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COMING EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL

NORTHEAST POSTAL HISTORY & EPHEMERA SHOW

Stamps, Covers, Post Cards, Documents – 32 Dealers

Featured Speakers Robert Dalton Harris & Diane DeBlois

July 27 & 28 at the Polish Community Center

225 Washington Avenue Extension

(www.albanypcc.com for venue information)

Saturday Hours: 10a.m. to 6p.m.

Sunday Hours: 10a.m. to 4p.m.

(www.nphes.com for complete show information)

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President's Message

Another annual meeting has come and gone. Our meeting was again held at ROPEX this year, although at a different venue. ROPEX was held in an old National Guard Armory on the east side of Rochester and appeared to be well attended.

Our Treasurer reported that we are in great shape financially, which is good news for future publications sponsored by the society; also, our membership is holding steady (notice that we are welcoming four new members in this quarter of 2013!).

The annual election was held at the meeting with me and the three members of the Director class of 2013 being reelected. We had a change at vice president as Frank Braithwaite was elected to that position. After the annual meeting a board meeting was held at which the board approved the new Life Membership rates, which are reported elsewhere in this edition of *BULLETIN*. The board also decided to look for a downstate location for our 2014 annual meeting, in conjunction with a show of course, preferably just outside NYC. Any suggestions? djprze@hotmail.com

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Secretary's Membership Report**Welcomed Into Membership:**

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 H. James Maxwell
 Margaret McClure
 Steven M. Roth

Applicants for Membership:

Calvin C. Smith

Phoenicia, NY

Howard Wunderlich

Ronkonkoma, NY



PAID ADVERTISEMENT

ROPEX 2013 PALMARES

19 exhibitors in the general class and 5 exhibitors in single frame class participated at ROPEX last month. Society member George DeKornfeld's *The Marcophily of Hudson, New York 1793 – 1919* received Gold and the Rochester Philatelic Association's Dusty Miller Award. George also won our Society's Best New York State Postal History Exhibit for his Gold on the Hudson Marcophily exhibit.

Al Parsons won Vermeil for *Corning NY Postal History Including DPS' Now Served by the Corning Post Office*. In addition, Jack Rosenstein received Silver Bronze for *The Forerunner Posts of the Holy Land* and Bronze for *Postmarked Rochester*.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS OFFERED

As mentioned by David P., ESPHS offers Life Memberships at rates scaled to your age. To take advantage of this offer, contact Membership Secretary George McGowan at the email address on page 2. The rates are as follows:

Ages 65 and Over:	\$200
Ages 51 to 64:	\$300
Ages 40 to 50:	\$350
Ages 39 and Under:	\$400

ESPHS MEMBERS EXHIBIT AT COLOPEX 2013

Al Parsons receives feedback on his Corning exhibit from Judge Allison Crusik



As I promised about 9 months ago, here is a report on my experience as a first-time exhibitor. First, I made the decision to attend the show and mount my pages (rather than ship my exhibit to the sponsoring organization). Being there, I was able to meet in front of my exhibit with the judge responsible for writing up the panel's comments and get advice in greater depth and a lot of support for the future development of my topic (Schenectady, of course).

Happily, my exhibit was well received and yielded a silver medal, which I was pleased to accept from Show Chairman Mark Reasoner (that's APS Executive Director Ken Martin behind me – trying to pick my pocket, it appears).
Bob Bramwell

OHIO WINS POSTAL HISTORY EXHIBITING COMPETITION AT COLOPEX 2013

By Al Parsons

Out of the ten postal history or state philatelic societies eligible to compete in the Sweeting Award (a/k/a Northeast) Postal History Exhibiting Competition only two were represented in the latest chapter of the competition, held at COLOPEX 2013 in Columbus OH June 7-9, 2013.

The rules of the competition require it be held at a WSP show within the ten states defined as “Northeast” for purposes of the competition. It has now been held at each of the eligible shows: twice at ROPEX (NY), and once at March Party (OH), PNSE (OH), Philatelic Show (MA) and NOJEX (NJ). The winning society chooses the location of the next competition among the six eligible shows.

Competing societies at COLOPEX 2013 were Ohio Postal History Society and Empire State Postal Society. Each society had two exhibitors but Ohio had three exhibits and ESPHS only two. With a Gold and two Silvers versus NY’s two Silvers, Ohio easily won the competition.

