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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Fernando Torres

Dear Members,

I would like to use this month's column to thank a club member who has been invaluable to our society: Stan Bartnikowski. For years, Stan has been the driving force behind the *Stamp & Tongs* newsletter, serving as both writer and editor.

His outstanding work and dedication were recognized last year when the American Philatelic Society (APS) awarded him the prestigious Star Route Award. Through his skillful reporting and engaging content, Stan has elevated the visibility of our club. His passion for philately, combined with his adept use of imagery and communication, has spread knowledge and enthusiasm for our hobby far and

JERSEY POST HONORS DEBUSSY VISIT

By Stan Bartnikowski

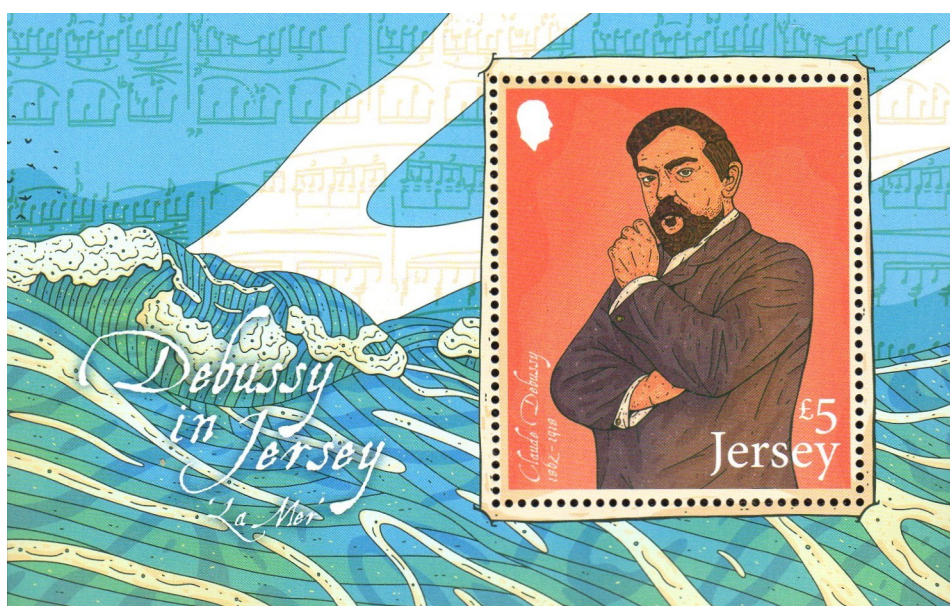


Figure 1. Miniature Jersey sheet showing a portrait of the French composer Claude Debussy against a background evocative of a Hokusai print, *Under the Wave off Kanagawa*. Beneath "Debussy in Jersey" is the title of his composition, *La Mer*.

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As a sideline I collect stamps and other philatelic items related to music. I avoid

collecting stamps commemorating a composer from a country that he never lived in, visited or had any association with (for example, Equatorial Guinea has issued several stamps commemorating Beethoven, but I ignore these). So when I saw the Channel Island of Jersey was issuing a stamp commemorating the French composer Claude Debussy, I was skeptical. But then I discovered Debussy visited Jersey in July 1904. (The island is closer to France than England). During his time there he composed part of his famous

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading.

- Oct. 9** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Quarterly Auction*
- Oct. 23** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *History of the APS and the Match Factory*, presented by Al Dlh.
- Nov. 8-9** **Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO**, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main Street,, Grapevine, TX 76051 (Friday 10 am to 5 pm; Saturday 9 am to 4 pm).
- Nov. 13** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*.
- Dec. 11** **DPCPS HOLIDAY PARTY**
- Dec. 13-14** **DALLAS TSDA**, Doubletree Hotel, Bluebonnet Room, 1981 North Central Expressway (Hwy 75 & Campbell Rd), Richardson, TX 75080 (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)

Note from the Editor: We welcome Letters to the Editor. Please send your philatelic-related letter via eMail to Stan.Bartnikowski@gmail.com.

Correction: Mr. Arthur von Reyn's name was misspelled in the previous issue. The editor regrets this error and apologizes.

