



# San Jose Stamp Club Newsletter



## SJSC

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Club Show since 1928

**APS Chapter 0264-025791**

### Meeting Information:

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7PM  
790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, CA 95125  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor of dining room

APS circuit books at each month, presentations,  
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## Get Ready!

### Filatellic Fiesta 2016

The event of the year is here! The SJSC is gearing up for the best Filatellic Fiesta yet. We have a new venue, new leadership, and new surprises. There is so much to be excited for, BUT we need your help to ensure a successful event. My goal is to excite you about the upcoming show and motivate your participation with show logistics. Filatellic Fiesta is as much a stamp show as a social event. Obviously we all love stamps. Therefore, I have noted the key social events of the show.

#### Banquet:

This year attending the banquet is more convenient than ever before! The banquet is as much for club members as exhibitors. This year's fiesta will be at the banquet—it is the time to celebrate your SJSC membership. There will be a special raffle box only for banquet attendees! If that doesn't motivate you to attend, the banquet will have APS representation, published authors, and accomplished exhibitors. The banquet cannot be missed!

Please RSVP to:	Payment:
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#### Presentations:

The committee has worked all year to find additional reasons for you to attend this year. Have you heard about the exciting presentations and special guests?

- ❖ **United States Philatelic Classics Society (USPCS)** will hold a regional meeting on Saturday from 12-2pm. Jeff Forster will hold a presentation entitled "Creating a Gold Exhibit." You need not be a USPCS member, nor a U.S. collector. All are welcome to participate!
- ❖ **Old Ironside** by Skip Eckel, Saturday 2pm.
- ❖ Ken Martin, Chief Operating Officer will host an **APS Town Hall** meeting on Saturday at 3pm.

#### SJSC Fundraisers:

Last year's raffle boxes were a huge success! This year's prizes include antiques, philatelic items, gift cards, and more. In addition, we will have a large selection of sale items and an auction. This is your opportunity to support the SJSC and find philatelic items at a discount. All proceeds directly benefit SJSC, youth efforts, and the good of philately.

Whatever your reason for attending, the SJSC is looking forward to seeing you at Filatellic Fiesta 2016! ☺

## Review:

## The English Affair



On Sunday, September 18th, the San Jose Stamp Club hosted a meet and greet with **APS Executive Director, Scott English**. A panel discussion entitled, "Collecting in the 21st Century," was led by Scott,

**Kristin Patterson**, and **Brian Jones**.

Collecting is changing; the hobby must adapt and consider new ways to grow the hobby.

English has a positive outlook on the future of the philately—he emphasizes it is not a dying hobby. However, his message is clear: it is time to reinvent the wheel in order to continue growing APS membership. What once worked is no longer the answer.

Successful turnout is a BIG accomplishment; our hope is to collectively improve our regular participation with philatelic events. Great examples are attending stamp club meetings, show planning committee meetings and youth activities.

The event was well attended—nearly 40 local collectors attended! The Sequoia Stamp Club generously donated Krispy Crème donuts, coffee, and more. It was exciting to see local philatelists gather to discuss this very important topic. In addition club members prepared a silent auction and sales area to raise proceeds for the SJSC. This was a huge success, earning \$300!



## Jeopardy:

## Philately Style

Below are 10 questions taken from actual Jeopardy games. How many can you get right?

**Clue #1: Foreign Stamps for \$400**

"Helvetia" is still inscribed on this mountainous country's currency and stamps.

**Clue #2: Philately Phun for \$200**

Between 1840 & 1902 all British postage stamps had a picture of her.

**Clue #3: U.S. Stamps for \$800**

This "hot dog" of a Supreme Court justice appears in profile on a 2009 stamp.

**Clue #4: Stamps for \$400**

Until these holes on stamps were introduced in the 1850s, individual stamps in full sheets had to be separated with scissors.

**Clue #5: Stamp Collecting for \$600**

To organize and protect stamps, you put them into this type of envelope whose name is derived from a transparent material.

**Clue #6: Foreign Stamps for \$600**

This country doesn't have its name on its stamps. Usually it has the king's or queen's head.

**Clue #7: 2001 U.S. Stamps for \$400**

The Nobel Prize 1901-2001 stamp is a joint issue of the U.S. and this country.

**Clue #8: U.S. Stamps for \$200**

Introduced in 2007, the stamp known as this will always be valid as first-class postage even if rates change.

**Clue #9: Foreign Stamps for \$400**

Britain issued this "dark" postage, the world's first stamp.

**Clue #10: U.S. Stamps for \$200**

In May of 1873, the Post Office issued postcards with postage of this value.

