



# THE OKLAHOMA PHILATELIST

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## OKPEX-2011

The annual exhibition and bourse of the Oklahoma City Stamp Club, scheduled for Oct 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be held at the Express Events Center, 8512 Northwest Expressway (between Council Road and County Line Road) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The show features an APS World Series of Philately exhibits, dealer bourse, cacheted cover and show cancellation. Hours:

Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Schedule of events and list of bourse dealers may be found on pages 3 and 4.

### ***FROM THE PRESIDENT.....***

Greetings! I hope you have enjoyed your collecting over this last summer. Traditionally, stamp collectors are most active in the winter, staying indoors to beat the cold with their stamps. I did lots of stamp activity this summer staying out of the heat!

I am happy to report that your Oklahoma Philatelic Society has been growing stronger in the last several months. We are seeing more involvement from more members than at any time in recent memory.

Since 1933, our society has held an annual convention at which members meet, interact with professional philatelists and dealers to learn more about their hobby, acquire material of interest, and make friends with those of similar interests. Our 73<sup>rd</sup> convention will be held in Oklahoma City brought to you by the Oklahoma City Stamp Club on October 21-22, 2011 at the Expressway Event Center. It is the only World Series of

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### **OPS Sales Division-Circuit Books**

John Mangelinkx

Despite the economy, sales are doing better than one would expect. Sales across the board are good. Singles are selling better than complete sets. Best-selling countries are China and India. Stamps priced below fifty percent of Scott catalog value do better than those priced at or above fifty percent of Scott. There are many good buys in the 2009 and 2010 sales books as Scott values continue to go up for many countries. We have many books with the seller being OPS Sales. These are from a collection purchased by OPS to sell via the sales division to members only. The proceeds are used to pay off the purchase and help OPS try and keep costs down, as our postage, shipping materials, etc. continue to increase.

Some of the advantages to sellers are:

- Selling your duplicates
- Profits from sales for new purchases
- Sell at price you set

Advantages for the buyers are:

- Convenience of shopping at home
- Check collection to insure not buying a duplicate
- Fill in blank spaces in your album
- Purchase prices are very competitive

To our current customers – thanks for your continued support – John

If you are interested in buying or selling via the OPS Sales Division please contact me at [jj114m@yahoo.com](mailto:jj114m@yahoo.com) or John Mangelinkx, 2408 Briarridge Road, Ponca City, OK 74604

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Philately show sponsored by a single stamp club in the United States. It will feature over 110 frames of exhibited stamps, each with 16 pages of stamps. The members of the OCSC are commended for their hard work and persistence in holding this event annually.

While there we will hold our annual meeting at which I invite you to attend. It will be held at 2:00pm on Friday, not Saturday, October 21. We would like to meet with you and hear about how the OPS can make your collecting experience better. If you collect Oklahoma, I am informed there will be a number of exhibits which feature Oklahoma stamps and postal history. The Oklahoma Postal History Society will also be holding its annual meeting at the convention.

Make your hobby more interesting and fulfilling by attending OKPEX. We hope to see you there.

Brady R. Hunt, President

### OPS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	<u>10/2010</u>	<u>10/2011</u>
Regular	69	71
Life	76	73
Honorary Life	20	19
Total	165	163
Chapters	12	13

## ***FROM THE EDITOR.....***

Wow! Already the second edition of the newsletter and what a learning experience it was for me putting the first edition together. In my first *FROM THE EDITOR* column I mentioned that the first couple of issues were going to be works-in-progress. I think that might have been an understatement. For the first issue I used Microsoft® Word and stated that I planned to use Microsoft® Publisher for the second issue. This change was based on the fact that everyone told me that Publisher was easier to use than Word. At this time I cannot say that it is true, but maybe with time it will be.

For the first issue, what really shocked me was the cost of the printing. At one of the local large chain office supply stores the cost of printing was quoted close to one dollar a two-sided page. If you include the cost of postage, it would have been about five dollars to print and mail each newsletter. Thanks to Joe Crosby who printed it on his home printer, the cost was held to that of the print cartridges and paper. I would like to suggest that the OPS consider sometime in the future of sending the newsletter by email. I know this is a little hypocritical since stamps, which we collect and study, would no longer be needed. However, the printed newsletter cost is becoming prohibitive. I would like to suggest that at the next membership meeting at OKPEX that it be considered for regu-

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lar members wanting to continue to receive the newsletter by mail, that the dues be increased. For both life and honorary life members, to make an assessment to cover some of the costs incurred in producing the newsletter.

A comparison of the membership count from October, 2010 to October, 2011 is shown on page 2. While there does not appear to be much of a change in this count, the list of regular members kept by our Secretary, Bob Hyer, shows that many regular members have not paid their dues for at least two years. If you have not paid your dues, to remain a member in good standing, please mail them to Ray Janz. At the membership meeting on the Friday of OKPEX, we need to discuss when to drop members for non-payment of dues.

To have a dealer set aside material you are interested in and have it for you at the show, a dealer contact list is provided on page 4.

