

SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB □ COLORADO CHAPTER 27
NOTIFICATION OF THE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2018 MEETING AT 10:00 AM
AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY (RMPL)

Harry Pedersen will give the feature presentation on “Denmark’s Bicolor Stamps”. There will be the usual **“Show-and-Tell”** session, and members are urged to bring at least one item to the meeting to share! Jerry Eggleston will bring a selection of SCC Mart Books. As customary, coffee, bagels, and cream cheese spread will be provided.

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Summary of the Saturday, January 7 Meeting

President Eric Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM with 11 members in attendance. Jerry Eggleston brought a selection of retired Norway and Greenland SCC Mart Books for members to peruse, and donuts and other breakfast sweets were provided. **Announcements:** Roger Cichorz mentioned that Gary Rodgers was undergoing chemotherapy treatment for leukemia and Gary thought his prognosis for recovery was good. Roger announced that the SCC Library Auction #49 was in progress and members could view the lots in the SCCL office after the meeting and enter bids. The USPS first-class letter rate for a one-ounce letter will become 50¢ effective January 21, 2018. Jeff Modesitt announced that Peter Bergh’s wife Ulla passed away in December after a protracted illness. **Feature Presentation:** Clark Lyda gave an excellent presentation on why he collects Norwegian philately. For starters, both Clark and his wife are of Norwegian heritage and they visited Norway in 1994. Clark also possesses the “collector gene”! Clark began collecting in 1964 when his aunt gave him a sheet of stamps depicting animals, and he developed further interest when a high school friend collected stamps. Clark’s Norwegian philatelic endeavors were further sparked by his parents’ genealogy hobby and his own interest in history. He proceeded to give an overview of Norway philately, mentioning that Norway #1 was subject to extensive plating studies and has four major flaw varieties. The Norwex 1955 souvenir sheet reproduced these major flaw types. The Post Horn definitive stamps began in 1872 and are still being issued today, becoming the oldest continuous stamp design. Clark mentioned several other definitive and commemorative series, including a 1982 stamp depicting Bjørnstjerne Bjørson, a writer and poet who received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1903, artist Edvard Munch (1863-1944) whose paintings are depicted on four 1963 stamps, and novelist Sigrid Undset who graces a 1982 issue. Clark showed a money cover from a cement and concrete firm in Holand, Norway’s smallest incorporated village at one time, and a pictorial postcard from Kvam. Clark is a pharmacist by profession and he concluded his presentation with a mention of 400 years of Norwegian pharmacy history and the “Apotek” stamp issued in 1995. Clark’s presentation was followed by a brief discussion by several others (Jeff, Jerry, Jim Kilbane, and Steve Nadler) on what got them interested in stamp collecting. **Show-and-Tell:** □ Jim K. showed Danish 1886-1891 locals from Vyborg. □ Steve showed a 1933 DWI airmail cover from Kristianstad to New York City, and 1912 postcard and cover from NYC to Budapest. □ Jeff showed a 1933 Denmark cover franked with a block of four 10 øre stamps. □ Roger showed two recent SCCL acquisitions – the *Agathon Fabergé, Portrait of a Philatelist* biography (E&C 309 and FIN B160) and the *2018 Facit Classic* catalogue. □ Eric Carlson showed a set of four Sweden stamps depicting palaces. □ Clark showed a January 2018 issue of *Viking*, the magazine of the Sons of Norway, which featured an article on “Finding the Faroes Islands.”

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Dues Reminder: Those four of you who have not yet paid your 2018 annual dues (\$10) will find a reminder notice with this mailing. Please remit your dues ASAP to Roger Cichorz, 3925 Longwood Ave., Boulder, CO 80305-7233.

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In Memoriam □ Howard F. Benson (March 15, 1944 – January 13, 2018)



SCC Chapter 27 lost a stalwart member on January 13, 2018 when Howard Benson passed away at his Aurora residence at the age of 73. Howard joined our Chapter in 2006 and attended almost every monthly meeting from that time forward. He became heavily involved with SCC Library activities by 2008 and was named a member of the SCC Library Committee. Howard collected mint and used stamps of Danish West Indies and Scandinavian nations but primarily those of Sweden, Swedish being his ancestral heritage. He also collected stamps of Austria, Germany, and Russia. His primary philatelic interest was with stamps of the “Dead Countries” (some of which, like Estonia and Latvia came back to life after the dissolution of the USSR), but, as he so often emphasized, he was not interested in “Former Colonies”! Howard was a bibliophile, purchasing books and other literature lots offered in every SCC Library auction, and he also collected world coins and currency, with a fondness for post-WWI German notgeld. Howard formerly served the RMPL as administrator of its Stamp Sales Program and most recently as Operations Manager.

