

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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APRIL MEETING – Happy Easter

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER
300 S. Adams St., Green Bay, WI 54301

WHEN: April 18, 2019 (third Thursday of every month)

TIME: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, No Business Meeting in June, July, and August

PROGRAM: Philatelic Trivia Contest and Silent Auction

Reminder: We need volunteer members to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. April's volunteer is Tom Aldrich.

Winter Months Reminder: in the event of adverse weather the meeting will be canceled if either the Green Bay Public Schools, or Green Bay Public School activities for the night of the meeting are cancelled.

March Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president, Mark Schroeder.

Visitors: There were no visitors this month, but it was very nice to see Bob Petersen back again

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes from the February meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer, Kirk Becker gave his report on financial activities in the past month. A motion to approve the report was passed.

Committee Reports

Show: Show chair, Mark Schroeder said that we have ten dealers committed to participate. Mark asked for volunteers to help with set-up on Friday, moving dealers in and out Saturday and take-down after that. The following members

volunteered for at least one of these times; Randy Younger, Don Buntman, Jim Stearns, Darlene Waterstreet, Ray Perry, Tom Aldrich, Tom Johnston, Mark Schroeder, Darryl Ruprecht. In addition, Randy Kuehl has once again enlisted his sons and grandsons to help and Ray has once again drafted his son, Mike to help. Thanks to all these people for agreeing to participate – we could not do the show without this help. That being said, Ray did commit to checking with the local Scouts to see if they might be willing to help out next year.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

We received a thank you note from Ken Coakley's daughter.

We received donations of stamps from several sources including a relative of Jim and Millie Stearns and another person that donated stamps through Dave Carney.

President, Mark Schroeder appointed a nominating committee consisting of Dave

Carney, Darryl Ruprecht, and Dave Burrows. If any of these folks approach you about running for one of our club offices, please give serious consideration to helping out – if not this year, then maybe next year.

March Program

The March program was to be on the Universal Postal Union, but due to a miscommunication the equipment needed was not available, so the program was delayed to another month. Thanks to Tom Johnston for putting the program together and we look forward to hearing it at a future meeting.

April Program

Tom Schroeder has put together a philatelic trivia contest for the April meeting. This is always a fun program. The hints/clues first appeared in last month's newsletter. They appear again below.

First, a reminder on the rules: Bring as many of the following stamps as possible to the APRIL meeting. Or you may bring in the correct answers and Scott numbers. In order to accommodate out-of-town members or members that can't make the meeting, any member can mail the answers and the correct Scott numbers to Ray D. Perry, 2214 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311 or by email to Ray at fiveperrys@athenet.net.

Now for the questions:

1. This stamp commemorates an institution founded in Chicago in 1905.
2. This stamp features a saint known for his love of animals.
3. This stamp features an unusual form of travel. It was issued prior to 1950 with a denomination of \$2.60.
4. This holiday stamp was issued without a denomination and prior to the forever stamps.
5. This is my favorite stamp. (If you have any extras laying around, I take donations). The stamp features an eagle that is all white. The background is all purple. This stamp was issued prior to 1972.
6. These two stamps feature an American automobile first built before 1979.

7 This stamp features a model sitting for her portrait. She was the artist's mother.

8. This stamp was the first of its kind. It changed how postage was paid for in the U.S.

9. This was the first of many US. Stamps featuring this Christian holiday. The holiday is sometimes known for its many pagan rituals adopted by Christians. This would make sense because this holiday was placed on the calendar where it is to counter the Pagan holiday. The holiday features a character loved by children whose name has the exact same letters in it as the most famous fallen angel.

10. This stamp is a Canadian first. My clue is this: Think about a stamp that shares something with our (U.S.) current vice-president (a thing we all know) then triple it.

11. This 12-stamp foreign set is known as the "Trail of the Caribou" issue.

12. This stamp was issued before 1960. It is an important historical first for our country. It honors a person who is neither native nor of European descent.

13. This stamp honors a man named Bill. However, the portrait on the stamp is a man named Ben.

14. This forever stamp features a religious symbol that is becoming more visible in the U.S during both a Jewish and Christian holiday. The stamp is not solely a product of U.S. Post Office efforts.

15. This stamp features a flower whose name has been used by children to insult each other. This stamp was also the answer to a question on our club's 2015 scavenger hunt.

These are the questions, have fun searching for the correct answers

As always there will also be a silent auction.