## Counterfeit Stamps

In the 2010 annual report of the U.S. Postal Inspection Services, it was reported that approximately 33,000 counterfeit stamps were found by U.S. Postal Inspectors. These stamps were found in coils, booklets and stamped mail. A recently published book, **Stamp Counterfeiting** (HKP Publications, \$26.00) by H.K. Petschel looks into this intriguing crime that originated in Chicago in the 1890s. Covering the period from 1894 to 1940, Petschel, a former U.S. Postal Inspector, delves into true crime stories that deal with real people, from the lone criminal operating a printing press in his living room to the larger underworld organized crime. Petschel researched newspaper archives, police records and the National Archives to uncover the progression of

this unrecognized crime. **STAMP Counterfeiting** will appeal to any philatelist who shares the author's obsession with these "fascinating little bits of paper" and is available for \$26.00 plus shipping at [www.KeokeeBooks.com](http://www.KeokeeBooks.com).

### OKPEX 2011

#### Schedule of Events

##### Thursday, October 20, 2011

6:30 PM Dutch Treat Dinner in Bricktown for Judges, Exhibitors & Members and Spouses

##### Friday, October 21, 2011

*OKPEX open from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM*

2:00 PM Annual meeting of the OPS-North Conference Room

3:00 PM Oklahoma Postal History Society.

Norm Pence will present **Collecting Oklahoma Pre-cancels** Open to all

6:30 PM Oklahoma Barbeque Dinner—Lobby of the Express Event Center (Tickets may be purchased at the registration booth)

##### Saturday, October 22, 2011

*OKPEX open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

8:00 AM Awards Breakfast-Dutch Treat Buffett at The Golden Corral, 5702 Northwest Expressway

1:00 PM AAPE open meeting on exhibiting-North Conference Room

2:00 PM Judges Critique-North Conference Room and at the exhibit frames

4:00 PM Exhibit dismounting

## OKPEX 2011 DEALERS

### 11 Dealers From 7 States

#### MAINSTREET PHILATELICS

BRANSON, MO  
mainstreetphilatelics@msn.com  
417-335-4047

#### STAMPS UNIVERSAL

COPPELL, TX  
Jerry Myers  
jasmymers@earthlink.net  
972-304-1671

#### OKLAHOMA STAMPS

TULSA, OK  
kirk.mckenzie@hughesanderson.com  
918-836-1681

#### JAMIE SWARTZ

LAWRENCE, KS  
cjs321@gmail.com  
785-840-9255

#### POSTAL HYSTERIA

Montague, TX  
postalhysteria@gmail.com  
940-841-4591

#### KYLE NEBO

SANDY, UT  
knybo@comcast.net

#### CARLTON STAMPS

INDIAN HILLS, CO  
Tom Brey  
tbrey@ix.netcom.com  
303-697-6438

#### The CLASSICS PHILATELIST

CROSSVILLE, TN  
Warren Manning  
wvmanning@conl.net  
760-724-6300

#### FORSTER STAMPS

WICHITA, KS  
www.forsterstamps.com  
316-684-8242

#### CHRISCO STAMPS

WICHITA, KS  
rex@chriscostamps.com  
866-527-0231

#### SOONER STAMPS

TULSA, OK  
Rainer Gerlach  
soonerstamps@att.net  
918-749-5897

**The OKPEX 2011 Jury has been approved by  
CANEJ Chairman, Stephen Reinhard as follows:**

#### **Kenneth H. Trettin, Chief Judge**

Judging Level: N Date of Accreditation: 1/1/1993  
**Specialties:** Display Exhibits-Literature-Postal History-Revenues-US Revenues

#### **Kent M. Wilson, Judge**

Judging Level: N Date of Accreditation: 11/30/1999  
**Specialties:** Canada-Netherlands & Colonies-Thematics-U.S. 19th Century-U.S. Postal History

#### **Michael J. Ley, Judge**

Judging Level: N Date of Accreditation: 9/30/2009  
**Specialties:** British Commonwealth-Traditional-United States

#### OKPEX HOTEL

La Quinta Inn and Suites

4829 Northwest Expressway

Oklahoma City, OK 73132-7215

Rates are good through October 15<sup>th</sup> at \$67.50 for twin doubles and \$72.00 for king plus tax.

For these rates call direct only to 405-773-5575

# Fewer lots didn't translate into less participation

By Arthur P. von Reyn

Despite having far fewer lots than in most recent auctions, participation in the TPA/OPS Summer Auction 2011 drew considerable interest with 44 members of the two organizations placing bids, just one shy of last winter's record. The total realization was \$2,198.50 for the 72 available lots versus \$2,699 for the 122 items in the Winter Auction 2011. The success was attributable to a high percentage of the material being American, the principal collecting interest for many members of the TPA and OPS.

