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ON DONATING TO NPL

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Have you considered making a donation to the Northwest Philatelic Library? Many of you have already done so, and we urge others to take this important step.

NPL has the potential to be far more than a static collection and storage point for philatelic literature. It can be a vibrant living program of larger dimension with a mandate to serve a broad constituency. But to achieve program goals like these, NPL must have a regular and recurring inflow of donations.

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We are trying to build the Library collection and to make it available and useful to a wide variety of users. The expense of running the Library and the purchase of books and subscriptions have come from outside sources. NPL membership dues are a nominal $2 per year and do not support the level of what is needed in this regard.

What donations can we use in NPL? Obviously, philatelic literature that adds to the content and quality of the collection is desirable. We are also interested in philatelic and non-philatelic items that can be easily liquidated to create those financial resources required for essential services. Certainly, we would not turn our back on an outright cash donation.

As a "public benefit" organization, NPL has a mandate to provide beneficial library and related services to the "public," a wide constituency, all of whom have or could have a connection to philately. This clearly comprises philatelists, but also embraces such groups as educators and students, administrators of estates and trusts, investors, and other libraries. Consequently, NPL is constantly faced with the challenges of developing and implementing varied programs for its constituents. These challenges involve:

1. Establish new and improve existing programs for all users. For example: expand the Library collection; offer research assistance to authors and exhibitors; provide classification and valuation assistance; and establish links to new collectors
2. Incorporating technology. A critical element here is to furnish online access to the Library catalog and to other NPL opportunities.
3. Marketing NPL programs to constituents.

The current Library collection is rather robust. We inherited a long-lived collection that contains many classic "philatelic treasures." We are slowly filling in with careful purchases. Yet, we also want to keep pace with the burgeoning current literature - books, catalogues, and periodicals. There is much on hand, and more in the works, to enrich you as a collector. The Library has one bookcase devoted to catalogues; yet, has 34 cases devoted to other literature resources. If you haven't done "research" before or your research skills are rusty, let the Library help you.

No matter your collecting interest, using philatelic literature should be an essential part of your collecting. Last year, an issue of NPL's monthly newsletters, *Book Reports*, focused on how the philatelic literature can take us beyond our own limited experiences of collecting to show us the richness of collecting as discovered by others. Reading is the most efficient means by which we become better educated. Knowledge is power. The literature allows us to think in a logically connected way. There is, yet, a more pragmatic reason for engaging the philatelic literature – you can be a more discerning collector.

> That is, the knowledge you gain from the literature can lead to better decisions about your collection – for example, what to keep, what to purchase, what price is fair. Moreover, you will be less susceptible to inferior material, including fakes, forgeries, and repaired stamps. You will know when it "makes good sense" to seek outside expertizing. You will be a more informed resource to less experienced collectors, relying not on all-too-common off-the-cuff second- and third-hand conversations, but on the knowledge and understanding you acquire directly from the literature.

During its short three-year existence, NPL has been the beneficiary of some significant gifts. First, a major stamp collection was donated and later sold at auction, netting NPL some needed early working capital. NPL recently received a major monetary gift from an estate, to be used to fulfill NPL obligations. Several noteworthy collection remnants have been donated and portions thereof sold in various venues. Then, there are those members who graciously accepted our challenge to "sponsor" a philatelic journal, thus preserving working capital to be used for other important projects.

Why should you donate to NPL? What can you do? First, talk to us. If you are interested in making a donation, we can help set the parameters. We can tell you what we need and how you can best help. We can also help you, if you so choose, to leave a lasting imprint on the Library. Remember, donations to NPL may be tax deductible to the donor under current IRS code specifications.

Managing NPL is an often daunting task because of its diverse responsibilities. NPL is an all-volunteer organization, with no salaries, and a small budget to accomplish so much. **We simply can't do it without outside help**.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Auxiliary Catalogue by Donald A.J. Byrum

This catalogue is intended as a supplement to whatever general catalogue you are now using. It includes categories of stamps that the major catalogues consider beyond their scope but which are intimately connected with the postal systems of the various countries and to the carriage of mail. Only a very small fraction of the inclusions in this catalogue are listed in the major English-language catalogues; none are included in all of them.

Prefixes

EX – Issues of a government in Exile
IS – Issues of an Insurgent group or revolutionary government
L – Issues of a Local governmental body or a national government but restricted to use on Inland Mail only
M – Issues authorized by a Military authority
O – Issues restricted to the use of a governmental agency
U – Unissued stamps or an original issue not properly authorized
X – Issues of a private, non-governmental agency or individual

Categories

A – Air mail
AD – Authorized delivery

AP – Auto parcel [special fee for carriage]
BG – Baggage transport fee
D – Postage fee
DF – Delivery fee

E – Express or special delivery
F or FR – Franchise
NP – Newspaper delivery
PC – Post card
PH – Philatelic tax on exports of stamps
PM – Postal money order
PP – Parcel post
Pd – Postal savings
PX – Parcel tax

RF – Radio free broadcast
RL – Returned letter or official seal

RP – Railway parcel post
RR – Railway mail
RX – Railway express delivery
S or SR – Surtax

T – Telegraph fee
TM – Military telegraph fee
TO – Official telegraph fee
TR – Railway telegraph fee

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

We are pleased to announce new appointments to the NPL management team. **Buzz Oerding** will serve as Secretary to the Executive Board. Buzz, a long-term collector who joined OSS in 1968, has eclectic collecting interests, e.g., used U.S., Morocco, precancels-perfins, flag-meters-spray cancels, Oregon postal history, stationery, auxiliary markings, or, as he says … "an affinity for 'funny stuff,' some of which I have shown at the Club." **Tom Current**, a founder of NPL and its original Secretary, will remain active in NPL management while serving as Secretary Emeritus. **Arlo Bones** brings a wealth of philatelic knowledge and administrative experience and savvy to the position of Circulation Manager. Welcome aboard!

NEW ACQUISITIONS

1. ***1851 Issue: Sesquicentennial Retrospective*** (Philatelic Classics Society, 2006)
2. ***Azores to New Zealand: The Belgian Colonies on All Six Continents*** (Patrick Maselis, 2005)
3. ***International Precancel Catalog*** (Precancel Stamp Society, 2006)
4. ***U.S. Post Offices in China and Japan, 1868-1874*** (Frajola, et. al., 2006)
5. ***Catalog of U.S. Revenue-stamped Documents of the Civil War Era by Type and Tax Rate*** (Michael Mahler, 2006)
6. ***Mellone's Planty Photo Encyclopedia of Cacheted FDCs,*** Vols. 1-16 (Michael Mellone)
7. ***Philatelic Exhibitors Handbook,*** 3rd ed. (2006)
8. ***2006 Catalogue of Errors on U.S. Postage Stamps*** (Stephen Datz, 2006)
9. ***Understanding Transatlantic Mail,*** Vol. I (Richard Winter, 2006)
10. ***U.S. Perfins Catalog*** (Perfins Club, 1998 + 2004)
11. ***Michel Catalogs:***
    a. ***South America*** (1992)
    b. ***North & East Africa*** (2002)
    c. ***U.S.A. Specialized*** (2004)
    d. ***Zeppelin & Air Mail Specialized*** (2002)