President’s Dispatch

Wow! What a great turnout we had at our last meeting. Twenty-seven people came to the meeting and just at the right time because we had plenty of auction lots for that meeting.

Have you ever given any thought to what will happen to your collection after you leave this world? Do your heirs know that your collection may have value and what to do with it? I know that I do not really care what happens to my collection but my heirs should at least know how to go about disposing of my collection to get its value for themselves, if that is what they choose to do with it. It would be great if you knew someone who wanted to get more involved in collecting and would take on at least part of your collection to advance their own collecting interests. But if not, then your heirs should have some idea of what to do with it. Perhaps donating it to an appropriate charity, or maybe donate it to the local stamp club (the Holston Stamp Club comes to mind). Or, maybe its your desire that part of it be given to a local stamp club and then sell the rest. If that’s the case, do you have a favorite auction house? If so, you should leave the contact information for it in your will so those handling your estate will learn whom to contact.

I myself am considering directing my heirs to give all of the literature items I have to our club and then disposing the balance of my collection through a 50/50 split with the club. This assumes, of course, that my family decides not to continue the collection.

Turning to other subjects, I attended KnoxPEx 2019 the first weekend in March and don’t forget that I will be giving a short lesson on how to resize Showgard stamp mounts just before our next meeting, starting at about 6:30.

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voluteered to take the collection home and separate the contents into lots of like materials. Steve said it may be after the March meeting before he will have the first lots ready to bring back to a meeting.

Members were reminded that the next HOLPEX will be held on May 10 and 11. Any member wishing to preparing an exhibit (full frame, half frame or single page) need to be thinking about what their exhibit will be.

A presentation was made by Dawn Richards about how interesting USPS first day of issue ceremonies can be. She told the members that the next one in our general area will be held in Huntsville, Alabama toward the end of February for the stamp commemorating the bicentennial of Alabama statehood.

Dawn provided a handout to everyone describing how to send self-addressed envelopes to become philatelic covers (limit of two per year) to the three USA year around Antarctica stations. These are the McMurdo Station, the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station and the Palmer Station.

Here’s a picture taken by Don Ashley of some of the members at the February meeting with some of the materials for the February auction.

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