

# WE

## (WOMEN EXHIBITORS)

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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** *To provide a vehicle through which women exhibitors can encourage each other through sharing information, ideas, experience, advice, problems, and solutions.*

**Next Meeting:** *StampShow*, Aug. 9-12, Portland, OR. **Sat., Aug. 11, at noon, Room C126**, our Program will be: *Overcoming Intimidation*, evaluation of our progress & survey results.

**Next Workshop:** *StampShow*, Aug. 9-12, Portland, OR. **Fri., Aug. 10, noon, Room C126**, Women's Beginning Exhibitors Workshop.

**Satellite Mtgs:** *PNSE*, Sept. 7-9, King of Prussia, PA, Barb Harrison.  
*Apple Harvest*, Sept. 21-23, Spokane, WA, Ruth Caswell.  
*Sarasota Natl. Stamp Exhibition*, Feb. 1-3, 2008, Sarasota, FL, Ann Trigg & Liz Hisey.  
*SOPEX*, April 5-6, 2008, Central Point, OR, Nancy Swan.  
*COALPEX*, June 14-15, 2008, Walnut Creek, CA, Sat., June 14, 2 pm; Vesma Grinfelds.  
(Critique at 3 pm, followed by meeting at frames.)

## Keeper's Korner:

StampShow 07: Wear your buttons! Let's make WE known. Pick up your buttons at the workshop or meeting, or stop Liz as she is running from place to place.

Attend WE events: (1) Beginning Exhibitors Workshop for Women on Friday, August 10, in Room C126 from noon to 2 p.m. If your travel plans allow, please bring with you a few philatelic items, enough for about two pages. If you forget, come anyway. Extras will be provided. (2) WE meeting on Saturday, August 11, in Room C126 beginning at noon. A brief business meeting will include topics for next WE meeting and workshop. Bring your ideas, or alternatively, send them to me, [ruthandlyman@earthlink.net](mailto:ruthandlyman@earthlink.net). The program will be *Overcoming Intimidation* by Janet and Denise. If you cannot attend StampShow '07, watch for summaries of our events in future newsletters.

COALPEX: Keep the date of this show on your calendar (14-15 June 2008). This is a women's only show, and a special invitation is extended to WE members. It's a good show to get feedback on a new exhibit, or to put your showcase exhibit in the Court of Honor.

AmeriStamp Expo & Teams: The forms for team exhibiting at AmeriStamp Expo 08 are on the AAPE web site ([www.aape.org](http://www.aape.org)). Go to News to download forms. The APS entry forms for AmeriStamp Expo are not yet available on the web.

I'm looking forward to interacting with WE members in Portland.

**Ruth**

## \*\*\*\*\*UPCOMING SHOWS\*\*\*\*\*

**APPLE HARVEST:** Sept. 21-23; for prospectus, contact Anne Harris at [critterz@att.net](mailto:critterz@att.net) or the club web page, [www.spokanestampcollectors.org](http://www.spokanestampcollectors.org). Anne invites all WE members to the show. Besides the exhibits and bourse, they have a fantastic all-you-can-eat stampers dinner at a great Italian restaurant for \$21.00 and an awards breakfast, at the famous Davenport Hotel, one of the top 10 hotels in the U.S., for \$17.00. There will be a WE satellite meeting, too. So, come one come all and have a good time in Spokane.

**SOUTHEASTERN STAMP SHOW:** Women exhibitors are being encouraged to enter exhibits at Southeastern Stamp Show (WSP show) to be held in the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, Georgia, September 28-29. There is a special incentive offered by the Athens Philatelic Society – a \$50 cash award for the best philatelic exhibit by a woman, called the Connie Hale Award in memory of a long-time member of their Society. For Prospectus and Entry Form, Google stampclubs.com, click enter site & scroll down to click & print. For further info, contact Scott Mark, [mark\\_s@bellsouth.net](mailto:mark_s@bellsouth.net); [www.stampclubs.com](http://www.stampclubs.com); 770-619-2917.

