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September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

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Deceased

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Yvonne Jarkowski ()

Moved

None

New

Loren C. Lyall (CA)

Rick Barrett (TX)

Walter P. Knoepfel (CA)

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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.

WPL Vision Statement

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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.

Editor's Corner

Summer time and beach days are here again. When I was much younger the humidity never seemed to bother me. Now I turn on the air conditioners as soon as the weather reporter says Hazy, Hot and Humid. Here in Rhode Island the humidity is never far away as we have the Atlantic Ocean on two sides and Narragansett Bay running from the coast right up to Providence.

Soon it will be Autumn with its cooler days and nights and the raking of leaves—which seems to be a never ending job during the middle part of Autumn.

And then we will have Winter—sometimes very snowy and very, very cold—wind chills in the -30s. But it is an excellent time for working on one's stamp collection!

And then comes the Spring with warmer days and cool nights and WESTPEX, which I always look forward to. Hope to see you at WESTPEX!!

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SUCCESSFUL AUCTION

by Jo Skinner

Our auction held July 30th added \$2,833.00 to our Building Fund. We thank all who donated materials, attended the auction and successfully bid on the lots.

We especially thank Wally Jolliff and Ken Lewetzow who spent many hours sorting the donated items, writing up the lots and looking up catalog values for each lot, as well as running the auction. Wally and Ken your efforts are greatly appreciated,

We thank all who helped during the auction with the assigning bidder numbers, record keeping and assisting successful bidders collect their lots at the end of the auction.

Neyhart Wins Helbock Prize for Three-Peat

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La Posta Publications Publisher Peter Martin has announced that, for the third consecutive year, Charles Neyhart has been selected as the winner of the Richard W. Helbock Prize that is awarded to the best postal history article appearing in the previous year's *La Posta: The Journal of American Postal History*.

Neyhart won the 2016 Helbock Prize for, "Play It Again, San Diego - The 1935 California Pacific International Exposition" that appeared in the Second Quarter 2015 *La Posta*.

Neyhart won the 2015 Helbock prize for, "'A Knife in the Back' The 1915 San Diego Panama California Exposition." He won the 2014 Helbock prize for, "The 1905 Portland, Oregon, Lewis & Clark Exposition Postal Stations." Richard S. Hemmings, won the inaugural Helbock Prize in 2013 with, "New York City's Cortlandt Street: One Way to the River."

Neyhart, who holds a Ph.D. in business administration from Penn State, retired in 2001 as emeritus professor of business from Oregon State University and lives in Portland.

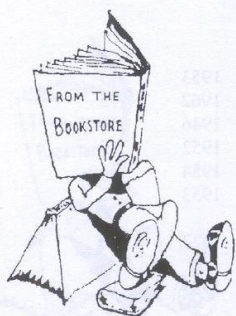
His latest article examined the complete postal history of the 1935 San Diego California Pacific Expo that was held during the Depression at the same venue as the 1915 Panama California Expo.

Runner-up for the 2016 prize was, "The Inside Story of the Staples Post Offices" by Kelvin Kindahl (Fourth Quarter, 2015 *La Posta*) of Florence, Mass. This outstanding modern postal history feature reviewed the history of the four attempts by the U.S. Postal Service to place contract post offices into major chain retail stores and included a complete listing of all the recent Staples Post Offices, with start and ending dates.

The selections were based upon voting by the *La Posta* editorial staff and the Patron, Benefactor and Sustaining subscribers of *La Posta*.

The Richard W. Helbock Prize is named in honor of the founding editor of *La Posta* who died from a heart attack in 2011. Helbock founded *La Posta* in 1969 and continued to edit the journal for more than 42 years until his death.

La Posta: The Journal of American Postal History is published four times per year. It is the leading journal devoted to American postal history and marks its 48th year of publication in 2016. Subscriptions are \$34 per year. For more information contact: La Posta Publications, POB 6074 Fredericksburg, VA 22403 or e-mail laposta.joan@yahoo.com



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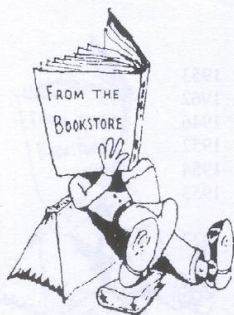
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Book Review: *Throndhjems By– Post* **Reviewed by Alan Warren**

Throndhjems By-Post by Knut Glasø. 192 pages, 6 ¾ by 9 ¾ inches, hard cover, in English, Skanfil, Haugesund, Norway, 2015. ISBN 978-82-92535-17-2, 350 Norwegian crowns plus postage from Skanfil, PO Box 2030, Haugesund, Norway, or www.skanfil.no.

Local post service and stamps were used in many of the Scandinavian countries in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The term Bypost literally means “town post.” The purpose was for delivery of letters, cards, and even parcels in the town where the local post stamps were sold. The stamps and covers are eagerly collected. However it is necessary to have specialized monographs and catalogs in order to study this material.

Georg Fredrik Krogh of Trondheim in Norway introduced his local post stamps in 1865. He later sold the business and eventually the town’s local post enterprise was taken over by the Brækstad firm. The details of the early history of the local post are revealed in the first chapter of Glasø’s book, written by Kjell Fiskvik.

After some years local posts proved not to be very profitable and there was government pressure to eliminate the competitive businesses. However, the Trondheim local post continued until 1913. Local post stamps proved to be very popular with collectors, thus yielding income for which they did not have to provide service.

