

# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



An Affiliate of the American Philatelic Society: James Buchanan Chapter, # 173  
Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.

## Club Meeting: Wednesday, 11 July 2012

Bourse opens at 6:30 PM and Meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Bluebird Commons / Woodcrest Villa. **Tonight's host:** John Brownell

**Stamp Trading** to Begin Following the Evening's Program

## Message from the President

Topical collecting is certainly on our minds this summer. I'm reminded of the numerous topics I've assembled over my many years of collecting. In the forties, I started with airmails and then went on to baseball, Spanish Civil War overprints, censuses, number ones, and most recently Zemstovs. Another one for which I can't give a short name was collecting the first stamps of the new countries and the last stamps issued under their old names, e.g.

Persia and Iran, Gold Coast and Ghana. Overall I found collecting topicals to be a lot of fun and educational. I'm not working on a specific topic right now but am getting started on covers from World War II destroyers. My dad served on the U.S.S. Waldron in the Pacific during the war, so that has sparked my interest.

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, the Postal Service will honor four major league baseball stars: Joe DiMaggio, Larry Doby, Willie Stargell, and Ted Wil-

liams. They will not only be issued in the usual twenty-stamp sheets but also in individual sheets for each player. There will probably be the usual criticism that this a money-making scheme by the USPS, but for the fans of a particular player, it could be a plus. For example, Willie Stargell was a huge favorite for the Pittsburgh Pirates, and I'm guessing that many of the Pirate fans will want to buy his stamps. See you at the meeting on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. **Bob**

**Mini Auction for July:** Bring your gold cards and carts this month. What remains of a varied and interesting donated accumulation of stamps and covers will be quickly auctioned at our July meeting. Included are four box lots containing a diverse accumulation of foreign and U.S. stamps and covers. The possibility of hidden value and many hours of philatelic fun is likely to be found in these box lots.

Each lot will have a minimum bid of \$10. Best of all, proceeds realized from the auction will go towards enhancing our club treasury and Treasurer Lou's gleeful smile when he gives his next Treasurer's Report.  
Al Schaub

## Telegraph Stamps of the U.S.

Don Smith

Speaker Don Smith of Palmyra will present the July program on telegraph stamps. These items were issued from the early 1880s until the mid 20th century to cover charges of sending telegrams. A host of telegraph companies issued their own stamps to cover all or

part of sending the telegram. Railroads, newspapers, and express companies were the large users of telegraph services though stamps were available to individuals. Exquisitely designed and engraved, these stamps are a large part of communications history of the U.S.

## Ave et Vale

James G. Boyles

Members of PSLC mourn the loss of club leader, visionary, and friend (pg.2).

(Right) In 2010, club President John Alfeld presented Jim the Outstanding Achievement Award for his 25 years of Lancopex.



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VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

PSLC Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except August) at The Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster. PA 17601 at 7:00 PM. Dues are \$10.00. For club info, call Lucy Eyster: 717.735-2586

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### James G. Boyles

It was with sadness that club members learned about Jim's death on the 26th June. He had been battling cancer for the last two years with severe pain over the last several months, necessarily requiring Hospice of Lancaster in his final days.

Jim's philatelic credentials are solid with his award-winning exhibits on Lancaster Postal History and Postmarks of Lancaster Co. As a stamp dealer he helped many of us to build our U.S. collections, always on the lookout for an item we needed.

It is perhaps Jim's service to PSLC that is so obvious to most of us. I made calls to those club members who were not on the email list. The responses were fairly consistent that Jim's passing will be a loss to the club for his energy and vision for stamp collecting in Lancaster.

In 2002 I met Jim when I joined the club. He had been president for the umpteenth time. Among the many club activities, we enjoyed a train trip to ASDA in NYC, and just prior to becoming ill, we were going to the Saturday stamp programs that the York Club was holding for young collectors. Jim foresaw such a program in Lancaster.

In our ten years, I have seen Jim recover from a variety of health issues, in fact he seemed stronger after each episode. Imminent retirement with a view to stamp dealing provided the incentive. But in this illness, recovery was not to be. On his last day, I got a chuckle out of him when I chided him for not going to NTSS to help Dick, Bill, Bob and me repack those 156 frames!

