



The Westfield Philatelist

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Calendar of Events

May 22 - Towards Freedom: The Emergence of Independence in the British West Indies 1860–1960 as Reflected in the Design of Their Stamps. (*Rescheduled from April*)

By Richard Maisel

Most British colonies, including those in the West Indies, achieved independence around 1960. but the underlying movement towards independence began over 100 years earlier. The presentation will show how this movement is reflected in the design of British West Indian stamps. It will also illustrate two different but complimentary ways to study the design of stamps.



Sitting Britannia.
Barbados 1876
(Scott 56)



Queen Victoria.
St. Vincent 1885
(Scott 43)



Blue Basin.
Trinidad & Tobago
1935 (Scott 42)



Sea Island Cotton Cultivation.
Montserrat 1955 (Scott 140)



June 19- Philately & International Mail Order Fraud - The Oxypathor Company of Buffalo, NY

By Edward J.J. Grabowski

Did the early 1900's Oxypathor, a blood oxygenating device, really cure the myriad of diseases that its makers claimed? See the philatelic evidence for its international marketing, and an actual 2014 clinical trial conducted during the meeting that will validate its success or failure.



A Philatelic Quiz

- Q1. What stamp depicts the captain of an American commissioned ship that captured the first armed British warship during the American Revolution?
- Q2. What United States stamp shows the Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winning author of *The Iceman Cometh*?
- Q3. What is the only stamp to show Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth II) as Duchess of Edinburgh?
- Q4. In 1936 France issued two stamps depicting the memorial at Vimy Ridge. What does the memorial commemorate?
- Q5. A United States stamp shows two ships: *Ark* and *Dove*. What role did they play in United States history?

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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.

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As Seen In *The Westfield Leader*



Photo courtesy of Edward Grabowski
GUEST SPEAKER...Dan Piazza, curator of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C., speaks to the members of the Westfield Stamp Club on one of his favorite philatelic and social topics – the de Laurence Company of Chicago, Ill. – on March 26.



The March 27 Westfield Stamp Club Meeting

Mail Order Mojo: The Postal History of the de Lawrence Company

By Dan Piazza

Palmares — Westfield Stamp Club Show – 2014

Non-Competitive Exhibit

The New York World's Fair of 1939
Michael Frank

Court of Honor Exhibit

Items from the Collection of the 1964 New Jersey Tercentenary Stamp Designer – Douglas Allen
Douglas Allen

Silver

United We Stand - Remembering 9/11
Allan Fisk

Also: **Most Popular Award**

Unusual Usages of United States Consular Issues
Hugh Merritt

American Consulate Officers Help a Stamp Collecting Citizen
K. David Steidley

America's First Spacemen Honored on United States Postage
Alfred Fleury

Gold

The Story of Swiss Philately
Bruce Marsden

Jamestown 1907 – Essays & Proofs
Roger S. Brody

Also: **The United States Stamp Society President's Medal for Best U.S. Exhibit**

Sanjak of Novi Pazar
Henry Laessig

Also: **The Eliot Perry Research Award**

Private International Mail to United States State Department: 1946 - 1964
K. David Steidley

Also: **The Sidney Schnieder Memorial Award for Best Single Frame Exhibit**

Palmares — Westfield Stamp Club Show – 2014 (cont.)

Gold

The Era of the French Colonial Allegorical Group Type:

New Caledonia & Dependencies and French Oceania

Edward Grabowski

Also: **The Vince Samuelson Memorial Grand Award**

The Westfield Stamp Club President's Awards

Presented to Marion Rollings and Allan Fisk for exceptional work while staffing the registration table at the show. Their welcoming personalities created a very positive image of the Westfield Stamp Club.



Members Win at Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition

Nick Lombardi sent the following information about Westfield Stamp Club members whose exhibits won awards at the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition held in April.

Roger Brody: "Series 1902 - The Post Office Enters the 20th Century." (Gold, Reserve Grand Award and Collectors Club Award for the Best Modern U.S. Exhibit.

Dave Steidley: "Uses of the One-Cent Franklin, Series 1902" (Gold, United States Stamp Society Statue of Freedom Medal and the APS 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence.

Ed Grabowski: "The Era of the French Colonial Group Type-New Caledonia & Dependencies and French Oceania." (Gold)

Bruce Marsden: "Story of Swiss Philately" (Vermeil)



ATA Launches Stamp Checklist Database



If there was ever a time to join the American Topical Association, that time is now!

The ATA has launched the biggest benefit to stamp collectors in its 65-year history. A five-year undertaking has resulted in doubling the number of its topical checklists to nearly 1200. The lists are being produced from a regularly updated database that now contains almost 400,000 stamps and 578,502 topical listings.

ATA checklists, available in a spreadsheet format or printed, include the country, date of issue, Scott number, denomination and a description of what is depicted on the stamp. They are invaluable to topical collectors in researching and acquiring stamps. In some cases, meter stamps, postmarks, postal stationery and other items are included. Lists will be regularly updated, and members have the option to receive annual updates.