**CUY-LOR STAMP CLUB:** We have received a plea for help from AAPE member Ed Powell, Exhibit Chairman for this club on the west side of Cleveland, Ohio. They are in great need of exhibits for their show on October 6 & 7 (2007). They use 9-page frames (for 8 ½ x 11 pages). Maximum is 15 frames (or 135 pages total). They DO accept standard 1-frame exhibits, but you would need to reserve 2 frames for 16 pages. Entry fee is \$3 per frame. Prospectus and entry form can be obtained from Cuy-Lor Stamp Club, P.O. Box 45042, Westlake, Ohio 44145, or contact Ed Powell via e-mail. Entry forms must be received by Sept. 22. Bourse will have about 20 dealers. For further details, contact Ed at [starmoo72@aol.com](mailto:starmoo72@aol.com).

**SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION:** WSP show, Feb. 1-3, 2008. Will host a WE satellite meeting. For prospectus contact Exhibits Chairman, Jack Seaman ([jakcman@comcast.net](mailto:jakcman@comcast.net)). If you're planning to enter an exhibit at Sarasota next Feb., keep in mind that frames for WE entries will only be held until **Oct. 1. Best to submit your entry early.**

**INVITATION FROM SOPEX:** Through Nancy Swan's efforts WE has been invited to hold a satellite meeting at SOPEX 2008 (Southern Oregon Philatelic Society's show and bourse), being held again at the Padgham Pavillion at EXPO in Central Point, OR. Dates are April 5 & 6, 10-5:30 and 10-4. It's an open show with prospectus available late this fall. They will be showing in 12 page frames. There will be 12-14 dealers. Nick Follansbee, show chair, is happy to welcome a WE satellite meeting, which will probably be around noon on April 6.

**INVITATION FROM COALPEX:** Through Vesma Grinfeld's efforts comes this info: COALPEX 2008, which will be held June 14 and 15 in Walnut Creek, California, is proud to host WE (Women Exhibitors), a growing group of philatelists with the goal of encouraging more women collectors to take up or improve their philatelic exhibiting. The exhibition will be restricted to women exhibitors who need not belong to WE. There are 50 frames available. In consideration of others who may wish to participate, it is suggested that exhibits be limited to 5 frames or less. Special awards are available for novice exhibitors and "brand new" exhibits. Previous WSP Gold Medal exhibits will be judged head-to-head in a "best of the best" competition; all others will compete for the usual five medal levels and other awards. APS accredited judges will provide written feedback to all who exhibit. *Prospectus & Rules and Regulations appear at the end of this newsletter (pp. 7 & 8).* For additional information, email David McNamee, COALPEX Show Chairman at [dmcnamee@aol.com](mailto:dmcnamee@aol.com). **NO ENTRY FEES.**

**THIS MONTH'S TOPIC: Do you belong to a local stamp club(s)? Which one(s)? Do you find support/encouragement for exhibiting? Do others in the club(s) exhibit? Describe meetings, including good and bad points. Is membership a useful experience? Do you attend regularly?**

**(Dalene Thomas)** My experiences with the local clubs in Denver have given me great hope that women are becoming more accepted as serious collectors. I had belonged to a small local club for years with no evidence of discrimination. However, until a few years ago, women were not invited to become members of the Collectors Club of Denver. I became the second women to be invited to join and there are now three of us who belong to this prestigious group. The amazing thing is that I was chosen to serve as president two years ago. It has been an interesting tenure, and I won't say that there aren't still some who frown on having women in the group, but mostly it has been a rewarding experience.

I also ran for the board of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library last year. This, too, has been an all male group, but I believe so strongly in the library that I wanted to be active in the decision-making part of the organization. I was fortunate to have won a seat on the board, but the down side was that I beat out a very good friend by just a few votes. He has been most gracious about it, but it did make me uncomfortable. I guess as we become more assertive we have to be willing to accept the consequences of those actions.

