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## Merry Christmas!!!

A Philatelist's Psalm  
by Herman Herst, Jr.

Stamp collecting is my hobby, I shall not be bored.  
 It maketh me to do research on far places.  
 It causeth me to correspond with odd people.  
 It keepeth me alert.  
 It leadeth me into areas of understanding for curiosity's sake.  
 Yea, though I live through a winter of inclement weather.  
 I will feel no boredom, for my stamps are with me.  
 They provideth me a means of escaping from the tensions of my  
responsibilities.  
 They filleth my house with books.  
 My cash runneth lower.  
 Sureth interest and knowledge shall follow me all the days of my life and  
 I will be listed in the ranks of Philatelists forever.

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Here we are again with another year coming to a close. Christmas is just around corner with the new year soon to follow! We look back on the old year passing and forward to the promise of the new year to come. This new year brings new challenges. Our annual stamp show will soon be just around the corner as will the others in the surrounding cities. There will be new stamps issued by the Post Office and old ones to be found our favorite dealers. So have a great holiday season and look forward to better new year!

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Matt Benward, President NPS

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\* STAMP CLUB NEWS \*  
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Nashville Stamp Show 2013  
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We have found a new place for the show. It is the Woodbine Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Garret Boyd Center, 3016 Nolensville Road, Nashville, TN 37211.

Virginia Smith  
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In September Mrs. Smith fell and broke her left hip. You might remember that she broke her other hip last year and was just starting to get out and about recently. She's had surgery to fix this new fracture and is now up and walking. She was back the club second club meeting in November. She still has some more to go, but it was good to see her!

Marie Farmer  
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Marie Farmer was in St. Thomas hospital with a heart murmur. She was back at the club in the first meeting in November. It was good to see her back.

Al Bollmeier  
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Al when camping with his brother in Illinois. While hiking on a trail his foot slipped and he tumbled downhill landing hard against a rock. As a result he broke his hip and has had surgery. Al has some surgery and was back with us at the first club meeting in November. He was walking well and seemed to be doing OK. It was good to see him back!

Articles for the newsletter  
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I need articles for this newsletter on any aspect of stamp collecting. They can be hand written, typed, or by computer in any format. I would be willing to help write them too. I have been getting some articles during the last few months, but I still need some more. If you see interesting articles in the philatelic press, please let me know. You may contact me at the club meetings or at mbenward@aol.com. Thanks.

New Members  
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Dennis Eidson

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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 October 2012 – November 2012**

The NPS held its 10/8/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/24/12 meeting were read and approved. Ray McIntire won the door prize. Matt Benward won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. Ken Auerweck reported that the NPS sites had 103 “Followers” on Twitter and 24 “Likes” on Facebook. Ray McIntire presented the Treasurer’s Report for the third quarter of 2012. The report was read and approved by the NPS membership. Matt mentioned that the church on Nolensville Road was a good possibility for our stamp show site. Ray McIntire said that he was also investigating a restaurant location as a show site. The business session then adjourned for an excellent presentation and computer program by Larry Pacl on “Making Stamp Album Pages”.

The NPS had its 10/22/12 meeting at the Madison Square Shoney’s (Due to early voting at the library) with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and three guests were present. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Matt reported that Al Bollmeier had fallen and broken a hip during a family hiking outing. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! A discussion was held on the 2013 Stamp Show location. Matt advised that the Nolensville Road church location had been visited and looked good for our show. Ray McIntire expressed concern about the overall all costs for our shows and the cost of the church location specifically. Ray mentioned that he had inquired about restaurant location north of Nashville that was available for a much lower cost. However, the restaurant location was a considerable distance outside of Nashville which would impact dealer interest and public attendance. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 11/12/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 10/22/12 meeting was read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Steve Meyer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Copies of the new NPS newsletter were assembled and distributed. Matt asked again for articles for future NPS Newsletters. Tom Tribke asked for theme recommendations for the 2013 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a talk and computer program by Matt and Tom on “Early U.S. Airmail”.

The NPS had its 11/26/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twelve members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 11/12/12 meeting were read and approved. Dennis Eidson’s application for NPS membership received first reading. Bill Vance won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Tom Tribke advised that a vote for the 2013 Stamp Show theme would be held at the 12/10/12 meeting. NPS members were encouraged to bring family and friends to the 12/10/12 Christmas Party. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction with Randy Coble as auctioneer.

# **Nashville Philatelic Society**

## **Minutes Review for July 2012 – September 2012**

The NPS had its 7/9/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 6/25/12 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS membership from Amanda Mahon received first reading. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Bill Vance won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. David Erbach reported on the American Topical Society (ATA) show that he had attended in Lancaster, PA. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Ray McIntire presented the Treasurer's Report for the second quarter of 2012 and the Final Report for 2012 Nashville Stamp Show. The Stamp Show report showed a loss of \$445. Both reports were read and approved. A donation of stamps was received from Ray McIntire for the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Matt discussed the need for a new location for the 2013 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for a discussion on "Miscellaneous Philatelic Topics" by Matt and the NPS members.