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EDITOR'S MUSINGS

By Stan Bartnikowski

Last issue Geoff Owens gave us an article on a stamp and banknote commemorating the little-known Canadian civil rights activist, Viola Desmond. This is an example of "The story behind the stamp", a program the club has sponsored in the past. In this issue there is another story behind the stamp, this time of the French composer Claude Debussy and his visit to the Channel Island of Jersey. Perhaps one of our readers can also submit a story of a little known piece of history depicted on a stamp or stamps.

Also in this issue are some interesting facts about our member, Don Wolman. He is Canadian-born, conducts senior learning classes in philately and is also a volunteer Geography instructor for Dallas ISD, using stamps and maps. The subject of the "Spotlight on..." series is selected randomly. Next issue could be you.

In this issue Geoff presents an interesting Hong Kong item in the "Show 'N' Tell" section. Readers, if you have acquired, or even just noticed on the internet or news, an interesting philatelic item, you are encouraged to send the editor (me) a digital image and a few words about the item. Send them to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.

You may have noticed that the President's Corner appears on page 1 of this issue instead of page 2. This is *not* because I am the subject of the President's letter, but rather because I didn't have another feature article (hint, readers!) or news item other than the USPS announcing no postal rate increase next year.

On a personal note, you may have noticed my absence at the club meetings recently. I have been busy tending to the former first lady of the club, my dear wife Cathy, who has been in and out of the ER, hospital and rehab the past couple of months. She has been diagnosed with bladder cancer, among other things. Your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

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wide, especially across the internet.

As we once again enter the competition for the APS Star Route Award this year, I have no doubt that Stan's leadership will guide us to another well-deserved recognition.

Thank you, Stan, for all that you do!

Sincerely,
Fernando Torres
President, Dallas Park Cities Philatelic Society

SPOTLIGHT ON ... DON WOLMAN

Interviewed by Stan Bartnikowski

Don Wolman is originally from Toronto, where he started collecting Canada and some world-wide stamps at the age of 5, following the lead of his father and older sister. At the age of 10, his family moved to Sarasota, Florida. He went to college in the Boston area and was an engineer for several years. He was lured to Texas in 1991 by the now defunct Superconducting Super Collider project near Waxahachie. After that project was cancelled, Don became a tech writer for about 30 years, writing user guides for several corporations including Cisco. He retired 3 years ago. He has 4 children and 6 grandchildren and lives with his girlfriend Brenda.



Don Wolman with a sheet of
1955 1/2c Franklin (U.S. Scott 1030)

As a youth, Don's primary source of stamps was from soaking them off envelopes, although he did find a friendly dealer in Sarasota and obtained another collector's duplicates. Like many of us, Don took a break in collecting during college and career but returned to collecting 5 years ago.

Don's Canada collection is nearly complete from 1860 to about 1955. He also has a virtually complete collection of U.S. from 1920 to 1960, including early airmails.

Don currently conducts senior learning classes in philately and is a volunteer Geography instructor for Dallas ISD where he uses stamps and maps to illustrate the topic.

In addition to being a member of DPCPS for over 4 years, Don is a member of APS.

I would like to close this interview, at Don's insistence, with his favorite philatelic quote, courtesy of club member Stuart Barzune, "It's not what I know about stamps. It's what I know because of stamps".

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY JERRY MADDEN

Membership is now 57 with the addition of new member John Buhl and the return of former member Richard Neinast. Welcome, John! Welcome back, Richard!

SHOW 'N TELL ODDBALL HONG KONG SOUVENIR

By Geoff Owens



This item was recently offered to me and as I collect pre-handover Hong Kong I was intrigued. Why would British Hong Kong celebrate this event?

A closer look at the item reveals that it is simply two strips of stamps attached to a printed sheet, further enclosed in laminated plastic.

The stamps do appear to be genuine examples of Scott #775a and #778a. But a quick look at the catalogue confirmed my recollection that these were simply the last definitive set issued by colonial Hong Kong on January 26th, 1997. They had nothing to do with the handover to China which took place six months later at midnight (00:00 hours) July 1st, 1997. Furthermore, there were four additional issues before handover so these weren't even the final colonial stamps.

The item is just a concocted souvenir falsely claiming the stamps commemorate the return to China. (Note: All HK stamps issued after handover are inscribed "Hong Kong China" which these are not.)



If you aren't a member of the American Philatelic Society, perhaps you should join now, during National Stamp Collecting Month. For more information, go to [Join Now \(stamps.org\)](https://stamps.org)

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composition *La Mer (The Sea)*. While in Jersey, Debussy also worked on a couple of solo piano compositions: *L'isle joyeuse (The Joyful Island)* and *Masques (Masks)*.

