

E-Newsletter, September 2023



The Civil War Philatelic Society is holding its Annual Meeting at the St. Louis Stamp Expo on March 22-24, 2024

There is a lot of information in this newsletter, so please read carefully.

This newsletter is being sent via email and also will be printed and mailed with the Q3 Civil War Philatelist. If you are unable to print the dinner reservation form, keep in mind that you will get this in the mail very soon.

The CWPS is the one of the major stamp societies meeting at St. Louis Stamp Expo. The show committee is counting on a major presence for the CWPS, both to display Civil War era material and with strong attendance at this premier World Series of Philately stamp show.

St. Louis Stamp Expo is being held at its longtime home in the Renaissance Hotel

Renaissance Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63134

Show Hours: Friday-Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM.

Attention Exhibitors

While the deadline for submitting exhibits is December 16th, *the St. Louis frames will fill up quickly*. Exhibit applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Civil War Philatelic Society is a major society meeting at the St. Louis Stamp Expo, but that does not give us special preference.

To download the exhibit prospectus, go to https://www.stlouisstampexpo.com then click on "Exhibits" and "Prospectus." You can also download the 2024 St. Louis Stamp Expo exhibit application from the following page on the CWPS website

https://www.civilwarphilatelicsociety.org/annual-convention/

Reserve your hotel room!

Please hurry and book your hotel room at the Renaissance Hotel to lock in the special show rate.

- \$116/night + taxes (single or double occupancy)
- To make a reservation, go to <u>https://www.stlouisstampexpo.com/accomodations.html</u>



Civilian flag-of-truce cover from St. Louis to Richmond

The CWPS will have a table at the show. Please consider volunteering for a few hours to help us man the table to answer questions about our hobby and (hopefully) recruit new members.

CWPS Dinner: Friday, March 22, at Kreis' Steakhouse and Bar. The all-inclusive price is \$99 per person with a choice of three entrees. (A dinner menu and reservation form can be found at the end of this newsletter.)

Annual Meeting: The society's annual general membership meeting will be held on Saturday, March 23, at 9 am at the Renaissance Hotel. We encourage you to attend and become active in the society.

Presentations: Presentations will be Saturday, March 23, times are TBD.

- Randy Smith will talk on "The Civil War: A Postal System Divided"
- More presentations are being planned

Up-to-date information will be posted on the CWPS website on the following page: https://www.civilwarphilatelicsociety.org/annual-convention/

Local Host: Jerry Palazolo (901-359-2581) email: palazolo@bellsouth.net

If you need assistance, please contact Jerry at the above email address, or the CWPS at contact@civilwarphilatelicsociety.org



St. Louis Prisoner of War cover from Gratiot Street Prison

During our annual meeting at the St. Louis Stamp Expo in St. Louis, Missouri, CWPS members are invited to gather for a special dinner at **Kreis' Steakhouse and Bar** located at 535 South Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63131. The dinner will have a fixed-price menu costing \$99 per person with payment in advance by check. (Price includes taxes and tip.)

6:30 PM Social Gathering – Cash Bar 7:00 PM Society Dinner

CWPS Dinner Reservation Form

Friday Evening, March 22, 2024

To make your dinner reservation, please circle your Entrée choice of:

Queen Cut Prime Rib (12 oz) or Filet Mignon(8 oz) or Fresh Atlantic Salmon

Dinner includes a Caesar Salad, a Twice Baked Potato and Green Beans and Dessert choice of:

Dark Chocolate Fudge Cake	or	Warm Apple Strudel
Your name:		
Your phone number:		
Your email address:		

Please enclose a check for \$99 per person made out to: <u>Civil War</u> <u>Philatelic Society</u>, and mail to:

Wayne Farley
1 Westwood Drive, Unit 304
Saint Clairsville, OH 43950-1053
Email: cwfarley@aol.com

Seating capacity is limited. Please submit your reservations as soon as possible.

See you in St. Louis

Thanks to Randy Smith for the following first-hand report on the recent Great American Stamp Show (GASS) held in Cleveland.

