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## Golden Gate Scandinavian Collectors Club Volunteer at WPL

Many thanks to the volunteers of the Golden Gate Scandinavian Collectors Club who during their club meeting at the library on Saturday 5th February rearranged some 3200+ books into better order on the library shelves by expanding the shelf space for them. In addition several hundred books that would not fit before were added in proper call number locations. This was very hard work. **We appreciate the major effort that the volunteers made to realigning the book shelves. Please come again.**

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## Book Returns

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**Editor's Corner**

This double issue is a catch up from my procrastination due to the various holidays - Thanksgiving, Hanukah, Christmas, New Year, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, Martin Luther King Jr day, Groundhog day, Superbowl, Valentine's day, Presidents' day, and probably others that I have forgotten. I celebrated too much ! In addition to these "official" holidays we had spring weather in our winter season.

These four months have been very busy (and enjoyable) so I apologize for producing this double issue.

Best wishes to all for 2011.

Pierre M Hahn, your editor

**Ongoing Library Support**

The Sunnyvale Public Library provides all of our facilities at the Raynor Activity Center at no charge to the Friends of WPL or patrons using the library. This is the major factor in our ability to stay in operation and enables us to devote the funds of FWPL to maintaining and building the collection itself.

**BOARD MEETINGS**

Regular Board meetings are open to all FWPL members. Meetings begin at 4:00 pm, the fourth Wednesday of each month, at the Western Philatelic Library at the Raynor Community Center. Feel free to drop in and see what is going on. You might call President Stuart Leven, (408) 978-0193, beforehand to confirm details of location, time and date.

**Mission Statement**

The Western Philatelic Library exists to enhance the preservation and dissemination of philatelic knowledge by acquiring, organizing, interpreting and distributing information resources in a globally networked community.

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We will be known as setting the standard for providing a responsive, convenient gateway to philatelic knowledge.

Our Commitments:

- To build and conserve a world-class collection of printed, electronic and other media;
- To support, extend and enrich the pursuit of knowledge and enjoyment through stamp collecting;
- To provide access and support for beginners, hobbyists, specialists, writers and postal historians;
- To promote knowledge through public educational events and displays; and
- To collaborate and cooperate with other libraries.

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# Czeslaw Slania Study Group

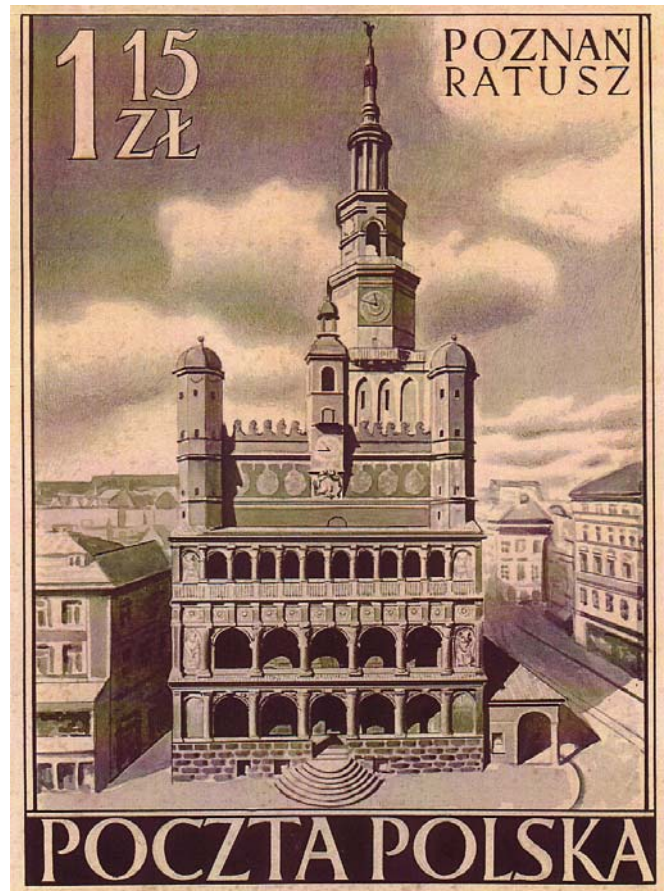
For twenty-four years, the Czeslaw Slania Study Group chronicled the life and works of the famous engraver. Slania, who died in 2005, was well known for the quality and quantity of his engravings. He engraved well over 1,000 stamps for 32 countries, plus banknotes, commercial works, personal art and labels. He was also a designer, having designed many of the stamps he engraved as well as other items.

The club published a journal, *Close-Up*, that kept collectors informed of new issues and new discoveries. The journal also had reports of various meetings and exhibits of Slania's work.