Ray's Ramblings

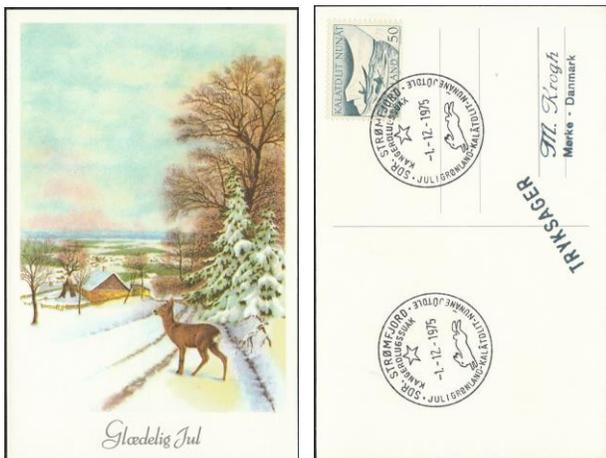
BAYPEX '19 is in the books. While we don't yet have the final financials, the event seems to have been a success. The show was well attended and I heard many positive comments. We already have the facility reserved for BAYPEX '20. Wow, can that be? BAYPEX '20? It seems like just yesterday we were all concerned with Y2K, where does the time go?

At any rate, mark your calendars for set-up on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 2 p.m. and the show for Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Let's take a look at some stamps engraved by Czeslaw Slania. You know from other issues of this newsletter that I'm a big Slania fan. He is perhaps the best engraver of stamps ever. He is certainly the most widely known and most prolific stamp engraver with over 1,000 stamps to his credit. He engraved stamps for 32 different countries including the U.S.

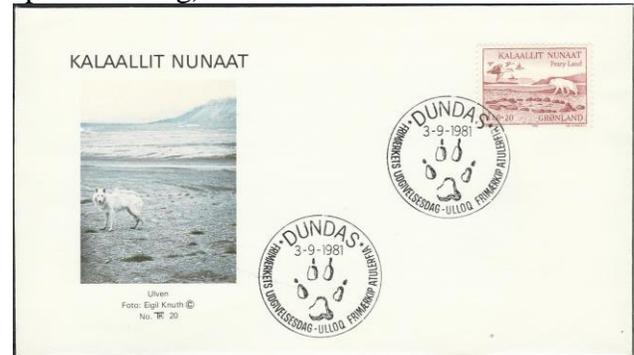
Slania was born in Poland in 1921 and died in his native land in 2005 at the age of 83. He was the Royal Court Engraver of Sweden for a number of years. He served in the same capacity in Denmark and Monaco. One interesting note which you may not know is that Slania put his engraving skills to use for the Polish Resistance during WWII helping to forge documents.

As many of you know, I am still working on a collection of stamps engraved by Slania. Along with the stamps one often comes across related material such as first-day covers, maximum cards, commemorative cards, postally used covers and so on. I was fortunate to come across some of these related items at BAYPEX this year. Shown below is a post card with a Christmas related picture on the picture side and a Kangerlussauq, Greenland postmark on the address side.



Greenland Christmas post card with Christmas cancel and Slania engraved stamp (Scott 78). Kangerlussauq was an old U.S. army base in Greenland during WWII.

Below is another Greenland cover. This one is a first-day cover for another Slania engraved stamp (Scott B9). The surcharge was for the exploration of Peary Land (no relation – it is spelled wrong).



Dundas, Greenland first-day cover postmark

Dundas was a trading outpost in the northwest part of Greenland near what became Thule air base. In this cover, I really liked how similar the wolf in the picture looked like Slania's wolf on the right side of the stamp.

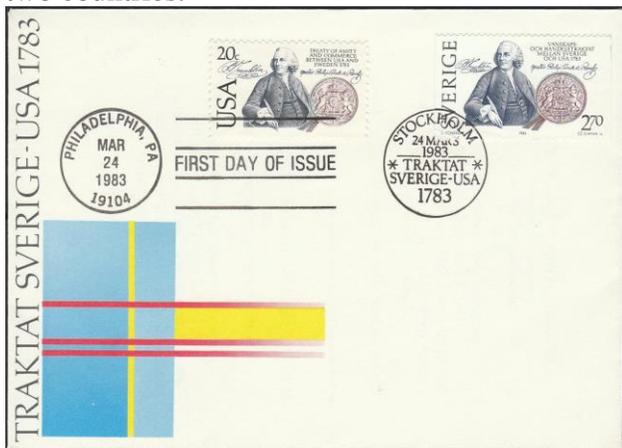
The next cover I found was a postally used Swedish cover sent from Vastra Frolunda, Sweden (a borough of Gothenberg) to Baraboo, WI. The only Slania engraved stamp on this cover is the violinist. The flowers and the Swedish Christmas seal are not Slania items.