Rest well, kind friend. ☒ Ed

## ATA's National Topical Stamp Show Lucy Eyster, Her Committee, and PSLC All Shine

A few years ago we learned that NTSS would be held in Lancaster-our first national stamp show! ATA Rep Lucy Eyster sought volunteers and convened a committee to assist ATA in the planning and implementation of this event. Joining her were Eleanor Wheeler, Al Schaub, Diane Meek, and Paul Petersen. They started meeting last summer to address PSLC's assignments for the show that was to be held at The Host on Rt. 30 on 22-24 June 2012.



Lesley Botte (L), Eleanor Wheeler, Lucy Eyster (R) set up the registration table

In addition to three days allotted for the show, ATA adds local tours to be held before and after the philatelic events. Lancaster is prime for this.

ATA's Show Manager is Bob Mather who has directed NTSS for over 25 years in cities across the country. Bob visited Lancaster last November and PSLC committee members escorted him to various tourist areas so that he could make recommendations to ATA. Eventually the decision was made for a half-day tour of the Amish sites on Thursday and an all day trek to APS/APRL on Monday.

Another of the club's responsibilities was the recommendation and procurement of awards for the exhibit winners. These were to be of local flair, and they were featured in ATA's latest *Topical Time*.

At NTSS were numerous specialty society meetings and seminars. Three PSLC members were speakers. Lucy Eyster gave a talk entitled *The Wonderful World of Wacky Stamps* on Sunday. Paul Petersen held a PowerPoint presentation on *FDR: The Stamp Czar* on Friday. Al Schaub was the speaker at the President's Reception; his talk *Secret Codes of WWII*.

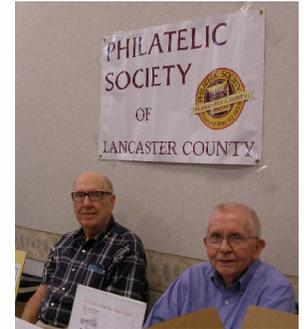


Al Schaub at his sales table

PSLC was responsible for the NTSS registration table. Lucy Eyster and Eleanor Wheeler set this up and coordinated and staffed the registration activities. Other registration volunteers included: Dick Shaefer •Lesley Botte •Sarah Mylin •Jerry Kurland •Peter Billis •Bill Skelly •John Ford •Steve Wander •Dick Colberg •David York •Roy Baardsen •Mike Bach •Dave Hunt, and •Hildrud Lu.

Volunteers at the PSLC table included •Bob Epler •Clair Smith •Joy Bouchard •Diane Meek •Jim Ziogas •Bob Rothen •Bill Snyder •Gene Duncan •Bob Noble •John Brownell •Gareth Diem and •Paul Petersen.

Saving the best for last, there were the exhibit frames-all 156 of them, though it sounds better when we think of them as only 78 pairs of frames. Youth Group teens from Grace



Clair Smith (L) and Bob Epler (R) staff the PSLC club table

Baptist Church helped set up on Thursday along with Dick Colberg, Paul Petersen, and Doug Milliken. The pickings were a little slimmer for the tear-down on Sunday p.m. without the kids, but Bill Greiner and Dennis Shumaker joined Bob Mather, Dick, and Paul in the task.

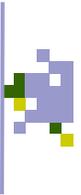
Cachet's were sold at the club table. Our feature item was the first day cover of the \$1.05 international airmail stamp of Lancaster county with the Amish buggy that was issued on 20 January. Diane Meek designed the cachet and hand colored several of them. Show covers from previous years and donated items were also sold.



Diane Meek (left) autographs cachets as Joy Bouchard looks on.

Donated items came from Dennis Shumaker, Bob Epler, Bob Rothen, Lesley Botte, Paul Petersen, Wayne Gehret, and the Kraft and Diener estates.

