

Federated Philatelist

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State of the Federation

Not good, to be blunt.

Stamp collecting, in general, has undergone changes. I fear the Federation has not done a good job adjusting to the interests of the individuals in society in the 2020's.

The Board of the Northwest Federation knows it, but it has tried to move along on inertia. That has not worked. We will now take a pro-active stance at PIPEX 2024 in Portland, OR May 3-5. We will roll up our sleeves; we need many members to join us.

Communication between US clubs and Canadian clubs is almost non-existent. The organizational documents of the Federation are lost, and it had to be registered by Treasurer Lisa Janz in the state of Oregon. The strength and focus of the Federation, the Federated Philatelist, has not appeared regularly. Using electronic technology to interconnect and strengthen member clubs has not been developed. Federation awards have not been advertised and thus not given.

PIPEX 2024 in Portland, OR May 3-5 will have a town hall discussion to reform, to regroup, to reorganize and to refocus the skills of Federation members. Join us.

Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

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THE THIRTY-SECOND JOHN D. ARN PHILATELIC SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by the
NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

Symposium Check-in starts at 8:00 am, Sat, April 6

BEST WESTERN LAKE FRONT INN & CONFERENCE CENTER

3000 Marina Drive, MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

Hotel Accommodations – 1-509-765-9211

Special Room Rates by March 18 - ask for "Stamp
Group" - \$119.99 for one bed, \$129.99 for two queen
beds - Free Breakfast - applicable until March 18

Other nearby motels: Motel 6: 1-509-766-0260,
Oasis Budget Host Inn: 1-509-765-8626,
Lakeshore Motel: 1-509-765-9201

Friday - pre-symposium

5:30 - Hospitality Room at Best Western Lake Front
Inn (cash donations appreciated)

7:00 or shortly after - no host dinner at Super China
Buffet, 711 N. Stratford Rd, Moses Lake

Saturday - Symposium Program

8:00 am - philatelic day registration;
log in auction lots,
renew and make new acquaintances, coffee, etc.

8:50 - Welcome and announcements

9:00 - The Coast of Peru: Stamps, Archeology and
Pictures, Larry Crain

10:00 - Clothesline Presentations

10:15 - break, auction lots viewing

11:00 - SCADTA, the Colombian Airline: Mail to and
from Switzerland, George Struble

12:30 - lunch

1:30 - 100 Years of Refused Swiss Mail, Roger Heath

2:30 - Zak's Kaleidoscope of Stamps, Mike Zak

3:30 - break, silent auction closes 3:40

3:45 - Registrant's participation - clothesline or one-
page showings

4:15 - live auction begins

5:15 - live auction ends

6:00 - dinner

7:30 - settlement for both auctions

DIRECTIONS: to Best Western Lake Front Inn
& Conference Center

from Interstate 90 - Exit 176, W Broadway Ave.
Conference Center is on north side of freeway, left side of
Broadway, but it is back off Broadway.

TWO AUCTIONS

Auction Managers: Tri-Cities Stamp Club, WA
Auctioneer: Mike Zak

SILENT AUCTION. You may enter as many lots as
you want here. Starting price should be around \$3.00.
Bidding increments are not applicable. Lots are awarded
to the highest bidder at the end of the designated time.
The Silent Auction is scheduled to end at 3:40 p.m.

FLOOR BID AUCTION. Everyone is urged to enter
at least three lots. Additional lots may be entered at the
discretion of the auctioneer. Time constraints limit floor
lots to not more than 150.

Opening bid will be \$3.00 or the sellers stated minimum
selling price. Bidding increments will be announced by
the auctioneer. Minimum price, if any, must be stated on
the lot card.

Precautions are taken to safeguard auction lots. Insurance
is the responsibility of the seller. The Northwest
Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inland Empire Philatelic
Society, the Inland Northwest Philatelic Day Committee,
the Best Western Lake Front Inn & Conference Center,
their agents, officers, employees, volunteer or paid
assistants, or any other person authorized to perform any
task in connection with these auctions shall NOT be liable
for damage or loss or claim thereof of any kind for any
reason whatsoever.