The NPS had its 7/23/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 7/9/12 meeting were read and approved. An application for NPS membership from Amanda Mahon received second reading and was approved and she was welcomed into NPS membership. Ken Auerweck won the door prize. Al Bollmeier won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Ken Auerweck reported that the NPS sites had 87 "Followers" on Twitter and 17 "Likes" on Facebook. Matt reported that the search for a 2013 Stamp Show location continues. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 8/13/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Seventeen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 7/23/12 meeting were read and approved. Gerald Payne won the door prize. Mark Bell won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Tom Tribke read an invitation from stamp collectors in Bowling Green, KY who were considering starting a stamp club there and welcomed anyone nearby to attend their informal monthly meetings. Larry Pacl mentioned online APS training courses on "New Collectors" and "Exhibitors" that were starting soon. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Gerald Payne and Virginia Smith donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Ken Auerweck reported that the NPS sites had 87 "Followers" on Twitter and 21 "Likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that the search for a location for our 2013 Stamp Show continues. Ray Raynor, one of our guests, suggested that the IBEW Meeting Hall on Elm Hill Pike be investigated as a possible show site. Tom Tribke will investigate. The business session was then adjourned for an "Ice Cream Social" and a talk on "Postal Buddies Revisited" by Matt.

The NPS held its 8/27/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-five members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/13/12 meeting were read and approved. Dave Bodkin won the door prize. Marie Farmer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Ken Auerweck reported that the NPS sites had 91 "Followers" on Twitter and 21 "Likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that the search for a location for our 2013 Stamp Show continues. Tom Tribke reported that the IBEW Meeting Hall was not available for non-union functions. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 9/10/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 8/27/12 meeting were read and approved. Gerald Payne won the door prize. Steve Meyers won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Ken Auerweck reported that the NPS sites had 95 "Followers" on Twitter and 21 "Likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that the search for a location for our 2013 Stamp Show continues and that Hendersonville and several hotel locations were just too expensive for our show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation and computer program by Don Kotval on "Duck Stamps Revealed".

The NPS had its 9/24/12 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/10/12 meeting were read and approved. Chuck Hiehle won the door prize. Dave Bodkin won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone committee. Matt reported that several church locations were being investigated as possible sites for the 2013 Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

# 1893: The First U. S. Commemorative Stamps continued

## By Tom Tribke

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### The 2¢ stamp



John Vanderlyn's painting "The Landing of Columbus", originally commissioned by Congress, and already used on \$5 banknotes and the 15-cent stamp from the 1869 Pictorial Issue, was again pressed into service. By a substantial margin, this is the most common stamp of the Columbian Issue. More than 1 billion copies were printed, over 70 percent of the total number of Columbian Issue stamps, in part because it paid the first-class rate for domestic mail.

Damage to one transfer roll resulted in a chevron-shaped notch in the hat of the third man on Columbus' right on some copies of this stamp. This variety, known as the "broken hat", is no longer considered significant enough for the Scott catalogue to provide it with its own minor number listing, although the catalogue still tracks separate, slightly higher, prices for the variant, which is popular with collectors.

### The 3¢ stamp



Entitled "Flag Ship of Columbus", this value depicts the Santa Maria. It is generally believed that a Spanish engraving was the model for this stamp, but the source remains unknown. Regardless of its original source, Robert Savage performed the engraving used. Although over 11 million were printed, this stamp also did not pay any standard postal rate in 1893. Instead it was considered a "make-up" stamp, meant to be used in combination with other small denomination stamps to pay higher rates.

# 1893: The First U. S. Commemorative Stamps continued

## By Tom Tribke

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### The 4¢ stamp



There is some dispute regarding the origin of the design of "Fleet of Columbus". Like the previous value, it is widely attributed to an unknown Spanish engraving. However, a similar image also appeared in an American book some six months before the Exposition. There are significant differences, however, and philatelic authors researching the issue have stated that it is not possible to conclusively determine the origins of the design with the information known. The stamp itself paid the first-class rate for double-weight mail.

The most significant collectible variety in the set also occurs on this value. The normal color of this stamp is a shade known as ultramarine. A very small number of 4-cent stamps were printed in error using the wrong color ink, a significantly darker shade that more closely resembles the blue of the 1-cent stamp. At least two error sheets, totaling 200 stamps, are thought to have been produced, although significantly fewer copies are known to have survived. The "4-cent blue" is thus considered a great rarity, selling for thousands of dollars; \$15,750 in 2003, but only \$9,000 in 2010.

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