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Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society



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Third Annual Holiday Banquet at the Edgemere



The Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society celebrated the Holidays with the third annual Holiday Dinner at the Edgemere. The three course gourmet meal was excellent. Mark Solomon provided his private label selection of fine wine. A short business meeting was held to re-elect officers and a new secretary and board member. The year 2008 was a great year for the DPCPS and we all look forward to our 2009 meetings. A special thank you to Dr. Harold Boehning for sponsoring the society meetings and dinner at the Edgemere.

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Notes from the Editor



Reflecting back on 2008, it was a great year for the DPCPS. I have never had a more enjoyable time attending our meetings. We had many diverse presentations during the year. The presentation by guest speaker Charles Shreve of Spink Shreve Galleries was the philatelic event to attend of 2008. As always, the Holiday Dinner was a great way to celebrate the year.

Looking forward to 2009, there are many ways for you to contribute to the success of our society. First, write an article for the newsletter. Share your philatelic treasures with your fellow society members. Just e-mail me your article (douglasmos@sbglobal.net) or bring it to the next meeting.

A second way to contribute is to give a presentation. Yes, it can be intimidating getting up in front of everyone on the stage and telling your story. But it will be an enjoyable experience. Remember, you have something to share about your collection that you know better than anyone else. Contact Harry Pedersen at the next meeting and volunteer, or e-mail him today (harrypedersen@tx.rr.com). See you at the next meeting! **Doug Moss**

2009 DUES ARE DUE!

Metroplex Postal History of the Month



This month we have an example of a censored cover making its way to Dallas. When a cover is “censored” that means the contents of the letter were examined by government authorities before it arrived at its final destination. All mail going into the United States during the Second World War was subject to examination. On the cover above, the censor tape is at the left with the words “Examined By” on the front and the number on the back indicating the location of the censor. During the Second World War, more than 10,000 civilians were employed in the postal division of the Office of Censorship! This cover bound for Dallas left Guinope, Honduras on August 22, 1942. The backstamp indicates it arrived in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa on August 27. Unfortunately, there is no stamp to indicate when it arrived in Dallas. The stamps on the cover catalog at a whopping 60 cents!

Closed Album: Polly Anna Hull



Polly Anna Hull, a longtime member of the DPCPS, passed away November 13, 2008 at the age of 57. She had been a member of the society for over a decade and did attend the 2007 Holiday Dinner. She was a topicalist who collected butterflies, Christmas and cats. She had volunteered at the TEXPEX youth center on a number of occasions.
-Paul Witthoefft.

Jan.-Feb. 2009 Philatelic Calendar

January 12 DPCPS board meeting at the Edgemere.

January 14 Open meeting, discussion of topics for calendar year.

January 28 Quarterly Auction, no speaker.

February 11 Program: Danish Bi-Color Issues, presented by Harry Pedersen.

February 20-22 AmeriStamp Expo & TEXPEX

February 25 Mini Auction and Philatelic Spotlight: TBA.

2008 marks 250th birthday of James Monroe

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of James Monroe, the fifth president of the United States. He was born April 28, 1758 in Westmoreland County, Virginia. He was very



active in politics of our new nation, serving the Virginia state house and then the Continental Congress from 1782-1789. In 1790 he was elected a United States Senator.

In 1794 George Washington appointed him to be Minister to France. He served in international diplomacy until 1811 when he was elected governor of Virginia. After only a few months in office, Monroe resigned to be Secretary of State in the James Madison administration. In 1815 he was appointed Secretary of War.

Monroe was elected to the first of his two terms as president in 1816. His administration was called the “era of good feelings.”

His presidential address on December 2, 1823 became known as the Monroe Doctrine. There were three parts to his doctrine: no further European colonization in the Western Hemisphere; no U.S. intervention in the political affairs of Europe; and no European intervention in the affairs of governments of the Western Hemisphere. Any violation of this doctrine was considered a hostile act toward the United States. Monroe passed away on July 4, 1831 while visiting his daughter. Monroe was the third U.S. president to die on the 4th of July.

His likeness has appeared on many U.S. stamps. You will find Monroe on the following issues: the 3-cent value of the Louisiana Purchase (Scott 325); the 10-cent value (Scott 591) of the 1922-23 Fourth Bureau Issue; the 5-cent issue (Scott 810) of the Prexie series; the 5-cent value (Scott 1038) of the Liberty series; a commemorative recognizing his 200th birthday in 1958 (Scott 1105). The last stamp James Monroe has appeared on is the 1986 Ameripex Presidential mini-sheet (Scott 2216e). There was no stamp issued by the USPS in 2008 for the 250th anniversary of his birth. -Dr. W. Craig Boyd.

Alex Gill Wins TPA Youth Holiday Contest



On October 10, 2008, the members of the DPCPS acted as the judges of the Texas Philatelic Association 2008 Youth Holiday Cover Contest. For 20 years the TPA has held this contest to encourage children to design postage stamps with a winter holiday theme. The winner for the best overall entry was Alex Gill, age 14, of Wisconsin (see the image on the left). To see the rest of the results of the contest, you can go to www.texasphilatelic.org to access the on-line version of *The Texas Philatelist*, the journal of the TPA. If you are not a member of the TPA, consider joining in 2009!



APS Stamp Show will be here soon!

The big winter stamp show is coming to Texas this February! At least ninety dealers (90!) are scheduled to be at the show! There will also be a public auction at the show by Harmer-Schau Auction Galleries. The Texas Philatelic Association and the Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International will be holding their meetings at the show. The USPS will be at the show, with possibly some other postal administrations in attendance. There will be no regular TEXPEX this year. Instead, the TEXPEX World Series of Philately exhibits will be part of the show. Volunteer opportunities are still available if you want to represent the DPCPS at the youth table in Arlington. See you at the show, don't forget to wear your DPCPS membership badges!

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