Lot numbers will be assigned during auction registration
on Saturday morning.

ALL PARTICIPANTS

Please enter material in both auctions.

Turn lots over to Auction Managers during registration.

Very, very important! Please have lot identified by
catalog reference: Scott, Brookman, or Other (show year
of catalog). State the catalog value, use (used, mint, never
hinged, etc.), and condition. Add any "unique"
information. Complete Data is essential for top price.

A non-refundable fee of \$3.00 will be collected regardless
of the number of lots entered in either or both auctions.
Total auctions cost is \$3.00 to each participant entering
lots.

The registration form is on page 7.

Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs Board of Directors Call for Nominations

Three positions on the Board of Directors are up for election in 2024:

1. Chair of Board of Directors, 3 year term
2. Canadian Director, 2 year term
3. US Director, 2 year term

Nominations may be made from the floor or to Larry Crain at larry.crain@gmail.com. Please include the phone number of the submitter and a short statement about the nominee, including the nominee's willingness to serve.

Federation Awards Call for Nominations

Each club can nominate one individual for each of the following awards. Criteria follow below.

1. the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award
2. the Meritorious Achievement Award
3. the Club Member Service award

The final naming of the award winner of the first two awards is made by the Board of Directors. Please submit a state of why the person is being nominated.

Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award

The achievement criteria for the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award shall be having rendered outstanding and distinguished service to philately in general in one or more of the following areas: 1 - Published research and study in some aspect of philately, 2 - Assembling a world-class collection, 3 - Significant furthering of philately on a national scale.

A nominee for the Northwest Distinguished Philatelist Award must have been a resident within the geographic area of the Federation for a substantial period of time. ^[L]_[SEP]A nominee need not be a member of a Federation member organization. ^[L]_[SEP]A candidate can be honored with the award posthumously. This is a one-time award. No person may receive it more than once.

Federation Meritorious Achievement Award

The achievement criteria for the Federation Meritorious Achievement Award shall be having rendered outstanding and distinguished service directly to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and its member organizations, having promoted and furthered the goals of the Federation as stated in the Constitution and having provided direct, significant contributions to the Federation as an organization in administration, leadership, and support.

Member Service Award

The achievement criteria for the Member Service Award shall be the rendering outstanding and distinguished local service by having promoted and furthered the goals of philately in general and/or having provided distinguished service, primarily to a member organization or group of member organizations. This award will be based on a combination of length of leadership, quality of leadership, and achievements.

A nominee for the Member Service Award must have been a member of a member club and have resided within the geographic area of the Federation for a substantial period of time. More than one awardee may be honored each year. ^[L]_[SEP]

The award shall be given on the nomination by an organization. However, only one nomination per organization may be made in a year, and an individual may not receive it more than once for a particular organization.

Town Hall discussion at PIPEX

Friday, May 3 at PIPEX an open session will be held to listen to members of the Federation tell what they would like to Federation to accomplish. Ideas will be presented for feedback. These will include:

- * the Federated Philatelist and what it should include,
- * a Federation Forum for publishing bourse and show information,
- * a speaker's bureau for exchange of speakers via Zoom or some other electronic link,
- * any idea brought forward by an attendee.

Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs Annual General Meeting at PIPEX Agenda

1. Sign-in of attendees
2. Introduction of attendees by Executive Secretary, Larry Crain
3. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting - *find minutes below*
4. Opening statement and a "state of the Federation" by Chair of the Board of Directors, Eric Knapp
5. Annual Report of the Federation by Executive Secretary: a. opening of bank account in US, b. non-profit status of Federation
6. Statement of membership including new and former member organizations by Executive Secretary.
7. Reports from Standing Committees: Arn Symposium, Historian, a. Nominations, b. Judging, c. Youth, d. Education, e. Publications
8. Financial Statement for the prior Fiscal Year by Treasurer Janz
9. Old business by Executive Secretary
10. Board of Director's approved Budget for the following Fiscal Year by Treasurer
11. Decision referrals from Executive Secretary or Board of Directors for advice: a. By-law revisions, b. Speakers Bureau, c. Federation Forum publication
12. New business by Executive Secretary
13. Presentation of nominees for the expiring positions as prescribed in the Bylaws by Chair of the Board of Directors
14. Election of two Directors and one Officer

