

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S CORNER

DUES

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership. There are fifteen members on my list who have not renewed since 2017. They will be dropped before the June journal. Please send your dues, or let me know if you wish to resign. You can pay your dues using PayPal to the account *dues@biophilately.org*, or by sending a check to me payable to the Biology Unit. See address on inside cover.

ANNUAL MEETING

It is perhaps not too early to make your plans to attend the annual general meeting of the Biology Unit that will take place at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) in Omaha, Nebraska, at 10:00 AM on Saturday, 3 August 2019. Ordinarily this is a social meeting and we do not discuss detailed business matters.

After last year's immensely successful joint show in Columbus, Ohio, the ATA again this year will be partnering with the American Philatelic Society to host another combined StampShow-NTSS. The featured study unit this year will be the Cats on Stamps Study Unit. Although it has not yet been announced, the US Postal Service will certainly be issuing some new stamps at the show and there will be dozens of dealers and hundreds of exhibits to see.

The show is scheduled to run 1–4 August at the CHI Health Center Omaha convention center. Admission is free. For details, see the show information at the APS website: <https://stamps.org/StampShow>.

APS SUMMER SEMINAR

Summer Seminar on Philately is a once-a-year opportunity to expand your philatelic knowledge and meet others who share your passion and interests. All courses are led by philatelic experts who are accomplished writers, exhibitors, experts, dealers, and specialized collectors. The seminar offers both two-day and four-day courses and will be held at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on 24–27 June 2019.

Although none of the courses this year specifically relate to Biology topics, there are some that are of interest to topical collecting in general such as "Collecting and Exhibiting Picture Postcards" and "Worldwide Fakes and Forgeries." Other courses deal with philatelic research, stamp technology, and various aspects of exhibiting. See the APS website for the course catalog and registration: <https://stamps.org/Learn/Courses/Summer-Seminar>.

NEW MEMBERS

There were no new members in the current quarter. 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.**

NEWS OF NOTE

BIOLOGY UNIT WEBSITES WIN AWARDS

Our Unit website (www.biophilately.org) received a score of 70 points in its class, which was good for a Large Silver Medal in the Italia 2018 Philatelic Literature Exposition held in Verona, Italy, 23–25 November 2018.

The Paleontology website (www.paleophilatelie.eu) operated by our Associate Editor, Michael Kogan, received a score of 81 points, which merited a Large Vermeil Medal, in the same literature competition.

Congratulations to our Webmaster, Chris Dahle, and to Michael Kogan for their well-deserved awards.

The Stamp Active Network website (www.abps.org.uk) in the United Kingdom won the Best in Class award. You can find a list of all awards at: <http://expo.fsf.it/italia2018/documentazione/Resultsbyclass.pdf>.



CLOSED ALBUM

IN MEMORIAM: DR. BEATRICE R. VOGEL (BU1809)

Beatrice Roesle Vogel, 88, arachnologist, artist, and activist, passed away on 7 December 2018, in Helena, Montana. Bea was born on 3 February 1930, in Billings, Montana, to John Ernst Vogel and Roesle Jenny Vogel, Swiss immigrants.

She graduated from Kingswood School Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; received an Associate degree from Eastern Montana College (now Montana State University, Billings); a Bachelor of Science from Stanford University; a Masters in Science from the University of Colorado, Boulder, CO; and a PhD in Biology from Yale University in 1968.

A lifelong collector of “bugs,” she donated her immense collection to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in 2010, along with her daughter Megan’s butterfly collection, and later returned to identify the species of each. She specialized in spider study, had many scientific papers on the subject published, and had a species named after her own discovery, namely, *Pardosa vogelae*.



Bea joined the Biology Unit in 2010. Her biology collecting interests were spiders, arachnids, and insects. Bea’s interest in spiders led to an immense collection of postage stamps from around the world featuring arachnids, which she exhibited, resulting in awards at national shows, including PIPEX and SEAPEX, and at regional shows in the Pacific Northwest. She was also a member of Women Exhibitors (WE).

An inveterate hiker and climber, she covered all of the peaks and trails of the Beartooth Mountains and honed her skills as a member of the Stanford Alpine Club. She helped build a chalet style cabin with her family at East Rosebud Lake in 1950, and enjoyed every summer there through 2018.

A talented artist, she had many exhibits of her oil paintings, watercolors, lithographs, mystic staffs, and fabrics. She was involved with the Holter Museum, which exhibited her works; the library; and bridge groups.

Throughout her life, Bea was a social activist, joining demonstrators at Kent State, marching for women’s rights, and participating in local events.

Bea was predeceased by her parents; her brother, Henry Vogel; and her beloved daughter, Megan Elizabeth Vogel. Survivors include her son, Walter Henry Vogel (Laura) and his son, Henry Skye Vogel; sister, Gertrude (“Trudy”) Vogel DePuy; nephew Christopher Henry DePuy; and niece Teri DePuy Ekbohm.

THE PRAYER OF A 17th CENTURY NUN

[Ed. note: I came across this item in the May 1981 edition of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs Bulletin. It originally appeared in Faith and Mission: An Ecumenical Women’s Liturgy Resource Book, by Elyn MacInnis. Undoubtedly, we have all met a collector at club meetings who would benefit from these principles.]

