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VOLUNTEER WORK AT LIBRARY!

Due to popular demand one Saturday each month will be set aside for volunteers to visit the library and put in a few hours helping to work through our many tasks and piles of literature. The third Saturday of each month will be Volunteer Day. Here are the dates for 2012.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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The WPL exists as a resource for everyone. The lending policy is very lenient for anyone borrowing books or other items. Most members appreciate this service and use it well, including returning the items in a timely manner. However, a few overextend their borrowing time and stretch it to the limit. It makes more work and problems to the few volunteers that we have who need to chase down delinquent borrowers and call them for returns that are sometimes years old. Please check any of your borrowed books and return them so others might benefit from them. The alternative is one we don't like: the limiting of borrowers who are chronic extenders, by denying their borrowing privilege.

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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.

WPL Vision Statement

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:
 - 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

Time to start thinking about the upcoming philatelic shows.

First up is APS StampShow Expo in Los Angeles. Unfortunately this will reasch you after the show is over.

Next up will be WESTPEX 2015, April 24-26 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront in Burlingame with a free transportation available 24 hours a day from the hotel to the airport (which also makes it convenient for those travelling by BART.

Thirdly there is NY 2016 which is rapidly approaching. The next USA International show will be in 2026 in Boston, MA.

This is your publication, not mine, and I am always open to suggestions for improvement. I may not implement all suggestions, but I will always read and evaluate them.

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Your donations are greatly appreciated by all who use the library and especially our volunteers who are trying to make philatelic literature available to all who are seeking the opportunity to enrich their philatelic knowledge.

THANK YOU!!

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January 12, 2015 For Immediate Release

WSS-NY 2016 Exhibition Bulletin Released

Information important to potential exhibitors is now available with the release of the Bulletin by World Stamp Show-NY 2016, taking place in 15 months from May 28-June 4, 2016 at the Javits Center in New York City.

The 60 page full-color booklet contains complete details about exhibit entry requirements, the application and acceptance process, and costs involved. It also covers the GREX (General Regulations for Exhibitions) held under the patronage of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie, the 91 member international body considered as the "United Nations" of the hobby.

Three members of the WSS-NY 2016 team collaborated on the work. Stephen D. Schumann, the show's Commissioner General, provided much of the regulatory section. Steven J. Rod, show Vice President, concentrated on the cultural section, while Design Chairman Niko Courtelis focused on the graphics and layout.

Exhibits among the 3,800 competitive frames are allowed in all 13 FIP-recognized philatelic categories. For the first time ever, First Day Cover exhibits will be accepted under the Experimental Exhibiting Group. One, five or eight frame exhibits may be entered, the latter reserved for previous international large vermeil or higher winners. At least 20% of WSS-NY 2016 entries will be allocated to first-time international exhibits. Literature entries are additionally welcome.

To facilitate the application process, all participating countries appoint national commissioners who distribute and receive exhibit paperwork and coordinate entries with the event's Commissioner General. The two United States commissioners have just been named, Dr. Yamil Kouri of Massachusetts for exhibitors east of the Mississippi and Mrs. Vesma Grinfelds of California for exhibitors in the West. Exhibitors in other countries should consult their national philatelic organization for commissioner appointees. They will also appear on the WSS-NY 2016 web site with contact information when known. Updates will only appear online.

Full show information, along with the electronic version of the Bulletin, is online at <u>http://</u><u>www.ny2016.org</u>. Also see the exhibition's Facebook, YouTube and Pinterest sites.

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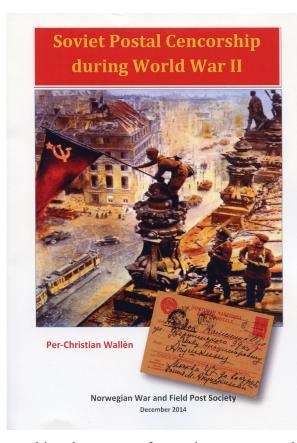
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Book Review: Soviet Postal Censorship during World War II reviewed by Alan Warren

Soviet Postal Censorship during World War II by Per-Christian Wallèn. 124 pages, 8 ¹/₄ by 11 ³/₄ inches, perfect bound, card covers, in English, Norwegian War and Field Post Society, Norway, 2014. 200 NOK (approx. \$30 plus postage), details from Knut Arveng, knut.arveng@getmail.no.

