



The Westfield Philatelist

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Calendar of Events

May 27 - Westfield Stamp Club Meeting

"An Introduction to the Postal History of
The Gambia" by Gary Loew

Gary will be giving the talk that was originally scheduled for February, but had to be canceled due to the weather.

The following have been nominated for 2010/2011:

Preseident - Nicholas Lombardi

Vice-President - Edward J.J. Grabowski

Secretary - Tom Jacks

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Richard Nazar, Steven J. Rod, A. Warren Scheller, Frederick C. Skvara, K. David Steidley



June 24 - Westfield Stamp Club Meeting with Election of Officers

"The Great American Series" By Roger S. Brody



Between 1980 and 1999 sixty-three face different designs were issued in this series. If you want to learn more about this fascinating series of stamps, come to the meeting and hear from the expert. The Dorothea Dix stamp was issued in 1983 (Scott 1844).

A Philatelic Quiz

1. There is a United States stamp that depicts a camel. Do you know what stamp and why it is being depicted?
2. What American deputy postmaster appears on a Canadian stamp?
3. A 1906 painting by Edwin Willard Deming entitled *Jean Nicolet Arrive Chez Les Gens de Mer in 1634* was the basis for the design of a United States commemorative stamp. What was the stamp?
4. The New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum in Trenton was founded in 1845. The person responsible for its establishment and who eventually died there has been honored on a United States postage stamp. Do you know who that was and on what stamp that person is shown?

Members in the News

Congratulations to Nick Lombardi for winning the Grand Award at Garfield-Perry March Party 2010 with his exhibit "The 1903 Two Cent Washington Shield Issue". The exhibit is now eligible for the annual Champion of Champions competition that will be held this year at The American Philatelic Society's StampShow in Richmond, Virginia, August 12 to 15.

The Westfield Philatelist was awarded a Gold in the 2009 American Philatelic Society Chapter Activities Committee's Newsletter Competition. We were entered in Class I: Single Page Newsletters. I want to personally thank all who contributed to the newsletter's success.



Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910)

On February 12, 1987, the United States issued a 14¢ stamp (Scott 2176) in the Great American Series for this American abolitionist, social activist and poet. She was born in New York City and in 1843 married Samuel Gridley Howe (1801–1876), a physician and social reformer who founded the Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Massachusetts.



While visiting a Union camp near Washington, D.C. in 1861, she wrote the words of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". The words were set to the music of "John Brown's Body", a popular American marching song of the Union Army during the Civil War. It was first published in the February 1862 issue of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

But Julia Ward Howe has another claim to fame, very appropriate for this time of year. Troubled by her experiences during the war, she felt that peace was one of the most important causes of the world and in 1870 issued a **Mother's Day Proclamation** calling for a Mother's Day for Peace. Although she failed, her efforts were not forgotten and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared the first national Mother's Day.

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Meetings are held at 8:00PM on the fourth Thursday of the month except for November (third Thursday) and July and August (summer recess). The club meets in the Community Room of the Westfield Town Hall located in the center of Westfield at 425 East Broad Street.

Dues are \$8.00 per membership year which runs from September 1 to August 31.

The club newsletter will be published every two months from September to June.

For further information please check the club's web site:

www.westfieldstampclub.org

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The Wavertree

By Allan Fisk

The *Wavertree* was built, 125 years ago (1885), in Southampton, England, by Oswald, Mordaunt & Company of Southampton originally for the R.W. Leyland and Company of Liverpool, but completed, as the *Southgate*, for Chadwick & Pichard of Liverpool. She is one of the last, large, iron-hulled, full-rigged ships built. From 1885 to 1888 she was involved in the jute trade. In 1888 she was bought back by her original owner, R.W. Leyland and Company of Liverpool and renamed *Wavertree* (for a Liverpool suburb).

Over the years the *Wavertree* has carried various cargos to ports around the world — 28,748 bags of wheat from Australia, salt from Hamburg to Calcutta, guano from Chile to England, coal from Calcutta to Mauritius and case oil (i.e.



Guinea 1998
(Scott 1503a)



Falkland Islands
(1984)(Scott 404)



Benin 984
(Scott C329)

oil shipped in tin cans in a wooden case) from New York to the Orient.

In 1910 and again in 1911 she was severely damaged while rounding Cape Horn. Sold to Chilean interests in 1911, she was towed to Punta Arenas, Chile, to be used as a wool storage hulk. She was towed in 1948 to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she spent the next twenty years as a sand barge.

In 1968, she was acquired by the South Street Seaport Museum in New York City and in 1970 she was towed to New York City and began undergoing three decades of extensive restoration.

During OpSail 2000 *Wavertree* was one of the review ships alongside *USS John F. Kennedy* (aircraft carrier) in New York Harbor as the **Parade of Tall Ships** proceeded through the harbor and up the Hudson River.

Today, she can be visited at the South Street Seaport Museum, Pier 16, East River, New York City. She is the largest wrought iron ship afloat. Berthed next to her is the four-masted barque, *Peking* which will be 100 years old in 2011.

Length overall	325 ft.
Beam	40 ft.
Draft	11 ft.
Hull	Iron
Sail Area	34, 195 sq.ft.
Rig	Full-rigged ship



Wavertree at South Street Seaport Museum. Photograph by George P. Landow(2006) [Used with permission]

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