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## APS Announces Request for Proposals for Alfred F. Kugel Estate

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### *Society Seeks Sale of Award-Winning Collection*



The American Philatelic Society released a request for proposals (RFP) seeking firms to sell the Alfred F. Kugel Estate. Kugel, a retired investment counselor and noted philatelist, researcher, exhibitor, and leader in the hobby, died in 2022 at 91. The APS Board of Directors voted to induct Kugel into the APS Hall of Fame, and he was honored at the Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland. The solicitation is open to firms in the United

States and worldwide.

“We’re grateful to Al and his wife, Dottie, for this incredible gift,” said Scott English, Executive Director of the APS, “This estate is part of a new era for the APS and APRL.”

The Kugel Estate comprises 69 boxes of philatelic material and 50 boxes of philatelic literature. The APS will offer the philatelic material for sale through the bid process. The philatelic literature will be transferred to the American Philatelic Research Library to be added to circulation or sold to members and the general public. An appraisal by Gerald Robbins of Robbins Stamps in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, estimated the value of the philatelic material at \$1.79 million and the literature at \$12,000. The APS believes this is a floor, not the ceiling, for the realization of sales.

The APS outlined three goals for the sale of material:

1. Highest possible realization of sales of the Alfred F. Kugel Collection to support the mission and objectives of the APS and APRL.
2. Use the sale to promote the APS and APRL and their service to the international collecting community.
3. Honor the legacy of Alfred F. Kugel and his contributions to philately as a collector, exhibitor, researcher, writer, and friend.

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July 2023 Newsletter uploaded

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## Remember the dates!

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## Presidents Message

### Collecting Sociably

I'm having so much more fun being a stamp collector when I do it as part of the philatelic community. I know that I'm better educated, make great friends and my collections are better for it.

Because of my and the club's social engagements, we receive many generous donations. It is very common that collections that get donated have something in common: they were collected by a loner. The vast majority of donated collections often never turned the corner from accumulating stamps to an organized collection. A few even spent a LOT of money but passed away with boxes of "stuff" that never turned their purchases into a collection.

For many outside of the hobby, they perceive stamp collecting as something done alone. While this is true for some, one really passes up a lot of learning opportunities by isolating oneself. Whether one is a casual collector or serious about it, there is always so much one can learn from others. One get involved in a variety of ways.

I'm obviously an advocate for joining and participating in local clubs like ours. Being part of this club has GREATLY expanded my philatelic knowledge and I've made many wonderful friends. The great upside is the

opportunity to make wonderful personal collections. This has been the centerpiece of my involvement in the philatelic community. Several of you reading this are members of multiple local clubs, so they must be pretty good!



Getting involved in regional resources like shows and libraries is another great way to get socially involved. Here in the Bay Area, we are blessed to have one of the biggest stamp shows in the nation, WESTPEX. The Western Philatelic Library is another resource to give one's time to and make more philatelic friends. Both are welcoming new committee members. There are a wide variety of ways to participate and contribute to each. You can engage at whatever level of philatelic knowledge you feel comfortable. Personally, I made some great friends throughout the greater Bay Area by being on the WESTPEX committee for years.

Philatelic societies are a fantastic way to enhance one's knowledge and make friends with those who share your collecting interests. Virtually every country and collecting topic has subtleties that joining the associated society well be worth it. One can learn a great deal from those with similar interests and have gone before us. It is yet another way to make friends with people who share your interests. The breadth of philatelic societies is amazing. For a list of them, check out the APS website for affiliates at: <https://stamps.org/collect/affiliates>



The 21<sup>st</sup> Century way to socialize is to use Internet social media sites. I've found it valuable to stay connected to people and places that are geographically distant. The only site I use for philatelic purposes is Facebook, but I find this of only limited satisfaction and no replacement for direct human interaction. If others have found good sites to learn and share philatelic knowledge on-line, I welcome hearing about it.

There are many ways for a stamp collector to socialize. The stereotype of a stamp collector being someone working alone leaning over a dusty album doesn't have to be true. There are many opportunities to make friends with people who share your interests. Why would one choose being lonely over making new friends?

*Brian*

## Join the Party!

**Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>:** Please join the first multi-stamp club party. We're getting together to have fun making friends across the multiple stamp clubs around the area. We all share a passion for collecting stamps and let's get to know more people who share our passion. We can meet members of the Parjo, Monterey, and Sequoia Stamp Clubs at this event. The goal is that we'll have a multi-club party occasionally with each club taking turn at hosting.

**Friends:** I'm hoping we make this work as we can all use more friends. A collector can always benefit from meeting more people who share your collecting interests. Those of us putting this together believe we strengthen each club when we are better connected to each other.

**Fun:** The #1 goal for this meeting is that we have fun. We'll make new friends, perhaps pick up a bargain for your collecting and enjoy the day. Play the piano or another instrument? There is a piano in the room, so your encouraged to share your talent with the party (or bring your instrument).