On July 25, Jersey issued a miniature sheet (see Figure 1 on page 1) depicting a portrait of Claude Debussy against a background inspired by an old Japanese print by Hokusai, *Under the Wave off Kanagawa*. Debussy collected Japanese artifacts including the Hokusai print. Inscribed on the background is the text, "Debussy in Jersey" followed by the title of his composition, *La Mer*.

Jersey also issued a set of 6 singles and souvenir sheetlet of these which depicted scenes of Jersey, including a Debussy figure in some of them (see Figure 2, below). The background of the sheetlet contains a fragment of the score for *La Mer*.



Figure 2. Six singles commemorating Debussy in Jersey with Jersey scenes in a souvenir sheetlet format.

The stamps and backgrounds were designed by Jersey artist Will Bertram.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY JERRY MADDEN

July 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:40 PM at the Edgemere Senior Living Center. We dispensed with the reading of the prior meetings minutes and the Treasurer reported we had \$11,732.29 in the treasury. We had a guest John Buhl who came to the meeting and he paid his dues. We will look for him at the next meeting to be voted on as a new member. I have known John in the past and he will make a good member. He is a general collector. The President mentioned we had a board meeting before the regular meeting and discussed the website. We then proceeded to the program.

Rick Hosler introduced the program as anything related to the letter A. Bill Laupus led off discussing Australia. He had a 1st day cover from Australia that was for Queen Elizabeth's first

visit as queen to the Australian Continent. The date of the cover was 2 February but she did not actually get to Australia until the 3rd of February. She and Prince Phillip sailed there on the Royal Yacht. There were estimated to be 1 million people there to witness her arrival. During her visit to Australia she went to at least 58 towns and cities. She spent 10 of her days in New South Wales.

We then discussed the Term Askeri (Please forgive my spelling if that is wrong). It is a term meaning soldier or military. We were shown a set of Belgian Congo stamps on the subject. The word has been used by the U.S. Government and was the name of a US Navy Repair Ship. The next presentation was on two terms that start with A, Aviation and Athletics. We then had a discussion on Fiume and some of their stamps. We discussed the population relocation on 1947 in the city. All the Italians were removed from Fiume so there would be no further need for Italy to retake the city which had originally been settled by the Venetians centuries ago. The final A item was Astronomy and Nikita presented some covers on the Naval Observatory in Denmark. Interestingly the Tower is an Equestrian Tower. Along the way it was observed that Tanzania has some stamps with UFO's on them. Jack closed the presentation by showing some Austrian Postcards. I want to thank all the members who presented this lively and interesting program.

We then proceeded to Jack's albums. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for 14 August and the program will be by Bill Laupus. The subject is to be determined and announced.

Respectfully submitted, J

Jerry Madden Secretary.

August 14, 2024

The meeting of the Dallas Park Cities Philatelic Society was called to order at 7:26 PM by Rick Hostler, Vice President of the club, at the Edgemere Senior Living Center. The reading of the previous minutes was waived. The treasurer reported we had a balance of \$11,777.88 in the treasury. Rick reported that our next meeting would feature Tim Wallaert presenting on the philatelic and other history of Saginaw Michigan so all of us ought to increase our knowledge of the Saginaw area. Jack Urish had a Madagascar stamp of British Consular mail which was interesting.

21 members were present and a former member who had not been at meetings for some time, Richard Neinast was also present and rejoined the club with his paid membership. Welcome back Richard. Bill Wallace announced that he had stamps for the countries beginning with the letter N and this provided interesting items for some of us. Bill Laupus then presented the program. The subject was Canadian stamps. Specifically the stamps discussed were Canadian Airmails, Special Delivery stamps, and Registered letter stamps. Canada issued its first airmails nearly a decade after the first US Airmails. He showed most all of the 9 Canadian

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airmails issued by Canada with the last one actually issued in 1946. He pointed out that the first Canadian airmails were about the allegory of flight. Canada C5 is a stamp of Daedalus and was issued in 1935. C6 shows a Mackenzie River steamer and a Seaplane. The 1942 airmails show military planes and student pilots. My favorite stamp as a kid was the last Canadian airmail, the beautiful Canada goose in flight from 1946.