Civil War Philatelic Society members played an outsized role at the Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland, held August 10-13.

At the largest stamp show of the year, one longtime CWPS leader took all three of the American Philatelic Society's top honors, three other members brought multi-frame Grand award-winning exhibits to compete for Champion of Champions honors, and a fourth member's display of Adversity covers was named Most Popular exhibit at the national show.

Patricia A. Kaufmann was the superstar of the three-day weekend. Trish received the Luff Award for Outstanding Service to the American Philatelic Society. Trish served as chair of the Board of Vice Presidents in addition to other leadership roles at the APS.



Also at the show's Saturday night Celebration Banquet, Trish received the Charles J. Peterson Philatelic Literature Life Achievement Award and the John Walter Scott Dealer Award. Trish was introduced by APS President Cheryl Ganz, who compared Trish to stamp world's equivalent of Madonna, Cher and Beyonce – someone so famous that just her first name makes her recognizable to most everyone.

As if that wasn't enough, Trish's research article, A Cammann Imprint Discovery that Changed a Catalog Listing, Plus Insights on Dr. James T. Patterson, won a Literature Gold ribbon at Stamp Show. (The article was published in the 3rd quarter CWP of 2022.)

CWPS members know about Trish's many contributions to our society. She has served as society president, editor of our journal, prolific author, preeminent dealer of Confederate postal material, and editor-in-chief of the 2012 Confederate States of America catalog.

Three CWPS members had exhibits competing for Champion of Champions honors:

• Leonard Hartmann's *Lithographed General Issues of the Confederate States of America, which* took the multi-frame Grand award at BALPEX 2022.

- Dan Knowles' The Handling of Mail in the Confederate States of America by the Confederate Government and Private Individuals from Secession to Appomattox, which won the Grand prize at OKPEX 2023.
- Dan Ryterband's *The U.S. 1847 Issue: America's First Stamps,* Grand awardwinning multi-frame exhibit at NOJEX 2022.

Stamp Show's 2,500 attendees chose *Coping with Adversity: How Southerners Adapted to Wartime Paper Shortages* by Randy Smith as the Most Popular stamp display in the exhibit hall. The 6-frame exhibit of Adversity covers opened to show their unique insides also won Large Gold and the American Philatelic Congress award for Excellence in Exhibit Text.

Randy also won a Large Gold for his 4-frame exhibit of Confederate patriotic flag covers, Flag Covers Rallied Southern Pride in a New Nation.

In the single-frame category, Dan Ryterband took home Large Gold for his comprehensive exhibit, *The 10¢ Copper Plate Engraved Stamps of the Rebel States*.

Tom Lera had fun putting together a one-frame exhibit on *Bram Stoker's Dracula* and received a Vermeil ribbon in the topical competition.

The Civil War: A Postal System Divided





Trish Kaufmann created a superb presentation covering the broad spectrum of the Civil War highlighting key elements of both Union and Confederate Postal History. The presentation was created as a membership recruiting tool to be presented by CWPS members at stamp clubs, stamp shows and other groups such as Civil War Roundtables. Trish, Dan Telep and John Vagnetti have already given the presentation at various meetings over the past year. Now we need to

enlist CWPS members to be part of the "presentation" team, and give the presentation to interested groups in your area. Dan Telep put together a list of Civil War Roundtables, so we will help you find a Civil War Roundtable, and prepare you to give the presentation.

Trish has three speaking engagements scheduled this fall, all using this presentation

October 3, Sussex County Stamp Club - Milton, DE October 18, Eastern Shore Stamp Club and SCV - Salisbury, MD November 21, Hamilton Township Philatelic Society - NJ by Zoom

If you live close to one of these stamp clubs, we recommend that you attend. Of course, the Zoom meeting will be easy to attend. No travel required for that meeting.

Additional information will be in the Q4 CWP issue, and added to the CWPS website, so look for that. Your Society needs your help. Please get involved and help out. For more information, send an email to speakers@civilwarphilatelicsociety.org.