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ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOC.

NEW FRAMES A REALITY


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1990 STAMP PROGRAMME

UNITED NATIONS POSTAL ADMINISTRATION

2 February
INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE
AND DEFINITIVES
25¢, F.s. 1.50, S 12
F.s. 5.00, S 1.50

16 March
FIGHT AIDS WORLDWIDE
25¢, 40¢, F.s. 0.50, F.s. 0.80, S 5, S 11,
Souvenir Card

4 May
MEDICINAL PLANTS
25¢, 90¢, F.s. 0.90 F.s. 1.40, S 4.50,
S 9.50

26 June
45TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UNITED NATIONS
25¢, 45¢, F.s. 0.90, F.s. 1.10, S 7, S 9
70¢, F.s. 2.00, S 16 Souvenir Sheets

13 September
CRIME PREVENTION
25¢, 36¢, F.s. 0.50, F.s. 2.00, S 6, S 8,
Souvenir Card

16 November
HUMAN RIGHTS
25¢, 45¢, F.s. 0.35, F.s. 0.90, S 4.50, S 7
(mini-sheet format)
1990 Annual Collection Folders

1990 Tentative Programme — Subject to
Denomination and Date Changes

ROPEX BANQUET
$17.50 PER PERSON
CHICKEN OR BEEF

MONEY & RESERVATION
MUST BE IN NO LATER
THEN WEDS. 3-21-90

THIS IS A REQUIREMENT
OF THE HOTEL
PROPOSED AMENDMENT

It has been proposed that Article II: Section 7 of the Constitution of the Rochester Philatelic Assoc., Inc. be changed to allow for a speedier means of recruiting new members into the club. This would allow membership drives at stamp shows. Article II: Section 7 reads:

"Application for membership shall be as follows:

a) Applicant must submit a completed membership application form to any RPA officer.

b) After the applicant has attended three meetings, or one meeting provided the person is a member of a national philatelic society in good standing, a vote by the membership present at a meeting of the RPA will be taken. The applicant must not be present in the meeting room during the vote. The applicant will be notified by a RPA Officer of the voting results. Upon notification of a positive vote the new RPA member must pay the Treasurer the dues."

The Proposal reads:

ARTICLE II: Membership
Section 7. Membership is allowed upon the paying of one years dues with a completed application form.

You will find a ballot attached to this issue of H&T. Please check off your vote and return to the RPA by Jan. 25, 1990.

NEW FRAMES A REALITY

At the December 14, 1989 meeting it was announced that long time club member, Andy Hale, owner of McLeod Stamp & Coin, had a special announcement. It was at that time that President Kellas was presented a large facsimile of a bank check for $20,000.00. The check was made out to the RPA Frame Fund. Mr. Hale will add another $5,000.00 early in 1990. This will make his total gift of $25,000.00 available for the purchase of our new frames.

The folks at Ontario Design, Inc. now have their down payment and have started production of 125 units (250 16 page frames). Delivery date is March 1st.

With the $8100.00+ already in the frame fund we will have a comfortable margin for any unforeseen expenses.

A heartfelt round of applause for Mr. Andrews B. Hale.

January 11th meeting
Larry Moriarty
"What is Postal Stationery"

February 8th meeting
Kelly Armstrong
"The Making of a Ships Cover"

Jan. 25th & Feb. 22nd programs to be announced
Silent Auctions every meeting
ROPEX PROGRESS REPORT

The ROPEX committee has been working hard and making real progress. The dealers’ bourse is full, with a sizable waiting list. Exhibits are also full, and we are all really excited that we will be initiating the new show frames, made possible by the generosity of our own Andy Hale.

This year we will have a panel of five distinguished judges, all of them women, including former ROPEX chairperson Nancy Zielinski Clark and Maureen Triggle of RPA’s western branch.

The committee decided that the 1990 show will honor the 150th Anniversary of the Penny Black, the world’s first adhesive postage stamp. At the same time we will honor 150 years of Women on Stamps, as the first stamps pictured a woman, Queen Victoria.

