

The Bay Phil is a publication of The Friends of the Western Philatelic Library, Inc.

The Friends of The Western Philatelic Library, Inc. is an organization of philatelists assisting in the growth and maintenance of the Western Philatelic Library.

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We're hoping to burn the Mortgage Note soon!

Thanks to your help, the Library's mortgage balance is now down to \$120,453, with the mortgage amount having been reduced by \$439,547!

Editor's Corner



Bob Gordon, Editor

Hello Friends of the Library! Thank you to those who were able to visit us on Saturday August 20 and Saturday October 15 for our Open House / Silent Auction events. We're gearing up for more events in 2023!

Library Hours: Mon and Thu 9 am-1 pm and by appt. (call to verify)

New Extended Hours: In addition to Mondays and Thursdays, the Library is now open Saturdays 10am—1pm. Come by for a visit!

Want to contact the Library? 650-306-9150 or info@fwpl.org

Donations always welcome at the Library's GoFundMe site:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

Welcome and thank you to our newest Members:

Mike Forster (Palo Alto) and Patrick Ford (Redwood City)



2014-2022 Investments in Safety, Paint and Signage



2016-2022 Open Houses / Silent Auctions / Book Sales



2022 Post Clean Up



2021 Safety Signage

Above: Slide from Ed Jarvis' presentation at Filatelic Fiesta in San Jose. The title of Ed's talk was "The new Western Philatelic Library— Open to All". Thank you to Brian Jones for inviting the Library to speak.

Board Minutes (Saturday August 13, 2022)

Friends of the Western Philatelic Library
Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, August 13, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am by Library President Ed Jarvis at the Western Philatelic Library, 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City CA 94063.

Roll Call found a **Quorum of 5 Officers and Directors** present: Richard Clever, Bob Gordon, Ed Jarvis, Nestor Nunez, and Roy Teixeira. **Guests:** Dale and Edie Eggen, Eduardo Martino.
Recording Secretary: Russ Samuels.

2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of June 18, 2022: The Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Nestor Nunez, seconded by Roy Teixeira.

3. New Board Member: Roy Teixeira nominated Eduardo Martino as a Board Member at Large and Nestor Nunez seconded the nomination saying that Eduardo has been a tremendous asset to WESTPEX and PENPEX. Without objection, the nomination passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report: Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the Financial Statement through July 31, 2022, detailing the income and expenditures including Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts including Mortgage Fundraising and Building and Safety Funds. Ed Jarvis thanked Nestor for getting this out to the BOD ahead of today's meeting.

The highlight of the Report is that the Library currently has funds available through February, 2023. The Library has made significant Mortgage Reduction payments on top of the \$2,800 monthly payments leaving a balance due of \$161,000 at the end of July. Approximately \$15,000 to \$16,000 in interest expense has been saved as a result. The total picture is very positive because of the generosity of our donors, and additional donations from Board members and anonymous donors are expected ahead of the balloon payment on the Mortgage that is due in February 2023. Future Open Houses with Auctions and Book Sales will generate further funds. (The recent May 21, 2022 Silent Auction and Book Sale resulted in almost \$4,000).

Ed Jarvis commented that reducing the outstanding mortgage by such a large amount has been a big accomplishment and working with a lot of members and other donors has been a very positive experience. Eduardo Martino moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Richard Clever and passed unanimously.

5. Fundraising: Bob Gordon said there has not been any new activity for the Go Fund Me Campaign, but the Campaign is still active at the new Go Fund Me link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

The upcoming Open Houses should prove to be good opportunities for Fundraising, including membership applications and Book Sales.

6. Membership and Mailing Report: Richard Clever said that as of August 10, 2022 the current membership is 219 (which includes 6 overseas). The grand total includes 105 Life Members, 33 Complimentary, 2 New Members (paid to 2023), and 79 Current Members. There are currently no past due members. Richard previously sent out letters to the Complimentary Members to get email addresses, and he is looking into backing up the mailing list information with Roy Teixeira.