**Logistics:** The party is Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>. The fun kicks off at 9:30 and we plan to wrap-up at 3:30pm. We're meeting at the Watsonville Senior Center at 114 East 5<sup>th</sup> St. Watsonville. San Jose club members should RSVP to Brian and indicate if you'd like a ride or can provide a ride to someone. Plan for a 1 hour drive.

**Presentations:** The president of each club will introduce their club. Each club is asked to have someone make a presentation on something of general interest. Who's going to volunteer for San Jose?

**Sales:** A sales table is in the plan, so if you have items you'd like to sell, please bring them. Bring your want lists and wallet as you may find something to fill in spot in your collection. The Western Philatelic Library is planning to come with a lot of books for sale.

**Food:** As this is the first time we're hosting this event, we're not planning food service. Some snacks will be available, but everyone is encouraged to bring their own lunch and perhaps something to share. There are some restaurants in the area if you don't bring anything.

## IBRA Show Report

By Larry Rosenblum

I attended the IBRA international stamp show in Essen, Germany on May 25-28, 2023. Essen is a city of about 500,000 people in northwest Germany, not far from the Netherlands border. The show was held in the convention center and consisted of two rooms, one for the bourse and another for the over 3,000 exhibit frames.

The most notable aspect of the show was the crowd. The bourse room was tightly packed, both with dealers and customers. For the first two hours of the show, it was nearly impossible to walk through the room. From then until Saturday mid-day, the bourse was full, as in the photo.

Deutsche Post had a big booth with lines of customers throughout the show. They had about 10 different show cancels, which you could select by dropping your item in the appropriate mail box. They also had a desk with staff members applying cancels on demand.

One thing I noticed was that a relatively large proportion of dealers had at least some of their stock offered by topic, ‘motif’ in German.

On the other hand, the exhibit hall was spacious and well lit. It was obviously impossible to see more than a small fraction of the exhibits. Sadly, the organizers didn’t use any of that space to create a public seating area.

I saw a subsequent press release that claimed 10,000 visitors. Even with the continuous crowd, that seems high to me. On the other hand, no one could describe the turnout as anything but surprisingly good. There was no registration and no one counting people who entered – just stroll right in.

I had never been to a stamp show in Germany, but it was much like the ones I’ve attended in English-speaking countries.

Essen is a pleasant city, and there were plenty of shops, restaurants, and seemingly endless cafes. I was certainly glad I attended.

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Founded 1927, Club show since 1928

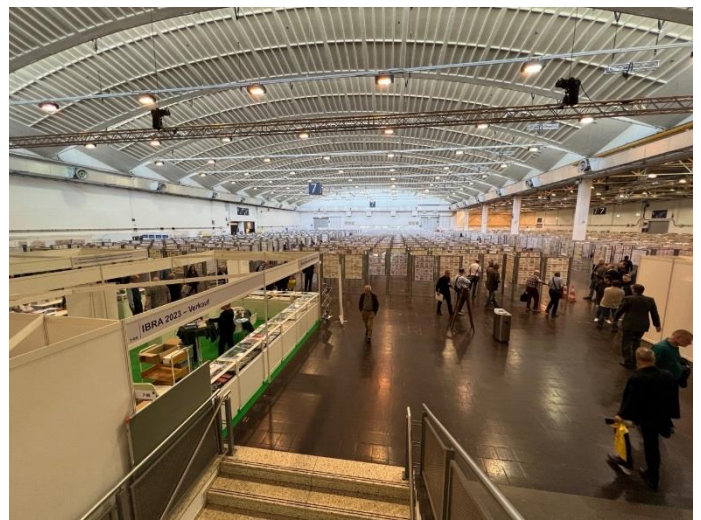
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**CONVENTION CENTER**



**BOURSE**



**EXHIBIT HALL**

**\*\*\* Note in blue, club member Dr. Sulekha Chaudhuri won an award! \*\*\***

## **Great American Stamp Show 2023 August 10-13, 2023 Literature Palmares**

### **Grand and Large Gold**

The United States Fourth Bureau Issue 1922-1938  
Jay B. Stotts

### **Reserve Grand**

Jean-Baptiste Charcot in the Antarctic  
Serge Kahn

Philatelic Shangri-la: New York Stamp Taxes on Bonds, 1910-1920  
Michael Mahler

Articles

### **Large Gold**

Martial Law & Censored Mail in Poland 1981-1982  
Ronald J. Klimley

### **Gold**

WWII Patriotic Covers of Victory, Vermont (3 Part Series)  
Basil L. Copeland Jr.

