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The Masonic Stamp Club of New York was organized in 1934 for the purpose of encouraging research and study in Masonic Philately, and to establish bonds of good fellowship among Masons who are stamp collectors. The need for the organization has proved itself through the years with its ever-increasing membership and the formation of other Masonic stamp clubs in the United States.

The Editor invites all members to submit items of information and articles on the subject of Masonic Philately. Typewritten copy and/or camera ready items will result in the best possible presentation of your material if it is selected for use.

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50th Anniversary

Master of Philately Degree

George Washington Masonic Memorial Alexandria, Virginia Sunday February 26, 2006

Arrive before 11 AM for last complete tour of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

1:00–2:00 PM.....Assemble, Socialize & Review Covers 2:00–4:30 PM....Meeting & Master of Philately Degree 4:30–5:00 PM....Gather at Joe Theismann's Restaurant at foot of Shooters Hill across from Metro Station 1800 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA Phone 703-739-0777 5:00 PM Annual Banquet......(Ladies/Guests Invited)

Speaker

GWMSC President Walter Benesch



Topic

The Surrender at Yorktown "How a French General helped Washington Win the War"

For reservations contact John R. Allen Secretary & Past President GWMSC 2831 Swanhurst Drive Midlothian, VA 23113-2278 jrallen @erols.com

If you have not received the Master of Philately from the George Washington Masonic Stamp Club you may receive it with the others planning to attend. Please notify/reserve in advance with Brother Allen so we will have your Master of Philately certificate for presentation to you at this meeting.

Membership applications received after September 2005 will be balloted upon in February 2006 and require a complete application, payment of the \$10.00 fee, and evidence of membership in a recognized Lodge.

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George Washington Masonic Stamp Club



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2002 GW Birthday new 2002 pict.cancel \$1.50 2003 GW Birthday Masonic cancel at Mount Vernon Other Special Event Covers: **GW Capitol Cornerstone** Imperial Shrine, DC Apollo 11 5-06-70 Truman 86th Birthday 5-15-71 Demise 6 cent stamp 50th Annly. Phil. Agcy 5-13-72 100th Anniv. Union Bridge, MD 6-4-75 100th Anniv. Corp. Engrs 5-28-76 GW Mt. Vernon Fr. Light bell 5-28-76 GW Mt. Vernon Fr. Light Eagle 10-12-76 GW appt. 6 star Gen. **B&O RR Cornerstone** GW 225th Anniversary as MM 1-27-79 Mtg.Palestine Lodge 3-24-79 Mtg Lancaster, PA 7-20-79 Apollo 11 - 10th Anniv 3-28-81 GWMSC mtg. Lancaster, PA 10-24-81 GWMSC 25th Anniv. 3-27-82 Mtg Baltimore 12-23-83 GW Surrenders Commission (2 diff.: table, & t/bust) Mtg intercourse, PA Mtg BALPEX [pc] Mtg Philanthropic Ldg #168 [pc] Mtg Springfield, VA [pc] \$1.00 Mtg York, PA 199th Anv GW Inaug Mtg Frederick, MD Oklahoma pc Mtg Intercourse, PA Mtg BALPEX Mtg Red Lion, PA Mtg. Bird in Hand, PA \$1.50 Bro. James Buchanan [pc] Pres.Birthday Sta Mercersburg, PA \$1 4-23-91 Bro. Jas. Buchanan [pc] Lancaster, PA Dwntwn Sta, Phil. Ctr \$1 1-27-92 Apollo 1 Meml Sta [pc] Gus Grissom \$1.25 6-27-92 Mtg Bird in Hand , PA \$1.00 10-13-92 White House Cornerstone Bicent \$2.25 10-24-92 GWMSC mtg Savage, MD [pc] \$1.00 124th Annual Assbly United Grand Imp Council Kts Red Cross of Constantine \$2.25 5-16-98 Rockford Plantation [pc] \$1.00 6-26-99 Masonic Natl.Meml Dedlc.(pc) \$1.00 12-14-99 200th Anniv.GW's death .{MV pc} \$1.00 04-15-00 225th Anniv. Revol. War DC \$1.00 04-23-01 Grand Council Royal & Select Masons of PA \$2 11-04-02 250th Anniv. of G.W. made a Mason \$1.50 Banquet Programs: ['89-'91 not postmarked] \$1.00/each \$2.50 ea \$2.00 ea \$2.25 ea Other: GWMSC Binder pages @ \$0.10/each GWMSC Lapel Pin, Gold upon Blue enamel, \$1.00 Covers on list in Red (on web site) are rediscovered & short supply. Web site: <http://GWMSC.tripod.com>

