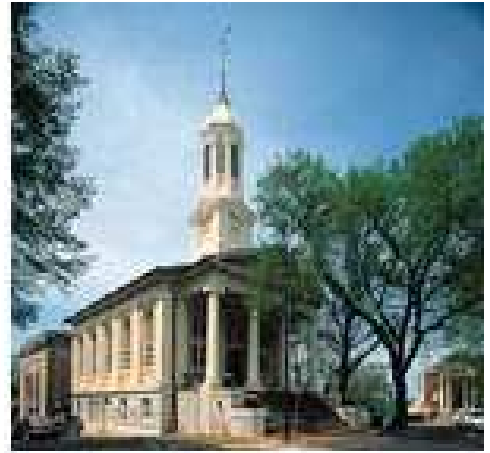


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Hobby Notes

- newsletter of the
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Fauquier County Courthouse
in Old Town Warrenton

Special points of interest:

- *Door prizes donations are always appreciated*
- *Give us your ideas for future programs (our cupboard is bare)*

September 1st Program: Buying Stamps

This month we will have a program dedicated to the fine art of buying stamps. Bill and Brian will talk about purchases at shows, on-line and at auctions, both in person and on-line, the use of auction agents and snipe tools. They also will discuss real-time bidding on internet auctions. As they digress they may chat about auction catalogues, lot descriptions, estimated values and reserve prices, commissions, sales taxes, shipping & handling, and other pitfalls. Feel free to remind them if they forget to mention any of the above.

The program will be in a seminar format (no waiting to the end for questions), which should stimulate questions and discussions. Forceful opinions and horror stories encouraged.

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Welcome to the Next Newsletter Editor - Bob Faurot

Last month in this space I announced that I would give up editing the newsletter after the December issue. I was surprised and delighted when Bob Faurot said that he would consider the task. The Membership responded with applause, and immediately accepted Bob's offer. Bob never got a chance to remind us that he hadn't actually said he would do it, but it was too late (which is pretty much how vacant Club positions get filled). He simply said that he hoped he would not hold the position for seven years, which seems like a reasonable request.

Since the meeting, Bob produced and emailed to me a draft format for the newsletter. It looks great. His version will avoid the format limitations that I created, and the layout looks very flexible. I plan to help Bob with any snags he encounters early on, and I am sure that he will welcome all suggestions, ideas and general input.

- BCS

HOBBY NOTES

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Guests and new members are always welcome. Drop by and join us.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except for the January holiday dinner) at the SunTrust Bank in Warrenton. SunTrust is located at the intersection of Routes 17 & 29, in the Warrenton Center shopping center, near Rankin's Hardware (Enter the front doors

of the bank and go downstairs to the Meeting room).

The meetings start at 7:00 pm. We conduct our business, and then begin an informal 30-minute program, which alternates between coin and stamp topics. The program is usually followed by an auction of stamps, coins, and

other hobby items. We finish around 9:00 pm.

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680 Warrenton Center
Warrenton, VA 20187

ABOUT THE CLUB

"If you like stamps or coin, you're welcome to join"

The Warrenton Stamp and Coin Club is a not-for-profit organization based in Warrenton Virginia, but has members from all over the region, including Casanova, Manassas, Culpeper and Fredericksburg. Meetings are held each month, and the programs are broad enough to interest both stamp and coin collectors. Annual dues are \$12 for adults (and junior members pay no dues). Visitors and guests are always welcome. All prospective members shall be able to receive two consecutive editions of the newsletter before being dropped for non-payment of dues. The Club actively supports the Boy Scouts' merit badge programs, and has raised funds for local high school scholarships. Our website address is:

<http://www.wscc.site11.com/>

UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

October	6	TBA
November	3	JFK on Stamps - Lee Morrison
December	1	"I've Inherited a Collection - Now What?" - how to make it easier for your heirs. Bill & Brian will share their thoughts

Noted in passing...

A program topic at the Royal Philatelic Society in London: "*Philately will get you nowhere - the pitiful and wasted life of a chronic stampoholic.*" Now that might be worth flying to London to hear!

The Postal Service's financial woes continue. As I understand it, the USPS is required by Congress to pre-fund its projected retirement and injury-compensation costs (no other federal agency must do this). It is interesting to note that the amount of its deficit is about the same as the pre-funding requirements.

I see in *Linn's Stamp News* that the 100-year anniversary of the first US airmail flight is September 23, 2011. Too bad the USPS did not commemorate the event. Speaking of airmail firsts, a few more examples of those India February 18, 1911 "first aerial post" covers have sold on eBay for over \$1000. There seems to be a steady demand.

My wife and I drove up the Blue Ridge Parkway from Roanoke, and then up the Skyline Drive, instead of I-81. What a lovely, relaxing drive. We paused by the lake at Peaks of Otter, and ate sandwiches on the James River next to the lock on the old canal. Ahhh.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:

This month we feature the web site of *Coin World* magazine:

<http://www.coinworld.com/>

The site is helpful if you not a *Coin World* subscriber, since many of the articles and advertisements are available here. If you are a subscriber to either *Coin World* or *Coin Values*, you can access the site's database of Coin Values Online, that covers both United States and world coin values.