7. Library Operations Report: Roy Teixeira emailed the BOD Highlights of Recent Accomplishments at the WPL during June and July, 2022 prior to today's meeting:

1.) Currently we have several hundred books for sale at a 50% discount. Richard Clever is continuing to price additional books for sale.

2.) A table has been set up permanently with unsold auction lots available to view and purchase.

3.) Wally Jolliff and Jim Giacomazzi are preparing lots for our upcoming Silent Auctions.

4.) The U.S. Cancellation Club material has been completed and integrated into our inventory.

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Board Members

Western Philatelic Library APS Chapter 836

Library Board Members

- President:** Edward Jarvis
- Vice President:** Roger Skinner
- Vice President Membership:** Richard Clever
- Treasurer:** Nestor Nunez
- Director, General Operations:** Roy C. Teixeira
- Board Members at large:** Bob Gordon
Eduardo Martino
- Director Emeritus:** Stuart Leven

Volunteers:

- John Corwin** Proofreader
- Wally Jolliff** Auctioneer
- Jim Giacomazzi** Auctioneer
- David McNamee** Consultant to Board of Directors
- Ian "Russ" Samuels** Recording Secretary



Thank you for your donations!

Bill Andersen, K. Becker, Paul Clemmensen, Dale Eggen, Gwyen Essgian, Nancy Jensen, Stephen G. Johnson, Brigitta Moore-Akesson, Joseph Juellich, Larry Rosenblum, Paula Sager, W. J. Schlitt, C. Souers, Ross Towle and Joseph Wheeler

Make a Donation Today

Donating appreciated securities could be tax-advantageous to you. Contact our President or Treasurer for more information.

Checks may be sent to Friends of the Western Philatelic Library,
 P.O. Box 7063, Redwood City, CA 94063-7063
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-western-philatelic-library-inc>

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5.) **Nestor Nunez** has been working with Redwood City requesting two Handicap Parking spaces and 2 Hour Limit Parking signs on Second Street.

6.) **Stu Leven** is currently integrating the **Netherlands Society** material into our database.

7.) **Richard Clever** and **Roy Teixeira** are calling patrons with outstanding books. So far 14 overdue books have been returned.

8.) We are still looking for more **Volunteers** to keep the **Library** open. As of now our volunteers include **Richard Clever, Dave Moore, Ed Jarvis, and Roy Teixeira**. It would be nice to have a couple more volunteers.

9.) The cleanup of unwanted material is almost completed.

10.) We have cleaned the loft and disposed of unwanted material.

11.) **Dave Moore** and **Stu Leven** are busy adding new material to our database.

12.) Finally, I would like to welcome our latest volunteer **Jim Giacomazzi**.

In addition to the above list, Roy announced that there have been 3 sales of books this past week and 91 auction lots have been prepared for the upcoming **Open House Silent Sale**.

8. **Bay Phil:** Editor **Bob Gordon** reminded us that the Bay Phil publishes three times a year in April, August and December. The next deadline for material will be at the end of November. Bob previously reported that the **Library's** new email address is: info@fwpl.org

9. **Website:** **Bob Gordon** previously said that **Dave Moore** has been making updates on the Website including a link for the **Open House Auction Lots**. **Ed Jarvis** offered his thanks to Dave for his efforts. The **Library** still needs a **Webmaster**.

10. **Next Open House:** **Ed Jarvis** confirmed that the next two **Library Open Houses, Silent Auctions of Philatelic Material, and Sales of Duplicate Philatelic Literature** at

50% off marked prices will be held on **Saturday August 20, 2022** and **Saturday October 15, 2022**. Viewing will begin at **9:00 am** with **Auction Lots** closing at **12:00 Noon** and **Book Sales** ending at **1:00 pm**. The **Silent Auction List** will be posted on the **Website** and an anonymous donor again will match the total amount of books sold.

11. **Other Business:** **Nestor Nunez** received a notice from the **APS** regarding the **WPL Chapter Membership** and the **WPL** contact person. This information needs to be updated yearly including the total number of **Library Members** who are also **APS Members**. If the **Library** has at least 1/3 of its members who are **APS Members**, the annual dues will be waived. As we have no information to confirm who among our members are also **APS Members**, it was suggested sending a copy of our membership roster to the **APS** for verification.