Checklists are only available to individual ATA members at a nominal price. Cost is a penny per item on the checklist – with Mini-lists for 50¢ and Maxi-lists over 5,000 for \$50. Membership information is available at

www.americantopicalassn.org or by calling the ATA office at 618-985-5100. Membership includes six issues of *Topical Time* which is printed in full color. Currently dues are \$30 a year for both the print and digital editions of *Topical Time* and \$25 a year just for the digital edition.

[Note: Your editor will be happy to answer any questions that Westfield Stamp Club members may have about the ATA and the checklists. I have included a portion of one of the new checklists on page 6 of this issue.]

🌿 Answers – March/April Philatelic Quiz 🌿

Q1. What United States President made an undersea voyage on *Plunger*, a submarine built by John Holland whose submarine *USS Holland* has been pictured on a United States postage stamp?

Ans. **President Theodore Roosevelt.**

In 2000 the United States Postal Service issued a booklet pane of five stamps celebrating the centenary of the Navy's submarine service. One of the stamps shows the *USS Holland*, the first submarine purchased by the United States Navy in 1900. It was launched in 1898 by John Philip Holland (1840–1914), an Irish engineer. On August 25, 1905, President Theodore Roosevelt spent 70 minutes underwater in *Plunger*, a submarine also built by John Holland in the 1890s.



President Theodore Roosevelt. United States 1927 (Scott 637)



USS Holland. United States 2000 (Scott 3376)



Q2. What two native animals appear on the Australian coat-of-arms.

Ans. **Red Kangaroo and Emu**

The red kangaroo (*Macropus rufus*) is the largest native mammal in Australia and is found throughout the country. The flightless emu (*Dromaius novaehollandiae*) is the second-largest bird, by height, in the world today and is native to Australia. It is common over most of Australia.



Coat of Arms of Australia. Left: Australia 1949 (Scott 218); Right: Australia 1976 (Scott 628)



Q3. Who was the American architect that designed the Australian city of Canberra?

Ans. **Walter Burley Griffin**

Canberra is the capital city of Australia and was designed by a husband and wife team of Chicago Architects, Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin. When the

Confederation of Australia was created in 1901, it was decided to build a new city for the capital rather than use Sydney or Melbourne. Griffins' plan, using geometric motifs and incorporating the site's natural vegetation and topography, was chosen and construction was begun in 1913. As it took years to complete the construction, of the city, the legislature did not move from Melbourne until 1927.



Walter Burley Griffin Australia 1963 (Scott 353)

Australia recently issued a pair of stamps celebrating the centennial of the founding of Canberra. The stamps show Australia's Parliament House and the National Portrait Gallery and in the background the original architectural plan for the city.



Q4. What sport was honored on an envelope issued in Milwaukee, Wisconsin?

Ans. **Bowling.**

The embossed 8-cent commemorative envelope was issued in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on August 21, 1971, the opening day of the 7th World Tournament of the International Bowling Federation.



Indicium of 6 3/4 envelope. United States 1971 (Scott U563)



Q5. What United States postage stamp depicts a sculpture by Bruce Wilder Saville?

Ans. **Battle of Fallen Timbers (Scott 680)**

On September 14, 1929, the United States Post Office issued a 2-cent commemorative stamp on the 135th anniversary of the Battle of Fallen Timbers. The day of issue was the same day as the unveiling of the monument commemorating that battle, rather than the actual anniversary of the battle which was August 20. The sculpture was created by Bruce Wilder Saville (1893–1938), an American sculptor born in Quincy, Massachusetts.



The Battle of Fallen Timbers took place in 1794 near present-day Toledo, Ohio, where General Anthony Wayne (1745–1796) defeated an Indian Confederation supported by the British. The result was peace with the Indians in Northwestern Ohio and the withdrawal of British military from the area. The monument shows General Wayne in the center, a frontiersman to his left and an Indian to his right.



ATA Checklist 1206: Americana - Sites

Last Updated on Apr 04, 2014. Other contributors can be found on the next tab. Total records as of run date: 483

Compiled by: Unknown

Common Type Codes (see next tab for full alphabetic listing): **ST** = Stamps; **B** = Semi-Postal; **C** = Airmail; **J** = Postage Due; **O** = Officials; **R** = Revenue; **E** = Special