Kelly has designed a beautiful souvenir card featuring the Penny Black. Joe has designed a show cancel with one of the most often featured women on US stamps, Lady Liberty, and is now turning his attention to cachet designs.

ROPEX is just around the corner, so mark your calendars for March 23-25 — make that March 22-25, as we’ll need all of you for set-up Thursday before the show opens on Friday! We’re off to a good start, but we need lots of help to make this the great show it promises to be. Ada

To the Editor:

I would like to urge the membership of RPA to approve the proposed amendment to make it easier to recruit new members.

Voting on new members seems pointless. No one seems to remember even a single negative vote being cast or a single question being raised about a candidate for membership, so the present procedure is not a vital process for screening new people.

Many of you are aware that for some time we had a problem with a member who stole from other members—the old system did NOT keep this individual from becoming an RPA member!

It HAS kept many prospective members from being signed up at ROPEX and other shows, people who showed potential for becoming an active part of the club but felt unwelcome or intimidated because of the long, drawn-out process for joining.

It is time to end a procedure that hurts rather than strengthens our club.

Respectfully yours,
Ada M. Prill

GREETINGS FROM CALIFORNIA

RPA member Jim Scholl moved to California in June, after finishing his second Master’s degree (this one in mathematics from the U of R). He has taken a job at Rockwell while continuing to aim for the job of Postmaster General of Bhutan.

Jim writes that so far he hasn’t been able to join a stamp club out there because he doesn’t have a car yet, but he plans to exhibit his "far out" stamps at work in February, and he’s actively adding to his collection.

Hope to see you at ROPEX, Jim!
WANTED!
Hospitality table workers needed

Please! If your going to be at ROPEX-90 any of the three days of the show, please offer to give the folks at the hospitality table a breather. Last year the same people where at the table for most of the time the show was on. They deserve a break to see the show too. Please let Chuck Schultz know when you can help.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH!
by Larry Moriarty

I have been soaking Hungarian stamps for a good number of years and as you know, every so often there are those that just do not come off the paper. I have ruined many stamps (not good ones) looking for the right solution. Believe me, you would laugh if I told you all the things I have tried without success.

Recently I tried 10 drops of New ERA Plus, a laundry detergent, in a cup of water and put in a few of the "hard to get off" stamps. It loosened them up, and with a little time they came off. I tried 20 drops to a cup, and then the stamps came off the paper quite easily.

I next tried some stamps of Germany, U.S., Netherlands, Brazil, and Japan. I did not have much luck with the U.S., as I believe these stamps had been reglued, and they just would not come off the paper. The stamps of Brasil and Japan did not come off. One British stamp, I don't remember from which country, was denuded of all color, making the watermark very easy to read.

While I worked with inexpensive stamps and was pleased with the way it worked on Hungarian stamps, I would caution anyone who tries to experiment with cheap or damaged stamps to see how it works. I also tried it on a few Hungarian perfin stamps that I had been trying to remove from the paper for several years without success, and the ERA solution got them off very nicely.

What led me to try ERA was their TV commerical showing how their formula very easily removed protein stains. I reasoned that the glues might have a protein base, so I tried it. I plan to do some more experimenting with same, but would again caution anyone trying this to first test it out on damaged or cheap stamps. If anyone has a better and safer method, I would appreciate knowing about it.
Creating album pages can be challenging. Specialized collections often require very individual arrangements and write-ups.

Combining different types of stamps on a single page — singles, blocks, etc. — is unlike anything in ready-made albums.

FIRST DAY COVERS

Cover present additional challenges, since they occupy a lot of space all by themselves. Postal history and first day cover collections demand such treatment.

LOCOMOTIVES

Topical collections require individual attention, too. Reprinted album pages aren’t always available, so stamps will have to be arranged to suit the collector.

1990 NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBIT AND BOURSE

MARCH 23, 24, 25

at the Downtown Railway Inn
Rochester Genesee Plaza
Friday 10am-7pm, Saturday 10am-6pm
Sunday 10am-5pm

Competitive Exhibition
30 Leading Stamp Dealers
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