NorthWest Federation of Stamp Clubs Minutes of 2023 Annual General Meeting

May 6, 2023 at PIPEX
Monarch Hotel, Portland, Oregon
Clackamas Room 1:00

Present were - Michael Bloom (Oregon Stamp Society), Steve Brandt (OSS), Darin Cherniwchan (Fraser Valley and Chilliwach, BC), Lawrence Clay (Tri-Cities, WA), Larry Crain (Southern Oregon), David Dobkin (Central Oregon), Keith Edholm (Sno-King & Evergreen, WA), Alex Hadden (British Columbia), Anne Harris (Inland Empire, WA), Jim Hirstein (Garden City, MT), Lisa Janz (Salem, OR), Eric Knapp (Anchorage, AK), Larry Maddux (NW Postal History), Myron Molnau (Inland Empire, WA), Cathie Osborne (Strait, WA), Alexia Steffen (OSS), George Struble (Salem and Greater Eugene, OR).

- The minutes of the previous AGM as presented in the Federated Philatelist were approved.
- Erik Knapp, Chair of Board of Directors, stated that the Federation is still functioning with, for example, the happening of the John Arn Philatelic Society in April, but it is hoping to recover and strengthen communication among the areas of the Federation.
- Executive Secretary Larry Crain presented a list 27 members (see at end) which have submitted annual reports.
- Standing committees: Jim Hirstein reported that the John Arn Symposium held in Moses Lake, WA, had 23 attendees, down slightly from previous years. Discussion was held to improve registration at the Symposium.
- Darin Cherniwchan reported that the Federated Philatelist is emailed to almost 1000 addresses. In addition, clubs forward copies to their members. It is more than just a local publication and he hopes to grow it more. He called for submissions which need not just be about the four Canadian provinces or five US states of the Federation. It was suggested that the Western Philatelic Library and Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library be added to the email list. He was asked about print copies. After discussion, Cherniwchan-Osborne moved that clubs be notified that they can request up to two print copies of the Federated Philatelist. Carried, 1 opposed.
- Darin Cherniwchan, as webmaster, reported that extensive changes have been made and more are coming. He requested information particularly about clubs be sent to him. His address is on webpage. Historian Bill Ailes, who could not attend, had a written report on the Federation's archives and its Facebook page. He reminded all that clubs could send records, etc. to be placed in the archives.

- Treasurer Alex Hadden presented a written financial statement. He wrote, “This will be my last year as Treasurer for the Federation . . . I have enjoyed working with the Federation.” To summarize, the Federation had an excess of income over expenses of \$474.08 in 2022. Current assets in both Canada (Royal Bank of Canada) and US (Bank of America) accounts are \$21,640.10. Edholm-Clay moved to accept the report. Carried unopposed. Lawrence Clay then thanked Alex for his about 25 years of service; no one could count how many.
- There was no old business nor referrals from the Executive Secretary or Board of Directors for advice.
- New business: With the election next business Hirstein-Osborne moved to direct the Board to adjust as needed the banks accounts and to update the signatories for them. Carried unopposed
- Nominations for Board positions: Canadian Director (two-year term) - Darin Cherniwchan. Canadian Director (open position 1 year) - none. US Director (two-year term) - Jim Hirstein. Treasurer - Lisa Janz, Salem Stamp Society.
- Election: Brant-Edholm moved to record a unanimous ballot for all three candidates. Carried unopposed.
- Without further business, the meeting was adjourned by Eric Knapp at 2:03.
- Respectfully submitted, Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

moved to authorize \$700 to Jim Hirstein to cover expenses. Carried 5-0, Hirstein not voting.

