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Hope everyone is doing OK!!!

CZESLAW SLANIA 1921-2005

Czeslaw Slania was born near Krakow, Poland on October 21, 1921. Life was a struggle to get by during the period between the two World Wars. He showed promise in art. During World War II he worked with the Polish Resistance forging various government documents.



After the War. He attended the Krakow Academy of Fine Arts and became employed by the Polish Stamp Printing Works. His mentor was M. R. Polak who was a top engraver for them. During the early 1950's Slania would design or/and engrave over fifty stamps for Poland.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First, I hope everyone is OK and making it through the continuing "Shelter at Home" mandates by the state and local governments caused by the Corona COVID-19 virus pandemic. Although things have loosened up a bit we still need to be careful. I continue to work around the house and have finally caught up, still doing some reading, and keeping up with the news. I'm still working on my stamp collection and have learned several new things about my postage dues. Our regular meetings did restart in May and have been very successful! Hope to see you at the next one on July 13th at the Bavarian Bierhaus.

Matt Benward, President NPS

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* STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Nashville Stamp Show 2020 Rescheduled

Our annual stamp show has been rescheduled and will be held on August 8-9 at the Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue in Gallatin. This is a same location as was scheduled in March. Thanks to those who volunteered for the March show and hopefully you can volunteered for our stamp show in August. We couldn't have had such a successful without you! So if you can please volunteer!

Roger Hunt asks for donations of old albums

Roger Hunt asked the members to donate old, partially-filled stamp albums for the "children's stamp table" our forthcoming stamp show. As you may remember during our 2019 show there were tables setup between the dealers tables and exhibits with loose stamps for children and some adults to pick through. So if you have any old albums just sitting around the house please think about donating them to help get children interested in stamp collecting again. You may contact Roger at the club meetings or contact the club and we'll get your message to him. Please email: show@nashvillephilatelic.org.

Mark Thompson needs "Cool Postage" items

Mark needs some "Cool Postage" items for exhibits at our show. "Cool Postage" items are envelopes with lots of old stamps. Bring them to the club.

Articles for the newsletter

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 mhenward@aol.com. Thanks.

All club meetings now at the Bavarian Bierhaus

Since the Inglewood Public Library is still closed for the foreseeable future all club meeting will be held at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills until further notice. At these meetings all COVID-19 mandates are being followed.

New Members

Bill Colp

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:15 p.m., and Program at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Inglewood Branch Library, 4312 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

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

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Minutes Review for February 2020 – June 2020

The NPS held its 2/24/2020 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 2/10/2020 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Jack Langham won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 361 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1,136 “followers”. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. Mark Thompson said reported \$6,000 in the bank, gave a due report on who paid, and 38 frames we committed for the show. Matt mentioned that over 400 postcards Stamp Show notices would be sent out to invite past show attendees to come again to our show. The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

NPS held its 3/9/2020 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 2/24/2020 meeting were read and approved with amendments. Al Bollmeier won the door prize and Mark Thompson won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 367 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1,133 “followers”. Mark Thompson reported that the Treasury now stood at \$5,551.00. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. Matt mentioned that there were 17 dealers committed to our show. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation and handout on “Postmarks and Cancells” by Al, Matt and other NPS members.

After the 3/9/2020 NPS meeting, “Shelter at Home” directives were given by state and local governments because of the Corona COVID-19 virus pandemic. These directives forced the cancellation of our planned 2020 Stamp Show that had been scheduled March 21st and 22nd and our stamp club meetings for the rest of March and April 2020. While some of these “Shelter at Home” guidelines appear to be easing in May 2020, it remains to be determined when meeting locations will again allow group meetings such as our stamp clubs hold.

The NPS held its 5/25/20 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus with Matt Benward presiding. Nine members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 3/9/20 meeting were read and approved. Bill Colp’s application for NPS membership received first reading. Roger Hunt won the door prize and Mark Thompson won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and few, if any, stamp shows were reviewed. Matt announced that our annual NPS Stamp and Postcard Show was re-scheduled for August 8 – 9, 2020. Matt also reported that the Huntsville Stamp Show was cancelled. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Our Facebook site had 370 ‘likes’ and our Twitter site had 1151 “followers”. Mark Thompson presented a current Treasurer’s report. The business session then adjourned for an auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS had its 6/8/20 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members and three guests were present. The minutes of the 5/25/20 meeting were read and approved. Bill Colp’s application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to the club. Rudy Caduff won the door prize and Mrs. Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and any stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Stamp donations were received from Rudy Caduff. Thank you! Matt advised that our Twitter site had 1156 “followers” and Facebook had 395 “likes”. The business session then adjourned for an excellent program on “the 100 Greatest Stamps – Part 1” by Al Bollmeier, Matt and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 6/22/20 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus with Matt Benward presiding. Nine members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/8/20 meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Odie Caduff won the door prize and Steve Meyer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows, if any, were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1153 “followers” on Twitter and 420 “likes” on Facebook. Mark Thompson reported our Treasurer’s report remains unchanged from our last report. Mark also expressed concerns about Stamp Show preparations in view of the COVID-17 pandemic and how we would handle persons attending. This issue will require further study. The business session then adjourned for our auction conducted by Tom Tribke.

