

NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS PRESENTS
THE THIRTY-THIRD JOHN D. ARN PHILATELIC SYMPOSIUM
AT MOSES LAKE WASHINGTON

**** Saturday, March 29, 2025 ****

BEST WESTERN LAKE FRONT INN & CONFERENCE CENTER
MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON

Fellow collector,

The Moses Lake Philatelic Day was established in 1990 by John Arn of the Inland Empire Philatelic Society in Spokane. For over 30 years it has served as a popular gathering of philatelic minded people in the northwest. Good fellowship, and a time to renew friendships and meet collectors with similar interests. You may have heard that we lost Anne Harris this past year. Her presence and enthusiasm will certainly be missed. We have moved the date to March 29 this year to avoid a conflict with the Olympic Spring Roundup in April. I hope that means more people can participate.

Once again the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs is supporting the symposium by assisting with the cost of the venue. Information is also available on their website: **www.nwfedstamps.org**

We have found a great group of speakers for the symposium this year:

Joe Voice – Pasco, Washington
J W Palmer – Spokane, Washington
Raymond Villeneuve – Calgary, Alberta
Steven Stiff – Missoula, Montana

Sometimes we find ourselves with a little extra time between presentations. In those times we can invite participants to give a short “clothesline” presentation (5-10 minutes). If you are willing to do one of these, please indicate when you return your Registration Form.

As usual, we will have two auctions where participants enter the lots. See descriptions on the back of this page. There is a \$3.00 entry fee that covers all entered lots and NO commission on sales.

I sincerely hope you can help make it a successful event this year.

Jim Hirstein
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FRIDAY EVENING EVENTS (March 28)

There will be a Hospitality Room will be at the Best Western Lake Front Inn from 5:30 – 7:00. Wine and snacks will be available. **Cash donations to offset the cost are appreciated.**

Then we will gather about 7:00 at the Super China Buffet, 711 N. Stratford Rd. in Moses Lake, for a **no-host dinner**. Directions will be available in the Hospitality Room.

TWO AUCTIONS

AUCTION I – 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 will close during the break after the last talk.**

AUCTION II – REGULAR 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.

REQUEST OF ALL PARTICIPANTS;

1. Please enter material in both auctions.
2. Turn lots over to the Auction Managers during registration.
3. 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.
4. 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.**

REGISTER EARLY – BY TUESDAY, MARCH 11 and you will receive an advance supply of auction lot cards that can be filled out before you arrive at Moses Lake.

LOT NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED DURING AUCTION REGISTRATION ON SATURDAY MORNING.

MOTELS

The Best Western Lake Front Inn & Conference Center is holding a block of rooms at the group rate of \$119.99 per night (plus taxes) for single non-lake view rooms, and \$129.99 (plus taxes) for a double queen, for Friday and Saturday nights. This rate includes a Breakfast Buffet both Saturday and Sunday morning. Call the Lake Front Inn 509-number directly, the Best Western 800-number and website will not have the special rates.

Be sure to identify you are with the “stamps group.” This is the phrase for the reduced rate.

NOTE: The special rates are applicable until March 19, 2025. After that, rates go to \$159.99 for a single and \$165.99 for a double, plus taxes (and depending on availability).

Best Western Lake Front Inn & Conference Center 1-509-765-9211

Other Motels Nearby:

Motel 6	1-509-766-0260
Oasis Budget Host Inn	1-509-765-8636
Lakeshore Motel	1-509-765-9201