Cover with Swedish Christmas seal, Scott 1432 and 1473e

One of the interesting things about this cover is that the Christmas card is enclosed. The card was made in the U.S., but it is written in Swedish, so I am not able to read it. I may have to try translating it on my computer unless one of you is proficient in the Swedish tongue. The air mail marking on the lower left is interesting too. It features an airplane in blue above the words "VIA AIR MAIL."

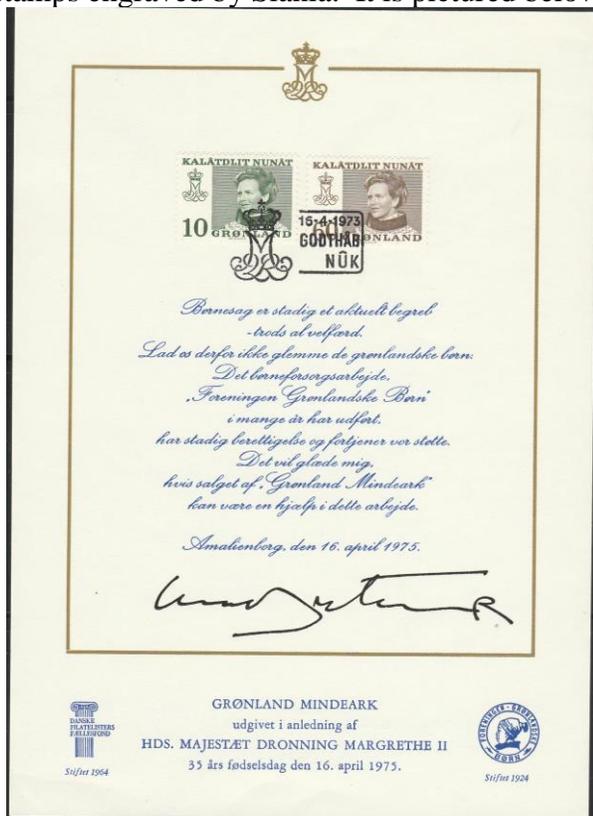
The next cover is a first-day cover featuring a joint issue between the U.S. and Sweden. Both stamps were engraved by Slania and they commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Treaty of Amnesty and Commerce between the two countries.



U.S. Scott 2036 and Sweden Scott 1453

I really liked this cover as it fit into two of my collecting interests – Slania engraved stamps and U.S. joint issues.

This next item is a souvenir card featuring two stamps engraved by Slania. It is pictured below.



Greenland Scott 87 and 88

The cancel on the stamps reads April 16, 1973 Godthab Nûk. This is Queen Margarethe II's 33rd birthday. She is pictured on these stamps.

Godthab was the original name of the capitol of Greenland. It was changed to Nûk in 1972. At the bottom of the text inside the frame it states "Amalienborg, den 16, April 1975." Amalienborg is the name of the palace in Copenhagen where the Queen lives. April 16, 1975 would be her 35th birthday. So far I haven't been able to figure out why there are two different dates on the card. Below the framed text and stamps it says Grønland (Greenland) Mindeark (souvenir card). The two logos in the bottom corners of the card are for a philatelic organization and a Greenland children's organization. I believe these were part of a set or series of cards printed and marketed to raise funds for the children of Greenland. I found five of them at BAYPEX this year. They will make a nice addition to both my Slania collection and my Greenland collection. You never know what you will find at a stamp show.

It never ceases to amaze me how diverse our hobby is and how varied or specific one can make it. Collect what you want and how you want to collect it

Keep on collecting stamps – it's a great hobby!

Stamp Shows

- May 4-5** WISCOPEX '19, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, 517 Grand Canyon Dr., Madison, WI
- May 31 – June 2** COMPEX 2019, Chicago Area Philatelic Societies, Guerin College Prep., 8001 W. Belmont Ave., River Grove, IL
- July 6-7** MSDA Milwaukee Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI
- July 13** Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Show, Bay de Noc Stamp and Coin Club, 2000 N. 30th St., Joseph Heirman Bldg., Rm. 952 (accessed from Danforth Rd.), Escanaba, MI
- July 27** 14th Lakeland Coin & Stamp Club Summer Show, Woodruff Town Hall, Hwy. 47E, Woodruff, WI

Schedule of Events

- Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:
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| April | Stamp Trivia Contest |
| May | Elections |
| June | Silent Auction (no business mtg.) |
| July | Silent Auction (no business meeting) |
| August | Picnic at the Burrows residence (no business meeting) |

Note: There will be a silent auction each month except at the picnic.