Captain Howard Fred Benson, Jr., USAF, was born March 15, 1944 in Clear Lake, WI to Howard and Martha Benson. Howard Jr. is survived by his sister Carol, brother John, daughter Kirsten, son Erik, and grandson Jacob Thomas. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, sister Ruell, and sister Mary. Howard grew up in Clear Lake, Wisconsin and Carbondale, IL, where he later attended Southern Illinois University and joined Air Force ROTC. He served in the United States Air Force for 15 years, including in Vietnam. After leaving the Air Force, Howard worked as a systems engineer for Martin Marietta, TRW, and Northrop Grumman. He was a high school baseball umpire and enjoyed Major League Baseball. He was also interested in European history and science fiction. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library in Howard’s honor, or to a veteran’s charity of your choice. A funeral service was held Thursday, January 25, at Horan & McConaty Funeral Home, followed by a graveside military burial service at Fort Logan National Cemetery. --RSC

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S.C.C. Chapter 27 Treasurer’s Report

\$1177.35 Current Treasury Balance (11/6/17)*

- +20.00 two paid 2018 membership dues
- \$100.00 Land’s End gift certificate to Leslie Modesitt for hosting holiday party
- 10.41 donuts and pastries for 1/6/18 meeting
- \$7.70 printing costs for 1/6/18 meeting announcements + membership & misc. lists
- 1.00 printing costs for 12/10/17 holiday party announcement

\$1078.24 Current Treasury Balance (1/22/18)*

\$462.08 Cash on Hand (1/22/18)

* **\$616.16** was renewed in a 24-month Certificate of Deposit at the Elevations Credit Union, Boulder, CO (CD = 0.60% per annum interest of ~\$8.13 due 2/9/19)

Prepared by Roger Cichorz, 1/22/18

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Upcoming SCC Chapter 27 Meeting Topics for 2018

2018 meetings: Help fill up the three remaining month's TBDs below by volunteering to give a presentation so topics for the entire year appear in our future meeting notification/newsletters! As soon as possible, please contact Steve Nadler (schlomoX@msn.com or 303-322-3624) or Eric Carlson (margeric@comcast.net or 303-694-4252). Presentations can be talks on any subjects that interest you □ for example, why you chose a particular Scandinavian country's stamps to collect, details on a particular stamp issue or aspect of postal history, narration for one of the SCC Library's Audio-Visual programs, or just about any subject you want to share with your fellow members!

March 3: semi-annual members' auction

April 7: Randy Nilson on "Wartime Censor Covers"

May 5: Eric Carlson on "Nordic Castles"

June 2: To be determined (TBD)

July-August: no meetings these two months □ annual potluck picnic instead (date and place TBD)

September 1: Roger Cichorz on "Research at the SCC Library"

October 6: semi-annual members' auction

November 3: TBD

December: no meeting this month □ annual holiday potluck dinner instead (date and place TBD)

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Chapter 27 Members' Classified Advertisements

As a no-cost service to all Chapter 27 members, your "buy, sell, or trade" classified ads can appear in future Meeting Notifications. Submit your copy to or contact Roger at 303-494-8361 or rcichorz@comcast.net.

Wanted: Socked-on-the-nose Ålborg (Aalborg) and Denmark numeral "4" cancellations on stamps and stamps on piece, incoming and outgoing Ålborg covers/postal history, and other Ålborg-related items. Eugene Brink, 390 Quail Road, Branson, MO 65616, 417-336-1296, or geno4huskers@suddenlink.net.

Wanted: Iceland stamps with "Tollur" (revenue) cancellations: Scott #99, 115, 118, 130, 131, 134, 139, Parliament issues (#156-159 and #161-166), C1-2, C16, C17a, O44, O47, O48, and O52. Also multiples and on documents. I will pay premium prices over Scott and Facit valuations. Let me know what you have and your asking prices. Roger Cichorz, 303-494-8361, or rcichorz@comcast.net.

Wanted: 1960s Abbott Laboratories "Dear Doctor" Pentothal advertising postcards, Faroes and Åland covers; and topical material related to puffins and bonsais. Roger Cichorz, 3925 Longwood Ave., Boulder, CO 80305-7233, 303-494-8361, or rcichorz@comcast.net.

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Book Review: *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning, How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter*

By Margareta Magnusson, Hardback, Canongate Books (Publisher), Edinburg, Scotland, 185 mm x 135 mm, 160 pages, publication date October 2, 2017, ISBN (13):9781925322330, retail \$24.99.

A charming, practical, and unsentimental approach to putting a home in order while reflecting on the tiny joys that make up a long life.

