

# PICTURES FROM BUFPEX 2022

MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> at the Knights Hall



The Knights Hall



BUFPEX Exhibits



Kim & Casey Kielbasa



Lori & Telah Smith



USPS display with Kevin & Dan



Nick & Gene looking thru stock



Silent Auction



Tom's Stamps



Our Snack Service



Young collectors with Dan



The Lunch & Snack Bar





# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## HAPPY APRIL!

BUFPEX is history and was a success in its return after the year hiatus. From all reports, the 10 dealers and the USPS were happy along with a good turnout, especially on Saturday. Thanks to all the Club members who helped with set up and tear down of the frames. Thanks to those Club members who stepped up to help out at the Club Welcome Table on both Saturday and Sunday. Working the table as an ambassador helps promote the Club. It is amazing how many collectors are not members of the Club. When asked why, they reply they “do not know a Club exists”! When that happens, we take the opportunity and recruit them as members.

With BUFPEX behind us, we enter the final months of the Club 2021-2022 calendar. The next order of Club business is the Board of Directors election. We try to emphasize that the election is a very important order of business for the Club. The actions of the Board determine the future of the Club. The Club asks its members to step up and think about how they can help the Club. As the Club tries to get back to “normal”, what should “normal” be and how do we get there? What more do our members want in order to make our Club more relevant? How do we increase attendance at our events? These and more questions still need to be answered and acted upon. Who else is interested in helping the Club answer these questions?

## APRIL CALENDAR

**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting/Auction

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting/Auction  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

**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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## HAROLD TOWLSON



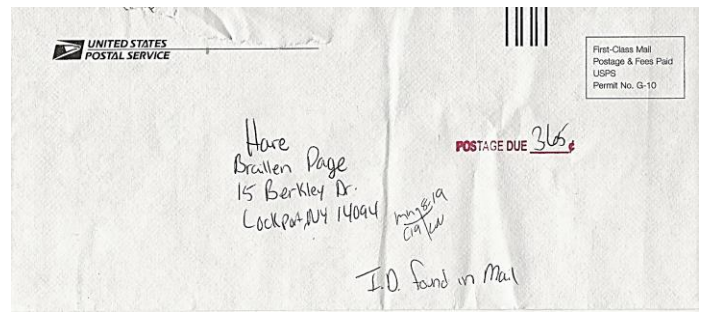
Club member Harold Towlson passed away on March 4, 2022. Harold was a coin and stamp dealer who participated in the coin and stamp shows throughout the area. He and his wife, Ellie, were members of the Club. We send our condolences. He will be missed.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

This is the last announcement for the Board of Directors election which will take place before the auction on **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. We've tried to explain the significance of the election and the role of the Board in the operation and direction of the Club. The last newsletter also listed the names of the four Directors whose terms are expiring. One Director will not be on the ballot; therefore, a replacement will be needed. We also need help as an **Advertising & Publicity Coordinator** – someone who can electronically send notices of events to publications and online calendars to promote our events.

There is no limit as to the number of candidates on the ballot. What is important is that the Club invites all interested Club members to express interest and place their name on the ballot. Any Club member interested should notify a Club Officer either by email or at the April Club Meeting. Help us make our Club better!

## MYSTERY COVER

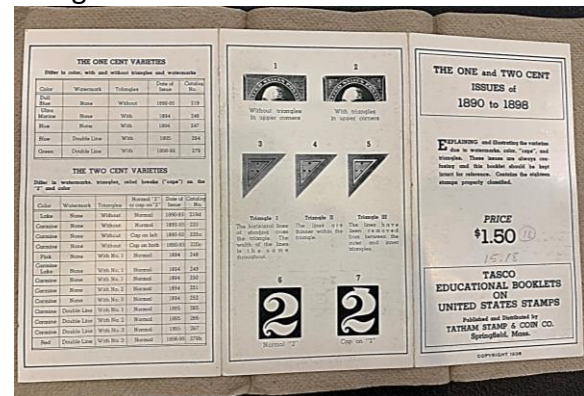


Why was this cover assessed \$3.65 postage due and on an official USPS postage paid envelope? Written on the front is "ID found in mail." It appears a license was dropped in the mailbox. According to USPS regulations the USPS will return the license to the owner but will assess the 1-pound priority rate which at the time of mailing was \$3.65.