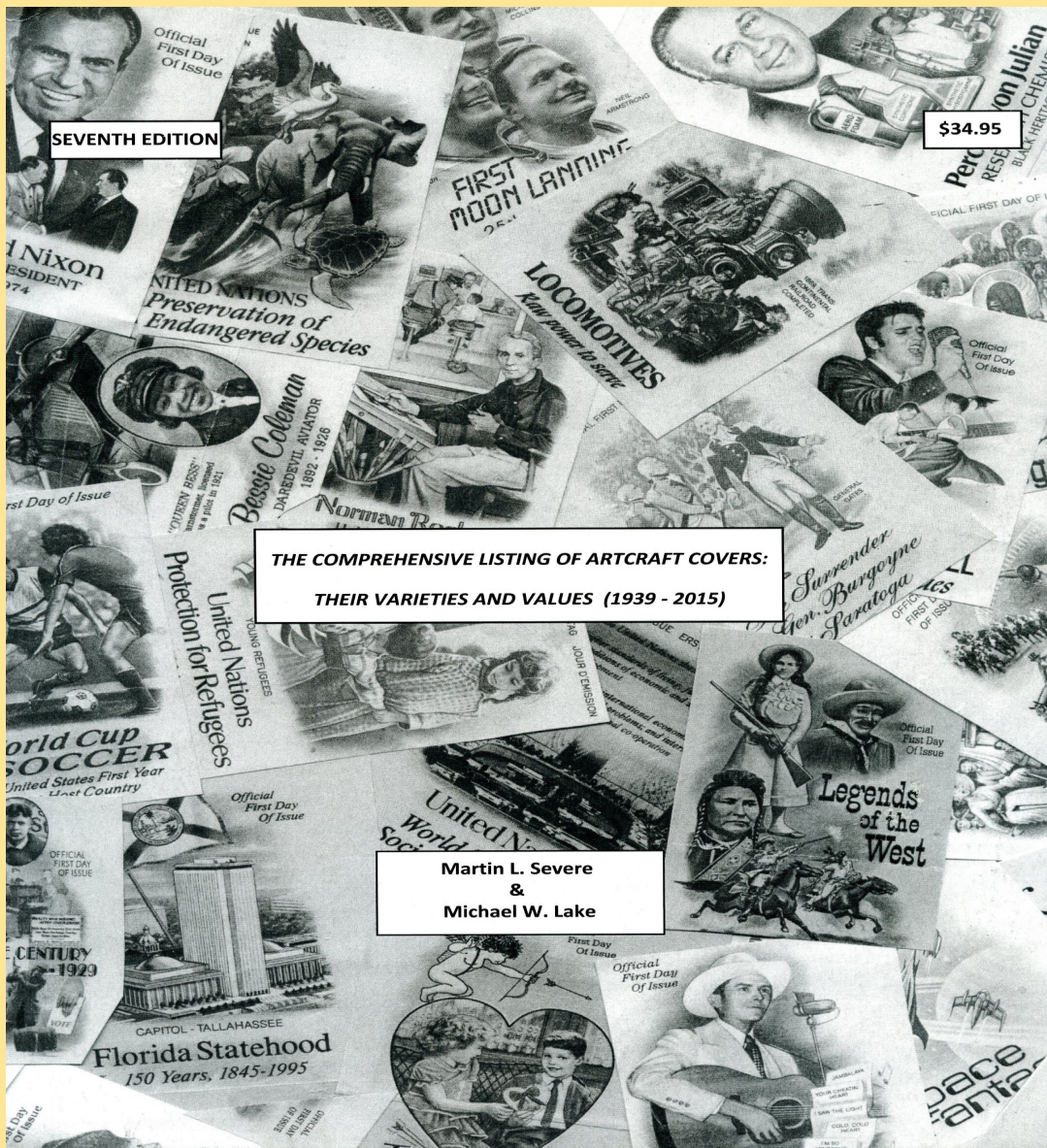
12. **Next Board of Director's Meeting:** **Saturday October 8, 2022** at **10:00 am**, at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