Shown nearby is a design that Slania submitted for a Polish stamp picturing the 16th century Poznan town hall (the design was not adopted).

The club published *The Engraving Art of Czeslaw Slania*, a comprehensive 140-page catalog of Slania's works.

In early 2009, the editor of *Close-Up*, Harold Short, sadly passed away. The directors of the CSSG decided to discontinue the study group. The Western Philatelic Library has a complete run of *Close-Up* as well as copies of *The Engraving Art of Czeslaw Slania*. The group's archives were also donated to the WPL. These materials are available to any interested collector who is interested in Slania's work.



## Review by David McNamee

**Review** *New Zealand Stamps Overprinted "O.P.S.O."* by Colin Capill, FRPSNZ. Published in 2010 jointly by the New Zealand Society of Great Britain and the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, ISBN 978-0-9514667-3-5, limited to 100 copies only. Format is 56 pp. with color illus., biblio., 6 appendices, and A4 size card cover perfect bound. Available through the RPSNZ for NZ\$50 + post & packing (NZ\$3 local, NZ\$10 Australia and NZ\$20 elsewhere). Ordering information: [www.rpsnz.org.nz/our-writings/publications-overview](http://www.rpsnz.org.nz/our-writings/publications-overview).

The study of official mail in Australasia, both stamps and covers, has gained a considerable collector interest in the past decade. It is estimated that 20% to 40% of all mail in Australasia was official mail, so this important area is well worth the effort to understand it. Fortunately, more information is becoming readily accessible to understand and enjoy these issues, including *Australian Privileged Mail* by Karman (2003), and added to by Stieg and Watson's (2008) *Franked! The Official Mail of Victoria 1864-1902*. This study of New Zealand OPSO overprints used during 1891-1906 fills a gap in our knowledge of official mail in Australasia.

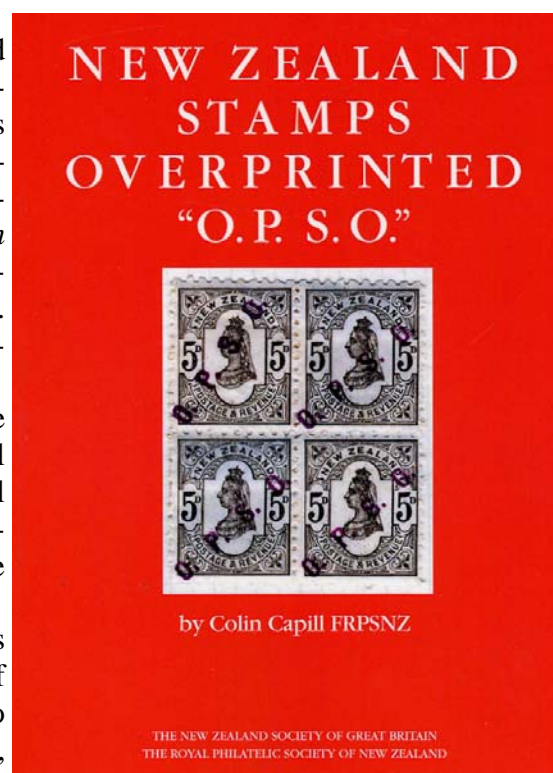
The author sets a firm foundation for understanding these special stamps with a general overview and history of official mail in New Zealand, along with excellent examples illustrated in full color and supplemented by official pronouncements and his succinct summary of facts. A brief review of the mention of these stamps in philatelic publications completes the foundation.

The careful collector/researcher will appreciate the author's diligence in verifying previously established facts. Not a lot of work had been done since the 1920s to catalogue these stamps or to study the rubber hand-stamps use to create them. As a consequence, the author has doubled the number of stamps recorded and doubled the number of rubber hand-stamps used for overprinting.

A chapter is devoted to the reprints. Allegedly a large number of stamps, twice the number of varieties found genuinely used, were created in the 1912-1914 period by a dealer who borrowed the genuine handstamp. Since mint stamps overprinted OPSO were not obtainable by the public, most of the mint stamps circulating are reprints, along with perhaps a small percentage of mint stamps overprinted OPSO available from presentation sets. The author leaves it to the reader to decide what the status of these mint versions should be in collections of the period.

A brief chapter is also devoted to the unfortunate topic of forgeries. Overprints are especially susceptible to the forger's work, and an unknown number of OPSO forgeries exist, though only a small number have been recorded.

The bibliography and six appendices are very useful additions to the information presented in the book. An index would have been nice, but the table of contents is informative and the chapters are usually very short making finding what you are looking for straightforward. I believe that this is a very useful handbook whose structure could be a model in treating subjects of this size and complexity. With only 100 copies printed, do not delay too long in ordering a copy for your personal library.



