



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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BUFPEX

We are happy to report that BUFPEX again was a huge success. Club members can look back at the show with great pride and satisfaction knowing it has become a first-rate philatelic event. Attendance was strong, especially on Saturday. The public saw a well organized show with nice exhibits, a warm Club Hospitality & Welcome Table, and happy dealers! Checking with everyone involved, the show went smooth and everyone seemed happy.

Many thanks are in order for all those who helped out with setup and teardown, volunteers at the welcome table, the dealers, the exhibitors, the Leonard Post, the USPS and everyone who attended. There were enough people to help with setup and tear down. A much appreciated effort by all. **THANKS AGAIN!!**

MEETINGS

Auctions and meetings are held at the Leonard Post located at 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. On Auction nights, come early to get a good look at the lots up for auction!

CLUB DONATION LOTS

Keep in mind the Club donation box at the auction. The material usually has a low minimum bid, usually \$1.00, with the proceeds going to the Club. Some of the material is even interesting!

DUES

2012-2013 dues remain at \$12.00 and can be given to Casey Kielbasa at the meeting or mailed to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154. If you have not yet paid your dues Casey will contact you for payment otherwise you will be dropped as a member.

APRIL CALENDAR

April 5th: Auction

**April 19th: Presentation by Larry Churns
"Hawaii Correspondence – Pre 1900"**

May 3rd: Auction

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Next agenda on the Club calendar is the election for Board of Directors, which will be held prior to the auction on May 3rd. The Board of Directors consists of 12 members each serving three year terms with four members alternating each year.

This year the following members will have their terms expiring: Al Carroccia, Irv Hills, Dan Sherwood and Bill Witschard. New Board members are always sought. Keep in mind that only Board members are eligible to hold office in the Club. Any Club member interested in joining the Board should see one of the Officers.

OFFICERS

President: Alan Davis
Vice President: Bob Meegan
Secretary: Al Carroccia
Treasurer: Tim Carey
Membership Chairman: Casey Kielbasa
Auction Manager: Dan Sherwood
Advertising & Publicity Coordinator: George Gates
Bourse Chairman: Bill Witschard

BUFPEX STAMP JAR

Frank D'Andrea was the winner of the stamp jar at BUFPEX. His guess was within 14 stamps of the correct number. Congratulations to Frank! In return, Frank donated the jar back to the Club to be auctioned with the proceeds going to the Club. At the March 15th auction, Bob Meegan started the bidding, but Val Ignatjew won the jar. He in turn donated it back to the Club to be auctioned again. Thanks to Frank and Val for their donations.



Val Ignatjew and Gail Brzezowski at the Club Table

FRED L. KOEPF AWARD

The Koepf award is given to a Club member for Outstanding Service to the Buffalo Stamp Club and Philatelic Achievement. This year, the recipient is Bill Witschard. Bill is a long-time member of the Club, a dealer and a strong supporter of not only the Club, but also philately overall. He has served as Treasurer and on the Board of Directors. Currently, as Bourse Chairman he is the glue that keeps the Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX in motion. His coordination of dealers, hall layout, and club ambassador role is significant to the success of these events. This award is well-deserved! We join together in extending our congratulations and thanks to **Bill Witschard**.



What an exciting sight!

On Saturday at BUFPEX, a large group of **Boy Scouts** participated in a **merit badge workshop** for Stamp Collecting. Thanks to Jim McClean for coordinating this workshop.

BUFPEX AWARDS

Founder's Award - *Best in Show* – Tim Carey – *Regular Issues of American Bank Note Co., 1879-1893*

Dan Cunningham Award - *Best in US* – Mary Meegan – *My Interests told through Philately & Deltiology*

Foreign Award - *Best Foreign Exhibit* - George Mohr – *Chateaus, Castles, and Palaces of France*

Topical Award - *Best Topical Exhibit* - Theresa Meegan – *Foxes*

Joseph Romito Award - *Best Exhibit of Cancellation and Usages on US* - Tim Carey – *Regular Issues of American Bank Note Co., 1879-1893*

Ernie Schuster Award – *Best Exhibit for Travel or Transportation* – Tim Carey – *Speeding Up the Mails*

Bredl Cover Award - *Best Exhibit of Covers or Postal Stationery* - Tim Carey – *Regular Issues of American Bank Note Co., 1879-1893*

Emil Auer Award - *Best Exhibit by a Club Member* - Mary Meegan – *My Interests told through Philately & Deltiology*

Single Frame Award - *Special One-Frame Award* – Alan Davis – *Thinking of Buffalo*

Larry Manno Award - *Most Popular Exhibit* - Alan Davis – *Thinking of Buffalo*