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SALVATION ARMY and MASONIC PERSONAGES



During the Christmas Season, we notice the Salvation Army "Kettles" most everywhere and we are reminded that this religious and charitable organization was founded in London in 1865 by William Booth, when on the curbstone of a gin-smelling street in London's East End, amid jeers and stones he began to pray for the rough men and women gathered about him. There he and his wife and a few followers went day after day to meetings which they held. Gen. William Booth headed this Army until 1912 when his command was relinquished by death.

The Salvation Army became international in 1880 when it established a branch office in New York City. Shortly after its organization in America, the son of William Booth became its commander. This man, Ballington Booth, who headed the Army in Australia for two years before coming to America was its commander from 1887 to 1896. At that time, he had a disagreement with his father and he organized a similar group called the "Volunteers of America". His wife was later a founder of the Parent Teachers Association.

Bro. Ballington Booth was a member of Montclair Lodge No. 144, NJ, about 1899 and later joined Charter Oak Lodge No. 249, New York City. He served as a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York and was a member of the York and Scottish Rites as well as Kismet Temple, AAONMS. His son Charles, head of the VOA after 1948, was also raised in Montclair Lodge No. 144 and demitted to Morton Lodge No. 63, Hempstead, NY.

Brig. Henry A. Dries, a native of Plymouth, MA, became interested in "the Army" at the age of 16. He and his wife were assigned to various locations in New Jersey and then Pittsburgh, PA where he also served as Chaplain to the fire department. He is shown on a stamp issued by Zaire in March 1980 holding a boy who had just been carried out of a burning building – a photograph which has been used widely in Salvation Army literature. He retired to a Salvation Army Home in Asbury Park, NJ in 1968.

Bro. Dries was raised Nov. 30, 1932, in Raritan Lodge No. 61 in Perth Amboy, NJ. He served there as Chaplain from 1935 until transferred to Pittsburgh in 1962. He became a Scottish Rite Mason and affiliated with Syria Shrine Temple.





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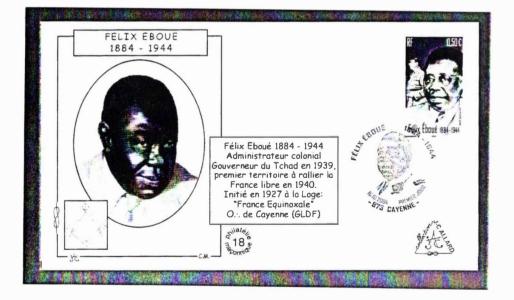
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PHILA MASONICA CLUB der Forschungsloge Quatuor Coronati Wien

1974 wurde die Forschungsloge Quatuor Coronati Wlen gegründet. Das Ziel dieser Deputationsloge ist, durch das Studium der freimaurerischen Geschichte (und besonders der österreichischen Freimaurergeschichte) ein tiefes Verständnis für die Freimaurerei zu erarbeiten. Das Ergebnis wird in den Quatuor-Coronati-Berichten (derzeit Heft Nr. 25) festgeschrieben.

1989 wurde im Rahmen der Quatuor Coronati Wien der Phila Masonica Club (PMC) gegründet, der sich mit dem Gebief der maurerischen Philatelie beschäftigt. Dieser Briefmarkenclub, einer der vielen in Europa und Übersee, hat sich, neben der Sammlung von Briefmarken maurerischer Persönlichkeiten und Briefmarken mit maurerischen Symbolen, zur Aufgabe gemacht, die freimaurerischen Ereignisse der Großloge von Österreich postalisch zu dokumentieren. 51 FDC und Gedenkkuverts sind bis dato (2003) zur Ausgabe gelangt. Zwangsläufig ergibt sich auch ein reger Schriftverkehr mit den anderen maurerischen "Stamp Clubs".

