



# San Jose Stamp Club Newsletter



## SJSC

Established 1927  
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,  
general buying, selling, trading, and much more!

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## A Note From:

### The Editor

This month's issue will be a combined May and June issue. As the school year comes to an end and people get ready for the summer months, there are a lot of things on the horizon! A few notes:

I am out of article submissions! Any and content you can contribute is greatly appreciated. I do not always have the time to generate and research new material. The newsletter is for all of us and a contribution from you makes it more personal. Please submit articles in plain text or as a Word document. If you have bullet points, I can find the pictures. **Any contribution is greatly appreciated and gives us all something interesting to read.**

I have made a **club e-mail address!** As a result, I will create a contact list with all club members and local stamp clubs. All newsletter correspondence will be sent/received at this address. In the past, there have been special requests to send an issue, using the club e-mail will streamline this process and insure a consistent distribution. Everyone's contact information will be input; if you have someone you would like to add to the e-mail list or need to update your contact information, now is the time to do so! **Please send me any contact info you have for local clubs.** Thank you! The club e-mail is: [sanjosestampclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjosestampclub@gmail.com).

Preston suggested a "members only" portal for SJSC. This is a really great idea since we are trying to create an "instruction manual" for Fiesta. All club related files can be uploaded to Google Drive and accessible to members. I will give each of you the password upon request. **Let's get organized!**

Be sure to check out the last page of the newsletter! You will find an extensive calendar and an exciting **new feature!** Keep reading to find out more!

Update:

## Filatellic Fiesta 2016

(Submitted by Brian Jones)

Plans for Fiesta are coming along very well with some significant challenges ahead of us. The following club members have stepped up to these responsibilities:

- ❖ Bourse: George Leslie
- ❖ Exhibits: Nestor Nunez
- ❖ Budget: George Leslie
- ❖ Facilities: Hubert Jansen
- ❖ Hospitality: Rodríguez Family
- ❖ Security: Michael Paccioretti
- ❖ Club Sales: Graham Judge & Stan Flowerdew
- ❖ Web Site: James Steinwinder
- ❖ Program: Stuart Levan
- ❖ Marketing: leader needed, Doug Gary offered to help
- ❖ Awards: Jessica Rodriguex

Several of the Fiesta team had a walk-through at the Elk's Lodge on April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a nice building, but our event just barely fits in the space. We will have to use every square foot carefully. Several new dealers have been lined up and this really helps the bottom line. The Elk's has food service that looks adequate for lunch. The poolroom has sufficient open space for the Boy Scout program on Saturday and the WPL auction on Sunday. One concern at the walkthrough is several spaces are a little dark. Therefore, we'll need to find additional lighting to supplement what is available. Everyone should plan to attend the awards banquet. With the club taking such a big role in the show operation, we should attend the banquet. Also, the increased ticket sales will help our bottom line.

A potential source of additional revenue is to sell advertising in the program. One advertisement has already been sold and more should be possible.

The San Jose Stamp Club can be proud of how well we have stepped up to keeping Filatellic Fiesta alive. George Leslie is our club superhero between his lining up dealers for the bourse, developing a budget, a project tracking tool and storing 4 frame boxes until the show.

However, several significant challenges remain including:

- ❖ Storage of one frame box until the show
- ❖ Long term storage of the frame boxes after the show
- ❖ Awards Chairperson needed (Akthem will train you)
- ❖ Marketing Chairperson needed
- ❖ Banquet losses money (ticket sales would really help)
- ❖ Show Budget (we're running on a razor thin margin)

I look forward to working with everyone on resolving these issues.

Do you have a submission for an upcoming newsletter? Please e-mail me at [sanjosestampclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjosestampclub@gmail.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'. Entries should be submitted in plain text or as a Word document. Thank you in advance!

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### A Word From

# Our President

What distinguishes a stamp collector from an accumulator? I've always defined a stamp collector as having some organization or structure to their collection. Why worry about labeling people's collecting? I write this not to label or grade people, but to encourage us to set goals for ourselves and to reach out to others to help them achieve their collecting goal. I hope this club will be one that encourages one another to achieve our individual collecting objectives, however aggressive or modest they may be.

One of the things I love about stamp collecting is that are almost no rules (the only one I enforce is to never cause harm to your material). It is fun to see how people who collect the same country or topic will have very different looking collections. Exactly what we collect and how we display it, can make two collections of the "same thing" look very different.

I use a traditional Scott National album to organize my collection of US stamps. This collection includes stamps from my grandmother, aunt, as well as what I've contributed. I complement the album with Scott album stock pages to show material that doesn't fit on the traditional pages. The stamps I have and don't have combined with my customizations make my US National album unique.

Many of the Boy Scouts working on their stamp collecting merit badge find the hardest thing to do is to organize their stamps. It is pretty easy for the boys to get the required number of stamps needed to meet the badge requirement. Many of the Boy Scouts working on their stamp collecting merit badge find the hardest thing to do is to organize their stamps. It is pretty easy for the boys to get the required number of stamps needed to meet the badge requirement. The hard part is supporting the boys to turn a pile of stamps into a collection. I bring this up as many adults never turn the corner from accumulating stamps to a collection. I know this first hand as many of the stamps that are donated to our youth programs are accumulations.

