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### 1861: The Beginning of the Civil War

At 4:30 a.m. on April 12, Lt. Henry S. Farley, acting upon the command of Capt. George S. James, fired a single 10-inch mortar round from Fort Johnson. (James had offered the first shot to Roger Pryor, a noted Virginia secessionist, who declined, saying "I could not fire the first gun of the war.") The shell exploded over Fort Sumter as a signal to open the general bombardment from 43 guns and mortars at Fort Moultrie, Fort Johnson, the floating battery, and Cummings Point. Under orders from Beauregard, the guns fired in a counterclockwise sequence around the harbor, with 2 minutes between each shot; Beauregard wanted to conserve ammunition, which he calculated would last for only 48 hours. Edmund Ruffin, another noted Virginia secessionist, had traveled to Charleston in order to be present for the beginning of the war, and fired one of the first shots at Sumter after the signal round, a 64-pound shell from the Iron Battery at Cummings Point. The shelling of Fort Sumter from the batteries ringing the harbor awakened Charleston's residents (including diarist Mary Chesnut), who rushed out into the predawn darkness to watch the shells arc over the water and burst inside the fort.

Major Anderson withheld his fire, awaiting daylight. His troops reported for roll call at 6 a.m. and then had breakfast. At 7 a.m., Capt. Abner Doubleday fired a shot at the Ironclad Battery at Cummings Point. He missed. Given the available manpower, Anderson could not take advantage of all of his 60 guns. He deliberately avoided using guns that were situated in the fort where casualties were most likely.

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#### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show 2011. Our theme for our show is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Civil War. This year we have 18 stamp and 1 cachet dealer from all over the country. They have varied stocks of stamps and post cards from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stocks. The dealers are always ready to help and answer your questions. Our stamp club maintain tables at the entrance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems or just stop by and chat. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at our stamp show!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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 \* STAMP CLUB NEWS \*  
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Nashville Stamp Show 2011  
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Our annual stamp show is being held this year at The Music Valley Event Center located at 2416 Music Valley Drive, suite #144 near Opryland Hotel. This is the same location as last it was last year. I must thank all who have helped make this year's show a success. You have done a great job! Second, I must thank the staff of the Valley Expo for working so hard to get the venue ready. Lastly, to all the collectors attending our show - have fun !!!

2010 Club Officers Elections  
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The 2010 officers elections were held during both of the February club meetings. There were 21 votes cast.

For President: Matt Benward 20 votes  
                   write in           1 vote

For 1st VP: Al Bollmeier       20 votes  
                   write in           1 vote

For 2nd VP: David Bodkin       20 votes  
                   write in           1 vote

For Jr. VP: Wesley Lepter      20 votes  
                   write in           1 vote

For Secretary: Tom Tribke      20 votes  
                   write in           1 vote

For Treasurer: Ray McIntire    20 votes  
                   write in           1 vote

Delegate-at-Large: Marie Farmer 19 votes  
                           write in           1 vote  
                           abstain           1 vote

Thanks to everyone who participated.

**Dues are due**

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting a 6:30.m., and Program at 6:45 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Madison Branch Library, 610 South Gallatin

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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# Nashville Philatelic Society

## Minutes Review for November 2010 – February 2011

The NPS held its 11/8/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 10/25/10 meeting was read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Scott Bastoky's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. It was reported that Ken Owen's daughter had a new baby. Congratulations! Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt asked for articles for the upcoming NPS Newsletter. The business session then adjourned for a talk and demonstration by Matt, Al, and Tom on "One Page Exhibits".

The NPS had its 11/22/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 11/8/10 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize again! Ray McIntire won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Ray McIntire volunteered for the NPS Treasurer position and will work with Bob Picirilli learn the duties. Bob also announced that 2011 dues were due. NPS members were encouraged to bring family and friends to the 12/13/10 Christmas Party. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS Annual Christmas party on 12/13/10 was cancelled due to snow and icy road conditions.

The 1/10/11 meeting of the NPS was cancelled due to snow and icy road conditions.

The NPS had its 1/24/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/22/10 meeting were read and approved. Julian Hosnedl won the door prize. Ray McIntire won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt reported that sixteen stamp dealers had committed for the show. Tom Tribke announced that due to the two missed meetings cachet themes for the 2011 Show were selected without a vote. For NPS the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Start of the Civil War was selected. The Brentwood Philatelic Society will use of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dedication of the Statue of Liberty. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS had its 2/14/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/24/11 meeting were read and approved. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Ray McIntire was selected for the Participation Award, but he was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli gave the Treasurer's Report for the 4th Quarter and 2010 Annual Report. This report was reviewed and approved. Matt reported that Kevin Baker had again paid the NPS website annual fees. Thank you! Jamie and Ken Auerweck volunteered to setup "Facebook" and "Tweeter" internet interfaces for NPS. The club members agreed that this would be a great idea and asked Jamie and Ken to go ahead with this project. Matt reported that nineteen stamp dealers had committed for the 2011 Show. Show posters and flyers were handed out. Nick Munn advised that ten frames of exhibits had been committed for the show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2011 Stamp Show. Voting was held for NPS Officers for the next year. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation on "Philatelic Societies" by Matt, Al Bollmeier, Larry Pacl and Tom Tribke.