The Canadian government issued Special Delivery stamps from 1898 to 1946. There were 11 separate stamps issued. The ones from 1896 to 1927 are the most valuable. Canada issued 3 Registration stamps with the dates of issue 1875 to 1888. The 8 cent dull blue is the most valuable of these items. There was some discussion of Private Airmails issued for postage delivery in the outmost regions of Canada where regular mail was not delivered and unique companies delivered mail to the remote areas of Northwest Canada. George announced he turned 87 a few days before the meeting and showed some of his Elizabethan collection.

Geoff had 5 items for sale which is the start of a collection received by the club with proceeds going to our treasury. He will have more of these at future meetings. We then moved on to Jack's books. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33. It had been announced that the president was absent due to COVID. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Madden Secretary

August 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:33 at the Edgemere Senior Living Center. The Secretary announced that John Buhl was present and had filled out his application for membership and paid dues and that this was his second meeting. As such Jerry Madden moved that John be accepted as a member of the club. The vote was unanimous and John Buhl is now a member of the club. Bill Wallace announced that he has his boxes at his usual 25% below his regular selling price. Or if a member wants they can come to his site at Billsstamps.com and get his good deals. Jack sent around some envelopes with Canada airmails from the early Canada airmail period (late 1920's) and they were interesting. Rick then introduced the program.

Tim Wallaert presented his much anticipated and long awaited story of the Postal History of Saginaw Michigan. The original post office was funded and built in the late 1890's. It was a beautiful building. The new post office was constructed in 1938. The 1898 Post Office was a huge source of civic pride. The rebuilt 1938 post office was integrated with the 1898 post office so that some of the parts of the older building remained. Tim showed the beautiful staircase and the gorgeous light fixtures that remain. The 1938 office has since become a historical site since a newer post office was built in the

1970's. Tim also showed where the postal inspectors had their offices and where they could watch what was happening on the floor of the post office to do their job to make sure there was no theft or misappropriation of stamps.

Geoff conducted the auction of 5 items of the collection donated to the club. There was some bidding on the items. Geoff also announced there would be a major collection item worth over \$5,000 in the collection that will be auctioned at the meeting of 9/11/2024 and the starting bid will be \$300. It is a Barbados album and it is the best collection he has seen since he has been a member. Bill Laupus pointed out one of the items he got at the previous meeting was an error worth over \$100. He pointed out the good reasons to bid on these items.

Jack then presented his items. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Madden, Secretary.

September 11, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:35 PM at Edgemere Senior Living Center. We suspended with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and Rick Hosler announced the subject for the next meeting would be B Countries. Rick also noted we had problems with microphone and it would not be available for the meeting. The treasurers report indicated we had \$11,963.83 in the treasury. There was no old business. George noted under new business that the missing Scott catalogue was found and that the set was complete. There was discussion about the coming 2025 catalogues. Rick presented a door prize which was a stamp puzzle. In the drawing for the prize Rod Gabel was the winner. I am sure he has been busy putting the stamp related puzzle together this week. Geoff then presented the only auction item for the evening. It was a beautiful album with a collection of Barbados that he valued at over \$5,000.00. The starting bid was \$300 and there was intense bidding particularly between Fernando Torres and Tom Cunningham. Fernando tried hard but Tom's hand was stuck in the air and he eventually prevailed. It was exciting to see the interest in the auction item. Geoff announced we would be back to having 5 items in the next meeting auction.

We then moved to Jack's albums and he had some interesting items from Germany, Italy and Great Britain. We then went to the first items delivered by air. We discussed pigeon mail. Pigeons had long been trained and had a great sense of returning to their home. The first trained pigeons were from either Persia or Egypt with later additions by the Greeks and Romans. It was noted there were pigeon racing clubs in the U.S. So it became possible that pigeons could carry messages and they were used in warfare over the years in many places. The first pigeon mail was from one island (North Island) to Auckland New Zealand. There were some interesting stamps issued by the manager of the pigeon mail service. The gentleman's name was Holden Howell. It was a very interesting

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discussion of all the types of pigeon mail and the rates on the service. But it was presented that there was a prior airmail service before the pigeon mail of the 1890's and that occurred in France during the Franco Prussian war when mail was sent from Paris and Metz, that were under siege, out to areas not held by the Prussians using balloons. This happened in the year 1870 and was probably the first delivery of mail from the air.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM. Respectfully submitted and carefully written by Jerry Madden Secretary since he knows how carefully Stan checks everything written.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY JERRY MADDEN

July 24 2024

The 3rd quarter board meeting of the Dallas Park Cities Philatelic Society was called to order by President Fernando Torres at 6:35 PM on July 24, 2024, at the Edgemere Senior Living Center.

