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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 1, Canastota, NY

The 2005 annual meeting of Empire State Postal History Society will be held Sunday, May 1, in Canastota, NY, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant located just off exit 34 of the NY Thruway. After leaving the toll booth take a left at the end of the access road onto N.Peterborough St. and drive 100 feet; the Casa Mia Restaurant is on the right, next to the Mobil station. Plenty of parking on the side and in back.

Plan to attend the annual meeting. It will have covers, covers, covers, a full report on Society activities and finances, presentation of the deLisle Award and election of officers for the new fiscal year beginning May 1. Those members present will have the opportunity to express themselves and VOTE regarding the Society's programs, membership recruitment, finances and anything else related to the health of ESPHS. All told, it should be an interesting meeting.

We've reserved a room at the Casa Mia with plenty of space for those bringing covers for sale or trade, in effect, a mini-bourse without table fees. We encourage members to bring guests as well as covers. Coffee and pastries will be provided in the morning; the business meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11:15 a.m., followed by a dutch-treat lunch ordered off the menu. The socializing and cover hunting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Note: The Spring Mega Event (March 3-6, Madison Square Garden) schedule on page 48 in Linn's Stamp News for February 28 has a listing for Empire State Postal History Society annual meeting at 1 p.m. March 6. This should have read REGIONAL meeting, not annual meeting.

Our regional representative for New York City, Long Island, Westchester and Rockland Counties has already come forward with some intriguing suggestions for improving our outreach and membership recruitment. I'm hoping he will attend the annual meeting to discuss these ideas with us; if not, I'll report for him. By the time you read this Bulletin Frank will have provided us with a presence at the Spring Mega Event, perhaps the first time ever. We shared a table all four days of the Show with the New Jersey Postal History Society and held a regional meeting at the Show on Sunday.

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SOCIETY NEWS

Contributions are always welcome for this feature; please send them to:

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ESPHS Secretary/Treasurer
373 Root Road
Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3227

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You may call John at (518) 882-6373. The best time is in the afternoon between 1 and 6.

We welcome the following new members:
Best, Greig L., 209 Selby Ranch Rd.#2, Sacramento, CA 95864-5820
Interests: NYC stamps and FDC"s

Littell, James R., 329 Falconer St., North Tonawanda, Ny 14120
Interests: Zeppelins/Civil War/WWII PH

Raugh, Stanley W. 4217 Eighth Av. Temple, PA 19560-1805
Interests: Stampless covers with interesting contents, NY Civil War Covers

Applicants for membership:
Oprysko, Modest M.. PO Box 218, Baldwin Place, NY 10505
Interests: NYC cancels on cover w. 3 cent 1861 stamp
References: APS, USPCS, Cancellation Club



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Thanks to John Nunes for preparing the needed revisions and updating of our membership brochure. It should be ready for initial distribution at Cover Mania in Albany March 19-20; there will be a plentiful supply at the annual meeting for members to take for distribution at bourses, shows, stamp club meetings, libraries and historical societies in their respective regions. The American Philatelic Society has available a brochure entitled Postal History; this is an effective recruitment tool in itself and will be an excellent companion to our own brochure. I hope to have supply of these available no later than our annual meeting.

Heather Sweeting reports that her father's ESPHS files are still intact. Charlie Sweeting was one of our founders, and his files go back to the Society's beginnings in 1967. I have had conflicting reports as to whether or not he was our first President. Heather tells me he was the first President, based on minutes of meetings she's found in his files. These files will be an invaluable source of information on past activities, officers and publications of ESPHS.

Two of our regional meetings for 2005 (Buffalo and New York City), and possibly a third (Albany), will have occurred by the time you receive this Bulletin. These meetings were announced in my President's Message in the December 2004 Bulletin, and hopefully many of you were able to attend at least one. If the date hasn't passed, the Albany meeting will be held at Cover Mania VII, a two-day show March 19-20 at the Clarion Hotel (was Quality Inn) at exit 5 of I-90. We will meet on the second day (Sunday) in late a.m. or early p.m. (check on arriving at the show for exact time and room location).

Our fourth regional meeting for 2005 will be at ROPEX, upstate New York's only WSP show, scheduled for Webster, NY, June 10-12. Our meeting will be on Saturday, June 11, in one of the classrooms adjacent to the show site. I expect it will be held in the early p.m., but please check the show program or at the Society table for the meeting time and location.