Retrieved From: <http://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/stampcollectingjeopardy.html>

Answers on page 7.

## The Future of Philately: College Students

In this day and age, saying you collect stamps can be uncomfortable—especially if you are a college student. When I tell my peers I am a stamp collector, I am met with confusion and laughter. Responses such as, “you mean like mail stamps?” For many my age, stamps are a foreign concept—we don’t use stamps so why would we ever collect them? I licked my first stamp ever at the Filatelico Fiesta lick and stick party!

Nearly two years ago when I joined SJSC, I was uncomfortable talking about being a stamp collector. It is unusual, weird, and people my age laugh. However, my involvement in the hobby has come to a point where me not talking about being a stamp collector would be a disservice.

In Portland I came to this realization. In such a short time, the YPLF program has helped me own being a philatelist. I have made it my duty to proudly tell everyone I collect stamps. I have become comfortable with the natural reaction, and laughter from my peers. I now say, “I’m a stamp collector, I know it’s weird, and it’s ok if you laugh!” I have found that this approach makes my peers more comfortable to ask questions about what I collect.

At this point in the conversation I pull up the SJSC website and show them our newsletter—“Look! I’m in a stamp club and I get to interact with people from all generations—its’ so fun!” The first thing anyone does is laugh. For many it is *funny*; for me, I love to learn from everyone. I am reminded of my grandfather and the time we spent at stamp shows and other similarly ‘different’ activities like collecting firewood!

My point in this is that since I have fully owned being a stamp collector, I have found two college students who are interested in starting a stamp collection. Brent is interested in collecting Texas postal history, and has already begun his collection. C.K. is interested in collecting Ghana. They too, laughed at my involvement in the beginning. Resources on the APS website such as the Texas album were helpful to capture Brent’s interest. I was able to print the album and give him the stamps and mounts to begin.

The hobby is alive! Young collectors do exist. There is interest. But we will never acquire new collectors if we don’t begin talking. It is imperative that we bring young people to meetings, shows, events, etc. Maybe they won’t be the most active members in the beginning, but participation from a distance is still a success.

It’s time to stop talking about what’s wrong with the future of the hobby. We cannot expect overnight popularity. It’s time for action and exposure.

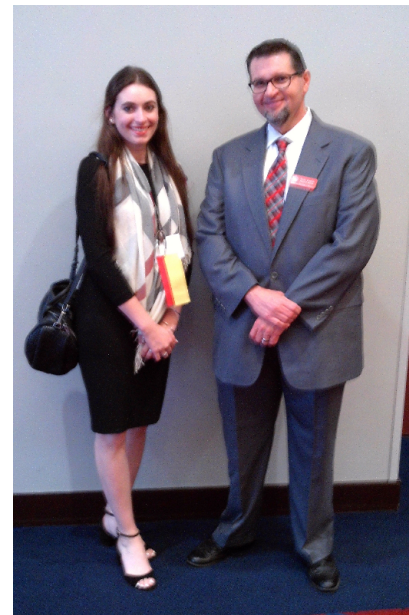


Photo from APS Stamp Show in Portland

SJSC Member Submission: **Jim Sauer**

# An Interesting Modern Cover...

Much has been written and accusations fly back and forth between People's Republic of China (PRC) and the Republic of China (ROC) over a multitude of issues. This cover is an example of a more subtle way of protesting and resisting.

A PRC First Day Cover for the *1st National Farmers Games* stamps (Scott 2174 - 5) issued October 9, 1988 and sent to an address in ROC on Taiwan, with additional postage of 40 fen (Scott 2058) to meet the postage rate on mail to ROC.

The cover went through the mails without any problems and, we assume, was delivered without delay.

However, looking carefully at the stamps reveals something very interesting—the characters reading *People's Republic of China* have been blacked out with a sharpie, or some such implement, so as not to show the country of origin. A very subtle way indeed for ROC to show disregard for the PRC. We in the United States may find it amusing but in China it's all about saving face.



## A New Pat Herst Book

Herman (Pat) Herst passed away in 1999 and Ida Busch Herst, his late widow, found the manuscript for this book on a shelf in his office in 2012, 13 years after his death. His son Kenneth has edited the book and has had it published. For all you readers of *Nassau Street*, *Fun And Profit In Stamp Collecting*, *The Compleat Philatelist* and Pat's *"Herst's Outbursts"* over the years and those who have heard his many lectures on philately it will recreate the magical story telling of Pat, and of the historical bedrock of philately in history.