**(Anne Harris)** I belong to the Inland Empire Philatelic Society and am its vice president and exhibits chair. We have a few exhibitors in the club, including Jim Graue, Inge Fisher, Howard Ness, John Arn, myself, Gordon Wright and a few of our youth club members. We have two meetings a month except December (our Christmas party) and July (our picnic). The first one is the board meeting and the second the general meeting. At all but two of the general meetings, we have an auction and a speaker. At those two exceptions (we have a huge auction only. Our youth group meets on the second Saturday of each month. We also have joint meetings with the Missoula, MT club at a half-way point in Idaho and a joint meeting with the Tri-Cities club at a half-way point in Washington. At both the joint meetings there is a silent auction, live auction and a dinner. Our get-together in Moses Lake, WA, draws collectors from all over the Northwest. There we have four speakers, a lunch, a dinner and both a live and silent auction. We put on a bourse in the spring. In the fall is our show and bourse. Yes, membership is very useful. I attend both meetings each month and all the other festivities.

**(Barb Harrison)** I joined the local club, Coryell's Ferry Stamp Club, just a year ago. Although there are only a few women, I felt an immediate welcome into the small but friendly club. There are no other exhibitors, but they seem interested that I enjoy exhibiting and invited me to present a program on exhibiting.

We meet twice monthly, at 2 locations. Each has a short business meeting followed by either a show and tell and an auction, or a program such as a speaker or APS slide program followed by an auction. Some members attend both meetings, others attend the one closer to their home. As with many clubs, the average age is probably 65 or over. I personally enjoy the show and tell because of the great variety of material that is shared. The speakers and slide shows have also been excellent, and I'm learning things about areas I wouldn't otherwise discover. For these reasons, plus the opportunity to talk with other collectors, I feel membership is valuable and I therefore attend regularly.

I am also a member of the Merchantville Stamp Club but because of distance can only attend their annual show and dinner. The group is quite large, very active and friendly, and has an excellent newsletter. I'm told that by entering my exhibits in their show, their members are being encouraged to create new exhibits. I have found some nice material, at excellent prices, at their bourse.

I have attended a few meetings of the Hamilton Township Stamp Club, which is a large, active club, and found it to be a great group. They have an excellent newsletter, which is now sent via e-mail. I was the only woman there, but they certainly made me feel welcome. Unfortunately, it's too far away to join.

**QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** For those who attend StampShow '07 in Portland, what were the best parts of the show for you personally? Is there anything you would like to see improved upon or changed? If so, how?

### **COMMENTS ON OUR SATELLITE MEETINGS:**

**(Reported by Janet Klug)** Six women and one man attended the WE meeting at INDYPEX, conducted by Janet Klug and Ann Triggler. In attendance: Dottie Winter & Marge Faber (WE members) Paula Sager, Bonnie Lyons, Deb Nicoll, Joyce Adams. David McNamee invited the women to exhibit at COALPEX in an all-women show next year (see full details in June newsletter, Vol. 1-5). Meeting opened with a very short PowerPoint presentation on "Why We Collect" that Janet had done for Summer Seminar. It was just for fun, and those present had said they wanted to see it. General discussion followed, which included: Dealers who intimidate women; Starting an exhibit; Whether or not having a women's exhibiting group was discriminatory to men; Using computers for exhibits and how women who are not computer literate could use a computer. With this last comment, Janet showed some pages she had done using Microsoft Publisher and explained a tiny bit on how to do it. This seemed to interest the ladies present, and one suggested that perhaps WE could generate instruction especially for other WE members on how to do this, as well as make up some templates that can be used and modified for exhibits. Janet has offered to develop a PowerPoint presentation and templates, perhaps in time for AMERISTAMP EXPO, should the WE family find this a useful method to help other women exhibitors. *(Please let Ruth know if you think this would be beneficial.)*

### **DEALING WITH DEALERS**

**Comment from satellite meeting at INDYPEX:** The general consensus was that the best thing to do is be persistent if there is something you really want; otherwise take your business elsewhere.