13. **Adjournment:** **Nestor Nunez** moved for **Adjournment** and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at **10:58 am**.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Samuels,
Recording Secretary





**THE COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ARTCRAFT COVERS:
THEIR VARIETIES AND VALUES (1939 - 2015)**

**Martin L. Severe
&
Michael W. Lake**

The Comprehensive Listing of ArtCraft Covers: Their Varieties and Values, 1939-2015

by Martin L. Severe and Michael W. Lake

260 pages , 8 1/2 by 11 inches, coil bound, Poppy Gun Inc., 2021

\$34.95 plus \$3.50 shipping to USA addresses from PoppyGun, Inc., PO Box 762, Rockville MD 20848-0762

[Editor's Note: This book is available at the Library]

Book Review—Alan Warren

Review of: *The Comprehensive Listing of ArtCraft Covers: Their Varieties and Values, 1939-2015*

The latest edition of this catalog of the ArtCraft cachets and their varieties might be the last, given that the producer, Washington Press, closed its doors in 2018. The firm had previously announced that its last ArtCraft cachet was for the 2015 U.S. geometric snowflakes stamps. Co-authors Martin Severe and Michael Lake have greatly expanded and updated the previous edition with new finds and corrections.

The details enabling the latest revisions came from the many specialists who collect ArtCraft cachets and from the files of Washington Press that became available following its closure. And yet the co-authors realize there may be more new discoveries waiting to be reported and they request that any changes or improvements to the listing be sent to them at ArtCraftCollectors@gmail.com.

Michael Lake provides a brief history of the popular cachet line from when the idea was adopted by brothers Leo and Samuel August, beginning with the 1939 New York World's Fair issue, Scott 853. Although ArtCraft cachets were produced primarily for United States stamps, the firm also prepared designs for the United Nations, Canada, Ghana, and the Marshall Islands among others. All of these covers and their reported varieties are included in the listings.

Scott catalog numbers are used in this catalog. However, the varieties are identified by the proprietary Severe numbers which can appear complex. The authors describe the letters and numbers used in the various data fields that establish each SEV#. Varieties include differences in design, color, text, size, watermark and other physical features as well as printing errors and fakes.

In addition to the Scott and Severe numbers, the listings include the name and date of the issue, denomination of the stamp, color of the cachet, and notes such as the name of an advertiser or commercial firm that required additional text, plus other varieties of watermark, flap gum placement, etc., and a final column lists current market price.

The first chapter is devoted to US issues including airmail, postage due, official stamps and postal stationery. The second chapter lists "miscellaneous" items such as ceremony programs, drawings, engravings, maximum cards, and over a dozen topical categories like advertising, bicentennial, convention, inaugurations, and many other special events.

The third chapter covers the New York, Geneva, and Vienna offices of the United Nations. The foreign FDC chapter contains the cachets for Burundi, Canada, Canal Zone, Ghana, Marshall Islands, Palau, Togo and the Vatican. Important appendices include a list of abbreviations used in the catalog, a foreign covers cross reference, envelope design, sponsor identification, and the Severe number components for color, shading, errors, watermarks, envelope size, etc.

Recognizing that ArtCraft cachets are popular and numerous, it is no wonder that a complex catalog listing results—a delight for specialists. The result is this 260-page monument to a major cachetmaker.

Alan Warren

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Guest: David McNamee.
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2. Minutes of Previous Board Meeting of August 13, 2022: The Minutes of the Meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Nestor Nunez, seconded by Roy Teixeira.

3. New Board Members: Roy Teixeira has been speaking with Jim Giacomazzi and John Corwin as prospective Board Members at Large.

4. Treasurer's Report: Nestor Nunez previously e-mailed to the BOD the Financial Statement through September 30, 2022, detailing the income and expenditures including Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and Cash Receipts including Mortgage Fundraising and Building and Safety Funds. Ed Jarvis thanked Nestor for getting this out to the BOD ahead of today's meeting.

