

# Stamps & Tongs

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Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society



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## Crippe Presents Inaugural Kempston Lecture



**From left to right: Steven Crippe; Vice-President Harry Pedersen, Steven Crippe and President Rod Gabel.**

On September 9, Steven Crippe of Heritage Auction Galleries gave the first presentation of the Deborah Kempston Lecture Series. Mr. Crippe's topic was "Error's, Freaks and Oddities," of which he is an expert in that field of philately. His presentation was very entertaining. Mr. Crippe provided a handout to each person in the audience, which was extremely informative during the presentation. A sign of a good presentation is that the person attending learned something new and interesting about the topic. And I believe that everyone in audience learned something that they can add to their personal inventory of philatelic knowledge. Mr. Crippe explained how perforation shifts occurs, color shifts and paper folds. One of the interesting things he pointed out during the presentation was how stamps were checked by hand to weed out any errors, freaks and oddities from getting to the public. After speaking for over 45 minutes, Mr. Crippe then took questions from the audience. At the end of his entertaining question and answer session, Mr. Crippe presented everyone in attendance with their own "freak" stamp.-DM

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# Notes from the Editor



I want to apologize for not putting out a newsletter the last two months. I spent half of August travelling and then my children started back to school late in the same month. And with the beginning of school, I also have PTA and soccer (I am coaching 2 teams) and Cub Scouts. Now things have settled down at the Moss house.

One of the things that I have had to give up to give me more time are my volunteer duties with the Texas Philatelic Association. I am still a life time member of the TPA (I encourage you to join if you are not a member). This will allow me to devote more time to our fine society. The newsletter should continue as normal.

I saw a disturbing thing in the recent USPS Philatelic Catalog. The back cover of the catalog advertised a book that included both "collectible" stamps and domestic use stamps! What the heck? Who is running the marketing there at USPS? We do not see enough commemoratives on the regular mail as it is. Now the USPS is calling them "collectibles", encouraging them to be held for their investment potential, relegating them to being glorified stickers. Oh well, what can a collector do? This month we have a bourse and a quarterly auction. It will be a great month to find stamps to add to your collection.-DM

## Oct.-Nov. Philatelic Calendar

**October 12** Board meeting at the Edgemere.

**October 14** FALL BOURSE. Dealers Jim Myers and Tom Cunningham will bring their inventory to the Bourse. Members are encouraged to bring their stamps for trade or sale, too. Reserve your spot for the Holiday Dinner December 9. We will also vote on the best youth stamp design for the TPA Youth Holiday Stamp Design Contest.

**October 28** Quarterly Auction. Please see auction bid sheets in this newsletter.

**November 11** Program: United States Marine Corps by Doug Moss.

**November 14-15** Mid-Cities Stamp Expo, Grapevine, Texas.

To volunteer for a 2010 presentation or Philatelic Spotlight, contact Harry Pedersen.

Bring a friend to the next meeting! Encourage them to join the DPCPS!

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# **FALL BOURSE**

October 14 Meeting @ the Edgemere

Bring your stamps and covers to trade and sell!  
Everyone is a stamp dealer Wednesday night!

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will bring their inventory to the Edgemere!***

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*You are cordially invited  
to attend the*

*Fourth Annual  
Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society  
Holiday Dinner*

*December 9, 2009*

*Members \$20  
Guests \$30*