDGING AND AWARDS: Judging will be by a Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies approved jury. All exhibits will be judged on their own merit. There will be one grand award. Reserve grand awards will be presented in the A, B, or D categories. Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze awards will be decided by the jury. There will also be national society awards, most popular, and novice awards. Decisions of the judges are final. As there is no entry fee, medal awards will be in the form of certificates, suitable for framing, in presentation folders.

DELIVERY AND PICK-UP: Exhibits must be brought to the show, mounted, dismounted, and removed from the show by either the exhibitor or the exhibitor’s agent. PENPEX committee members may be available to offer assistance. Arrangements for mail-in exhibits will be made and must be received by November 30. Exhibits may be mounted Friday evening, December 5, between 5 - 7:30 PM or Saturday, December 6, between 8 - 9:30 AM. Exhibits must be removed immediately at the close of the Show at 3:30 PM on Sunday, December 7, 2025. Additional information and arrangements can be made with the Exhibits Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Entry application will be acknowledged personally, in writing or by e-mail.

ACCEPTANCE OF RULES: Signing the entry form denotes acceptance of PENPEX show rules and regulations.

Please submit your entry form or inquiries to:

Tom Hayes, Exhibits Chairman,

40087 Mission Blvd., PMB 296, Fremont, CA 94539

Or email: PENPEXRedwoodCity@yahoo.com. Visit us online at PENPEX.org