### **++++OTHER STUFF++++**

**IMPORTANT CHANGE OF DATE: ONE FRAME TEAMS, SPECIAL NOTE --** If you are not already aware, AmeriStamp Expo '08 will now be held on Jan. 11-13, in Charlotte, NC, because of a conflict with ASDA Mega Event in NYC. It was previously set for March 6-9.

**BUTTONS, BUTTONS:** WE buttons are being distributed to members at satellite meetings by the meeting leaders and will also be distributed at our WE meetings in Portland. If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, you can e-mail Liz to request your button. **If at all possible**, please pick up your button at one of the meetings.

**COLLECTING & EXHIBITING INTERESTS:** Many have not yet submitted your list of collecting interests and exhibiting types (including what you've already exhibited, what you're working on, and what you're thinking about exhibiting) to Ruth. This list will be most useful only if ALL members submit this information. ([ruthandlyman@earthlink.net](mailto:ruthandlyman@earthlink.net))

**"HOUSEKEEPING DETAILS":** When you want to include info about upcoming shows, or satellite meetings you plan to hold, please send me ALL pertinent info (including who, what, when & where) in usable form, ready to go into the newsletter. Also, when sending other material, questions, whatever, please include all pertinent info, which will save me the time of looking up shows & dates, rewriting, etc. Many thanks -- Barb

**AAPE:** If you are not already a member of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, we highly recommend you join (\$20/yr.). Benefits are: 4 very informative issues per/yr. of TPE (The Philatelic Exhibitor); critique service; mentoring. Contact AAPE Secy., our own Liz Hisey, for membership info.

**CONTRIBUTION TO WE:** Anyone who did not already contribute \$5 toward our small expenses and would like to do so, please send to Liz Hisey, either directly or [paypal](#) through [lizhisey@comcast.net](mailto:lizhisey@comcast.net). (Youth members -- \$3)

**SPREAD THE WORD:** 1) A number of members have been doing a wonderful job of **telling other women** philatelists about **WE**, resulting in several new members. Keep up the good work! 2) **Write Letters to the Editor** of **philatelic publications**, including local societies, to publicize **WE**.

**REMINDER:** Please do **NOT forward the membership list to anyone**. When a new member joins they will receive a dated copy of the most recent membership list, which is now being kept current and sent out to the membership by Ruth. Be sure to proofread your info on the list and let Ruth know if there are any errors. If there are changes during a given month, everyone will receive a new list around the same time as the newsletter is sent, with the current date.

**CHANGES OF E-MAIL ADDRESS:** If you change your e-mail address, please let Barb and Ruth know right away so you don't miss any WE mailouts.

**POSSIBLE NEW MEMBERS:** Please refer them to Barb or to Liz (Liz will receive their \$5 start-up contribution). Either one can receive the membership information, and then Barb will send a welcome e-mail & the current newsletter; Ruth will send the latest Membership List and Collecting Interests list.

**IMPORTANT** – If your membership information is incorrect or NOT complete on the Membership List or Collecting Interests list, please forward info to Ruth ASAP. IF you have a cell phone, please include it for the Membership List since this is a great way to keep in touch with each other at shows.