1. Website Ownership

The board first discussed the ownership of the club's website. After thorough discussion, Bill Laupus moved that the club officially owns the website. The motion was seconded and voted on unanimously by the board members present: Bill Laupus, Rick Hostler, Fernando Torres, Rod Gabel, Sam Phillippi, Jerry Madden, and Jack Urish.

2. Outstanding Payments and Website Maintenance

Jerry Madden was previously tasked with obtaining a quote for the operation of the website. He presented a proposal from a web developer who has maintained his personal and political websites for over 20 years. The costs associated with transferring and maintaining the website on GoDaddy were detailed as follows:

\$10.99 per month for hosting on GoDaddy.

\$22.99 for transferring the domain name to GoDaddy.

If the current webmaster agrees to unlock the website and provide the necessary codes, the transfer should be seamless. However, if the site needs to be recreated, the cost would be \$200. The web developer also offered to perform ongoing maintenance at no charge, provided that only the upcoming meeting information changes.

The board voted unanimously to accept this proposal. Additionally, the board recognized that there is an outstanding balance owed to the current webmaster. The president was authorized to negotiate a settlement amount that the board believes is fair and due.

3. Transition to Third-Party Hosting

The board discussed the financial benefits of moving the website to a third-party hosting service. The consensus was that this

move would be in the best interest of the club.

There were no additional items brought before the board. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Madden, Secretary

2024 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few months. Items are forever stamps with the current or anticipated value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

- Oct. 1** **Thank you, Healthcare Community.** Single (73¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; BCA; Washington, DC 20066



- Oct. 1** **Winter Whimsy.** Four (73¢) forever special stamps, double-sided pane of 20; AP; Park City, UT 84060



FOR SALE ITEMS

Please use the stage at the meeting room to place items for sale. *Be sure to include your name and asking price!*

CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com or mailed to 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrollton, TX 75007-2828.

FOR SALE

Traveling down under? Australia coins \$34.75 face for U.S. \$17. New Zealand coins \$33.00 face for U.S. \$15. Contact Geoff Owens at gmoptyx@verizon.net.

FREE

Set of new low value U.S. coils. 1c Fringed Tulip, 2c Daffodils, 3c Peonies, 5c Red Tulips, 10c Poppies and Coneflowers. ONE set free to each DPCPS member (only). Send an SASE to Stan Bartnikowski, 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrollton, TX 75007.

Please make use of the table at the rear of the meeting room to place or pickup freebie philatelic items.



2024 Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO

37th Annual Exhibition & Bourse

November 8 & 9, 2024

Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grapevine Convention Center

1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas 76051

25 Dealer Bourse

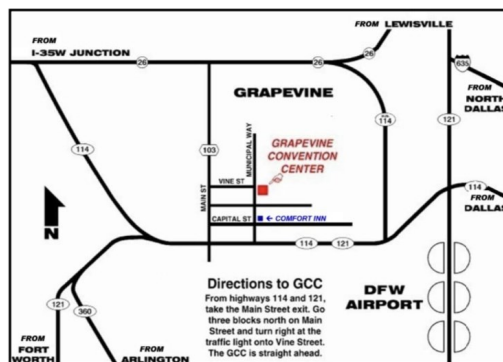
EXPO theme... "America From Sea to Shining Sea"

Plus

*Beginning Collectors Center
Giant Mixture Pick*

*Chance Board
Silent Auction*

Free Admission Free Parking



The Comfort Inn, Grapevine, TX offers a special rate of \$89 per night, plus tax for up to four persons. To make reservations please call (817) 329-9300 and ask for the Mid-Cities Stamp Show Room Rate.

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December 13-14, 2024

Show Location:

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton

In Richardson, 1981 North Central Expressway (Exit 26, Campbell Road, in either direction). The show is in the Bluebonnet Room, first room to the right, inside the door.

Show hours: Friday 10 to 5,
and Saturday 9 to 4.