The author has published in *Post-Rider* and is active in the German Arbeitsgemeinschaft Russland e.V. His interest in Russian censorship during the Great Patriotic War was stimulated when he took a language course in St. Petersburg. The information in this book has been gleaned from the many covers, postcards, and postal stationery that he has examined over the years. He realizes it is not complete but with this handbook collectors can begin to understand the censorship markings found on this material.

He divides his presentation into three periods: 1941-1942, 1942-1943, and 1943-1945 (marked 1943-1953 in the introduction but not in later discussions). The introduction also contains six important tables for reference when using the handbook. These tables list the civil



censorship locations for oblast/krai (administrative division), fieldpost sorting points, naval postal bases, army postal bases, double circle cancels used on international mail, and digits censor cancels. Locations for each are included in the tables.

The listings begin with the Army postal sorting points in numerical order, and data for each year period that includes earliest and latest recorded dates. The Naval post bases receive similar treatment followed by the Army fieldpost bases. At the end of this section the author shows three Army censor markings whose locations are unknown. The largest section lists the oblast/krai censor markings alphabetically, again with comments by year-period and earliest and latest known dates. Throughout the handbook cancel types are shown and various numbers associated with them.

A bibliography of over 30 references is given, and two government decrees relating to censorship are reprinted in Russian and English. A brief index concludes the volume. Most illustrations are in color and show just the censor

marking; however, a few entire covers are also shown.

Recognizing that this handbook is a starting point and a work in progress, it will serve collectors to understand this author's approach to categorizing and identifying Soviet censorship markings during World War II.

For the first time in its nearly 36 year history, the popular TV show CBS Sunday Morning will be featuring a segment on stamp collecting. It will air this coming Sunday, January 18th. American Philatelic Society Executive Director Ken Martin was first interviewed by the producer and provided several names for the crew to contact.

Among them was World Stamp Show-NY 2016 Entry Level and Youth Chairperson Debby Friedman, who also heads the Collectors Club Youth Stamp Club in New York City. A visit was arranged during one of the Club's regular Saturday morning meetings in September.

Debby recounts that her group had very little advance notice of the filming, some of which took place in the Club's library. The setup was complicated and time consuming, as the crew first wanted shots of a group activity and then get one-on-one time with the kids.

"I opted to let the kids pick stamps of interest to them and talk about why they picked what they did," she said. "It was a very long day for all of us, but the kids' reactions were 'awesome', 'proud' and 'exciting'. They are looking forward to seeing themselves on television, as are all of their friends and relatives!"

Check your local TV listings for the show's air time. Most CBS affiliates carry the broadcast beginning at 9 AM. Look for host Charles Osgood's introduction to the show to determine when the segment will run. The totem pole on the set's stage will also give a clue as to when to expect to see it during the 90 minute program.

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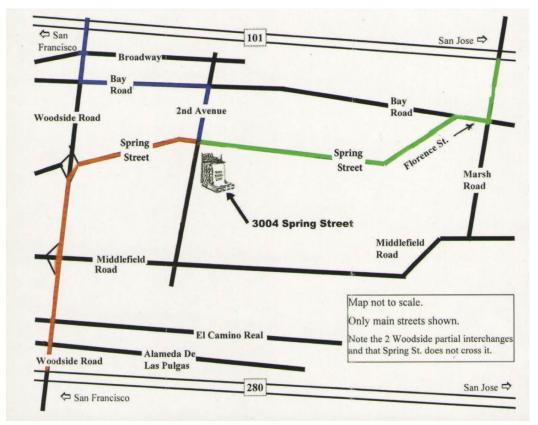
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