The NPS held its 2/28/11 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 2/14/11 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Bill Siesser was selected for the Participation Award, but he was not present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Mark Thompson reported on the recent APS Show in Atlanta that he had attended. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Richard Smith reported on his mother's, Virginia Smith, progress in recovering from surgery. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Tom Tribke displayed the Cacheted cover formats for Show covers. Bill Vance and Frank Yost were thanked for their help in gathering stamps for use on these covers. Ken and Jamie Auerweck reported that the Facebook and Tweeter interfaces had been setup for NPS. Thank you! Voting continued for NPS Officers. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the 2011 Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

# Nashville Philatelic Society

## Minutes Review for August 2010 – October 2010

The NPS held its 8/9/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/26/10 meeting were read and approved. Larry Pacl won the door prize. Patsy Johnson won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. The NPS was saddened to learn of the death of Lotus DeFevers on 8/6/2010. John DeFevers had passed away several months earlier. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report for the second quarter 2010 that was reviewed and approved by the NPS membership. Linda West donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Matt advised that a new treasurer would be need by year's end to replace Bob Picirilli who is resigning. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2011 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for a talk on "Stamp Appraisals" by Bob Picirilli, Bill Vance and Matt

The NPS had its 8/23/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/9/10 meeting were read and approved. Virginia Smith won the door prize. Patsy Johnson won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Julian Hosnedl reported that some of the issued stamps could again be soaked off of paper and that Linn's Magazine had a list of these stamps. Julian also reported problems with the new blown ink postal cancels that badly defaced stamps thus making them uncollectable. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2011 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction

The NPS had its 9/13/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 8/23/10 meeting were read and approved. David Horton and Jamie Baker's applications for NPS membership received first reading. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Ellen Willis' name was drawn for the Participation Award, but she wasn't present to win. Bill Vance donated a number of items as door prizes. Thank you! Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Julian Hosnedl and Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Julian again discussed the new blown ink postal cancels that badly defaces stamps. Matt asked again for theme recommendations for the 2011 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation by Matt, Al Bollmeier and Tom Tribke on "Protecting Your Stamps".

The NPS had its 9/27/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/13/10 meeting were read and approved. Kenneth Owen won the door prize. Len Goodin's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. David Horton's and Janie Baker's applications were approved after second readings and they were welcomed into NPS membership. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Copies of the new NPS newsletter were distributed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. The club was saddened to learn of the death of member Patsy Johnson. A card and donation were sent from the club. Al Bollmeier and Matt donated stamps to the club. Thank you! Matt mentioned the need for help for the 2011 Show and a theme. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 10/11/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-four members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/27/10 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Len Goodin's name was drawn for the Participation Award, but he wasn't present to win. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Larry Pacl reported that he was taking the APS "Basic Stamp Collecting" course and that it was very good. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Matt announced that the Treasurer's position was soon to be open and volunteers were needed. Exhibiting and the need for exhibits for the 2011 Show were discussed. The business session then adjourned for a presentation by Al Bollmeier on "Odds and Ends in his collection".

The NPS had its 10/25/10 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 10/11/10 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Ellie Eads won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Show and Stamp committees. Bob Picirilli provided the Treasurer's report

for the third quarter 2010 that was approved by the NPS membership. Matt announced that seven dealers had committed for the 2011 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

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## Protecting your stamp Collection

### Storage

#### Dos

glassines  
cover sleeves  
stock cards  
mounts  
stock books  
hinges  
albums

#### Don' ts

plastic wrap  
any kind of cellophane tape  
photographic mounting books  
remove from shrink wrap

Are the stamps mint, unused, or cancelled?  
make sure items used to mount your stamps are acid free  
keep all philatelic material in a cool, dry, unlit place  
no basement or attic  
no cardboard boxes - the glue attacks insects

### When you work on your stamp collection

no food or drink  
flat clean surface  
good lighting  
tongs  
magnifying glass  
catalogs

### Philatelic Insurance Companies

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The fort's best cannons were mounted on the uppermost of its three tiers—the barbette tier—where his troops were most exposed to incoming fire from overhead. The fort had been designed to withstand a naval assault, and naval warships of the time did not mount guns capable of elevating to fire over the walls of the fort; however, the land-based cannons manned by the Confederates were capable of landing such indirect fire on Fort Sumter. Fort Sumter's garrison could only safely fire the 21 working guns on the lowest level, which themselves, by virtue of being in stone emplacements, were largely incapable of indirect fire that could seriously threaten Fort Moultrie. Moreover, although the Federals had moved as many of their supplies to Fort Sumter as they could manage, the fort was quite low on ammunition, and was nearly out at the end of the 34-hour bombardment. A more immediate problem was the scarcity of cloth gunpowder cartridges or bags; only 700 were available at the start of the battle and workmen sewed frantically to create more, in some cases using socks provided by Anderson. Because of the shortages, Anderson reduced his firing to only six guns: two aimed at Cummings Point, two at Fort Moultrie, and two at the Sullivan's Island batteries.

Ships from Fox's relief expedition began to arrive on April 12. Although Fox himself arrived at 3 a.m. on his steamer Baltic, most of the rest of his fleet was delayed until 6 p.m., and one of the two warships, USS Powhatan, never did arrive. Unbeknownst to Fox, it had been ordered to the relief of Fort Pickens in Florida. As landing craft were sent toward the fort with supplies, the artillery fire deterred them and they pulled back. Fox decided to wait until after dark and for the arrival of his warships. The next day, heavy seas made it difficult to load the small boats with men and supplies and Fox was left with the hope that Anderson and his men could hold out until dark on April 13.

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