Drawing the most attention with nine bids apiece were two unused U.S. items, a 1926 White Plains souvenir sheet (Scott #630) and a seven-cent Vermilion National Bank Note definitive of 1871 (Scott #149). Other pieces drawing great interest were a used 30¢ value from the 1869 Pictorial series (Scott #121), a mint 24¢ War Department official (Scott #O91) and an 1891 cover from Galveston, Texas to Berlin, Germany; these received eight bids each. There were far fewer foreign lots than in past auctions, but a pair of Newfoundland overprints (Scott #129-30) nonetheless drew seven bidders. All the auction lots offered were sold.

The TPA website [www.texasphilatelic.org](http://www.texasphilatelic.org) continues to gain acceptance for placing bids and checking out the auction's progress. Of the 44 participants, 27 bid via the website. As the number of bids each lot receives is updated constantly on the website, Internet bidders have the advantage of placing their bids based on the intensity of action that lots are experiencing.

A total of 283 bids were received in the auction. Failing to win a single lot were 14 participants.

Donations lots to benefit the TPA Journal Publication Fund (JPF) brought a total of \$407.25. New TPA member Andrew Titley's donations brought \$342.25. Other TPA JPF donors and their lot realizations were Lyle Boardman, \$28.50; David Stockbridge, \$10.50; and Arthur P. von Reyn, \$26. In addition, Mark Mangum's lots to benefit the TPA Foundation realized \$129. No donation lots were received to benefit the Oklahoma Philatelic Society.

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	60.00	12	2.50	23	19.50	33	41.00	43	20.00	53	18.50	63	9.50
2	36.00	13	23.00	24	8.50	34	23.00	44	10.00	54	5.00	64	35.00
3	15.00	14	7.00	25	13.50	35	41.00	45	20.00	55	5.50	65	35.00
4	4.00	15	11.00	26	210.00	36	11.50	46	3.00	56	8.00	66	6.00
5	2.00	16	17.50	27	6.50	37	29.00	47	62.00	57	8.50	67	15.50
6	5.00	17	16.50	28	11.50	38	2.00	48	8.00	58	54.00	68	7.50
7	54.00	18	27.00	29	10.50	39	8.50	49	8.00	59	9.50	69	50.00
8	54.00	19	43.00	30	23.00	40	21.00	50	6.50	60	22.00	70	100.00
9	180.00	20	17.50	31	21.00	41	56.00	51	2.00	61	11.50	71	43.50
10	215.00	21	10.50	32	52.00	42	45.00	52	1.00	62	14.50	72	26.00
11	110.00	22	8.50										

Lots are being accepted through November 13, 2011, for the TPA/OPS Winter Auction 2012 and can be either mailed or dropped off at the TPA booth at the upcoming Greater Houston Stamp Show and the Mid-Cities Stamp Expo. Both commission and donation items are welcome, but the minimum lot value is \$10. As always, items that cannot be accepted include common U.S. first day covers and plate blocks, damaged stamps, and collections of cheap material. As always, sellers should be conservative when grading material and setting minimum bid amounts; note that *Scott* catalogues use a grade of "very fine" for their "retail" valuations while most older material on the market is just "fine" or "fine to very fine" in grade. The auctioneer reserves the right to combine or divide submitted lots and to reject lots with excessive minimum bids relative to the quality of the material being offered.

A lot submission form appears on the next page. A downloadable version is also available on the TPA website.

# TPA/OPS Winter Auction 2012

## SELLER'S LOT SUBMISSION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  TPA or  OPS Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

For each lot, include a description of the item. Note that "grade" refers to centering and, if used, cancellation; "condition" refers to freshness, gum status and presence of faults.

Lot #1 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Catalog \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) I wish to donate the above lot to benefit:  TPA Journal Publication Fund  TPA Foundation  OPS

Lot #2 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Catalog \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) I wish to donate the above lot to benefit:  TPA Journal Publication Fund  TPA Foundation  OPS

Lot #3 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Catalog \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) I wish to donate the above lot to benefit:  TPA Journal Publication Fund  TPA Foundation  OPS

Lot #4 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Catalog \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) I wish to donate the above lot to benefit:  TPA Journal Publication Fund  TPA Foundation  OPS

Lot #5 Country \_\_\_\_\_ Catalog \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Value \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) I wish to donate the above lot to benefit:  TPA Journal Publication Fund  TPA Foundation  OPS

**LIMIT FIVE COMMISSION LOTS.** Each lot must have a minimum catalogue/estimated value of \$10.00. We reserve the right to combine or divide submitted lots and to reject lots with excessive minimum bids relative to the quality of the material.

**MAIL LOTS TO: Arthur P. von Reyn, P.O. Box 561622, Dallas, TX 75356-1622.** Lots must be received by **November 13, 2011.** Selected lots will be illustrated in *The Texas Philatelist*, and most others on the TPA website [www.texasphilatelic.org](http://www.texasphilatelic.org).

**Mail unsold lots to me (if neither box is checked, and minimum bid value exceeds \$100, postal insurance will be added):**

with postal insurance.

without postal insurance

I understand that a 5% commission with a \$1.00 minimum will be deducted from the total proceeds on the above lots, and that any unsold lots will be returned to me at my expense.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)