

# San Jose Stamp Club

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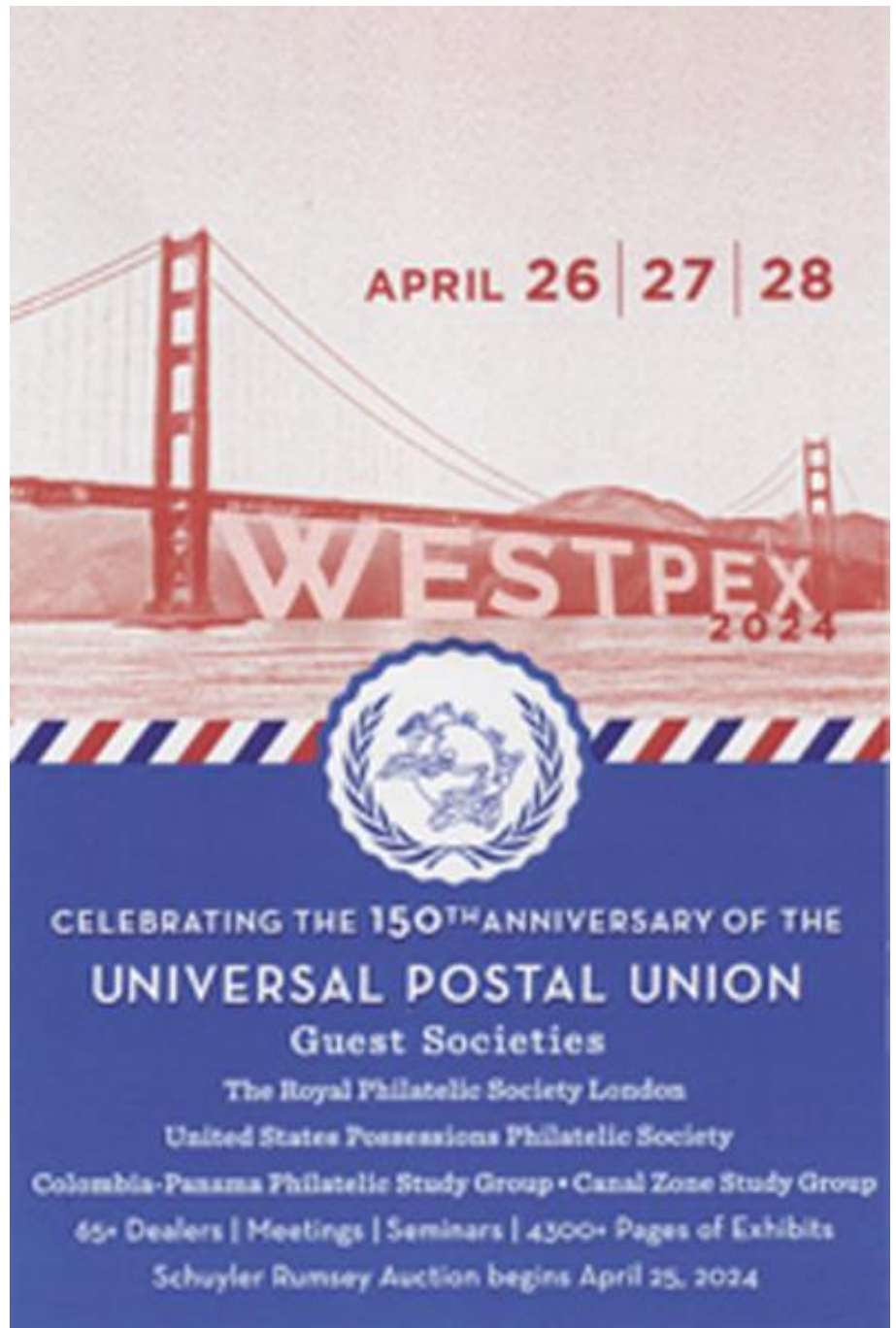
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The guest societies in 2024 will be Royal Philatelic Society London; United States Possessions Philatelic Society; Colombia Panama Philatelic Study Group; Canal Zone Study Group.

You will find the 63 year tradition of 250+ frames of international exhibits, a team of renowned judges, 70 dealers from around the world, meetings and seminars on every facet of philately, plus the world famous sights of San Francisco.

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## Club Blog & Website

**Blog Updates** No Activity

### Website Updates

Calendar updates  
March 2024 newsletter uploaded

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## Remember the dates!