Geleitet wird dieser PMC seit den Anfangstagen von Br. Herbert Schmid-Korlath. Adresse: Rauhensteingasse 3 A-1010 Wien - Austria

PHILA MASONICA CLUB of the Resarch Lodge Quatuor Coronati Wien

In 1974 the Resarch Lodge Quatuor Coronatl Wlen/Vlenna was founded. This Deputy Lodge's aim is to develop a deep understanding of Freemasonry by studying Masonic history (especially Austrian Masonic history). The results are published in the Quatuor Coronati Reports (the present volume is no. 25).

In 1989 the Phila Masonica Club was founded as a part of the Resarch Lodge. It occupies itself with Masonic philately. This club, one of many in Europe and overseas, has as it's aim the collection of stamps showing famous Freemasons and Masonic symbols as well as the philatelic documentation of events of the Grand Lodge of Austria.

Until the year-2003 fiftyone FDCs and commemoriative envelops have been issued. This fact requires correspondence with various other Masonic stamp clubs.

PMC is lead by Bro. Herbert Schmid-Korlath since its foundation.

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Erstmalig kann ich Euch den Briefmarkenblock in Farbe darstellen und dazu den folgenden Kommentar dazu geben:

Dieser Briefmarkenblock ist ein Ausschnitt aus dem Gemälde eines unbekannten Malers. Im Jahre 1926 erwarb das Historische Museum der Stadt Wien das Gemälde von Rudolf Tinti in Kroisbach, Graz, nach dessen



Dieser Briefmarkenblock ist ein Ausschnitt aus dem Gemälde eines unbekannten Malers. Im Jahre 1926 erwarb das Historische Museum der Stadt Wien das Gemälde von Rudolf Tinti in Kroisbach, Graz, nach dessen Angaben es sich um einen alten Familienbesitz handelte. Die Darstellung ist offenbar eine Klitterung verschiedener Ereignisse, vor allem auch einer Aufnahme, offenbar zur Erinnerung zusammengefasst. Dabei dürfte der Wert auf die Identität einer Anzahl von Brüdern gelegt worden sein. So sind vor allem die beiden Figuren rechts vorne offenbar als Mozart und Schikaneder erkennbar. Die Art der Darstellung ist einzigartig in der maurerischen Geschichte.

Br:. H. C. Robbins Landon hat in seinem Buch "Mozart and the masons. New light on the lodge Crowned Hope", London 1982, Verlag Thames and Hudson, in einer Studie angenommen, dass es sich um eine Arbeit der Loge "Zur gekrönten Hoffnung" handelt, datiert zwischen 1. Januar und dem 15. Februar 1790, möglicherweise im Hause Wien 1., Schwertgasse 3 und konnte rund 12 Brüder der damaligen Loge identifizieren.

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ATA-NY Chapter Newsletter

Seventh Annual Newsletter, September 2005

I managed to do something this year I have not been able to do for some time. Get a First Day Cover for this newsletter. All the way into the Wilds of Flushing! And this will set a record in length with 2 pages double sided. This Philatelic Season is starting off with a BANG! Actually several!

As I write this there are 2 ceremonies 3 days apart; August 27^{th} for Arthur Ashe and 30^{th} for To Form a More Perfect Union, which is a national first day. There will also be a Let's Dance stamp coming out September 17^{th} , on a Saturday. I have no information about the location yet, but if you attend the meeting September 8^{th} , I should have the information by then, along with some extra covers.

The official announcement of this stamp was made in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the ATA National Topical Stamp Show. I have photos! You should see those outfits!! The girl's skirt starts out short and rises as she twirls. They guy is sedately dressed in a shirt opened passed his navel. The show hired them from a local dance studio and they had so much fun there and liked how they were treated that they took a turn around the show floor, giving the dealers a treat! Along with those die-hard buyers who simply cannot leave the floor and must spend every minute searching for 'that' stamp!

Actually, the show went well this year. Though the President's Reception was held at a local brewery, among the items they brewed was MY brand of beer! Root! I had some of the best Root Beer and Crème Soda I have had in a long time! You got a ticket for a free 4-pack but I gave mine away to a friend. He had more time to drink than I did.

The first meeting of the season will be September 8th at the Collectors Club of New York and it promises to be an interesting one! By that time I should know the location of the next international show being held in the United States, in 2016. The competition is between Columbus, Ohio and New York City! Come on everyone! Send a note or an email to the APS at One Match Factory Plaza, Bellefonte, PA and vote for OUR City! There's only one New York and it is a truly unique place to be.