Exhibiting for ESPHS were *Bulletin* Editor Bob Bramwell with his first exhibit, two frames entitled *The Simplex Hand Stamped Postal Markings of Schenectady, NY – 1797 to 1875*, receiving Silver and the AAPE Novice Award, and ESPHS Board member Al Parsons with five frames entitled *Corning, NY Postal History Including DPOs Now Serviced by the Corning Post Office*, receiving Silver.

Parsons gave a short history of the Sweeting Award, named in memory of the first President of ESPHS, and presented it to Matt Liebson, OPHS President, at the COLOPEX 2013 Awards Banquet.

Here, ESPHS’s Al Parsons presents the Sweeting Award plaque to OPHS President Matthew Liebson. OPHS will hold the plaque until the next competition and will determine the venue for the next Northeast Postal History Exhibiting Competition .

Let’s resolve to increase our Society’s participation next time. Team size really matters in this event!



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Joel Harrington collects New York stampless covers. Contact him at cobberraney@comcast.net

Margaret McClure collects postal history of the Pony Express and American Indians; also the 1939 World's Fair. Her contact information is maggiem14@verizon.net

Steven Roth is interested in Pre-1860 Stage and Inland Waterway mails and CSA Waterway mail. Contact Steven at St. George Condominium, Unit 209, 1280 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20036

Steve Zirinsky collects Dutchess County. Steve is a dealer in British Colonies specializing in Australia, NZ and the South Pacific. He can be reached at PO Box 230049, Ansonia Station, NY 10023

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Wanted: **KATONAH, NY** covers, esp. with **auxiliary markings**, by Terrence Hines, Box 629, Chappaqua, NY 10514-0629.

Stephen Reinhard wants to acquire **Mexico aerophilately** (pre-WWII). Send photocopies or scans (both sides) with ask price to sreinhard1@optonline.net or POB 110, Mineola, NY 11501.

Will trade **Niagara, NY** for **Genesee Court House, NY**. Irving H. Tesmer (716) 837-5214 or irvtesmer@aol.com

WANTED: Schenectady County, stampless through Presidents. Send copies to J. Haynes, Box 358, Allendale, NY 07401.



ITHACA, NY postal history wanted, 1860-1870; pre—1820, attached rate cds, 1815-16 War Surcharge, #1 and #2 on cover. Stefan Jaronski at bug@midrivers.com

Wanted: better Transatlantic postal history items between U.S. and **Austro-Hungarian Empire** (time period 1850-1875 only, Austria, Hungary, Bosnia) Contact Harry Sharbaugh at ahsharbaugh@comcast.net

Express Companies: Covers, Labels, Handstamps, Cornercards, Cameos. **BUY, SELL, TRADE.** William (Bill) Sammis, 436 Thomas Rd, Ithaca NY 14850; cds13@cornell.edu

NEW YORK Want List: Essex and Clinton Counties; County/Postmaster postmarks
VERMONT: #10, #11, #114, #210 on cover; Octagons, Ovals, Stars, Attached Rates, Doanes, RFDs, County/Postmaster. Glenn Estus at gestus@westelcom.com

Wanted: Durant, Raquette Lake, Marion River (and RR), Blue Mountain Lake, NY areas including Eagle & Utowanna Lakes. Photos, postcards, RPPCs, memorabilia, ephemera, etc. Also, early ornithology magazines. Eric Sullivan, oldcards1@aol.com

Modest M. Oprysko wants 1861 3¢ on New York City covers. Send photocopies with ask price to him at PO Box 218, Baldwin Place NY 10505.

WANTED: Broome County, NY covers – especially the smaller offices; also photos or scans of Broome Co. post offices and postmasters (see index at www.broome-county-postal-history.com/coverindex2.html) David E. Williams at davidinindiana@aol.com

ALWAYS BUYING Long Island postal history and ephemera; Benjamin Harrison on cover i.e. #308, #622, #694, #828. NYS bedding revenues and American landscapes. Frank Braithwaite at fbraith@optonline.net

U.S. Postal History Mail Bid Sales: 5,000+ lots in each catalog, always including many New York listings. Send \$3.00 for next issue. Jim Mehrer, 2405 30th Street, Rock Island IL 61201 or www.postal-history.com

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