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### President's Message

It is time to get serious doing activities to grow the club or risk it falling apart. It is exactly because we still have a strong base of wonderful club members that we should act now. We currently have 25 members in the SJSC and I believe the time to act is now BEFORE we get so small that we're no longer viable. I don't want to be looking back and thinking, gee, if we had only acted sooner. Let's build on what has been discussed over the past month about "what do you want from the stamp club?". A big element of making this work is for everyone to find their niche to contribute. That is going to be different for each of us, it is essential. Of course, no one is asked or expected to do anything beyond their capacity, but I do need everyone to find a way to help.

Let's start with being the best club we know how to be. We're open, welcoming, and wanting to learn. This is not a problem, and I don't think we need to change to accomplish this. Perhaps adding name tags at the monthly meeting? We could also add a lite beverage or snack. I do want to continue with what we started last month with a tutorial / learning segment. I've got one planned for April's meeting and need each of you to step up to a discussion – these are just 5 – 10 minutes.

To promote the club to existing stamp collectors in the area, it would really help if we had a calendar of speaker programs to talk up. I'd also like to do a talk at the library and local senior center. We need to give prospective members a good reason to attend. It's my goal that each meeting have a short tutorial / educational presentation along with a feature presentation. Everyone has an item you can show off or ask for help or information. Please speak up on what you talk about.

Another aspect of the feedback I got was to restart just for fun activities. We all want these to resume, so who is going to take the lead on organizing these? Perhaps a summer picnic and/or a trip to a fun destination (not necessarily philatelic). Don't be shy, step up to help, it's only a modest size job.

Filatelic Fiesta remains the big event for our club and let's make it the best we can. That includes doing more than just hosting a bourse. Any philatelic organization you belong to is encouraged to host a meeting at the show. What do you see at other shows that would be a good fit for us?

*Brian*

## Club Notes:

**Donations:** I have gotten wonderful feedback from a senior retirement facility for the loan of several albums of collectable covers. While nobody is willing to purchase these albums for anything close to what people paid for them, they are enjoyed by seniors who live in the assisted living section. They're still of sound mind, but just not able to live on their own due to some limitation. These residents enjoy having the albums to look through and reminisce.

Sill need help sorting our inventory of US stamps looking for several sets of stamps that are used in the youth projects I created. These include the 1938 Prexies, 1940 Famous Americans; 1943 Overrun Nations; 1956 Liberty Series; Transportation coils; Prominent American and few other sets. A couple of you have already sorted stamps for these projects, but we have a LOT more US stamps to go through. These stamps will be used at "Scout-O-Rama" and the yet to be scheduled program at the library.

**Social Media:** The American Topical Association recently hosted a Zoom meeting about using social media to promote philately. They focused on using Facebook and Instagram. Some of the larger clubs are able to get their members to post and engage. However, it's my hope that we can use it to engage Silicon Valley locals who collect stamps but are not a member of the club.

**Vice President:** I really someone to step-up to serving as our club VP as David Occhipinti needs to retire. Please seriously consider taking this position. The main thing I need is someone to organize meeting presentations/programs. Got other ideas? It's time to step-up.

**Roster:** A new roster was recently circulated with 25 active club members. Please let me know if there are any corrections. I'd love to add more details about what you collect and any philatelic organizations you belong to.

**Filatelic Fiesta** It is the goal of Tom Kinberg and I to secure dealers for this year's show at WESTPEX. Invitation letters and contracts were circulated to the dealers at the recent show in Napredak Hall. I also have made contact with a local marketing manager at the USPS and hope to them back at the show.

**Collect Japan?** Do you collect Japan? I'm asking as I receive the journal of the "International Society of Japanese Philately". They publish a very professional looking and well edited journal each quarter. Is anybody interested in reading this journal? I'd be happy to pass along my copy for your review.

## Philatelic Calendar:

### April 3: 7 – 8:30pm; **Stamp Club Meeting**

Pearl Ave Branch of the San Jose Library, in the Community Room

Guest Speaker: Adam Smith, UK Stamps of King Edward VII, 1901-1910

### April 7: Sunday Only; 10am – 5pm; **Cupertino Coin Show**

St Joseph of Cupertino Parish, 10110 N DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino

Hosted by the Cupertino Coin Club; [cupertinocoinclub.org](http://cupertinocoinclub.org)

\$5 Admission, \$1 discount w flier; 17 & under free

### April 20: 9:00 – 11:00am; **Western Philatelic Library Open House & Silent Auction**

The WPL is selling the Louis Lang Collection including:

US, Foreign, Covers and Postcards, Stock Books, Mystery Boxes,

Mint Postage. Plus 99 lots priced to sell

3004 Spring Street, Redwood City

### April 26 – 28: Fri & Sat: 10am to 6pm; Sun 10am to 3pm.

#### **WESTPEX Stamp Show**

SF Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel; \$5 admission good for all 3 days

The biggest stamp show in the western US.