I have been working my poor little tail off, which explains why I don't have one, this summer on behalf of philately. The Future of Philately meeting was held at Champion Stamps (Vince's hangout, I think he's the only member who has actually been inside the place) so I had out-of-town company just the way I like it! Ray Cartier, executive director of the ATA came into town to attend. He especially enjoyed the strange cultural rituals of the "natives", which we all know could actually be immigrants here from the United States.

Part of our conversation went like this:

Ray: OK, the highlight of my looking into the strange cultural rituals of the people of the country of NYC occurred when I saw a shirtless man, standing in the street (7th), throwing imaginary dice. I walked four blocks closer to Penn Station and stopped at a White Castle. When I came out, he or his twin was on the next corner I came to, doing the same. What an interesting native custom!

Caroline: You mean you didn't see the Naked Cowboy at Times Square? This guy plays a guitar and sings country and western songs - rather badly I'm told, wearing just his skivvies. Winter, summer he's out there! Ray: "No he must have taken a break to go to one of those foreign stores called a-a-a Deli, I believe is what they called it. The best I could figure out, its like TV Dinners without TV's. I did see a 6' 2" Amazon with an 8"

high hairdo and 5" heels. That was a wondrous sight I'll tell you. I also saw some T-shirts that would put the wearers in Jail here-abouts in Texas. There was also an alien being at the airport with black eyes, black lips, black hair, black clothes and ritualistic metal rings visible in lips, tongue, eyebrows, nose and ears. No telling where else this alien imbedded metal in her body, but I'll bet that going through the X-ray screening would have been an event to stand around and watch. I think they may have taken her mace and spear away when she came in. But no naked cowboys. Luckily he stays in New York where he doesn't stand out too much. He'd have a problem at Billy Bobs in Ft. Worth. I guar-an-tee!"

I am glad Ray enjoyed his stay here. After all my directions on how to get to Champion from the Hotel Pennsylvania by bus, subway and airplane, he walked! It's the only was he had time to see any of the City. We did manage to get together one evening after work (for both of us at our respective jobs) which we enjoyed at my favorite Irish Place and afterward I gave him a tour of GPO. The museum was open so we ventured into that area to see what was on display.

2005-2006 is going to be an interesting season. We have that big show in Washington from May 27^{th} to June 3^{rd} . The ATA will be having study unit meetings and other events June 1^{st} to 3^{rd} . The Board meeting will be moved up to accommodate that schedule because we found out that after June 3^{rd} NOTHING will be available! No meeting space, no rooms, no food, no special hotel rates! This means I should be reaching home on Sunday, June 4^{th} around 2am - or is that Monday June $5^{th} 2am$?

We will have one meeting before the show, May 11th, where we will spend an hour in the beginning of the meeting discussing our plans for Washington, when we are planning to go and where we can meet at the show. The building is HUGE! We are all not quite as young as we used to be and cannot walk a mile a minute. At that time I will give you information about which entrance to use. Just remember; you do NOT want the front entrance. You will wind up walking 4 blocks inside the building to get to the stamp show.

Our last meeting of the season will be June 8th, right after the show. We can have a show and tell night and everybody bring in some of their souvenirs. We can discuss how we found the cultural mores of the Native Washingtonians! So you think we will find as many interesting sites as Ray found in his 2 days in NYC?

September 8th: Our usual 'get together', first meeting of the season. By this time we should have a restaurant to meet at before the meeting for those who require something to eat after work and before the meeting. For those too crushed for time to bother, there's a really good pizza spot in Penn Station. I think it's presently selling for \$2.75/slice. You can grab a slice of pizza and RUN for the train! Okay, so now my secret is out. We will be meeting at the Collectors Club around 7:15pm until 9pm. Our last meeting was in the library, which worked out well. If the British group is still in our room upstairs, we can change our venue and permanently meet in the library unless we need the display frames upstairs. We seldom use these as we are a small group.

We will have a short Business Meeting every month from 7:30-8:00pm. At this time anything that can be called "business", programs, shows, holiday party, expected weather conditions and travel advisories, etc. will be discussed at that time and that time only. This way we can have a longer time for our program instead of spending the entire meeting time discussing things a second or third time for those who are never on time. Please make an effort to be there ON TIME if you have anything to bring before the club in the way of business, or if you want to know what is going on.