Upcoming Hobby Shows

Sept	2-4	Baltimore MD BALPEX
Sept	10	Winchester Coin Club Semi-Annual Show
Sept	10-11	Fairfax StampFest
Sept	17	Catlett Day (Lee and Frank display their collections)
Sept	17	Roanoke Fall Stamp Show
Sept	24	Virginia Beach Stamp Show
Sept	23-25	Virginia Numismatic Convention and Coin Show
Oct	27	Virginia Beach Coin Show

VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION AND SHOW

Most of you know that Gregg has taken the task of organizing 2011's VNA Convention. He asked me to mention the details in the newsletter, and it seemed easier to scan the flyer.

He also asked that I attach a copy of the VNA Convention Banquet reservation form, in case anyone wants to complete the form and submit it to Gregg at the meeting. Please find it attached to the email along with the newsletter.

This year's Convention is located close to most members, and it is a great opportunity to find new material, view exhibits and listen to the presentations of authorities in their fields. Don't miss this chance.



 VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
vnaonline.org

2011 CONVENTION COIN & CURRENCY SHOW

NEW LOCATION **September 23-25, 2011**
Friday 10-6:00 - Saturday 9-6:00 - Sunday 9-4:00

FREDERICKSBURG EXPO & CONFERENCE CENTER.- 2371 Carl D. Silver Pkwy, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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120+ Tables – Educational Speakers & Exhibits – Youth Activities

\$35 Early Bird Admission during dealer setup, starting 3:00 PM, Sept. 22
Hosted by Culpeper, Rappahannock Area & Warrenton Coin Clubs
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(reprinted from *The American Philatelist*, September issue):

“The Warrenton (VA) Stamp & Coin Club (APS Chapter 1492), founded in the 1980's, has nearly doubled its membership in the past five years according to member Bill Clair. Bill writes: “The Club meets once a month and features a presentation by one of the members or an outside speaker. Then follows a lively auction. Our major activity each year is a Stamp and Coin Show, a one-day event with tables for dealers and members. The publicity for this has helped gain members including a growing number of youngsters. The Club supports the Boy Scouts stamp and coin merit badge programs. We attract potential members from the growing numbers of collectors who are leaving greater Washington D.C. and moving to Virginia's Piedmont and Blue Ridge regions. Our aim is to foster a friendly and inclusive group of collectors who enjoy and learn from both hobbies.”

Bravo Bill, for giving even more publicity to the Club!

At Last Month's Meeting...

At the August meeting we heard from Tony about the possibility of moving to a larger venue if our membership continues to grow - a room at the Armory might suit our needs. At \$50 per meeting, it would cost the Club \$600 per year, and some of that amount might be offset by the receipts from the monthly auction.

Bob Faurot volunteered to be the next Editor of the newsletter. He mentioned that he joined the Club to learn more about his hobby, and hoped that we'd have more programs in which the members shared some of their accumulated knowledge. Tony noted that we need a program coordinator in Bill Miller's understandable absence. That led to President Bill volunteering to talk about coins in October. Bill Clair and Brian said that they would do programs in September and December (the first about buying stamps, and the other about what you can do now to help your heirs dispose of your collection).

Lee related that in 2012 he would show his Civil War material at the Manassas Museum in Old Town, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the 2nd Battle of Manassas. He will also show it this year at Catlett Day on October 1st, along with Frank's collection of Junior Duck stamps. [Good work, guys!]

We had a great show-and-tell, with revenue stamps on a 1965 Virginia deed; a small U.S. flag with instructions on the back in many languages intended to help downed WWII pilots get assistance from villagers; an antique letter box; an amazing variety of stamps and souvenir sheets from Argentina; and other great wonders.

We closed with an unusually active auction.

-BCS

FROM THE EDITOR...

Lee Morrison will hold a reception on September 17 at the Flint Hill P.O., to encourage stamp collecting with children and to promote some new stamps. This event will start at 8:00 a.m. and continue to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Lee says he will have some neat things that will blow the adults away. In addition, Lee is working with Frank on a show for Catlett Day to be held on October 1st. It will feature the Civil War presentation (that was first shown at the Manassas battlefield). This show will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the old Catlett rescue squad building. Lee promises to bring additional details to the September meeting.

We now have programs set for the remainder of the year, but it is not too soon to start thinking about 2012. The show-and-tell we had in August about Argentine stamps would have been enough for a program, and I suspect every member has a similar story to tell. All you need is a few items to show around the table, while you chat for a couple of minutes about why you collect them, and why they are interesting to you. Questions and comments will usually take up the rest of the time!

-BCS

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This month's featured stamp

This month's stamp pane honors 12 of the nation's most important and influential industrial designers. With everything from furniture and electric kitchen appliances to corporate office buildings and passenger trains, the work of these designers helped shape the look of everyday life in the 20th century.

Each stamp shows the name of a designer and a photograph of one of the designer's creations, as well as a description of the object and the year when the product was created. The selvage features a photograph of the "Airflow" fan designed by Robert Heller around 1937.

The stamps within the pane of twelve designs are Forever® stamps.