The stamp show itself was sizable with 27 dealers and 41 tables, from as far away as →



## June Minutes and Treasury

### Joy Bouchard and Lou DiFelice

**Opening Announcements:** Paul Petersen opened the meeting at 7:04 a.m. He announced that tonight's speaker, John Brownell is out of town due to a death in the family. Dick Colberg updated members on Jim Boyles' condition, and Chuck Kilgore passed around a card for the family of Dan Anspach. Additional cards were circulated for Jim Boyles and John Brownell.

**Membership.** Lucy Eyster, Membership, introduced guests Jeff Mohler and Zach Bata.

**July Auction:** Al Schaub announced that in July there will be a short auction of residual lots from the Jack

Diener estate donation (Pg. 1).  
**ATA/NTSS:** Lucy Eyster, ATA Rep, updated membership regarding the plans for the 22-24 June NTSS at The Host. Some seats remain for the 25 June bus trip to APS (\$45). Eleanor handed out instructions for those staffing the registration table, and Paul reviewed the PSLC table for the event. Eleanor also announced that Lucy Eyster, Al Schaub, and Paul Petersen will be giving presentations at the show.

**Drawing:** Mike Matus won \$5.00 drawing.

**Program:** In lieu of tonight's planned program, an ATA DVD entitled **U.S Presidents on Stamps** was shown by RD Noble. Bob

also demonstrated his philatelic microscope and its many applications for research, stamp inspection, and documentation.

**Club Donation:** Lou DiFelice announced that Tryude Greiner made a large donation to the club to cover lunches for the dealers and volunteers at Lancopex with the residual to go toward the 2012 Christmas dinner. (Cheers and thanks from the membership!)

#### Treasury Report

Opening: \$3,732.40 (1 May)  
 Income: \$1,643.07  
 Expenses: \$842.48  
 Closing: \$4,523.99 (31 May)  
 3-CDs valued at \$6,461.85

## Miscellaneous Club Notes:

### Programs/Hosts, Shows & Members

#### 2012 Programs and Hosts

- 11 July:** U.S. Telegraph Stamps. Don Smith. **Host:** John Brownell
- 8 August:** Picnic. No Host
- 12 September:** Club Auction. **Host:** Lou DiFelice
- 10 October:** Congressional Exhibit of Signed Covers. Joseph Pitts (PA-19<sup>th</sup>). **Host:** Lucy Eyster
- 14 November:** The USPS: The Present and Future. William. P. Snyder. **Host:** Lou Leidig
- 12 December:** Dinner. No Host

#### 2013 Programs

- 9 January:** Club Auction
- 13 Feb:** The 1970s-80s Patriot's Postal Cards. John Brownell.
- 13 March:** The Sharples Co.: Philatelic & Deltiologic Edification. Bill Schultz
- 10 April:** Peel 'n Stick-Mail promotionals for Lancopex 2013
- New Member:** Jeff Mohler of Lancaster joined at the May meeting.

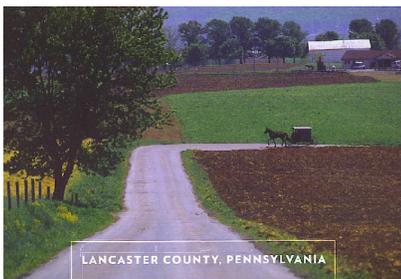
**PSLC Newsletter:** This newsletter won an APS Gold Award in the Chapter Activities Committee (CAC) newsletter competition for 2011 year.

**Lancopex:** A meeting of Lancopex players will be convened this summer to form a management plan and take on responsibilities.

**Boy Scouts:** Club member Gareth Diem received the Silver Beaver Award on 13 June. It's the highest BSA award for adult volunteer leadership. Gareth is with the Penn Dutch Council of Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

**New Club Address:** Philatelic Society of Lancaster Co. PO Box 6053, Lancaster, PA 17607-6053. This is the U.S. Post Office in Rohrerstown, PA.

→TX, MO, WI, and other mid-western, mid-Atlantic, and southern states. PSLC was one of six societies with an information table.