I have reason to believe that we will be welcoming back one of our members who had some scheduling problems with his job last season. Mike Lubrano of Brooklyn has informed me that he is back to Monday-Friday from some un-Godly hour in the morning until 4:30pm. We have all missed Mike. He is our resident Postal Person and we do tend to go Postal on him. Alan especially would like to discuss with him the nuances of mail delivery in the borough of Brooklyn and how many monkeys are employed to tear and otherwise damage mail there. The Metropolitan Stamp Show will be held on 57^{th} Street between 9^{th} and 10^{th} Avenues the weekend of September $9^{th} 10^{th}$ and 11^{th} . I am planning to attend on the 10^{th} if I am not actually teaching the quilt class at the library.

And on Saturday, September 17th will be the issuance of the "Let's Dance!" stamp. This will be a National first day but there are some events planned for NYC. The original first day was Miami, but that was changed when it was discovered that there are more Spanish-Americans (Hispanics et al) in New York City than there are in Miami and I believe they only counted Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens. Will I see any of you there?



September 23rd (Friday) will also see the issuance of the Greta Garbo stamp. Regret I do not have any further information on this yet. Like; location, time, and what. You see what I mean by a very busy season!

October 13th: Lest anyone forget, October 9th is UPU Day, which is celebrated throughout the world with the issuance of new stamps by at least 100 out of 190 countries who are members of that organization. This year October 9th falls on a Sunday and Monday everything is closed for Columbus Day. As usual, I will bring in some of my UPU collection. I don't know exactly what yet, but with more than 50 books to choose from, I'm sure something will catch my fancy. Or I can pick any book off the shelf, so I may even bring in 1949s, or 1897s, or all those "official" items (2 books now), or pick a Congress! But whatever it will have lots of philatelic elements in it.

The MEGA Show will be held October 20th to 23rd. We will likely have a table for our group or for the ATA. We will need table sitters, meeters and greeters. I already have one volunteer coming in from New Jersey so please if you are not going to sit at the table, at least stop by and meet Mr. Skvara who has just taken over coordinating the various ATA Chapters. As everyone knows, the Space Unit always has a table at the MEGA Show. Last spring they had trouble manning it for the first time in 5 years. Many of their members had scheduling conflicts when the date of the show was changed, not once but twice. We will be discussing the manning of the table and events at the MEGA during the "business" part of the meeting; 7:30-8:00. Christmas Cookies will be issued (by the USPS) and I may have some extra (blank) covers for those manning the table.

November 10th: Many offices will be closed for Veteran's Day the following day. Mine won't. The theme will be United States in peace and war. If you have any postal items from a war, Civil War Patriotics, Spanish-American, WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, or any of the Gulf Wars, bring it in and tell us about it. If you have an item you are not sure of, bring it in and together we can figure it out. Ten heads are better than one! We will also be discussing our menu for our Holiday Party, including what to bring and what will be available. The Holiday Party will be discussed during the business meeting; 7:30-8:00.

December 8th: Our Annual Holiday Party. 1 do not have the date of the Collector's Club Party. Last year theirs was after ours, which meant no left overs. The Collectors Club seems to have a problem with "mice" after their party, and I think the mice is us. The 8th is a little early in the season actually, but I didn't design the calendar. I would prefer it to be the 14th myself, but I may be booked for another party that evening. Anyway, since I now know where the coffee pot is, I can bring a packet of coffee in and we can drink coffee along with soda and wine.

Holiday Shopping: There's another Metropolitan Stamp Show 2nd weekend in December, which means it starts the day after our meeting night. This will be discussed during the Business Meeting time. Maybe we should have another Holiday Party in January?

January 12th: Actually, our serious meetings start here. We are trying to get Mr. Francobollo to give a program either January or February. As he resides in Brooklyn, if there is a foot of snow in January, he may postpone until February. Then again, we may have two feet of snow in February!

February 9th: There's another Metropolitan Stamp Show scheduled. Personally, I think there are entirely too many of them at this point as they seem to be cropping up every 2 months. Since the advance publicity gives this schedule, I am publishing it here. We meet February 9th and the Metro Show is the 10th 11th and 12th. Our program (as mentioned above) may be Senor Francobollo. But since he will find out when he's reading this ...