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

- Welcome to **Sherry Straley**, Sacramento, CA, a friend of Vesma Grinfelds, Ann Triggler, Ruth Caswell, Nancy Swan, Carol Kramer, and Joan Bleakley. Sherry is an experienced exhibitor (C of C) and a judge, and although not planning to do any more exhibiting, she is willing to help in any way that she can. She could be especially helpful to those in the Sacramento area. She is hoping to be at the Portland show, mostly at the NSDA table or Stamps in the Attic. Stop by to say hello.
- Welcome to **Barbara Reaney**, Oakland, CA, also suggested by Vesma. Barbara is a new exhibitor, but both she and her husband collected as kids. After their children flew the coop, they took up their stamp collections again and have been pretty involved for the past few years, attending as many shows as possible. Living in the Bay Area, they have quite a selection of dealers available. Barbara collects textiles on stamps, Christopher Columbus (her grandfather's name was Christopher Columbus Edwards), Fiume, circus, dolls and toys, and worldwide pre-1940.
- Welcome to **Paula Sager**, Los Altos, CA. Paula has been a collector since 2000, but has not yet exhibited. She spends considerable time in Australia as she is co-owner of Millennium Philatelic Auctions in Sydney and Brusden-White Publishing, which produces the Australian Commonwealth Specialists Catalogue. She is a member of several philatelic organizations, including APS, RPSV (Australia), and RPSL (UK). Philatelic interests include New South Wales stamps, lace (for thematic or display), ppc's featuring Sydney, and numerous other kinds of collections.
- Welcome to **Penny Borrowman**, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, who collects PROC and all eras of China. She started collecting in 1990, and has one completed exhibit, which has been in competition twice. She is an active member and past president of the Calgary Philatelic Society. She is also program director for general meetings; and is currently taking registrations for the BNAPEX show to be held there in Aug-Sept [http://www.bnaps.org/conv\\_events.htm](http://www.bnaps.org/conv_events.htm). She also serves as New Issue Service Manager at Stampede City Stamps (one day/week). If you need a reliable new issue service, e-mail Penny or give her a call.

- Welcome to **Iris Hinden**, of Sarasota, FL, who joined in response to Ann Triggles urging. Iris collects Ryukyu Islands under US Administration and is a Life Member of APS, having joined 30 years ago. She is also a member of AAPE, ISJP, and RPSS (formerly their Treasurer, for 15 years). She is a member of the Sarasota Philatelic Club (Corresponding Secy.) and Awards Chairman for Sarasota National Philatelic Exhibition. Her exhibit, "The Four Heavenly Maiden Air Mail Series of the Ryukyu Islands (1951-1972), began as a three-framer at Westpex back in the '70s, has grown in size, and received many nice awards, including golds and specials. She is gathering material for a possible new exhibit, an overview of milestones in Ryukyu philately during the 25 post-WWII years under US Administration.
- Welcome to **Joan Anderson**, of Ypsilanti, MI. Joan is new to exhibiting, working on gathering material, formulating ideas, and changing her mind about how to arrange her material (does that have a familiar ring??). Joan is a new AAPE member and has enrolled for the Exhibiting Course at APS Summer Seminar. She is also a member of APS, American First Day Cover Society, ATA, Ohio Postal History Society, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, and Smithsonian National Postal History Museum. Joan learned about WE from the Letters to the Editor in *American Philatelist* and the article in *The Philatelic Exhibitor*.

**REMINDER:** If you were one of our earlier members, and have not yet had a little “blurb” about yourself in the newsletter (such as above, in **Welcome to New Members**), feel free to send Barb a little write-up similar to those above, for inclusion in a future newsletter. We also need all kinds of exhibiting input from **YOU** for our newsletter! **PLEASE** send in your material in form that is ready to include in the newsletter. We need to hear from **YOU** in order to keep the newsletter interesting and informative. Thanks for your help on this.

**BACK MATERIAL FOR NEW MEMBERS:** Please note that as of July, I am sending new members only the **last** newsletter when they join (in addition, Ruth will send them the latest Membership List and Collecting Interests List). Up until now, the Editor has been forwarding to new members ALL back issues along with all other material that has been sent out, which had become quite time consuming. If any new member wants to hold a satellite meeting at a local show, Barb will be happy to send them upon request the poster and handouts they can use. For info on what needs to be done to host a satellite meeting, contact Ruth, Liz, or Barb.

**IN CONCLUSION:** Another exciting month for WE! If I haven't lost track, we now have 57 members, which I think is absolutely amazing. We have many opportunities ahead, beginning with our meetings in Portland, only 2 weeks away. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you personally and enjoying our two WE meetings, in addition to studying the wonderful exhibits, attending seminars, and shopping for goodies at the dealer tables. See you in Portland!

Barb, Editor