

The Lilac Hinge

Inland Empire Philatelic Society, PO Box 3731, Spokane, WA 99220
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Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (except July & December),
Spokane Valley Eagles, E. 16801 Sprague



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September 26: Clothesline Exhibit

- **6:30 Seminar:** To be announced
- **7:00 program and live and silent auctions:** Bring new stamps or covers that you purchased at our fall Apple Harvest (September 23-24) show. Mount the items on a single page, and come prepared to briefly talk about them. You can instead bring a page with favorite philatelic items that you would like to show. This is a great way to share your philatelic interests with other members.
- Cookies provided by Marilyn Miller

October 10 Board Meeting & Stamp Mixtures

- **6:30 Board meeting**
- **7:00 Stamp mixture meeting**
Purchase stamps from worldwide collections that the club purchased in the past year. Many of the stamps are in Scott International albums and there are also many covers. Good deals abound! There will also be a new mixture every month.

Club News

- **October 24 program:** Larry Mann on Spokane Falls postal history, 1872-91.
- **National Stamp Collecting Month is in October:** The club will have a display at Express Employment, 311 W Main, starting on October 6. We will be setting up the display there starting at 10:00 AM on October 3. Come if you would like to help with setup, or contact Ken Rehfeld for further details.
- **The Christmas dinner and gift exchange will be at the Eagles at 5:30 PM in December:** A signup sheet will be at the next meetings.

2018 Dues

2018 dues are now payable. Please look at the date above your name on the *Lilac Hinge* mailing label. If it says 2017, your dues are payable by the end of this year.

APPLE HARVEST 2017

September 23-24

Spokane Valley Eagles, E. 16801 Sprague

Saturday, 10-5; Sunday, 10-4

4 or more dealers and a newcomers' table

Free stamps, free parking

Our fall show has a new location this year. Volunteers are needed to set up the show starting at 7:30 on Saturday morning and to take it down after the show closes on Sunday afternoon.

We also need volunteers to help out at the club table. Can you help?

(Please contact Ken Rehfeld to sign up: 924-6375 or kenrehfeld@comcast.net.)

Join the American Topical Association (ATA)

We had a visit from an ATA representative at the IEPS Board of Directors meeting on September 12. Our club has a long history with the ATA. We were an ATA affiliate from 1988-2010, and we even hosted TOPEX, the ATA national show, at the Ridpath Hotel in Spokane in 1979.

The benefits of ATA membership (www.americantopicalassn.org/) are many, including the bi-monthly magazine *Topical Time*, 49 study groups, hundreds of stamp checklists by topic from A-Z, and a website where you can purchase topical stamps. Membership is \$35 per year.

The club is considering rejoining as an ATA affiliate, and can join for free if we have six ATA members. Are you already a member? If so, please let Ken Rehfeld know. If not, please consider joining ATA.

2017 Officers

President	J Palmer
Vice President	Jeff Wills
Secretary	Marilyn Miller
Treasurer	Ken Rehfeld
Director	Kevin Dixon
Director	Milt Maas
Director	Chuck Jones

Vintage Postcards & Stamps



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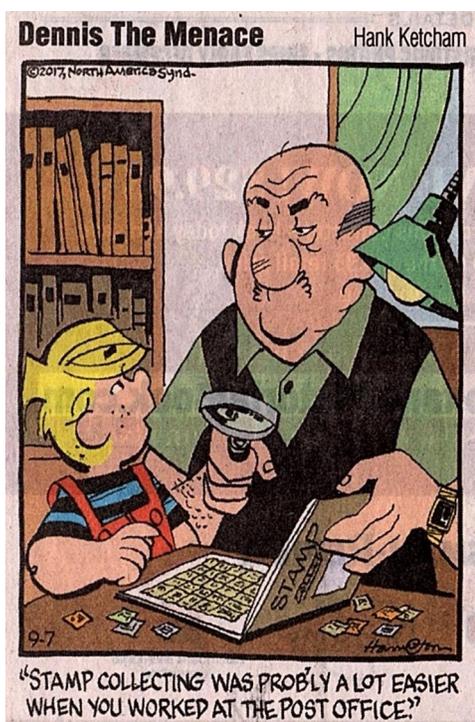
Hours of Operation:
Tues-Fri 10-5, Sat 10-4
Closed Sun & Mon

Buying and Selling
Antique Postcards, Stamps,
Paper Ephemera and Supplies
for the Collector