Stamp ID	Type	Country	Year	Mon	Day	Denom.	Scott	Description	Non-Nbr'd S/S in Set
9357	ST	Aitutaki	1986	Jun	27	Various	394-96	Statue of Liberty, S/S 396	No
9475	B	Aitutaki	1987	Apr	29	\$1+50c	B45	Statue of Liberty - Hurricane Relief	No
9479	B	Aitutaki	1987	Apr	29	\$2.75+50c	B49	Statue of Liberty - Hurricane Relief	No
30292	ST	Ajman	1969	Mar	03	2r	None	Statue of Liberty Torso, Robert Kennedy (1925-1968)	No
31009	ST	Ajman	1972	Feb		5rls	None	Statue of Liberty, United States President Richard Nixon (1913-1994), Republican, Was a Jaycee, and Chairman Mao Zedong (1893-1976), S/S	No
17103	ST	Albania	2002	Sep	11	Various	2692-94	Anti-Terrorism - Statue of Liberty, World Trade Center 2694	No
28560	ST	Albania	2007	Jun	10	200l	2794	Statue of Liberty, Flag	No
29243	ST	Anguilla	1975	Nov	10	1c	217	Statue of Liberty	No
32625	ST	Anguilla	1980	May		\$2.50	393a	Statue of Liberty	Yes
32706	ST	Anguilla	1985	Nov	25	Various	657-63	Tall Ships; Statue of Liberty, Centenary, S/S 663	No
29674	ST	Antigua	1972	Dec	29	\$1	303	Statue of Liberty, Yachts in Margin	No
33112	ST	Antigua and Barbuda	1985	Jan	07	Various	828-34	Statue of Liberty Torch	No
33167	ST	Antigua and Barbuda	1987	Apr	20	Various	1015-24	Statue of Liberty, Moon	No
33217	ST	Antigua and Barbuda	1988	May	03	Various	1116A-126	Walt Disney World: Epcot Center, S/S 1116	No
34596	ST	Antigua and Barbuda	2002	Feb	11	2	2544	Statue of Liberty	No
35519	ST	Argentina	1986	Nov	08	20c	1571	Municipal Building, San Francisco	No
110953	ST	Armenia	1998	Sep	25	100d	583c	Saint Varden Cathedral, New York	No
110962	ST	Armenia	1999	Aug		100d	601d	Saint Savior, Worcester, Massachusetts, S/S	No
36420	ST	Ascension	1986	May	22	75p	398	Statue of Liberty With Bell 206B Jet Ranger Helicopter, S/S	No
36443	ST	Ascension	1989	Aug	21	Various	474a-f	Statue of Liberty and PhilexFrance, Aircraft Carrier "John F. Kennedy" and Cruise Liner "Queen Elizabeth II", Cruiser "Yorktown", Destroyers "Tourville" and "Jean de Vinne", Frigates "Cleonatra and Sirius", M/S	No
111142	ST	Australia	1955	May	04	3 1/2p	280	United States Monument, Queen Elizabeth II (1926-British)	No
150935	ST	Austria	2011	May	01	170c	2316	MAK Center Schindler Chase House, Los Angeles	No
39383	ST	Bahamas	1986	May	19	\$1	601	Statue of Liberty, Ameripex 86	Yes
39588	ST	Bahamas	2002	May	14	\$1	1039	Statue of Liberty, Flags	No
39848	ST	Bangladesh	1976	May	29	30p	111	American Bicentennial, Liberty Bell	Yes
39849	ST	Bangladesh	1976	May	29	2.25t	112	Statue of Liberty by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi (1834-1904), Mason	Yes
39850	ST	Bangladesh	1976	May	29	10t	114	United States President Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865), Republican; Mount Rushmore, Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), Mason, Nobel Peace 1906	Yes
40277	ST	Barbados	1986	May	22	\$2	686	Statue of Liberty, Bell 206L Long Ranger Helicopter, S/S	No
42849	ST	Belize	1981	Nov	10	\$5	586c	White House	No
42942	ST	Belize	1986	May	15	Various	817a-c-819	Statue of Liberty, S/S 819	No
42943	ST	Belize	1986	May	22	\$1	821b	Liberty Bell	No
42944	ST	Belize	1986	May	22	\$2	821c	United States Capitol building, Ameripex Stamp Show	No
43279	ST	Benin, People's Republic of	1986	Oct	28	250fr	635	Hand Holding Torch, Statue of liberty	No
43730	ST	Bermuda	1986	May	22	\$1.50	508	Statue of Liberty, S/S	No
44229	ST	Bhutan	1986	Nov	04	Various	574-83	Statue of Liberty, Ship, S/S 582-83	No
10173	ST	Bhutan	1991	Jan	28	20nu	963	Wonders of the World - Old Faithful, Yellowstone National Park, Disney Charaters	No
44469	ST	Bhutan	1991	Feb	02	6nu	960	Wonders of the World - Carlsbad Caverns, New Mexico, Disney Charaters	No
44470	ST	Bhutan	1991	Feb	02	10nu	961	Wonders of the World - Rainbow Bridge National Monument, Utah, Disney Charaters	No
22987	ST	Bhutan	1991	Feb	02	15nu	962	Wonders of the World - Grand Canyon of the Colorado, Arizona, Disney Charaters	No
44471	ST	Bhutan	1991	Feb	02	25nu	964	Wonders of the World - Giant Sequoias, Early Car, California, Disney Charaters	No
44472	ST	Bhutan	1991	Feb	02	30nu	965	Wonders of the World - Crater Lake and Wizard Island, Disney Charaters	No
44473	ST	Bhutan	1991	Feb	02	25nu	966	Wonders of the World - Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse riding a Donkey, Great Wall of China, S/S	No