March 9th: Everybody bring an item from your collection! The more unusual the better. Among items up for discussion is scheduling for the MEGA Show where we will likely have a table. It's nice to have a place to "crash"; sit and eat lunch, hide your coat so you can run around to dealers more comfortably, etc. I usually have 2 or 3 around. I'm afraid I may have at least 2 at the MEGA!

MEGA Show: March 16 - 19th. Good dates! Right in the middle of the month!

April 13th: Our latest meeting of the season. Latest meaning date of the month. The following day is Good Friday, and a good one it is, since I am off from work! We have not yet set the program for the monthly meeting

May 11th: The business portion and also some of the meeting time may be spent discussing our plans for Washington 2006. Those of us who make it there will be getting together for a dutch treat dinner some evening. By this time we should know what hotels we will be staying at and have numbers where we can contact each other. Me? The APS, ATA and Washington 2006 people will know where I am – which slaves galley! Metro show May 19th to 21st. You're kidding? Right??! Well, maybe not everybody is going to the show in Washington

June 8th: Our last meeting of the season. And what a season! Bring some of your purchases from Washington 2006! Did you find a new topic? Enjoy the exhibits? What kind of unusual cover did you manage to put together?

Dues will be due at our September meeting. For those of you who will not be able to make that meeting please send your checks to Mr. Harlan Hamilton, 170 East 83rd Street, Apt. 3L, New York, NY 10028. Dues are still \$10.00.

See You In September!

See you at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York, NY 7:15-9:00pm the 2nd Thursday of each month!





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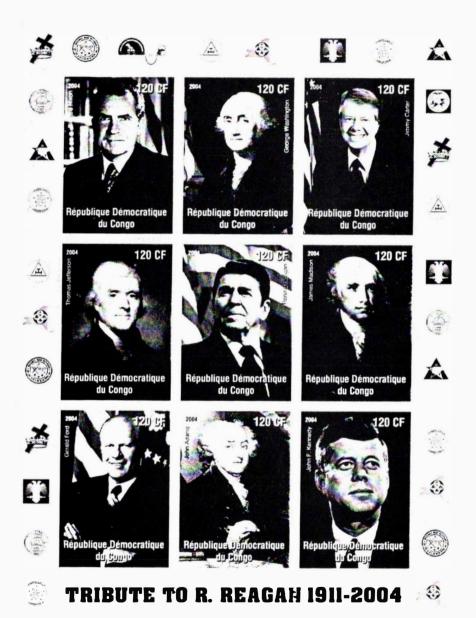
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Program & Calendar of Events

Social Hour at 5:00 PM - Exhibits Open 6:00 PM Meeting 6:30 PM - Dinner Nearby 8:00 PM

January 11, 2006 Annual Meeting - Elections

January 18, 2006 The 1903 2¢ Washington Shield Issue The Stamp that was never meant to be! Nicholas A. Lombardi. Mountainside, NJ

February 1, 2006 Broken Connections: Swiss Mail to Foreign Countries During World War II **Robert G. Zeigler, Indianapolis, IN**

February 15, 2006 Collecting Philatelic Memorabilia Dr. Herbert A. Trenchard, Hyattsville, MD

> February 18, 2006 Saturday 1 PM to 5 PM Switzerland 1862-1883 The Perforated Sitting Helvetia 2005 winner of the American Philatelic Society's Champion of Champions Award Harlan F. Stone, New York, NY

March 1, 2006 Postal History of the Second South African Republic (ZAR) 1883-1900 **R. Timothy Bartshe, Golden, CO**

March 15, 2006 Hawaiian Missionaries And the Grinnell Controversy Fred F. Gregory, Palos Verdes Estates, CA

April 5, 2006 The Development and Introduction of Uniform Penny Postage (1839-1840 Alan Holyoake, Gerrads Cross, Bucks, UK

> April 19, 2006 The U. S. 1847 Issue Harvey Mirsky, New York, NY

May 3, 2006 The Prominent Americans Issue of 1965-78 Roger S. Brody, Watchung, NJ

> May 10, 2006 **The Annual Dinner** The Cornell Club

May 17, 2006

Washington Warmup – A Special Program In Preparation for Washington 2006

> May 27 – June 3, 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition Washington, DC

