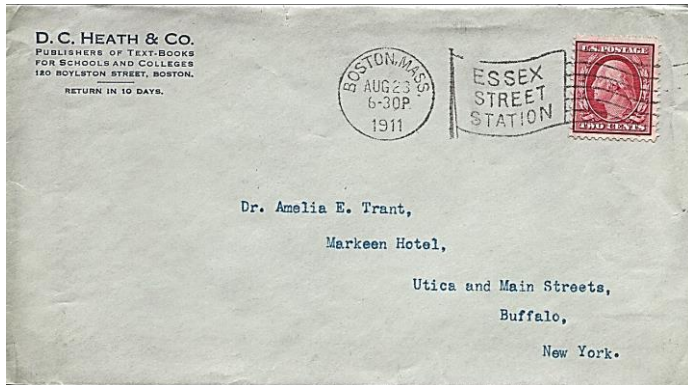


## POSTAL HISTORY RESEARCH

Typical lots at the Club auctions include boxes of covers. Covers are scrutinized for stamps, cancels, markings, rates and routes. However, covers are also desirable for advertising and the addressee. Just ask Larry Cherns!



The above cover was found in a box of covers purchased at a Club auction. A dozen of the covers had interesting machine cancels from different US cities. They all were addressed to the same person in Buffalo, Dr. Amelia Earle Trant. Since Larry is stuck in Canada unable to attend Club meetings, I will ask the question: Who was Amelia Trant?

Amelia Trant was born in Colden, NY in 1853 to Francis Webber Trant and Anne Amelia Earle Trant. Her family moved to Buffalo when she was young. She began a 50-year career in teaching after graduating high school in 1869. In 1894, she graduated cum laude with a degree in medicine from the University of Buffalo but turned her attention back to the Buffalo schools. She was instrumental in the opening of Masten High School in 1897.

Dr. Trant was a life member of the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy. She was also, for many years, treasurer of the famous women's literary club, The Scribblers.



During the Buffalo Centennial celebration in 1932, the Buffalo Times presented Dr. Trant with a medal as the most distinguished woman in the field of education.

Although she had a medical degree, Dr. Trant's long time goal was a B.A. degree in education that was not available to her in her younger years. After her retirement in 1925, she re-enrolled at U.B. and earned her B.A. degree in education.

Dr. Amelia Earle Trant died on July 11, 1947, at the age of 94. She is buried in the family lot at Forest Lawn Cemetery.



The cover, dated August 23, 1911, was addressed to Dr. Trant at the Markeen Hotel (shown above) in Buffalo which was located at the corner of Main & Utica, where she evidently owned an apartment. The building was demolished in 1966 and the corner now has a Metrorail station.

Sources: Find-a-Grave & wnyhistory.org



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## MAY RAMBLINGS

The Club is nearing what would normally be the end of our 2020-2021 calendar, but this has not been a normal year. The next business to be transacted will be the Board election before the Auction on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This past year the Board had the monumental task of dealing with two challenging hurdles facing the Club at the same time: A Pandemic and loss of its venue. The Club, through its Board, was able to address both issues. We are meeting again and in a new venue! The Club needs to fill a seat on the Board and is looking for Club members who are willing to guide the Club toward the future. Please consider helping the Club.

Any rumor of a Club show or bourse in June is false. Between the instability of meeting guidelines and the time it takes to plan and promote a show, June became unrealistic. However, the Club is trying to plan a bourse sometime in August. The ideal date would be Saturday, August 21. Again, any date for a bourse needs to be communicated to dealers, planned, scheduled, and promoted. Stay tuned as more information develops.

Slowly we are returning to some sort of normalcy! Thank you for your patience.

## MAY CALENDAR

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Auction**

**Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>: Auction**

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

**At The Knights Halls, 2735 Union Road just north of William St. in Cheektowaga**

**Auctions** begin immediately following any business and announcements beginning at 7:00 PM.

Arrive early to submit and view lots; seller deadline to submit lots is 6:30 PM

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## BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTION

The Board of Director's election will be held before the auction on May 13.

As of this writing the ballot will consist of the following candidates:

**Tim Carey**

**Alan Davis**

**Casey Kelbasa**

**Vince Durick**

Up to four names can be selected. The votes will be counted, and the results announced prior to the conclusion of the auction. It is never too late to express interest in being part of the decision-making body of the Buffalo Stamp Club.

## BSC FEATURE ARTICLE

In case you did not notice, a reporter was present at the Auction held on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Jerry Sullivan from WIVB-TV interviewed members from the Club on a series exploring collecting during the Pandemic. He was impressed at the number of people who attended and even learned something about stamp collecting. Here is the link to the story:

<https://www.wivb.com/news/local-news/buffalo-stamp-club-avid-collectors-put-personal-stamp-on-hobby-that-endures/?fbclid=IwAR2x7uz7iA4dyeSpLzEFb7n8IIG4FzfiY Cg3jvwENiuWU0BZKTAJ27LIJ8>

We received a number of inquiries as a result of the article. Many were from other states and asked about what to do with collections they had, which we referred them to local clubs in their area. One response was from Henry Lukas at the **Spellman Museum in Weston, Mass** who included our link in their monthly newsletter.