The highlight of the Report is that the Library currently has funds available through February, 2023. The Library has made significant Mortgage Reduction payments on top of the \$2,800 monthly payments leaving a balance due of \$141,000 at the end of September. Approximately \$16,000 in interest expense has been saved as a result of the approximately \$2,000 monthly reduction to the principal versus \$1,600 previously. There has been \$303,000 paid down from the beginning of the campaign. The total picture is very positive because of the generosity of our donors, and additional donations from Board Members and anonymous donors are expected ahead of the Mortgage Balloon Payment of \$129,000 that is due in February 2023, including \$4,000 received today. Future Open Houses with Auctions and Book Sales will generate further funds.

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a.) We are currently looking for volunteers to help keep the Library open. At present we have Richard Clever, Dave Moore, Ed Jarvis, Jim Giacomazzi, Stu Leven, and I.

b.) The cleanup of unwanted material is ongoing.

c.) Stu Leven is continuing to integrate the Netherlands Material into our Data Base.

d.) Dave Moore is also adding other New Material into our Data Base.

e.) Jim Giacomazzi and Wally Jolliff have prepared 90 Lots for the upcoming Silent Auction.

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f.) Several large donations have been received which I have been sorting and processing.

g.) A complete run of the *Bay Phil* has been separated to be shipped to a customer in Germany. This will be sent gratis for just the postage charge.

h.) Other donations of duplicate material have been donated to other groups, such as a run of the *British Philatelist* which has been forwarded to the **Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library**. This is in keeping with our mission as a 501(c)3 organization to give duplicates to other non-profits.

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Ed Jarvis offered his thanks to **Dave** for his efforts. The **Library** still needs a **Webmaster**.

10. **Next Open House:** **Ed Jarvis** confirmed that the next **Library Open House, Silent Auction of Philatelic Material, and Sale of Duplicate Philatelic Literature at 50% off Marked Prices** will be held on **Saturday October 15, 2022**. Viewing will begin at **9:00 am** with **Auction Lots** closing at **12:00 Noon** and **Book Sales** ending at **1:00 pm**. The **Silent Auction List** has been posted on the **Website** and an anonymous donor again will match the total amount of books sold.

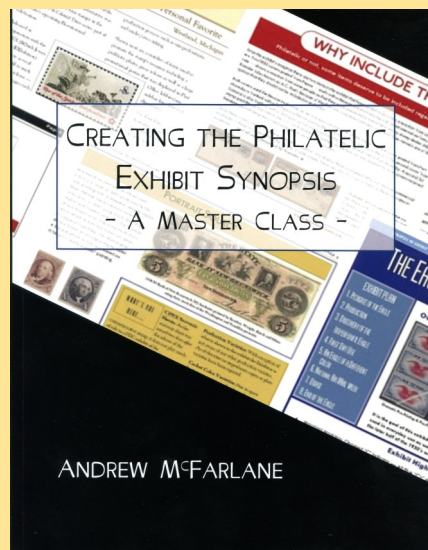
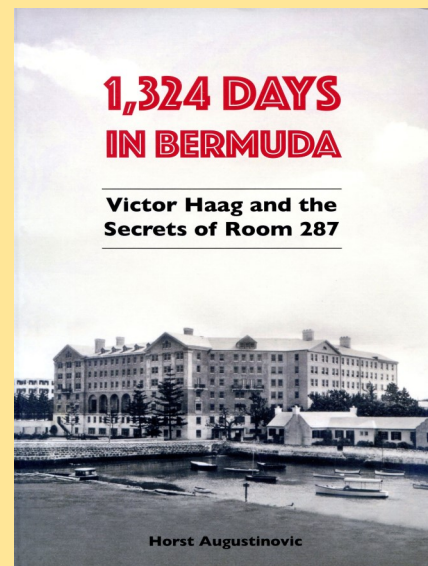
11. **Other Business:** Plans for the next **Open Houses** will be discussed at the next **BOD Meeting**. Possible months will be **March, May, August, and October, 2023**.

12. **Next Board of Director's Meeting:** **Saturday December 10, 2022 at 10:30 am**, at the **Western Philatelic Library**.