## TASCO BOOKLETS



Barb Kern submitted a TASCO booklet in the Bufox Silent Auction. These were educational booklets issued by the Tatham Stamp and Coin Co. of Springfield, Massachusetts. The booklets helped collectors identify US stamps with the aid of diagrams and actual stamps. Some booklets contained facsimiles, if the original stamp was scarce, or its value was high.



This particular booklet covered the one and two cent issues of 1890 to 1898. The booklet was folded in sections of three so when opened, the stamps folded out with the information on the back. There were no stamps missing, and the booklet was in perfect shape. A gem!



## BUFPEX EXHIBITS

There were 4 exhibitors at this year's Bufpex:

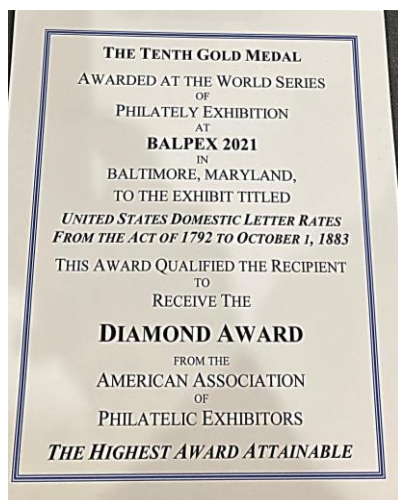
- 10 Frames – “United States Domestic Letter Rates from the Act of 1792 to October 1, 1883” by Robert Meegan
- 6 Frames – “Usage of Revenue Stamps in New York State” by Paul Moore
- 1 Frame – “The Effect of the Irish Civil War on Ireland’s Mail” by Tim Carey
- 3 Frames – “Thinking of Buffalo” by Alan Davis

All the exhibits were well done, interesting, and drew much attention. Tim Carey’s is shown in the adjacent column and was voted Most Popular.

Other awards were:

- Bob Meegan – Founder’s Award (Best in Show)
- Paul Moore – Dan Cunningham Award (Best Example of Originality) & Joseph Romito Award (Best Exhibit of Cancellation and Usages on U.S.)
- Alan Davis – Ann Triggler Best Topical Award

A further note regarding Bob Meegan’s exhibit: As also mentioned in the November 2021 newsletter, Bob is a specialized collector of early US Domestic Letter Rates and has won 10 Gold Awards exhibiting nationally. In recognition of this achievement, he had qualified and was awarded the Diamond Award by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE). He will receive and be recognized at the Garfield-Perry Show in Akron, OH at the Awards Banquet on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. We expect to hear more about this prestigious award in the next newsletter.



Congratulations again, Bob!!

## EXHIBIT - MAILS OF IRELAND

Kudos to the Club members who submitted exhibits for BUFPEX. One exhibit that stood out was “*The Effect of the Easter Rising, Irish War for Independence and the Subsequent Civil War on the Mails of Ireland*” by Tim Carey. This one frame exhibit is impressive not only to the layout and presentation, but with the quality of the material.



Included in the exhibit are two rare crash covers from the destruction of the GPO, Dublin on November 5, 1922. Only a small amount of mail was salvaged from the destroyed post office, and then forwarded with special markings or in official envelopes. The exhibit shows the social and disruptive impact on the Irish Mail system.

Tim’s exhibit won Best Foreign Exhibit Award, Best Exhibit of Covers – The Bredl Cover Award, and the Most Popular Exhibit – The Larry Manno Award.

Congratulations Tim!