Mike, Kathy and Jon McLean

Club auction lots at the September 26 meeting

Lot #	Description	Catalogue value	Minimum bid
7021	Turkey Military (Scott M-3), mint LH	\$10.00	\$2.00
7022	Hong Kong (Scott 174-75), mint LH	\$10.25	\$2.00
7023	Canada Special Delivery (Scott E1, E4) , used MH	\$24.50	\$4.50
7024	Mexico, short set (Scott 658-62), mint LH	\$15.50	\$3.50
7025	Mexico, assorted mint	\$32.52	\$6.00
7026	Kuwait (Scott 753), used	\$52.50	\$6.00
7027	Bavaria (Scott 39, 92-93), used	\$16.80	\$3.00
7028	Australia Postage Due (Scott J2-3, J6), used	\$40.00	\$8.00
7029	Saxony, Prince of Thurm., N. German Confederation	\$32.00	\$5.00
7030	Manchukuo (Scott 1,5, 7, 11), mint H	\$18.25	\$3.50
7031	Iceland (Scott 627, 629, 677), used	\$19.35	\$4.00
7032	Hong Kong (Scott 5, 8, 10, 40, 43-45, 135), used	\$169.25	\$12.50
7033	Madagascar locals, sg, (Scott 56, 58)	\$15.00	\$3.00
7034	Norway (Scott 14), used		\$2.00
7035	Leeward Island (Scott 5), used	\$14.00	\$2.00
7036	United Arab Emirates (Scott 311), used	\$13.00	\$2.00
7037	7 Mexico Airmail blocks, mint	\$70.00	\$14.00
7038	United Arab Emirates (Scott 81-82), used	\$21.75	\$4.00
7039	Topical flowers of the world, assorted, mint	\$31.40	\$6.00
7040	Worldwide box of stamps, used		\$4.00



Print your own stamp album pages

The club owns two disks that you can use to print off stamp album pages from any country that produces stamps. The pages look very professional and are an economical alternative to buying albums because they allow you to print just the countries that you collect. (For example, if you collect a few British colonies, but not all of them, you can print just the ones that interest you.) Pages can be printed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper (cardstock works great). Club members can borrow disks for free from Ken Rehfeld, but they must be returned by the next meeting.



Closed Album: Ranjan Gunasekera

GUNASEKERA, Ranjan

Ranjan was born on September 8, 1943 in Colombo, Sri Lanka and passed away peacefully on September 5, 2017. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary, stepdaughter Heather (Frank) Blough, stepson David (Dana) Troyer, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, brother Asoka (Ramya) Gunasekera, sisters Sakuntala (Harold) Meyers, Srimal Hewawitharana, nephews, nieces, cousins and many, many friends. Ranjan came to America in 1971 and began a long and successful career as an engineer, retiring from Central Pre-Mix Prestress about seven years ago.

He was an avid sports fan, (Go Lakers!), and had played soccer here in Spokane for many, many years. The Stingers team members became like a second family to him - so many adventures and memories were made. Cricket was still his favorite game, but he enjoyed all sports.

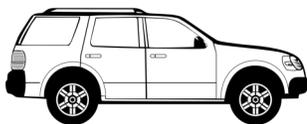
Ranjan had been a stamp collector since the age of seven and was a long-time member of the Inland Empire Philatelic Society. He was also an active member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Ranjan volunteered for many years at numerous fund raisers for public libraries.

We would like to thank family and friends for their incredible support during this difficult time.

Ranjan's memorial service will be held at the Thornhill Valley Chapel (1400 South Pines Road, Spokane Valley) on Friday, September 15, 2017 at 3 in the afternoon.



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Share Your Ride. Do You Need a Ride?

Our members live throughout the Spokane area and in North Idaho. Some have difficulty making it to IEPS meetings, especially after our move to the Eagles in Spokane Valley. We care about all of our members and want everyone to be able to attend. Please call rides coordinator Chuck Jones at 321-7449 if you need a ride or can provide one.

Expo '74 Memories

Where were you in '74? Did you attend the Expo '74 World's Fair in Spokane in 1974? Fortunately, we have some great philatelic reminders of the fair. The colorful US commemorative featured a "Cosmic Jumper and Smiling Sage" design by artist Peter Max.



The Soviet Union issued a souvenir sheet and set of commemoratives, and a set of two stamps from the Republic of China (Taiwan) featured a picture of their pavilion and a map of the Expo '74 grounds.



Here are links to a few great Expo '74 memories:

- History Link: <http://www.historylink.org/File/10791>
- US Pavilion: <http://www.spokanehistorical.org/items/show/303>
- KHQ-TV, 40 years later: <http://www.khq.com/category/282696/a-worlds-fair-40-years-later-expo-74-spokane-washington>