

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CORNER

TREASURER'S REPORT

There currently are 148 members of the Biology Unit, up from 142 in 2015. Thirty-seven live outside the U.S., in the following countries: Canada (11), Australia (3), United Kingdom (3), Belgium (2), Brazil (2), Czech Republic (2), France (2), Germany (2), Malaysia (2), Croatia (1), Italy (1), Philippines (1), Taiwan (1), Slovakia (1), Sweden (1), Thailand (1), and Venezuela (1).

In the Treasurer's Report for 2015, the expense for our sponsorship of the Awards Banquet at the National Topical Stamp Show in Clackamas, Oregon last August was omitted. A revised report for 2015 is shown below. The revised report shows expenditures of \$5,307.61, and income of only \$1,834. In addition to the banquet sponsorship, the Unit paid publication costs for the latest update of the Insects handbook, edited by Don Wright.

In 2016, our income increased by \$950 over 2015, and expenses were lower by \$1,300. Major expenses in 2016 are for the World Stamp Show: We paid \$150 to the ATA so we could share their booth, and \$395 for an ad in the show edition of *Linn's Stamp News*. Printing costs for *Biophilately* have remained similar year to year, but postage has increased, to Canada by 21.7 percent and in the U.S. by 36.8 percent. Foreign postage declined by 29.2 percent.

The Unit had donations of \$812.96 during the past year from 31 of our members. We thank these members for their generosity: Applebaum, Bono, Brandt, Brunt, Clark, Congrove, Eichler, Freytag, Grimstad, Hamilton, Hanks, Hayward, Hermann, Herzog, Hoppe, Jones, Kavalecs, Law, Mauney, Mirando, Prince, Ridgely, Setterberg, Sheppard, Skog, Skvara, Smith, Svoboda, White, Wongpakdee, and Yagi.

Revised 2015 Treasurer's Report

Assets:

Checking	\$17,569.96
Total	\$17,569.96

Expenses:

Credit card fees to ATA	\$9.75
PayPal charges	\$13.58
Domain name	\$14.95
Website Charges	\$101.49
Post Office box rental	\$76.00
Postage Canada	\$94.02
Postage Foreign	\$444.60
Postage U.S.	\$753.20
Printing	\$1,320.05
Supplies	\$100.11
Sales tax	\$93.44
Handbook publishing	\$1,286.42
NTSS banquet sponsorship	\$1,000.00
Total	\$5,307.61

Income:

Dues	\$1,329.00
Donations	\$475.00
Reprints and publications	\$30.00
Total	\$1,834.00

2016 Treasurer's Report

Assets:

Checking	\$15,255.36
Total	\$15,255.36

Expenses:

Credit card fees to ATA	\$16.14
PayPal charges	\$5.45
Domain name	\$14.95
Website Charges (2 years)	\$202.98
Post Office box rental	\$82.00
Postage Canada	\$114.44
Postage Foreign	\$319.39
Postage U.S.	\$1,030.14
Printing	\$1,275.45
Supplies	\$79.99
Sales tax	\$95.24
Awards	\$261.16
Advertising NY2016	\$395.00
Booth NY2016	150.00
Entry fees, literature competition	\$30.00
Total	\$4,072.33

Income:

Dues	\$1,972.00
Donations	\$812.96
Total	\$2,784.96

NEW MEMBERS

The Biology topic is immensely popular. It is likely that someone in your local club is a collector of something related to zoology or botany. Sign them up. The Biology Unit welcomes the following new members:

1876	Kuljit Singh, Malaysia	flora/fauna of World Heritage sites, whales, dolphins, primates, birds of prey
1877	Marian Buda, Slovakia	collecting interest unknown
1878	Ken Boorman, Chatham, ON, Canada	collecting interest unknown
1879	Louis De Nobile, Montreal, QC, Canada	plants, invertebrates

BIOLOGY UNIT MEETING

The Biology Unit will be at the World Stamp Show New York 2016. Members will help man the American Topical Association booth (1276/1278). If you are attending the show, stop by the booth. You might find some free stuff.

Also, the Unit will hold a meeting at the APS Stamp Show in Portland, Oregon. The APS show runs 4–7 August. The Biology Unit meeting will be on Saturday morning, 6 August. The time is still to be determined.

CLOSED ALBUM

IN MEMORIAM: BARBARA HERBERT (BU1750)

On 7 March 2016, Barbara Kutz Herbert passed away after a battle with cancer. Barbara joined the Biology Unit in 2003. She was an avid collector of birds on stamps. Barbara lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 40 years and was a member of the Alameda Stamp Club. She also was the Vice President of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies.

She regularly attended Unit meetings at each National Topical Stamp Show, the last in Portland in 2015. She was also a member of Women Exhibitors since 2008.

Barbara was born on 14 September 1935, in Pleasant Hill, California to William and Ida Kutz, who preceded her in death. She was a graduate of Mt. Diablo High School and Armstrong College.

She is survived by her husband, George and cousins, Pam Nave and Lynn Baker.



MIS-IDENTIFICATIONS OF BOTANICAL ART STAMPS

Sent to the editor of *The American Philatelist* in March by our Associate Editor for Botany: “Gremlins seem to have crept into the rearrangement of the flower stamps on page 354 of the March AP. The text seems to envision only two rows, and lists them in the order that they were printed, but the stamps metamorphosed into three rows.

“The top row has corn lilies, then two tulip stamps and dahlias. The middle row is stocks, roses, and Japanese iris. The bottom row is tulips, petunias, and jonquils. It is not clear to me how the Scott Cataloguers decided how to number these stamps. They seem to start in the middle of a block of four. But that is how the USPS publicity images were distributed.”

The AP response: “Thank you, Mr. Dahle, for your keen observations and comments. You are absolutely correct in your notes that the stamps, as pictured, do not represent the exact placement of stamps in the booklet, nor are they in Scott number order.

“Our layout, in this case, was simply to show the stamps in a pleasing arrangement. We thought the wording of our caption would not confuse folks, but clearly your letter proves us wrong. Much apologies.”