A Cammann Imprint Discovery that Changed a Catalog Listing, Plus Insights on Dr. James T. Patterson  
Patricia A. Kaufmann

### **Large Vermeil**

The Miracle of Bern: West Germany and the 1954 World Cup  
Kenneth Gilbert

Philately for Non-Philatelists – Four Articles in Non-Philatelic Journals Jay Joyce

### **Vermeil**

The Crown of Hungary - Was it Prepared for the Armenian King?  
Igor Grigorian

Cachet Artist: Verna Mann - That Cover Artist  
Patrick J. Morgan

## **Large Silver**

Introduction to Trinidad & Tobago Semi-Postal Stamps  
Dan Maddalino

### **Silver**

The Sikorsky S-38 in the British West Indies  
Juan L. Riera

## **Silver Bronze**

Breadfruit is Found on Numerous Stamps  
Juan L. Riera

## **Catalogs**

### **Large Gold**

New Mexico Territorial Postmark Catalog, 11th Edition  
Robert L. Conley

## **Columns**

### **Gold**

Stamp Collecting Column  
Dennis Sadowski

Exploring Astrophilately Charles J. Vukotich, Jr. also  
ATA Study Unit Journal Award 1st Place

## **Electronic**

### **Gold**

Air Crash Mail of The World  
American Air Mail Society

## **Large Vermeil**

[www.Paleophilatelie.eu](http://www.Paleophilatelie.eu) - the place where Paleontology and Paleoanthropology meets Philately  
Michael Kogan

## **Large Silver**

India's Special Edition Stamps 1947-1980  
Dr. Sulekha Chaudhuri

[www.CollectorsNZ.co.nz](http://www.CollectorsNZ.co.nz)

Ross Marshall

## Handbooks

### Large Gold

The Congress Book 2022  
American Philatelic Congress

Poste Restante at the Cape (2 Volumes)  
Franco Frescura

Tasmanian Postal Stationery  
Tasmanian Philatelic Society

The Uses of U.S. Postage Due Stamps and Their Substitutes, 1879-2023  
Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz also  
APS Research Medal

### Gold

Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society Tied-On Seal Guide  
Christmas Seal and Charity Seal Society

Wellington Philatelic Society - The First 100 Years  
Sue Vernal

### Large Vermeil

Natural Disasters on Postage Stamps: A Guide for Collectors  
Raymond J. Burby also  
ATA Study Unit Journal Award 2nd Place  
Focus On Fakes  
Robbin Dick

Peru - The Scenic View Cards 1898-1901 - A Postal Stationery Odyssey  
Erik A. Emsing

The Development of the Ethiopian Posts 1894-1909: The Exhibit  
Ulf J. Lindahl

Himalayan Birds on Stamps Lokeswara Rao Madiraju also  
ATA Study Unit Journal Award 3rd Place

The 50th Anniversary of "The Match of the Century" A Philatelic Look  
Michael Schumacher

Hypnostamp: Uncovering The Healing Power of Postage Stamps  
George Toth



## Society Journals

### Large Gold

The Upland Goose  
James Grist

La Posta: The Journal of American Postal History  
Peter Martin

The Airpost Journal  
Vickie Canfield Peters

The Posthorn  
Scandinavian Collectors Club

NJPH, Journal of the New Jersey Postal History Society  
Jean R. Walton also  
Postal History Award

### Gold

The Israel Philatelist  
Donald A. Chafetz

Bulletin of the Polonus Polish Philatelic Society  
Polonus Polish Philatelic Society

Mexicana  
Michael D. Roberts

Possessions, Vol. 64  
U.S. Possessions Philatelic Society

### Large Vermeil

"238", Journal of the Faroe Islands Study Circle  
Faroe Islands Study Circle

The Czechoslovak Specialist  
Keith Hart

Duck Tracks  
Jeff Stage  
Empire State Postal History Society Publications Jeff Stage

### Vermeil

ARPA Journal  
Armenian Philatelic Society

The News of Hungarian Philately  
Society for Hungarian Philately

## **Large Silver**

The Ration Board  
Kent Choquette

The Album Page  
Oregon Stamp Society

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English added, “For the first time in over two decades, we can finally invest in the APS and the hobby, not debt retirement. We are financially sound and can now aggressively fight for the hobby’s future.”

As English outlined at the Joint APS/APRL Board meeting on August 9, 2023, the proceeds will go to the Joint Capital Fund established by the APS and APRL Board in November 2022. The JCF will finance the maintenance of the American Philatelic Center and technology investments to serve the membership better and build a younger and larger community of collectors.

Bids are due by October 1, 2023. The APS Board, in consultation with the APRL Board of Trustees and the Joint Finance and Audit Committee, will select one or more bids to begin the sale of the Alfred F. Kugel Estate. The APS expects a worldwide marketing campaign and sales to occur in no less than two years to realize the greatest return, promote the APS and APRL worldwide, and honor Al Kugel.

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## **APOLOGY TO THE CLUB**

I’m very sorry for no August newsletter. I was in Los Angeles traveling with my family in mid July and became very sick. I checked in to the USC hospital in arcadia and spent 7 days in the ICU. I was bleeding internally and the iron levels in my blood got so low I went into heart failure. After I got stabilized I came back to Sacramento and spent 3 more days at the Kaiser hospital in South Sacramento. All this delayed surgery that was scheduled for late July until well into August. Recovery has been slow but steady and energy levels are coming back up. Should be back in fighting trim in time for Filatelic Fiesta.

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