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## Society Spotlight: United States Philatelic Classics Society

At WESTPEX 2016 I had the opportunity to attend the United States Philatelic Classic Society's meeting. Gordon Eubanks hosted a presentation entitled, "How to Get Started in Exhibiting." His presentation was especially useful. He discussed the specifics: themes, papers, layouts, headers and answered a variety of questions. His format was friendly and welcoming. Everyone left inspired to give exhibiting a try!

Gordon helped alleviate some of the anxieties and concerns that we have discussed at recent meetings. He stressed that exhibit judges are available to provide feedback and guidance. He encouraged the newcomer to participate, and ensured attendees that exhibiting is not only for the "elite" collector.

Upon completion of the presentation, members of the club greeted me and discussed membership United States Philatelic Classics Society membership benefits with me. I was surprised to learn that USPCS offers:

- ❖ Full color, 100+ page quarterly chronicle
- ❖ Comprehensive website
- ❖ Full color examples of award winning exhibits
- ❖ Access to the Stamp and Cover Repository Analysis Program (SCRAP) archive, containing hundreds of scans of fake stamps and postal history.
- ❖ And much more!

I encourage each of you to participate in the specialty societies that support your collecting interests. To learn more about USPCS visit: [www.uspcs.org](http://www.uspcs.org).



## Filatelic Fiesta 2016 Committee



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**Stuart Levan**  
Program

**YOU?!**  
Marketing

## A Word from Our President (continued)

This is too bad as the person made the effort to start to become a stamp collector, but without guidance or goals, they never made the transition. Without this help, they eventually lose interest and the stamps end up a box in the garage. The hobby loses a collector and the opportunity for this person to find the fun and rewards of being a stamp collector.

One of the great things about taking our collecting to the point of exhibiting is it requires us to do critical thinking about the collection. A lot of great research is done to compliment the material and takes it to another level. This is the mark of true philatelist when your work adds to overall knowledge of the hobby. While the rules for exhibiting can be intimidating, it should not be a barrier to creating an exhibit. There are mentors and other resources to learn how to exhibit. Even if one never shows their exhibit at a show, the challenge of putting a collection into an exhibit format, it makes that critical transition of being a shoebox of stuff into a collection.

I'm the first one to admit of being intimidated by APS exhibiting rules. Therefore, I'm challenging myself to create and exhibit and ask others to join me in showing a single frame exhibit at Fiesta this year. We'll come up with an award to sweeten joining the club exhibit challenge. Will you join me creating an exhibit for Fiesta? Either way, please think about what your collecting goals?

Regards,

*-Brian*

NEW Philatelic Fiesta General Chairman

### Important Reminders!

#### APS elections:

Ballots for APS elections were sent out in the May AP. Election closes on June 4<sup>th</sup> at noon. Be sure to send in your ballot!

#### Club T-Shirts:

I am excited to report that we will be ordering more t-shirts. Please contact David O. for pricing information and size requests. Be sure to order a fresh t-shirt to represent SJSC at upcoming events!



## Have You Bookmarked SJSC Web Pages?

### 1 Official Club Website:

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

### 2 Stamp World:



STAMPWORLD

(<http://www.stampworld.com/fi/profiles/pages/?>)

### 3 Facebook:



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

Don't miss any club news!  
Everything is on our web pages!

## COMING SOON: For Sale & Items Wanted

Many clubs and societies offer a place for members to list items for sale, or place want ads.

Please email: [sanjosestampclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjosestampclub@gmail.com) with any sales/wants and I will include them in future issues.

In the email please include:  
Item description  
Price  
Contact information

Please be clear in your email as I will post the advertisement as written.

SJSC will not be responsible for the transaction itself and only provides a service to our members.

In an effort to improve communication between other clubs and specialty societies, I am willing to let other clubs enter ads in our newsletter! 😊

This service will only be successful if YOU choose to participate. Check your collection, make a list of what you need and make a list of items you are willing to sell or trade. Let's get excited about this!



## Upcoming Meetings & Events!

- ❖ **May 4: SJSC Meeting**  
*Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125, 7PM*
- ❖ **May 18: SJSC Meeting**  
*Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125m, 7PM*
- ❖ **May 24: SSC Meeting**  
*Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave Redwood City, 94061, 7:30pm*  
Topic: Buying & Selling on eBay
- ❖ **June 1: SJSC Club Meeting**  
*Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125, 7PM*
- ❖ **June 11-12: COALPEX**  
*Walnut Creek Community Center, 1375 Civic Center Dr. Walnut Creek, 94596 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4, 14 Dealers, 40 Frame Exhibits*
- ❖ **June 14: SSC Meeting**  
*Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave Redwood City, 94061, 7:30pm*  
Topic: US Airmail Special Delivery Issues
- ❖ **June 15: SJSC Club Meeting**  
*Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125, 7PM*
- ❖ **June 25-26: South Bay 3 Dealer Show**  
*Biltmore Hotel, 2151 Laurelwood Rd. Santa Clara, 95054*
- ❖ **June 28: SSC Meeting**  
*Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave Redwood City, 94061, 7:30pm*  
Topic: Member Live Auction
- ❖ **July 6: SJSC Club Meeting**  
*Hilltop Manor, 790 Ironwood Dr. San Jose, 95125, 7PM*
- ❖ **July 9-10: Sacramento Stamp Fair**  
*Westin Hotel, 1 Old Bayshore Hwy. Millbrae*
- ❖ **July 12: SSC Meeting**  
*Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave Redwood City, 94061, 7:30pm*  
Topic: Philatelic Scavenger Hunt