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"Optimism is the cheerful frame of mind that enables a teakettle to sing, though in hot water up to its nose."

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The WE Membership Meeting will be at AmeriStampExpo in Charleston SC, February 11-13, 2011. The WE meeting will be on Saturday, Feb. 12th at noon in Room 12. It will be hosted by Liz Hisey.

Please excuse the delay on receiving the newsletter. There have been some computer problems.

K_K Keepers Korner

I've done it again, submitted my Keeper Korner late to Anne. So you're actually going to get the January newsletter on February 1st, or later if you are on the mailing list. My apologies! The workload has certainly not decreased.

I hope that AmeriStamp Expo 2011 is on your calendar and that you are attending. The WE Membership meeting should be on your calendar also -- Saturday, February 12th at noon in Room 12. Bring your ideas, questions, and suggestions for WE to Liz who is chairing the meeting. It is through your input that WE continues to grow.

While you are checking your calendars, be sure to plan for *WE Festival 3* to be held at PIPEX 2012, May 11-13, in Portland OR. You won't want to miss it. Portland OR has much to offer, and it is a wonderful time of year to visit. The *Festival 3* team is hard at work to make this third event as exciting as the predecessors. WE will also need to fill 80 frames for PIPEX, so start planning what exhibits you want to enter now.

Exhibits, *Exhibits*, **Exhibits**. I'm sure you think that's all I write about, but WE needs 8 more volunteers to fill the WE Frame at SEAPEX in November 2011. One-page exhibits are fun to do. They will help you get acquainted with your philatelic and non philatelic items. There are almost no rules; WE needs 15 pages plus one title page telling about WE. They can be humorous or serious. What story do you want to tell in one page. Volunteers Welcome!
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I look forward to hearing about the WE meeting at AmeriStamp Expo.

Ruth

ANSWERS TO DISCUSSION TOPICS

To date, I have not exhibited - but it is on my pipeline. I am a longtime collector and do keep track of my philatelic material which I believe will become a useful tool for the assembly of my first exhibit. My philatelic possessions are maintained on simple but useful Excel worksheets. Stamp collecting began long before I had any idea of what an inventory was - over time, as what happens with many stamp collectors, my interest have swayed and turned. In the mid-1990s I decided it was time to focus my philatelic interests. In 2001 a number of things changed from my passive collecting - I joined a local stamp club, APS, ATA, and subscribed to Linns, Scotts Monthly and several study groups. I often say that that is when I came out of the closet. However, my invigorated interest did not take hold until I began to inventory my collection.

Much of my material may very well be of more interest to me than to anyone else - but I have cataloged it on Excel in such a manner that I am able to put my hands on (or take a peek at) just about anything I have within a minute or two. Excel is very easy and adaptable for designing an ever changing inventory system. I have arranged my collection by geographic areas (each area has its own sheet within the overall workbook). The sheets (by geographic areas) will allow me to locate a stamp, cover or whatever that I wish to locate by writing key words in "find". I am also able to do sortings along any line that I wish as long as provision has been made in the initial cataloging.

My setup is as follows:

Selecting the categories is a very personal matter - each person has their own criteria. Since much of my collection relates to birds, animal life and volcanoes, I utilize the description and category heavily. Often there is more information that I wish to use in the description - for that I use the "comment" tool to which I attach to the description column. Once I have acquired a collection

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item cost is of little importance so I do not include that as a general inventory item. If I have lost my senses and purchased something at an over overboard price, it may be noted in an attached comment.

The discussion topic that I am responding to is - Keeping track of philatelic possessions. Inventory is actually step II, step I for me is displaying, mounting and cataloging in albums (many that I have created and designed by computer) which at times feels like a full-time job, but the rewards may be on par with preparing an exhibit - each preparation is to some extent an exhibit, although more personal and private.

Barbara Herbert

THANK YOU, BARBARA

NEW DISCUSSION TOPIC

What are you doing to promote exhibiting/stamp collecting in your community?

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