“Keep me from getting talkative and particularly from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone’s affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me the wings to get to the point. Seal my lips when inclined to tell of my aches and pains; they are increasing with the years and my love of rehearsing them grows sweeter as the years go by. Teach me the lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet—I do not want to be a Saint. Some of them are hard to live with. Help me to extract all possible fun out of life. There are so many funny things around us, and I do not want to miss any of them. Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou, my Lord, knoweth that I want a few friends left at the end.”

A POEM

[Ed. note: Our intrepid Entomology Editor and past President, Don Wright, moved last year from New Jersey to Wisconsin where, as I write this, they are experiencing an arctic vortex of extreme sub-zero weather. He sent me this message and poem in response to my request for his column for this edition. It reminds me of something another friend from North Dakota told me years ago when I asked about the cold weather records being set there, "It keeps out the riffraff."]

"You say: 'I plan to attend the APS winter show in Mesa, so I will be working on the journal at the same time.' I say: 'I plan to attend the winter snow in Madison, so I will be working on the journal at the same time.' I like your choice better!!! Wink Don"

A Wisconsin Poem

It's winter in Wisconsin
And the gentle breezes blow
Seventy miles an hour,
At maybe five below.

Oh, how I love Wisconsin
When the snow's up to your butt.
You take a breath of winter air
And your nose gets frozen shut.

Yes, the weather here is wonderful,
So I guess I'll hang around.
I could never leave Wisconsin,
'Cause I'm frozen to the ground!

Anonymous

NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW

Our parent organization, the American Topical Association (ATA), will hold its annual National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) in cooperation with the American Philatelic Society (APS) StampShow on 1–4 August 2019, at the CHI Health Center Omaha convention center in Omaha, Nebraska.



ATA 10th Anniversary Souvenir Cover

Both StampShow and NTSS are APS World Series of Philately (WSP) national-level exhibitions. They will have separate Grand awards, but will share other prizes.

This year the ATA is celebrating its 70th anniversary and there will be several special events as a result.

This will be the largest show of the year in the US with several dozen dealers and hundreds of frames of top notch exhibits

You can pre-register for the show and obtain information

about exhibiting and other activities at the APS website: <https://stamps.org/StampShow>.

DISTINGUISHED TOPICAL PHILATELIST NOMINATIONS

The Distinguished Topical Philatelist designation is awarded for service to topical philately in general and to the American Topical Association in particular. It was established in 1952, and has been presented to more than 120 individuals since its inception. This is the most prestigious award given by the ATA.

The ATA is currently accepting nominations for this award. Please submit a written nomination to the DTP Selection Committee Chair, Jean Stout at P.O. Box 8174, Jackson, MS 39290, or jeanstout61@att.net.

EVENT CALENDAR

Event	Dates	Location
Garfield-Perry March Party	15–17 March 2019	Holiday Inn Strongsville, Strongsville, OH
ASDA Stamp Show	22–24 March 2019	Holiday Inn Chicago-Oakbrook, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
St. Louis Stamp Expo	29–31 March 2019	St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel, St. Louis, MO
Plymouth Show	13–14 April 2019	Hellenic Cultural Center, Westland, MI
WESTPEX	26–28 April 2019	San Francisco Airport Marriott, Burlingame, CA
Philatelic Show	3–5 May 2019	Boxboro Regency, Boxborough, MA
PIPEX	10–12 May 2019	Red Lion Hotel on the River, Portland, OR
ROPEX	17–18 May 2019	Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, Canandaigua, NY
Rocky Mountain Stamp Show	24–26 May 2019	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Denver, CO
STOCKHOLMIA 2019	29 May–2 Jun 2019	Waterfront Congress Centre, Stockholm, Sweden
NAPEX	7–9 June 2019	McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corners, McLean, VA
COLOPEX	14-15 June 2019	St. Andrew-Nugent Parish Hall, Columbus, OH
Royal*2019*Royale	21–23 June 2019	Hilton Mississauga, Mississauga, ON
APS Summer Seminar	24–27 June 2019	American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA
OKPEX	28–29 June 2019	Reed Convention Center, Midwest City, OK
Minnesota Stamp Expo	19–21 July 2019	Crystal Community Center, Crystal, MN
Americover	26–28 July 2019	Renaissance St. Louis Airport, St. Louis, MO
NTSS-APS StampShow 2019	1–4 August 2019	Hilton Omaha, Omaha, NE
BALPEX	30 Aug–1 Sep 2019	Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn, Baltimore, MD
SEAPEX	13–15 September 2019	Tukwila Community Center, Tukwila, WA
MILCOPEX	20–22 September 2019	Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, Milwaukee, WI
Filatelic Fiesta	9–10 November 2019	Elks Lodge, San Jose, CA
CHICAGOPEX	22–24 November 2019	Westin Chicago Northwest, Itasca, IL
FLOREX	13–15 December 2019	Osceola Heritage Park Events Center, Kissimmee, FL
Southeastern Stamp Expo	31 Jan–2 Feb 2020	Hilton Atlanta Northeast, Norcross, GA
ARIPEX	14–15 February 2020	Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, AZ
LONDON 2020	2–9 May 2020	Business Design Centre, Islington, London, England
Omaha Stamp Show	12–13 September 2020	Metro Community Center, Omaha, NE
INDYPEX	2–4 October 2020	Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds, Noblesville, IN
WSP shows in bold		