### May 1: 7:00 – 8:30pm; **Stamp Club Meeting**

Pearl Ave Branch of the San Jose Library, in the Community Room

Guest Speaker: you – what will you present?

### May 11: 10am – 4pm; **Scout-O-Rama in History Park**

With Boy Scout Troop 290, a stamp booth is offered to event attendees

Participants get to build a stamp project created around one of the US

stamp sets like the State Birds & Flowers; Prexies; Liberty; Famous

Americans; & others.

### TBD: Presentation at Pearl Ave Library

Host a program targeted to getting attendees interested in starting

collecting. Exactly what the program will be is undecided. A new

PowerPoint presentation will have to be created.

## Collecting Tutorial

A new feature of our newsletter is a tutorial. When participating in any good hobby, one can always continue to learn. Everyone is challenged to submit one article a year.

### Stamps That Don't Soak

In 1974, the USPS introduced the first self-adhesive stamp for Christmas. This stamp had the words "Peace on Earth" and the image of a weathervane in the shape of a dove. This stamp had some real problems (beyond the scope of this article), so self-adhesive was not tried again until 1999 and the Sonoran Desert sheetlet with the stamp imbedded into a single image on the pane. Today, all USPS issued stamps are self-adhesive.



Figure 1.

To help collectors identify which stamps won't soak off in warm water, the Scott Catalog has started putting a capital "S" inside a red circle adjacent to the stamp's title for those. See the image, Figure 2, below from the catalog. This can be found in the catalog near US #1552, the self-adhesive Christmas stamp.

For stamps that won't soak off in water, many can be removed using lighter fluid and other chemicals. This author finds this expensive, time-consuming, and potentially damaging to the stamp. It is recommended to simply trim the envelope paper neatly with about a 2mm margin on each side.

In conclusion, when sorting modern US stamps on-paper to soak, one can check the catalog for this symbol to know if won't soak. This is especially valuable for the transmission years when stamps were issued in both formats.

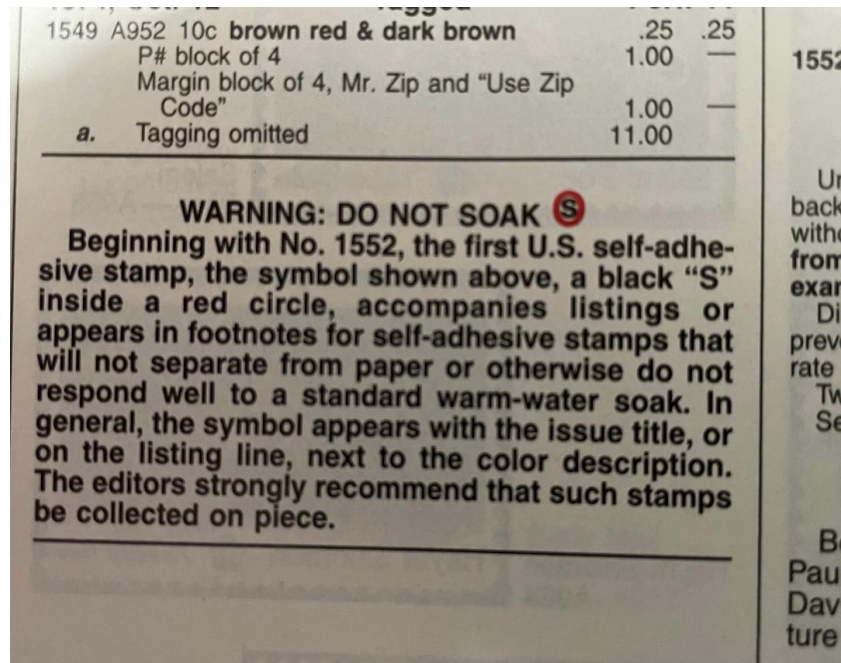


Figure 2.

**April Fools' Day** or **All Fools' Day** is an annual custom on [1 April](#) consisting of [practical jokes](#) and [hoaxes](#). Jokesters often expose their actions by shouting "April Fools!" at the recipient. Mass media can be involved with these pranks, which may be revealed as such the following day. The custom of setting aside a day for playing harmless pranks upon one's neighbor has been relatively common in the world historically.

Join Us at the  
**Western Philatelic Library**

3004 Spring Street, Redwood City, CA 94063

Saturday, April 20, 2024 9:00-11:00 AM

Open House and Silent Auction

**Louis Lang Collection Sale**



Louis Lange (1934-2023)

**Included in the auction:**

US, Foreign, and Worldwide Collections

Covers & Postcards

Stock Books - Mystery Boxes

Supplies - Mint postage

99 Lots Priced to Sell – Low Opening Bids

(See list of auction lots on separate page.)

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