I met Pat Herst at Pacific '97 where he set himself up on a couch at the entrance to the bourse. He was open to conversation to any and all and seemed to be in a good mood. He did have trouble moving around and so kept to the couch nearly all the time during the show.

Pat's son Kenneth contacted me by e-mail to promote the sale of the book directly to stamp clubs and their members. It's very likely that a number of you have also been contacted and you may purchase a copy of the book directly, however, if we pool our orders we can save the shipping charges. Ordering from Ken directly is \$20.00, \$16.99 for the book and \$3.01 for S & H.

If you want a copy please make out a check in the amount of \$17.00 to James Sauer. Whatever I've received by November 15th I will forward to Ken and he will ship the books to me. I will then distribute at club meetings or to wherever we previously have agreed upon.

The following is the pertinent information on the book.

*"Put A Stamp On It!: Seventy-Seven Sparkling Stories Showcasing How Stamps Have Intercepted Historical Events"*

Herman Herst Jr. (Author), with a forward by Kenneth Herst.

Available on Kindle

Paperback

\$16.99

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For those unfamiliar with Pat Herst and his writings, I believe you will find the reading light, humorous and, above all, of great interest. His writings are an intimate history of our hobby.

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### A Word From

# Our President

It is a very busy period for the SJSC! We've been more active this year than any time I've been part of the club.

We've had a summer picnic, hosted a table at the Sunnyvale Antique Fair, hosted a "meet and greet" with the Executive Director of the APS and now we're getting ready for Fiesta. During this time, we've had some wonderful speakers and presentations.

**Are you getting what you hoped for in being part of this club?** For me, I've accomplished the following:

- ❖ Expanded knowledge on a variety of philatelic subjects
- ❖ Deepened relationships with club members
- ❖ Supporting the development of the philatelic community in the Bay Area
- ❖ Added new club members
- ❖ Broadened our relationship with the APS
- ❖ Extolled the virtues of philately to potential new collectors

**What are you looking for by being a member of the SJSC?**

Are they being met? If yes, I'd love to hear how and why. If not, I'd also love to hear from you why not.

As I write this, Filatelic Fiesta is just days away. The SJSC members can be incredibly proud of our efforts to host the show this year. Our bourse is sold out and the exhibit frames will be filled sufficiently to maintain our WSP status.

We have wonderful program of speakers including an APS Town Hall meeting hosted by APS COO Ken Martin. I'm looking forward to the banquet Saturday night with several new additions this year. We continue to host wonderful youth programs to teach the next generation. It has been a terrific team effort to put this show together.

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## The Great American Stamp Collector: FDR

(Submitted by Jim Steinwinder)

Once a young stamp collector became a dealer for a time. Eventually though, his youthful infatuation with stamp collecting gave way to other interests and he eventually went on to write about popular motion pictures. Perhaps you've heard of him - [Roger Ebert](#)? In his review of *Hyde Park on Hudson*, a film about an affair that President Franklin Roosevelt carried on with his distant cousin Daisy, Ebert writes:

"As Daisy, Laura Linney plays a 50-ish single woman with great sympathy and affection for her distant cousin. Roosevelt uses her as a confidant, in their first meeting proudly showing her his stamp collection, maybe as a test; later, he confides that when he's besieged by bores, they can usually be depended upon to drift away when his stamp albums come out."

### Philatelist In Chief

Of course philatelists know that Roosevelt wasn't just a stamp collector, as it's quaintly put in the film. His philatelic activities were many. He contributed to the design of U.S. stamps, turned Lindbergh into a philatelic flyer, promoting airmail for the USPOD -- Lindy even got his own stamp, in contravention of the post office's rules against honoring the living on a stamp -- and amassed a collection of [covers](#), U.S. and foreign essays, special printings from his postmaster James Farley (ultimately resulting in the scandal known as [Farley's Follies](#)) and generally used his position to avail himself of items unavailable to the common collector. On the other hand, he didn't do anything any other stamp collector wouldn't do in his position, when faced by the great number of mouth-watering philatelic items available to him.

It is said that Roosevelt's last official act as president was to agree to Postmaster General Walker's request that he buy the first sheet of the new *Toward United Nations* stamp when they went on sale on the first day of April 25 1945. But that was not to be as Roosevelt died on April 12. It was also Roosevelt's plan that gift albums containing the stamps be presented to the delegates at the first UN Peace Conference, the event the stamp were tied into.

In a document made available via the FDR Library from PMG Walker, seeking the okay of a design for the stamp and dated April 9, 1945 is the following: "As the Bureau of Engraving and Printing will have to begin work on this stamp immediately, we would appreciate your advice as to the design and denomination just as soon as possible. If you will have someone telephone us your decision it would be appreciated."