- Without further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:40.
- Respectfully submitted, Larry Crain, Executive Secretary

Thunderbird ribbon

A Federation ribbon to be awarded at national shows and at local/regional shows within the geographic area of the Federation. The purpose is to encourage exhibiting whether or not the exhibitor is a member of a Federation organization. Exhibits that receive a vermeil or higher award are not eligible. The judges of the show have sole authority to award or not award the ribbon. [SEP]National level shows may award two ribbons. Local/regional shows may award one ribbon.

NorthWest Federation of Stamp Clubs Minutes of 2023 Board Meeting

May 6, 2023, at PIPEX: Monarch Hotel, Portland,
Oregon - Timberline Room 2:00

Present were - Darin Cherniwchan (Canadian Director), Larry Crain (Executive Secretary), Alex Hadden (ex-Treasurer, non-voting), Jim Hirstein (US Director), Lisa Janz (Treasurer), Eric Knapp (Chair), George Struble (US Director).

Meeting began about 2:15.

- Bank accounts: After discussion, including whether to have both accounts in the same place, Struble-Hirstein moved to keep the Canadian dollar account with the Royal Bank of Canada in Canada and to have Alex Hadden and Darin Cherniwchan as signatories. Lisa Janz is directed to open an account for US dollars with Lisa Janz, Larry Crain and Eric Knapp as signatories. Checks for both accounts are to need only one signature. Carried 6-0.
- John Arn Symposium: After viewing the financial report of the symposium, Struble-Cherniwchan

NorthWest Federation of Stamp Clubs 2024 Dues paid as of March 6

(due April 1)

Alaska Collectors Club - logo below
Anchorage Philatelic Society - logo below
Collectors Club of Seattle - logo below
Edmonton Stamp Club - logo below
Eugene Stamp Society - logo below
Gastineau Philatelic Society
Inland Empire Philatelic Society
Lynn Valley Stamp Club
Olympia Philatelic Society
Pacific NW Postal History Society
Portland Philatelic Exhibition
Salem Stamp Society - logo below
Snohomish/Greater Eastside Stamp Club - logo below
Southern Oregon Philatelic Society -- logo below
Strait Stamp Society - logo below
Tri-City Stamp Club

logos from Jack Congrove's files



NW Federation History

[This article is from the hard drive of Jack Congrove who was editor of the Federated Philatelist. Jack died four years ago in March and never finished the article. As recovered, it is 80 pages long. Obviously shortened here.]

Today the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs incorporates by far the largest operational area of any of the stamp federations in North America. It is the only federation that crosses an international boundary. It has responsibility for philatelic organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Yukon.

This region encompasses 2,122 million square miles (5,497 million km²). If the Federation were its own country, it would be the world's seventh largest in geographic size.

Throughout its history, a total of 105 different clubs and other organizations have been Federation members, including at least one club from each of the states, provinces and territory in the Federation area of operations.

The Northwest Federation was established primarily to organize and operate an annual philatelic exhibition that would bring together members of the many philatelic groups in the Pacific Northwest and to advance philately in the region. The exhibition begun by the organizers was named the Pacific International Philatelic Exhibition (PIPEX). This show initially was open only to members of the Federation and did not accept exhibits or exhibitors from outside. Later this exclusion would be lifted and ultimately PIPEX would become one of the premier philatelic exhibitions in North America and be qualified as one of the few World Series of Philately (WSP) national level stamp shows by the American Philatelic Society. PIPEX was also recognized as a national Canadian show when it was held in Canada.

The seed for what would become the Northwest Federation was planted on 23 May 1934. On that date, delegates from Tacoma, Seattle, Bellingham, Spokane, Yakima, and Everett met at the Gowman Hotel in Seattle to discuss the formation of a proposed Washington Federation. The original idea for such an organization was that of Dr. C. T. Jones (1899–1969) from Seattle.