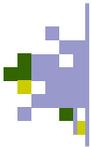
LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

There were three USPS First Day Ceremonies, but the highlight was that for The Scenic American Landscape Postal Cards which included the Lancaster County scene, the one that was used on the \$1.05 airmail issued in January, 2012. It is pictured above. This scene depicts an Amish horse and buggy amid a newly plowed field with farm buildings in the background. The imprinted non-denominational forever stamp on the reverse is the same image as the front of the card, and it carries the postal card rate of 32¢ but with the familiar silver silhouetted airplane omitted.

The show was a lot of work, though Lucy and her volunteers met the challenge. According to Vera Felts, the Executive Director of ATA, the number of preregistered collectors was the highest in her tenure with the organization. The attendance supported this, as the preprinted programs ran out by noon on Saturday! Other than the A/C malfunctioning on Friday and Saturday a.m., the show went well. Both Bob Mather and Vera Felts are recommending that NTSS returns to Lancaster in six years. This is the highest tribute to PSLC and Lancaster County we could hope for.



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# Musings: July-2012

*Thoughts about stamp shows and our future*

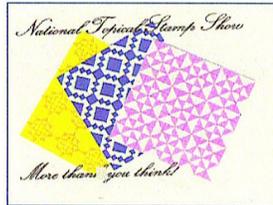
PSLC has been involved in two stamp shows in the last two months, Lancopex in late April, and NTSS in late June. Both had something new, in a way. This was our first Lancopex without Jim Boyles in 25 years, though he did do considerable planning from his home. The second was a national show here in Lancaster, our first. Given the small town venue we had been kidding around that this was Lancaster's first and last national stamp show. Because it was so well-attended with satisfied dealers and customers, the leaders of ATA want to come back to Lancaster County for a future NTSS.



The popularity of the NTSS in the county seems to have matched the show's motto: "Lancaster-More than you think." There were so many options for the side trips, that it was hard to decide. The cachets, show cancels, and postcards said it all, featuring buggies, quilts, Conestoga wagons, scenic farmland, and more. So perhaps this is one reason for a return show.

NTSS coming back to the county is the good news. The bad news is those sticky exhibit frames. Dick Colberg, Bill Greiner, and I voted unanimously that we would take our

own club's frames in their flimsy boxes and toss them around all day rather than trying to wedge 78 double frames into solid boxes of 25, boxes that must be conveyed by fork lift!



Folks have said that PSLC can run by itself, and it does, at least it might for a while. We haven't had a board meeting in over a year. But the same can't be said of Lancopex. Having worked in both shows in varying capacities with manpower my dominant theme, (manpower to me means frames!) I have appreciated the leadership and its diligence, advance planning, and personal responsibility to bring both stamp shows together so well.



Both Jim Boyles and Bob Mather have been managing their shows for 25+ years, and they have

displayed these leadership qualities to produce shows of excellence. While they had every jot and tittle in place, new challenges always came up. This is where their experience showed in resolving many issues, usually on the fly and usually satisfactorily.

PSLC was part of the planning and implementation of NTSS, and Lucy Eyster organized a solid committee that covered a lot of ground to make it happen. I believe that Lucy worked day and night for months for this show. I know that she probably put in nearly a week of 12-16 hour days during the show and its linked events.

For those of us in PSLC, replacing Jim will be the challenge. In actuality, we'll never replace him, but we'll try to keep the show up to his standards. We'll plan out all that needs to be done and seek reliable people to fill the rolls. Can a good number of us match up to what Jim and a handful of club members accomplished over the years?

Lancopex is less than ten months away. Lucy will be hosting a planning meeting shortly, as there is so much to do. The word will be going out with the date and time. The next few years will determine the future of the show and the club. Will you be there to help make this continue? ☒ Ed

*Rural Pennsylvania*  
by Katherine Milhous

Katherine Milhous (1894–1977) was an American writer, illustrator and artist born in Philadelphia to a Quaker family of printers. She attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the Pennsylvania Museum of Industrial Design. From 1935 to 1940, working for the Philadelphia Federal Art Project, a part of the New Deal Works Progress Administration, she created posters promoting Pennsylvania. She often incorporated Pennsylvania Dutch designs in her posters. The poster seen above and on the cover of our Show Program is from a color woodcut created in 1936.

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