# Book Review By Peter Martin

## *APS Large Banknotes Identification Guide*

***Large U.S. Banknotes Identification Guide* by Bob Pipes and Steve Einhorn. American Philatelic Society, Bellefonte, Pa., 2010. Saddlestiched, 8.5 x 11 inch, 27pp., illus.**

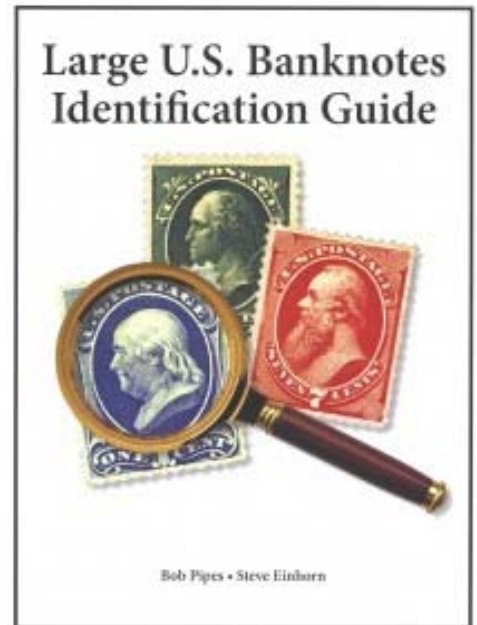
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For collectors of the United States large banknotes, the *Large U.S. Banknotes Identification Guide* by Bob Pipes and Steve Einhorn is a small package chock full of critical information to aid collectors in identifying this popular 19<sup>th</sup> century collecting area.

The Large Banknote stamps were produced by the National, Continental and American Banknote companies from 1870-1888 and while you won't get much of the historical data about these stamps, you do get essential guidance about how to identify the stamps, which had numerous color, paper and grill varieties.

You'll get super large magnification of the stamps in full color and pull-outs that show the secret marks and key identification features. In addition, for each stamp the authors provide an identification strategy, grill chart and a summary table. A discussion about how to identify the paper types concludes the handbook. Collectors familiar with the Scott *Micarelli Identification Guide to U.S. Stamps*, which includes the *U.S. Large Banknotes*, will find that this APS guide goes well beyond the scope of that prominent tome in assisting collectors to properly identify these issues.

Whether you collect the Large Banknotes or are simply trying to find out if you have a common or rare stamp, this handbook will serve you well.



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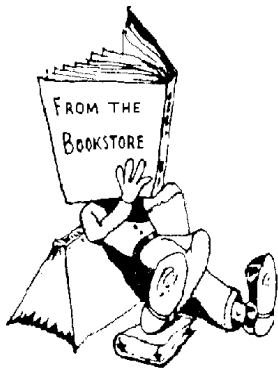
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Thanks to Sidney Epstein, Larry Fillion, Richard Salz and an anonymous donor, we now have \$1,000.00 to be used for purchasing books for the library. Participation in this effort is very much appreciated and without your support it would not have reached the goal so quickly!

A large portion of these funds have already been allocated for the purchase of some recent releases. Mr. Tett's recent volume 6 on Prisoner of War mail is just one example of what should be on the shelves as soon as the postal service can deliver a copy.