We have developed a real presence at ROPEX in the past two years with exhibits, a Society table and our Rochester regional meeting. We have an award for the best New York State Postal History exhibit receiving a vermeil or better at this show. As of February 23, there were no exhibits of NY Postal History listed on the ROPEX website (www.geocities.com/rpastamps/ropex.html). It's clear that ROPEX 2005 still needs exhibits and even more clear that our Society, if it wants to continue a presence at upstate's major philatelic event, must generate some exhibits of New York postal history. Please, members, enter exhibits at ROPEX 2005!! And also take a turn at the Society table while you're at the Show: please let me know if you're willing to help, and when you can be there. Contact me by phone, (607) 732-0181, mail, 809 Holley Rd., Elmira, NY 14905 or e-mail (see below). I can also provide an Exhibitor Prospectus and Entry Form for ROPEX 2005, or you can obtain it through the ROPEX website.

Alan Parsons
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Have you been to the ESPHS webpage lately? <http://www.esphs.org>

LANGE TAKES BEST-IN-SHOW AT STEPEX '04 PARSONS WINS ESPHS AWARD

John Lange, ESPHS Secretary-Treasurer, took Gold and Best-in-Show at STEPEX '04 with an eight-frame traditional stamp exhibit, The Three Cent Imperforate Stamp of the United States 1851-1857 Issue. In addition to his interest in Saratoga County postal history, Lange has specialized in the "3-cent 1851" (Scott #s 10 and 11) for many years, and his exhibit encompasses virtually every aspect of the stamp, its production and its uses.

STEPEX 2004, sponsored by the Elmira Stamp Club, was held October 22 & 23 at the Arnot Mall in Horseheads, NY. This was the 29th consecutive year in which the show has been held at the Mall. The competitive exhibits at STEPEX '04 filled 48 16-page frames.

There were six New York postal history exhibits at STEPEX '04. A single-frame exhibit by Alan Parsons entitled 19th Century Railroad Postal Markings Related to Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung and Tioga Counties won Gold and the Empire State Postal History Society award for the show's best NY postal history exhibit.

Gold medals were also awarded to NY postal history exhibits by Ann Trigg for her single frame Clarence Postal History, by William J. Hart for his single frame Rural Free Delivery Hand Cancels and by Parsons for his five frame exhibit of first day covers of the Sullivan Commemorative issued in 15 upstate NY communities in 1929.

Two silver medal exhibits completed the NY postal history showing: Survey of Newburgh, Orange County, NY Postal History, a two-frame exhibit by Martin Margulis, and Star Cancels of Delaware County, New York, a single frame exhibit by Ada Prill.

All the NY postal history exhibits at STEPEX were entered by Society members. The ESPHS award for the best of these exhibits was a Waterford Crystal "Lismore Small Clock." Time Piece.

Have You.....

-found a new Doane cancel? Send the information to Maris Tirums.
- discovered a new star cancel? Send the information to David Williams
- a new early or late manuscript cancel? Send the information to Doug Penwell
- a new RFD cancel? Send the information to Bill Hart



Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries (www.siegelauctions.com) and James T. McCusker (www.jamesmccusker.com) will auction The Dr. Alfred S. Martin Collection of US PH, FDCs, and Earliest Documented Uses at the end of March 2005. Here are 2 items from the upcoming auctions that originated in New York state.

Port Chester to Lima, Peru (1870): two 24c 1869s and 2 banknotes (6c & 12c) paying the triple 22c rate.

Rochester: First Day of Special Delivery Service, Oct. 1, 1885. According to Scott the earliest documented use is September 29, 1885.



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NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICER & DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED AT 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Empire State Postal History Society will be held Sunday, May 1, 2004. The Nominating Committee Chair for election of officer and directors at this meeting is

John A. Cali
613 W. Fourth Street
Fulton, NY 13069-3104
phone 315-592-4441
email rocket@dreamscape.com.

