



The Lilac Hinge

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Meetings: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (except July & December),
Spokane Valley Eagles, E. 16801 Sprague



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Wednesday, May 26

Important Note: Our May meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00**. We are changing the date this month only because the Eagles have another meeting that conflicts with our normal Tuesday meeting time. The Eagles require us to wear masks into the building and in the hallways, bar, and restrooms. Masks aren't required in the meeting room but are strongly encouraged.

Program

Ken Owens will give a program about German World War I and World II occupation stamps of Poland.

Auctions

As in the past, in pre-pandemic days, we will have **both silent and live auctions**. Please come early if you are bringing items for sale in the live auction. Goodies will be provided by Bill Ailes and Chuck Jones.

June 8 Board Meeting & Stamp Mixtures

The meeting starts at 7:00. Purchase stamps from mixtures and worldwide collections that the club continues to buy. This is a great way to purchase stamps at very reasonable prices!

New Member: Scott English

A warm welcome to new member Scott English who is the Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society. Scott collects Cuba, South Carolina postal history, and political philatelic items. Spokane is probably a bit far for Scott to attend our meetings on a regular basis, but we hope his travels take him here someday. We are a friendly club, and Spokane is a friendly city. Welcome, Scott, and come visit us!

What is Your Email Address?

The club doesn't have everyone's email address. Please confirm your email address to Ken Rehfeld at kenrehfeld@comcast.net so that we can have up-to-date information on our membership roster. Please put "Confirm Email" in the subject line. Thank You! If you do not get the *Lilac Hinge* via email, you can. Let Ken or Larry Mann know if you would like to receive it via email, quicker than snail mail.

Coming Events

- Tuesday, June 22, regular IEPS meeting at the Eagles
- September 25-26, Apple Harvest Stamp Show at the Eagles
- December 14, Christmas Dinner at the Eagles

Treasurer George Mudgett & the Spokane County Courthouse



This cover was sent in May, 1897 by Spokane County Treasurer George Mudgett to Walla Walla, Washington. Mudgett, 1857-1937, served as Treasurer from 1895-99 and 1901-05, was a former Spokane city councilman, and also served several terms in the Washington State Legislature.

The Spokane County Courthouse, shown at left, was constructed in 1894-95 and still exists. County officials moved into the new building in November, 1895, during George Mudgett's first term as County Treasurer. The Courthouse was designed by architect W.A. Ritchie and was inspired by two French Renaissance buildings, the Chateau de Chambord, built in 1519, and Chateau d'Azay Le Rideau, built in 1516.

Ritchie was then one of the most prominent architects in the state. Born in Ohio in 1864, he never attended a formal architecture school, and instead received his training from a correspondence course. After starting his career in the Mid West, Ritchie moved to Seattle in 1889. There he designed a number of public buildings, including the King County Courthouse in Seattle, the Jefferson County Courthouse in Port Townsend, and the Clarke County Courthouse in Vancouver. Ritchie also designed the old State Capitol building and the Thurston County Courthouse in Olympia as well as the Whatcom County Courthouse in Bellingham.

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