This is not the first time the Club has been recognized. The *Cheektowaga Bee* published an article on the Club in its March 10, 2016 edition just in time for BUFPEX. The article contained a nice picture of George Gates examining a collection!

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY SHOWS

Bill Witschard happily reports that the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Shows will be returning!

Mark these upcoming dates on your calendar:

**June 27**

**July 25**

**August 22**

**September 26**

**October 24**

**November 28**

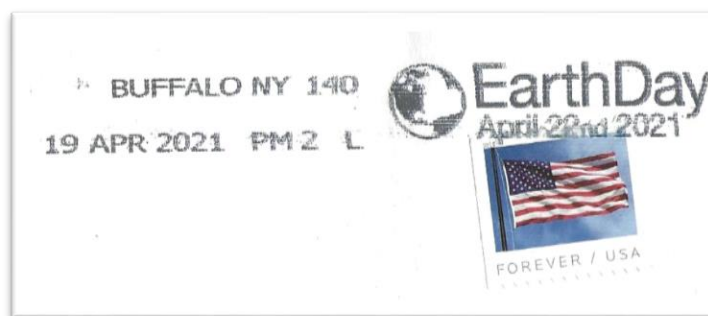
**No show in December**

**Hours are 10 AM to 3 PM**

Shows are at the Polish Falcon Hall  
445 Columbia Avenue, Depew, NY 14043

Hopefully, these dates are firm. Bill will keep us posted. Thanks Bill!

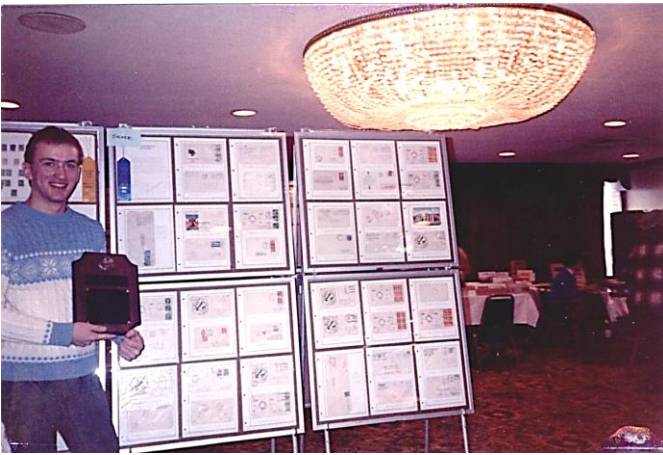
## NEW SLOGAN CANCEL



Look in your daily mail and you will notice a new sprayed slogan cancel promoting Earth Day which takes place on April 22 each year. In case you did not notice, the cancels are clearer than the previous ink-jet cancels. This is due to the USPS updating the AFCS 200 machines. Collecting challenge: try collecting as many examples as you can. Danny Sherwood will surely try!

**Sidebar** – Another response from our Feature Article was from Dennis Brezina. He sent a salute to our Club for the fine work we are doing to promote the stamp collecting hobby. He is a long-time collector and APS member. In 1970, he was a legislative assistant to Senator Gaylord Nelson and helped establish **Earth Day!**

## MYSTERY PHOTO



The above photo was circulated at the April auction to identify the BSC member. It was taken at BUFPEX 1986 which was held at the Ramada Inn on Transit Road.

John Leszak identified the collector as Chris Pieczynski who was a member of the Club in the mid 1980's. He was active in starting the USS BUFFALO Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society. His family was involved with the startup of the Naval Park in Buffalo. He was an Eagle Scout and even worked for John Leszak at the Cover Connection in the early 1980's. He then joined the US Navy for a career. He was an avid exhibitor, and his last known address was in Virginia.

In 1985, he won the Emil Auer Award for Best 1st Time Exhibit by a Club Member for his "Naval War 1812" exhibit. In 1986, he won the Ernie Schuster Award for Best Exhibit for Travel or Transportation for his "US Naval Shore Stations of the Great Lakes" exhibit.

## Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History

In case you're unfamiliar with the Spellman, which is commonly known as the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, it's a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation of diversity through the medium of postage stamps and postal history located within Regis College. Henry Lukas regularly posts YouTube videos on various topics plus a monthly online newsletter.

## AUCTION INVERT

In the April newsletter was a special story about a special invert. At the Club auction held on April 8, the invert sold for \$215! The opening bid for the stamp was \$200.

In case you still want to own a copy, Champion Stamp Co., out of New York City, is offering a copy of its cousin, ScottR151a, for \$395. It has wide margins on the left and is described as average to fine, unused with no gum. Go for it!



Watch the Spellman Museum Mother's Day Video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3JTOJL9pEs>



**REMEMBER OUR HEROES!!!**