

# The Lilac Hinge

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**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (except July & December),  
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## July 23 Potluck and Picnic

Don't miss our annual picnic on July 23. As we did last year, the picnic will be at the home of President J Palmer. Bring a folding chair if you want to sit outside. There are enough chairs for inside seating. J will barbecue hamburgers and pork chops. Family members and guests are welcome.

### Details:

- **Location:** 6803 S Shelby Ridge St. Phone: 509-710-3553 (if you need further directions)
- **Time:** 5:30
- **Bring a dish to share. Guests should also bring something. If your last name begins with...**
  - ◆ A-G, Bring a side dish
  - ◆ H-P, Bring a salad
  - ◆ Q-Z, Bring a dessert
- The club will furnish drinks, cups, paper plates, and eating utensils. Bring a serving spoon or fork for the dish that you bring. Door prizes will be awarded.

### Directions to J Palmer's house, 6803 S. Shelby Ridge St.

From I-90, traveling south on Hwy 195:

- South on Hwy. 195, S. Inland Empire Way
- Right on Meadowlane Rd. by Eagle Ridge Short Course (golf course)
- Right on W. Eagle Ridge Blvd. (2 or 3 blocks)
- Left on S. Shelby Ridge St.

## August 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. You can also view Ken Rehfeld's John F. Kennedy worldwide topical collection.

### Closed album: Anne Harris

Anne was a longtime IEPS member, Board member, and former IEPS Philatelist of the Year. She and her late husband, David, were both very active in the club. Anne was also active in the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition, SEAPEX, and served as a Director. She will be missed!

# Expo '74 Postal Station

2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the Expo '74 World's Fair in Spokane. Museum exhibits and other events have commemorated the anniversary.

The fairgrounds had a postal station, located in a small 24-by-24-foot wood building (see figure 1) that was part of a "Travel Terrace" strip mall that also included Hughes Airwest Airlines, a currency exchange, and two other offices.

Mail deposited at the Expo '74 postal station was taken to the downtown Spokane post office for processing, and didn't receive a special cancel.

Figure 2 shows a special rubber-stamped Expo '74 hand cancel that was available to visitors who came in person to the fair postal station and requested their mail be hand canceled. Cancels were in purple ink on the May 4 opening day, and in black for the rest of the fair.

Few of the Expo '74 structures were meant to be permanent. After the fair ended, many were torn down or sold at auction. Mark Conlin bought the post office building for \$250 at an auction in March, 1975. He moved the building to Lake Pend Oreille, near Sagle, Idaho, where he used it in building a lake cabin. The cabin still exists, and was featured in a July 7, 2024 *Spokesman-Review* article. In the article, Conlin told how he came to buy the post office building and how he turned it into a lake cabin.

Figure 1: Map showing the Expo '74 postal station, located on the west side of the grounds.

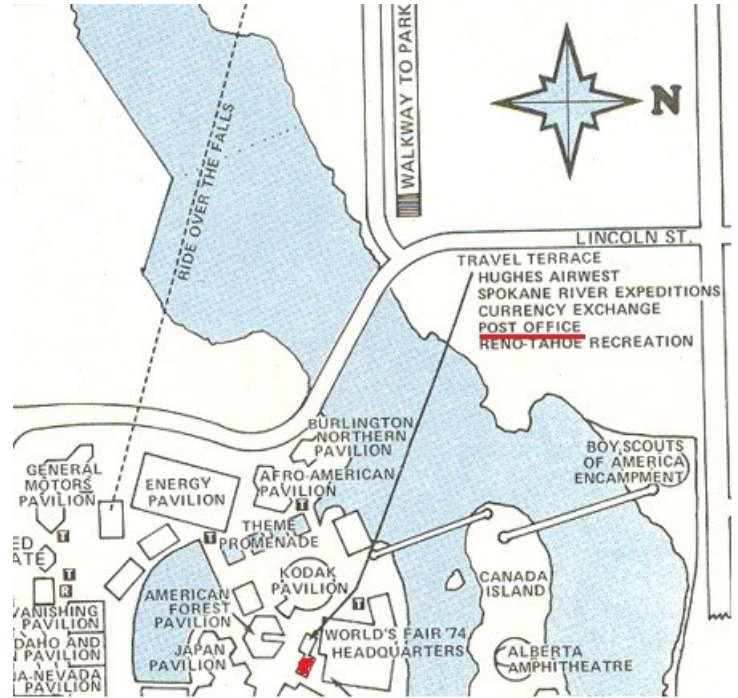


Figure 2: May 4, 1974 Expo '74 rubber-stamped opening day cancel with the stamp issued for the fair. Purple ink was used only on May 4, and black ink was used afterwards.

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