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10964	Three Oklahoma 'Mobile' Post Offices.	Troutman, S.	2pp	ill	1996	.30
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10913	The Serrane Guide. Puerto Rico.	Serrane, F.	1pp		1995	.15
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10938	Around-the-World First Day Cover. (Scott C10-10a, 5/26/1928)	Spooner, R.B.	2pp	ill	1996	.30
10907	Clipper Flight to China.	Hurwitz, E.S.	4pp		1937	.60
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10941	An Analysis of the Illustration Riddle.	Keating, P.H.	2pp		1935	.30
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10927	Demonetization of 1851-1857 Adhesives at New York City.	Herzog, W.K.	6pp	ill	1981	.90
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10923	Some Notes on Incoming Foreign Mail Via England.	Hargest, G.E.	5pp		1960	.75
	<b>UNITED STATES POSTAL MARKINGS - SLOGAN</b>					
10908	Christmas Slogans.	Harvey, A.	4pp	ill	1943	.60
	<b>UNITED STATES POSTAL OPERATIONS</b>					
10965	Misdirected Mail.	Fricke, C.A.	1pp	ill	1996	.15
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10906	Showing Parallel Series of Precancels.	Rich, S.G.	1pp		1933	.15
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10937	When Lincoln Was Postmaster.		1pp	ill	1935	.15
	<b>TOPICAL COLLECTING – FAMOUS PEOPLE – ADMIRAL PORTER</b>					
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14051	Stamps for the New Year.	Gilman, H.	1pp	ill	1981	.15
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14052	The Lost Letter.	Grumm, F.	2pp	ill	1956	.30
14053	Uncommon Uses of Common Stamps. Austria-Turkish Empire. (Bosnia) Cover From Trieste to Sarajevo in 1868.	Rasic, M.R.	2pp	ill	1959	.30
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14054	Why Bohemia and Moravia Issued Stamps.	Halle, H.L.	2pp	ill	1956	.30
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14055	Technical Report. Bolivia Air Mail, 1928.		1pp		1945	.15
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14101	The Brazil Ruy Barbosa Commemorative of 1925.	Haynes, R.	5pp	ill	1938	.75
<b>BULGARIA</b>						
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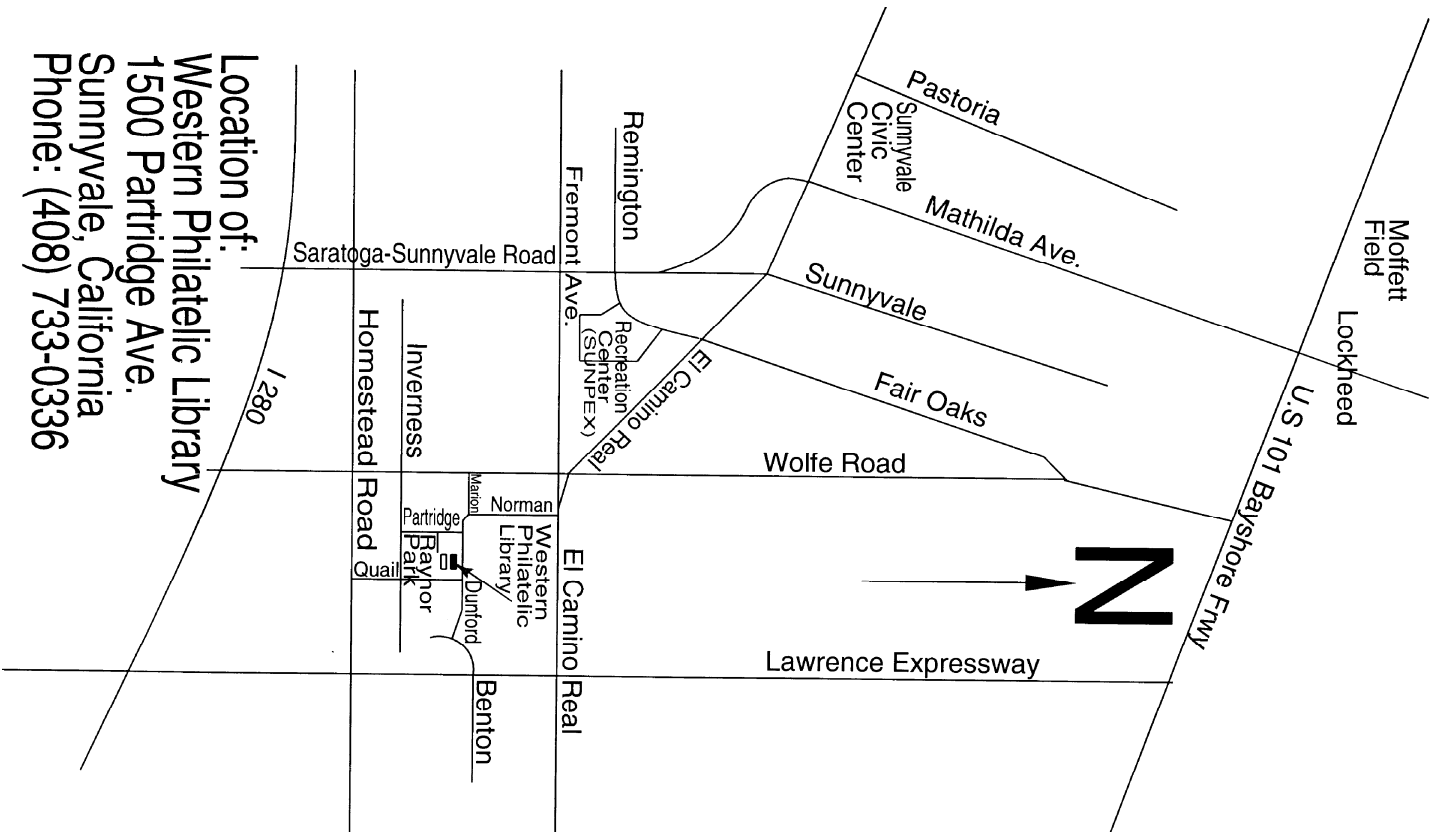
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