Positions open:

President (07), incumbent: Alan Parsons

Vice President (07): incumbent: Joe Rowbottom

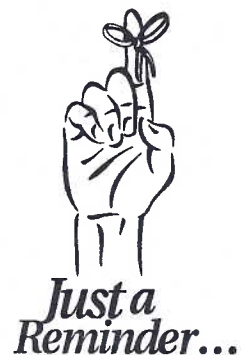
Directors (08), incumbents are Louis Call, Heather Sweeting, and Gerald Wiley

Nominations close on March 20, 2005. Three nominating signatures are required for each nominee. Nominations are to be sent to Mr. Cali to be received by him no later than March 20.

2005 Dues Notice

Dues for the year May 1, 2005 thru April 30, 2006 are now payable. It will greatly benefit your Society to pay the dues within the next three weeks. This will save the cost of mailing separate dues notices. Please make your \$10 check out to ESPHS and send it (with your free trading post ad if you wish to

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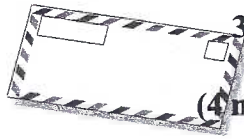


The following members have prepaid their dues for 2005-2006 and need not respond to this notice: Bashista, Best, Cavalari, Christofaro, Fielder, Fonda, Guenzburger, Hart, Kendall, Littell, McGowan, Oprysko, Purcell, Raugh, Scannell and Wisconsin Historical Society.

SEEKING LAUNDRY TAGS, US service women's mail, and other items relating to women in postal history. Also seeking SULLIVAN and ONONDAGA County postal history. Augusta Gelfand, 4159 Steck Av. #112, Austin, TX 78759-8512 email: augustaig@hotmail.com (5/5)

WISH TO BUY to and from Garden City, L.I., N.Y. covers, pre-1947, pay extra for enclosures. Harry G. Dow, 5 Holliswood Drive, Latham, N.Y. (518) 785-1153 (2/5)

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 3 Watervliet Avenue, Albany, N.Y.
 Just off Exit 5 of I-90
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Cover Mania: March 19-20, 2005

RS Shows, Eagles Club
 1200 Buffalo Rd., Rte. 33
 NYS Thruway, I-490 Exit 7A
 (Rte. 33 east), 1.7 miles
 May 1, Aug. 7, 2005



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Send on approval or a photocopy with price to:

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HELP WANTED: AN UPDATED CHECKLIST

1. **Chairperson for Publications Committee**: job description available from Society president.
2. **Chairperson for Membership and Marketing**: job description available from Society president.
3. **Articles for the Journal and Bulletin** (send longer articles for the Journal to Drew A. Nicholson, 18 Valley Dr., Pawling, NY 12564-1140 and short articles for the Bulletin to Glenn A. Estus, P.O. Box 45 1, Westport, NY 12993). Illustrations (covers, cancels, etc.) welcome with either type article.
4. **Lots for Society auctions** (send to John J. Nunes, 80 Fredericks Rd., Scotia, NY 12302-5727).
5. **Information on all N.Y. Doane cancels** in your collection (send to Maris Tirums, P.O. Box 5475, Albany 12205 a.s.a.p.-he's hoping to publish soon! Do not send info or photocopies you have already sent to Maris).
6. **Information on any new towns, star types**, colors or years of use of NY star cancels not contained in the original book by David Proulx (send photocopies to David E. Williams, 7115 Abbey Woods Dr. NE, New Salisbury, IN 47161).
7. **Information on N.Y. manuscript post offices** updating or supplementing that contained in the 1984 book edited by Chlanda & Wilcox and the 1999 Master Supplement edited by Penwell (send to Douglas Penwell, ESPHS Manuscript Postmark Coordinator, P.O.Box 5325, Glendale, AZ 85311-3525).
8. **Information on N.Y. county and postmaster cancels** not contained in the original book by David Proulx., also send to Douglas Penwell.
9. **Information on all N.Y. RFD cancels** in your collection (send to William J. Hart, P.O. Box 167, Shrub Oak, NY 10588).
10. **Send list or inventory of early Society Publications** in your possession to Bill Bauer, P.O.Box 519, Unadilla, NY 13849-0519.
11. **Exhibits of N.Y. postal history for shows in New York State**. Such exhibits are also encouraged for shows in other states, but are especially needed for New York shows. When entering, please inquire as to availability of ESPHS Award; if exhibits chairperson not aware of this award, have this person contact Albert Guenzberger, P.O.Box 215, Guilford, NY 13780-0215; (607) 895-653 1.