13. **Adjournment:** **Bob Gordon** moved for **Adjournment** and without objection **President Ed Jarvis** adjourned the meeting at **11:55 am**. Respectfully submitted,

Russ Samuels,
Recording Secretary

New Titles Available from the Library:



Carol Gordon

Unconventional Cachetmaker



By Susan Bahnick Jones

Bob Lewin, Editor

Carol Gordon: Unconventional Cachetmaker

by Susan B. Jones

276 pages , 8 1/2 by 11 inches, card covers, perfect binding 2021

\$45 postpaid in USA, checks payable to Claude C. Ries Chapter #48 AFDCS, sent to Michael J. Luzzi,
3976 Olmsted Avenue, Los Angeles CA 90008-2626.

[Editor's Note: This book is available at the Library]

Book Review—Alan Warren

Review of: Carol Gordon: Unconventional Cachetmaker

This definitive handbook on cachetmaker Carol Gordon (1938-2014), written and edited by two advanced collectors of her work, is not only a tribute to the late artist but is the key resource for collectors seeking her unusual first day covers. Fittingly the book is published by the Claude C. Ries Chapter of the American First Day Cover Society that Carol Gordon helped establish in 1984. Carol also served as the chapter's first president.

Author Susan Jones provides a brief profile of the artist and points out the characteristics that identify these unusual FDCs. Gordon did not use the normal #6&3/4 envelope but made her own 5 1/4 x 7 1/4 inch covers to better display her bold artwork. In some cases she even moved to larger pieces, 7 x 9 or more, to accommodate plate blocks and booklet panes. Jones highlights the changes in Gordon's style and format in the 1980s, 1990s and the early 2000s, ending in 2004 with her last cachet.

Another Ries chapter member, and copy editor of the book, Bob Lewin, describes how he became captivated by Gordon's covers. Not only were they unusual in terms of size and use of color, but many also incorporated pointed political and social comments that make her covers stand out with their powerful messages. Examples include comments about the environment, war, immigration, technology development, workers' protests, and women's causes among others.

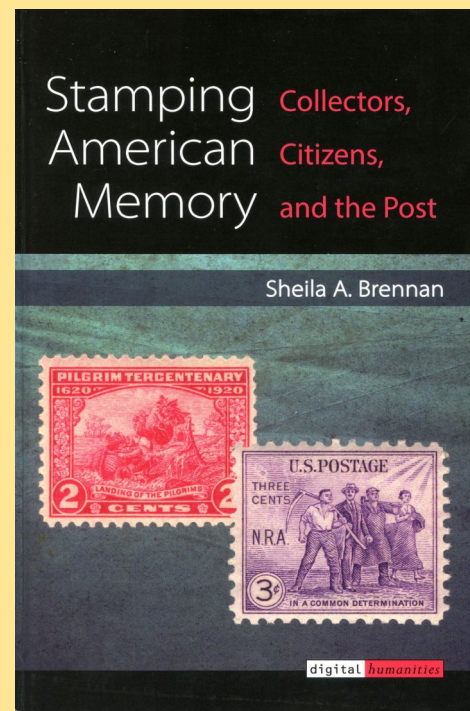
The bulk of the book is essentially a catalog in chronological order with the year date at the top of the page and full images of the covers. Each entry has its own assigned catalog number, and the Scott catalog numbers of the stamps. Brief comments are made concerning the design elements, and in some cases indicating if the covers were signed or numbered. This is not a priced catalog with values. In the early years Gordon produced editions of 200 covers, later reduced to 100 or less.

At the end of the catalog listings is a bibliography of articles and advertisements used as sources for the book. The catalog ends with a checklist of about 90 pages that collectors can use. Each entry has the Carol Gordon number, Scott numbers, titles of the stamps as given in Scott, census figures based on Carol's own records or estimates, and a column of notes about the cachets. It is believed that Gordon made 675 different cachets over her 25 years of activity.

The cover scans are excellent quality, with three to six covers illustrated per page, and are nicely placed without crowding. This catalog is not only a wonderful tribute to an important and unconventional cachetmaker—it is a beauty to behold.

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