John D. Arn Philatelic Symposium
Saturday, April 6, 2024

Best Western Lake Front Inn
Moses Lake, WA

******* REGISTRATION FORM *******

**INCLUDE ALL NAMES
AND ADDRESSES (PLEASE PRINT)**

PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

MAIL TO:

James Hirstein
P.O. Box 1114
Florence, MT 59833

(406) 546-7990
jhirstein@hotmail.com

**REGISTER EARLY – IF RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023,
I WILL SEND YOU AUCTION TICKETS TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE
Late registrants on April 5 – 6 will require a \$5.00 surcharge to any meal fee.**

Participation Ticket (Registration & Lunch)	\$50.00	Build Your Own Sandwich		
Fellowship Ticket (Registration & Dinner)	\$60.00	Buffet with Chicken		
Fellowship "Plus" Ticket (Reg., Lunch & Dinner)	\$80.00			
Extra Lunch Ticket	\$30.00			
Extra Dinner Ticket	\$40.00			
TOTAL ENCLOSED				
(Check or Money Order Only) <u>Payable to James Hirstein</u>				

I/we plan to attend the Friday night dinner: _____ (No Host – Pay at the Door)

I would like to give a clothesline presentation _____

Salem Stamp
SOCIETY



SPRING STAMPEX 2024

Sunday March 17th - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Scottish Rite Center
4090 Commercial St. SE
Salem, OR 97302

Door Prizes Free Parking and Admission

11 Dealers will be present

Uptown Stamps, Icebear, Gary Hoeker, Michael Jaffe, Paul Renner, Charles Matthews, Bob Burger, Bob Beal, Stephen Inklebarger, Dave Morrison, Phil Kumler of First Stamps for kids

The Pacific International Philatelic Exposition
SALUTING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY



PIPEX★2024

MAY 3-5, 2024

Friday-Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-4pm

MONARCH HOTEL & Conference Center
12566 SE 93rd Avenue Clackamas, Oregon

34 STAMP DEALER BOOTHS

150 EXHIBIT FRAMES

4 CONVENING SOCIETIES

- Society for Czechoslovak Philately
- Rhodesian Study Circle
- Military Postal History Society
- Auxiliary Markings Club

FREE Admission, Parking & Airport Shuttle

UPTOWN STAMP SHOW

Official Corporate Sponsor of PIPEX2024

Annual Report Form

due April 1

Organization name _____ year _____

mailing address _____

meeting day(s) _____ time _____ open to non-members? yes no

place _____

of members: [adults _____ youth under 18 _____] website _____

Club is member of APS RPSC # of members of _____ APS _____ RPSC _____ BNAPS _____ ATA

The above information will go on the federation website. The names and email below
NOT address) will also go on the website if you mark here yes.

Each person below will receive all correspondence from NW Federation, by email. Any one of these can
vote for the organization at a NW Federation general meeting. Someone in the club can forward to club
member copies of the Northwest Philatelist or other e-mails from the Federation.

Representative _____ email _____

address (if no email) _____

on website? YES NO phone _____

President _____ email _____

address (if no email) _____

on website? YES NO phone _____

Treasurer _____ email _____

address (if no email) _____

on website? YES NO phone _____

Newsletter Editor _____ email _____

address (if no email) _____

no website? YES NO phone _____

signed _____

PROSPECTUS SOPEX 2024

sponsored by the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society
Friday, June 7 (11-5) & Saturday, June 8 (10-4)
First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