### The Nation - And Stamp Collectors - Mourned

Two weeks later the stamp was on sale in San Francisco, the Peace Conference took place, with the delegates receiving commemorative albums from the Secretary of State and the philatelic event in conjunction with the peace conference was itself history.

It must have been a bittersweet thing for stamp collectors though; knowing the philatelist in chief had closed his last album.

And while the stamp was printed and on sale in perhaps record time, those that made cachets for FDCs were unable to update with the sad news in time. Cachets for the peace conference stamp make no mention of FDR's death, while a number, like that showing the Yalta Conference, actually picture him.

The world released many FDR memorial stamps in the months following his death, and has continued to commemorate the world leader/philatelist over the years. The U.S. offered a commemorative set of three, which had their first day at Roosevelt's home in Hyde Park. The man who had famously said "I owe my life to my hobbies, especially stamp collecting," had finally himself become the subject of stamps.

Immediately following his death there appeared on the philatelic market cacheted event covers, canceled on April 12 1945, for those who want to mark their history with a philatelic souvenir. While in many cases such covers could be less than tasteful, as it may seem the maker is merely cashing in on tragedy, one could believe that FDR himself might approve. A stamp collector honored on a philatelic cover? Even for an individual of Roosevelt's status that would be a sweet coda to a lifetime in stamp collecting.



Do you have a submission for an upcoming newsletter? Please e-mail me at [jrodriguex@me.com](mailto:jrodriguex@me.com)!

Please include "SJSC" in the subject field. This will ensure I read the e-mail in the event that it is sent to 'junk.'

All content received will be published as written. I will correct minor punctuation as found, but do not want to be responsible for edits that may change the meaning of your article. IF you would like me to edit, please send me an email request 'proof and edit'.

Thank you in advance!

## A Word from Our President (continued)

It has long been a “standard” part of the activity of a stamp club to host an annual show. We can be proud of hosting a show that welcomes everyone with hospitality and gives new collectors a friendly place to learn and ask questions.

Personally, I’ve been to plenty of stamp shows that show zero hospitality and no help to anyone. I stopped attending these shows because I found them cold and indifferent. Consequently, I’m very proud of how well our club area makes all Filatelic Fiesta guests feel welcome.

I conclude this month’s message asking again, is the club meeting your needs? I’d really like to hear how you think we’re doing well and where we need to improve. Please don’t be shy and speak up.

Regards,

–*Brian*

### Important Reminders!

#### Club T-Shirts:

I am excited to report that club t-shirts have arrived! Show your SJSC pride by wearing your club t-shirt to event. Please contact David O. to purchase your t-shirt today. \$15

#### Volunteers:

We need your help Fiesta! Please sign up for your duties today!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4AA5AC22A2FE3-fiesta](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4AA5AC22A2FE3-fiesta)

## Jeopardy Answers:

1. What is Switzerland?
2. Who is Queen Victoria?
3. Who is (Felix) Frankfurter?
4. What are perforations?
5. What is glassine?
6. What is the United Kingdom?
7. What is Sweden?
8. What is the Forever stamp?
9. What is the Penny Black?
10. What is one cent?



## Have You Bookmarked SJSC Web Pages?

### 1 Official Club Website:

(<https://sanjoseesc.wordpress.com>)

### 2 Stamp World:



([http://www.stampworld.com/fi/profiles/pages/?page=page\\_2&user=112600](http://www.stampworld.com/fi/profiles/pages/?page=page_2&user=112600))

### 3 Facebook:



(<https://www.facebook.com/San-Jose-Stamp-Club-1721624398059089/>)

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Everything is on our web pages!**

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### For Sale & Items Wanted

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#### Wanted:

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Commercial covers posted with stamps designed by Austrian artist Hundertwasser

Commercial covers from the Ryukyu Islands during the U.S. administration

Cameroun C29 IMPERFORATE

Dominican Republic 433 and 435 MNH with imperforate fantail on the bottom.

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### **November 2: SJSC Meeting**

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### **November 5-6: SCAPEX**

Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H St. Sacramento, 95819

### **November 12-13: Filatelic**

#### **Fiesta**

Elks Lodge, 444 West Alma Ave. San Jose, 95110 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4, free parking, free admission

### **November 16: SJSC Meeting**

Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125, 7PM

### **December 2: SJSC Meeting**

Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125, 7PM

### **December 5-6: PENPEX**

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with any sales/wants and I will include them in future issues.

**In the email please include: item description, price, contact information, etc. Please be clear in your e-mail as I will post the advertisement as written.**

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