Only about 40 pages of this book provide the background history of the city’s local post. Most of the book is in fact a catalog of the local post stamps and stationery of Trondheim. Glasø somewhat follows previous By-Post catalogs but expands into varieties not previously

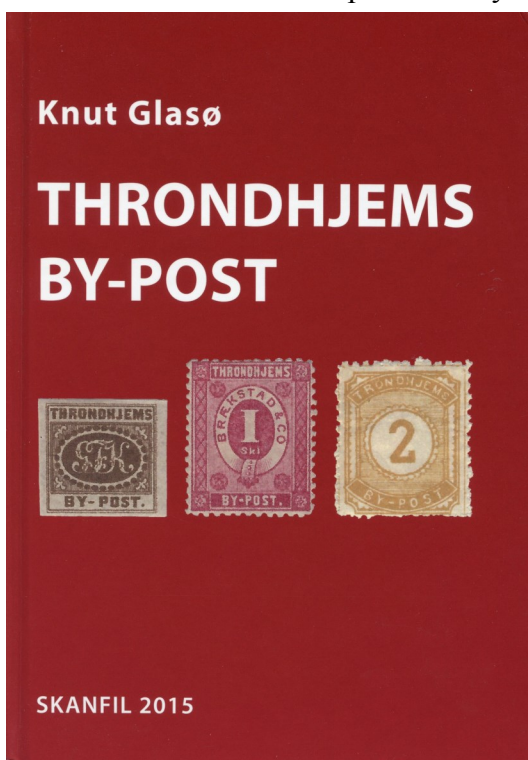
recorded, and therefore uses his own numbering system. He does cross reference other catalog numbers where appropriate.

In addition to good color illustrations of the issues he provides denomination, color, and perforations details. This is not a priced catalog but he does point out rare and extremely rare items. Many of the listings include a paragraph or more of explanatory text about cancellations and paper. Some issues have extensive plate flaw descriptions that enable the stamps to be plated.

Local post postal cards were also sold and used in Trondheim and these are listed with their own catalog numbers. A chapter on postmarks is based on the work of Frederick A. Brofos who studied this material and published his findings in the United States. Glasø notes that souvenir sheets of the Trondheim locals were also printed and sold to collectors and tourists. A list of references concludes the book.

This detailed catalog with very fine illustrations is now the definitive resource for collectors of

Trondheim’s local post (By-Post) issues. The fact that the Norwegian author chose to publish this in English greatly widens the audience.



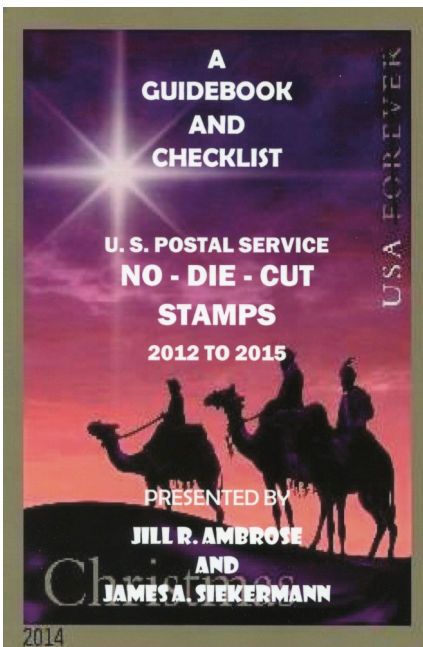
Book Review: *U.S. Postal Service No-Die-Cut Stamps 2012 to 2015: A Guidebook and Checklist*
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U.S. Postal Service No-Die-Cut Stamps 2012 to 2015: A Guidebook and Checklist by Jill R. Ambrose and James A. Siekermann. 80 pages, 6 x 9 inches, card covers, perfect bound, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2015. ISBN 9781519437532, \$14.99 plus postage from Amazon.com.

As franking technology and new postage stamp formats evolve, collectors are quick to react by looking for new collectibles and then developing listings and eventually catalogs of this material.

Enter now the no-die-cut stamps of the USPS, and in particular the “modern” ones introduced in 2012. For some years now self-adhesive stamps have been printed in large press sheets, then die cut so individual stamps can be peeled, and cut further into panes and packaged for shipment to post offices. However, some press sheets are now prepared without die cuts and then cut into panes.

As collectors realized that only a limited number of such sheets and panes were available for each new issue, the demand increased quickly. In fact the first such no-die-cut panes were prepared for the July 20, 2012 baseball all-stars, and all of the press sheets were sold out before the stamps were issued. The resulting stamps are imperforate. The full press sheet, before it is cut into panes, offers the possibility of cutting gutter pairs and blocks. The panes can be cut to yield margin singles or blocks with plate numbers.



The number of panes cut from a press sheet depends on the stamp size and format. Press sheets can be cut into 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, or 16 panes. This new guidebook shows each issue from July 2012 through 2015. A checklist accompanies each issue so collectors can quickly note that they have the press sheet, pane, mint single, used single, plate block, cross gutter block, horizontal gutter pair, vertical gutter pair, and first day cover.

Notes for each issue include location of the plate numbers, the number of no-die-cut press sheets released, and hence the feasible number of imperf stamps available. If the stamps were withdrawn from sale by USPS, that date is recorded. Co-authors Ambrose and Siekermann have assigned their own numbering system, which is included along with the Scott number for each issue.

In the case of the July 2012 baseball all-stars, one press sheet has the four stamps and then separate press sheets were printed for each of the four stamps. Thus there are five press sheet numbers GCPS (Guidebook and Checklist of Press Sheets) 1 through five, and the stamps are numbered 1-4 for the block of four different baseball stars followed by 5, 6, 7, and 8 for Ted Williams, Larry Doby, Willie Stargell, and Joe DiMaggio, each of whom has his own press sheet.

The next issue was the August 18, 2012 War of 1812 USS *Constitution* sheet GCPS #6 and the stamp itself is number 9. This book ends with the October 23, 2015 Geometric Snowflakes issues.

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