- 1. Eligibility:** SOPEX 2024 is open to all exhibitors. Entries must be the property of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family.
- 2. Entry:** Entries must be made on SOPEX entry form or copy. Each exhibitor agrees to accept the rules of SOPEX 2024. Exhibitors may enter multiple exhibits. Exhibits that have won Gold in a previous SOPEX must show significant change to again be eligible for competitive awards. Exhibits that have won a gold at any WSP show are not eligible. SOPEX committee will return an entry for any exhibit entered in violation of these rules. With each entry include either electronic versions of title page/synopsis (pdf file, not jpeg) or print copies.
- 3. Closing Date:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024, or when all available frames are spoken for. Entries to: Larry Crain, P.O. Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or larry.crain@gmail.com.
- 4. Classifications / frames:** adult, junior, free-style. Exhibits will be mounted in 12-page or 16-page frames (pages 8.5"x 11"). Adult exhibits one to three frames, limit 48 pages. Juniors exhibits one or two frames, limit 32 pages. Free-style exhibits one to three frames, less one page -- that is they can be 11, 15, 23, 31, 35 or 47 pages. Free-style exhibits will not be eligible for major awards or for SOPEX ribbons.
- 5. Fees:** There are no fees. Funds sufficient to cover postage and insurance must accompany exhibits that are to be returned by mail.
- 6. Judging:** Two qualified philatelists will judge SOPEX 2024 as an open show. They may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no exhibit warrants it. Judges' decisions are final.
- 7. Delivery / Pick up:** Exhibits, if mailed, must arrive by Wednesday, June 5 and, if not mailed, should be delivered to the First United Methodist Church between 7:30 am and 9 am, Friday, June 7, 2023. Judging will begin at 10 am. Exhibits cannot be picked up until after 4 pm Saturday, June 8.
- 8. Liability / Security:** The exhibitor agrees that the First United Methodist Church and Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, officers and members, assume no responsibility for damage or loss of exhibit materials. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. No exhibit frame may be opened or removed during the show without the permission of the show chairman.
- 9. Awards: Grand** - best exhibit. (The Grand may not win any of the following major awards.)
Major Awards: **President's** - outstanding exhibit by non-SOPS member. For SOPS members only:
Bryan Trophy - outstanding use of cachet covers, **Carley Memorial** - outstanding U.S., **Clyde Smith Founders** - outstanding foreign, **Herbert Memorial** - outstanding thematic, **Lukens Award** - outstanding aerophilately, **Patterson Memorial** - outstanding postal history, **Serton Memorial** - outstanding post cards, **Swan Award** - outstanding display.
Society Awards: APS (for APS member), ATA (best topical/thematic exhibit), AAPE (non-gold exhibit of merit), NW Federation Thunderbird Ribbon (non-gold exhibit of merit by exhibitor living in NW Federation), WE Achievement (promising exhibit selection or treatment) and more awards if available.
Others: SOPEX gold, vermeil, silver, bronze; novice and junior ribbons. Peoples' Choice award

SOPEX 2024 EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

June 7-8 [Friday/Saturday], 2024

First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

Separate entry form must be submitted for each exhibit.

Deadline for entries: Wednesday, May 8

Name _____ e-mail _____

Mailing Address _____ phone _____

Exhibit Title _____

**Enclose one print copy of title page and/or synopsis with entry
or an electronic version of same (pdf file, not jpeg).**

of pages _____

Please enter my exhibit (circle one): adult [48 pp max) junior [32 pp max) Free-style [47 pp max)

Have you exhibited before? _____ Are you APS member? _____

Feedback: There will be oral feedback at the frames. _____ I do not wish written feedback.

I declare that I or my immediate family and I own all the material in this exhibit. I understand and certify that, while reasonable precaution will be taken by Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, SOPEX Committee and First United Methodist Church every, none of these will be held responsible for any loss or damage to my exhibit or to any material submitted, for any cause whatsoever. I agree to SOPEX rules as stated in prospectus.

Signature _____ Date _____

For Juniors: birth date _____ Parent's signature _____

My designated delivery / pick up representative is _____

Mailed exhibits MUST be received by Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

If the exhibit is to be returned by mail, include sufficient funds for the return postage, insurance and shipping packaging.

for postage and insurance \$ _____ Insure for \$ _____

Mail to: Larry Crain (SOPEX), Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or larry.crain@gmail.com