



The Lilac Hinge

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January 23, Clothesline Exhibit

Program

Bring a favorite philatelic item, mounted on a page, and briefly talk about it for five minutes or less. It can be a philatelic item that is new, unusual, or a lucky find. Anything will do. (Please contact President J Palmer to let him know that you are bringing an item to talk about: 509-710-3553 or ickyburg@comcast.net)

Auctions

We will have both silent and live auctions with lots of new material after the program. Please come early if you are bringing items for sale in the live auction.

February 13 Board Meeting and Stamp Mixture Night, 6:30 PM

Purchase stamps from mixtures and worldwide collections that the club continues to buy. The club just bought a new batch of albums to sort through at only 8 cents each or 175 for \$10. New material is added frequently.



January 10, 1901 registered letter sent from Spokane to Dresden, Germany. The red "EXCHANGE" label was required on registered mail to foreign countries from 1883 to 1911, and listed the US Exchange office that it went through—this one in New York City. **18 cents postage paid** : 10 cents for a one ounce letter and 8 cents to register it.

December 12 Christmas dinner highlights

Our annual Christmas dinner at the Eagles has become a holiday tradition. We celebrated the season with a great dinner, conversation with friends, followed by our “steal a gift” gift exchange. Here are a few photos.



Left: Treasurer Ken Rehfeld presented Board member Richard Ascaso with the 2023 “Philatelist of the Year” award

Right: Steve Corker was the 2022 “Philatelist of the Year” and received a memento from Ken.



Everyone who brought a gift received a raffle ticket that could be exchanged for a gift.

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As usual, we had an interesting variety of gifts. Despite the suggested \$10 limit, someone found a \$50 bill as part of their gift. It was quickly “stolen” three times until “dead.” Congratulations to the person who received it!



Left: Did you know that we have a published author in our club? New Board member Terry Killinger poses with two of his books and Nicole Ascaso who received them.



No Christmas party would be complete without a visit from Santa!



Notre-Dame de Paris

Notre-Dame in Paris is one of the greatest surviving gothic cathedrals, and is a familiar symbol of Paris and of France. 2024 is the 5th anniversary of the fire that heavily damaged the cathedral. Restoration is nearly complete, with a scheduled reopening date of December 8, 2024. Here are a few of many French stamps that picture Notre-Dame.



1947, semi-postal



2014, view of Seine River, bridges, and the cathedral on the Île de la Cité (an island in the river).



1964, view of leaded glass window



2021, Treasures of Notre-Dame souvenir sheet



2013 souvenir sheet, celebrating the 850th anniversary of the cathedral

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