In Sweden there is a kind of decluttering called *döstädning* — *dö* meaning "death" and *städning* meaning "cleaning." This surprising and invigorating process of clearing out unnecessary belongings can be undertaken at any age or life stage but should be done sooner than later, before others have to do it for you. In *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning*, artist Margareta Magnusson, with Scandinavian humor and wisdom, instructs readers to embrace minimalism. Her radical and joyous method for putting things in order helps families broach sensitive conversations, and makes the process uplifting rather than overwhelming. Margareta suggests which possessions you can easily get rid of (unworn clothes, unwanted presents, more plates than you'd ever use) and which you might want to keep (photographs, love letters, a few of your children's art projects). Digging into her late husband's tool shed, and her own secret drawer of vices, Margareta introduces an element of fun to a potentially daunting task. Along the way, readers get a glimpse into her life in Sweden and also become more comfortable with the idea of letting go.

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Chapter 27 Members' Collecting Interests

List your stamp-collecting interests (all, not just Scandinavian) here for other members to be aware of what you collect and possibly help with or bring attention to items of interest! Contact Roger to amend your listing.

- ☐ **Paul Albright:** Greenland, and runs of worldwide correspondence to use as historical research material
- ☐ **Peter Bergh:** Denmark (in particular the bi-colors and 1882-1905 coat-of-arms series), Malmö and Lund locals, Ireland, and Great Britain QE2 predecimals and KGV Silver Jubilee
- ☐ **Geno Brink:** worldwide postally used up to 1970, Denmark used errors and varieties, and Aalborg (cancels on stamps, covers, by post, Christmas seals, and other items related to Aalborg)
- ☐ **Eric Carlson:** United States, certain Great Britain (Wildings, Machins, and earlier sets of British Royalty), Sweden, Finland mint Wasa/Vasa issue (*Scott* #111-18), various sets of Denmark, Finland, and Norway, and lighthouses, golf, and baseball as topicals/thematics
- ☐ **Roger Cichorz:** Åland and Faroes postal history, Iceland stamps (including revenues), Lundy and Herm Island (stamps, postal history, and postcards), Abbott Pentothal "Dear Doctor" ad postcards, *HMS Montagu* postcards, and bonsai and puffin items as topicals/thematics
- ☐ **Jerry Eggleston:** primary interests = used Denmark, Danish West Indies, Greenland, Iceland, and Norway; secondary interests = Sweden, Finland, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, and Great Britain; and postal history interests = Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and Summit County, Colorado
- ☐ **Greg Frantz:** QSL postcards, Spitzbergen postal history, Scandinavian/Nordic locals and steamship mail, United States banknotes postal history, worldwide classic stamp issues, and cinderellas
- ☐ **Jim Fredlund:** early Finland used stamps and 1980 to present, 1985 to present used Scandinavian stamps, and worldwide stamps
- ☐ **Bill Gunderson:** Scandinavia
- ☐ **Jim Kilbane:** Iowa and Colorado postal history, registered package envelopes, United States Post Office Department envelopes, revenues, cinderellas, and other miscellaneous
- ☐ **Severt Kvamme:** post-2002 used stamps of Åland, Faroes, Greenland, Iceland, and Norway
- ☐ **Clark Lyda:** Norway and Europa
- ☐ **Steve McGill:** Great Britain Machins and GB postal mechanization (specialist level) and Canada, Antarctic, Iceland, Faroes, and United States (fun-to-collect level)
- ☐ **Jeff Modesitt:** Denmark (general, postal stationery, and booklets, primary), Åland, Danish West Indies, Faroes, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden (secondary), Great Britain (general, postal stationery), New Zealand (general, penny universals, QEII, 1960 and 1980 definitives), and United States postal stationery
- ☐ **Steve Nadler:** all Scandinavian postal history (covers and postmarks), Colorado postal history, United States (streetcar postmarks and covers, flag machine cancels, and advertising covers), worldwide (airmails, perfins on and off cover, pneumatic mail, and military mail), Afghanistan, France, Monaco, Israel, and Palestine
- ☐ **George Newland:** Denmark and Scandinavia
- ☐ **Randy Nilson:** WWII German SS and police mail, Finnish military mail, Colorado POW/internment camps, and WWII censored airmail/suspended service covers
- ☐ **Harry Pedersen:** United States (including revenues), U.S. Possessions, and 1840-1940 worldwide (including Scandinavia)
- ☐ **David Petersen:** Danish West Indies and Hawaii
- ☐ **Gary Shaver:** worldwide with specialties in United States, Canada, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden
- ☐ **Tonny van Loij:** Colorado postal history, Kansas Territory and Colorado Territory postal history, classical music (Bach, Beethoven, Mozart), opera buildings (stamps and postcards), European Union, NATO, European Security Council (KSZE), Thurn and Taxis European postal service from 1499 to 1864 (specializing in foreign destinations), and Scandinavian destinations handled by Thurn and Taxis during 1854-1867

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