

The Lilac Hinge

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Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (except July & December),
Spokane Valley Eagles, E. 16801 Sprague



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June 22 Meeting

Program

We will have a program, but no details are available yet.

Auctions

As in the past, in pre-pandemic days, we will have **both silent and live auctions**. Please come early if you are bringing items for sale in the live auction.

July 13 Board Meeting & Stamp Mixtures

The meeting starts at 7:00. Purchase stamps from mixtures and worldwide collections that the club continues to buy. This is a great way to purchase stamps at very reasonable prices!

Coming Events

- Tuesday, July 27, regular IEPS meeting
- December 14, Christmas Dinner at the Eagles
- September 10-12, SEAPEX 2021 in Tukwila, WA

APPLE HARVEST 2021

September 25-26

Spokane Valley Eagles, E. 16801 Sprague

Saturday, 10-5; Sunday, 10-4

Dealers, free stamps, free parking



1960 50-star commemorative

Flag Day is June 14

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the stars and stripes flag by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Presidents Woodrow Wilson, in 1916, and Calvin Coolidge, in 1927, issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law. The US flag has had 50 stars since 1960, following the admission of Alaska and Hawaii in 1959.

Closed Album: David Harris

By Carol j. Edholm, Larry Crain, Bill Seymour, Jim Hirstein, J W Palmer, Steve Recher

David Harris passed away at home with his family at his side on Wednesday, May 12 after a long period of poor health. He left an indelible mark on the Pacific Northwest philatelic community.

David was the founding Webmaster for the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs website in February 2004 and maintained the site until just before his death. He was awarded the Federation's Meritorious Achievement Award in 2013 for many activities that continued through 2020.

David was heavily involved in the John Arn Symposium at Moses Lake for many years. His duties over the years included scheduling speakers, registration, auctions, and acting as the Chair the past few years. After John Arn passed away, he was the first to step up and do the work to continue it. The one-day symposium was always well attended by Northwest philatelists.

Each year, when the IEPS and the Missoula Stamp Club met in Wallace, Idaho, David was always there to help keep track of the auction proceedings. He did the same each year when IEPS and the Tri-Cities Stamp Club met in Ritzville.

When SEAPEX was in its infancy, David started their website in July 2012 and maintained it until mid-July 2020. He was awarded the SEAPEX Distinguished Service Award in 2020.

David was a long-time member of IEPS in Spokane. President J Palmer knew David for over 25 years. He worked with David over the years on the Spokane stamp show committee. David was always the one who did the work-up for their show mailings. He could be depended on to do certain things and get them done right. David was a past Board member, Treasurer, and received the IEPS 2003 Philatelist of the Year award. The last couple of years, as David noticed his COPD getting worse, he divested himself of responsibilities.

David collected Germany, East Germany, and US.

Thank you, David, for your long service to philately in the Pacific Northwest!

Postage Rate Increases This Year?


According to the AARP, postage rates may be going up later this summer. The US Postal Service is hoping to increase the price of a first class stamp from 55 cents to 58 cents, a 5.5 percent increase, starting August 29. It isn't official yet, as rate increases have to be approved by the US Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC). If approved, rates will also increase for metered letters (from 51 cents to 53 cents), for domestic postcards (from 36 cents to 40 cents), and for international letters (from \$1.20 to \$1.30).

For those of us with good memories, this will be the 14th rate increase for first class letters in this century. Rates were 33 cents in 2000, and the last increase (to the current 55 cent rate) was on January 27, 2019.

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