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Minutes Review for November 2019 – February 2020

The NPS held its 11/12/19 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 10/25/19 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize and Mark Thompson won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Jim Young donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reported that we had 1117 “followers” on our Tweeter site and 321 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned again that the 2020 Stamp Show was on March 21 & 22, 2020. The business session then adjourned for an excellent presentation on “Stamps prepared by Master Engraver Czeslaw Slania” by Steve Chambers from the Brentwood Philatelic Society.

The NPS meeting for 11/25/2019 was held at the Bavarian Bierhaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Eleven members were present. Minutes of the 11/12/2019 meeting was read and approved. Jim Young won the door prize and Ken Owen won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Ken Owen reported that he was moving to the Chattanooga area and wouldn't be able to attend our meetings. We were all sorry to see him leave! Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Mark Thompson reported that \$120 was paid to the American Philatelic Society for the APS circuits. Matt mentioned that help would be needed for setup and takedown of our March 21 & 22, 2020 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for our Auction with Al Bollmeier as the auctioneer.

NPS held its annual Christmas party on 12/16/2019 at the Inglewood Branch Library. Approximately fifteen NPS members, their guests and invited library patrons joined together for fellowship and plenty of good food!!

The NPS held its 1/13/2020 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Ten members were present. Minutes of the 11/25/2019 meeting were read and approved. Also an informal report was given on our Christmas meeting held on December 16, 2019. Roger Hunt won the door prize and Forrest Wise won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Twitter site had 1123 “followers”. Roger Hunt asked if members could donate old, partially-filled stamp albums for the “children’s stamp table” for our forthcoming stamp show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation and handout by Matt, Al Bollmeier and others on "Odd Stamps".

The NPS held its 1/27/2020 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/13/2020 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize and Mark Thompson won the Participation Prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp, and Social Media committees! It was reported that our Facebook site had 354 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1127 “followers”. Mark Thompson presented a Treasurer’s Report summarizing 2019. Matt asked for help for show setup and takedown. The business session was then adjourned for an Auction conducted by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 2/10/2020 meeting at the Inglewood Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 1/27/2020 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize and Markus Bell won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Mark Thompson gave a brief update on the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. It was reported that our Facebook site had 356 “likes” and that our Twitter site had 1130 “followers”. Mark Thompson gave a brief Treasury status. Show posters and flyers were provided for distribution for our 2020 show. Roger Hunt again asked the members to donate old partially-filled albums for the “children’s stamp table” at our Show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. Matt also mentioned that at least 15 dealers had committed to our show with two NPS member tables included. The business session was then adjourned for a presentation and handout on “Philatelic Literature” by Matt, Al, and other members.

Czeslaw Slana 1921 – 2005 Cont'd



Engraving a stamp is very labor intensive and time consuming. Using a burin and a loupe, an engraver would etch the design in soft steel, at actual size, and in reverse. Today there are very few top notch stamp engravers left and few countries that use them.

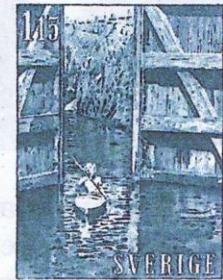
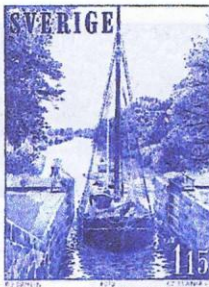


During a career that lasted just over a half a century, Slania engraved 1,070 different stamp designs that totaled over 1,500 different face value issues. In addition he engraved currency for eleven different as well as various stamp like labels.

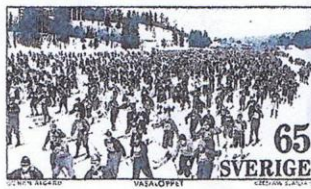


During the European unrest of 1956 Slania left Poland and settled in Sweden. In 1960 he was employed by the Swedish Post office as an engraver. During his career he engraved stamps for thirty-two different countries as well as being the court engraver for Sweden, Denmark, and Monaco.

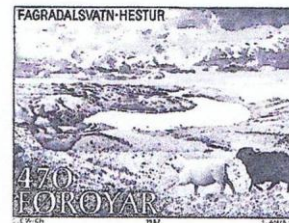
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Slania's sense of humor came into play when he would include himself, or a relative or friend in a design, either as a figure or a name hidden in the design. This probably helped keep him going as he often worked twelve hours a day.



Many of his stamps combined engraving with lithographic printing adding colors. Some countries provided special "blackprints" on a limited basis to customers so Slania's engraving could be fully appreciated.



Czeslaw Slana 1921 – 2005 Cont'd

While he slowed down, he continued working to the end of his life at age eighty-four, still creating intricate designs. His 1,000th stamp was a special issue for Sweden, and is the world's largest engraved stamp. A blackprint was available on a very limited basis. Keep in mind that he was eighty years old when he engraved this stamp!



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