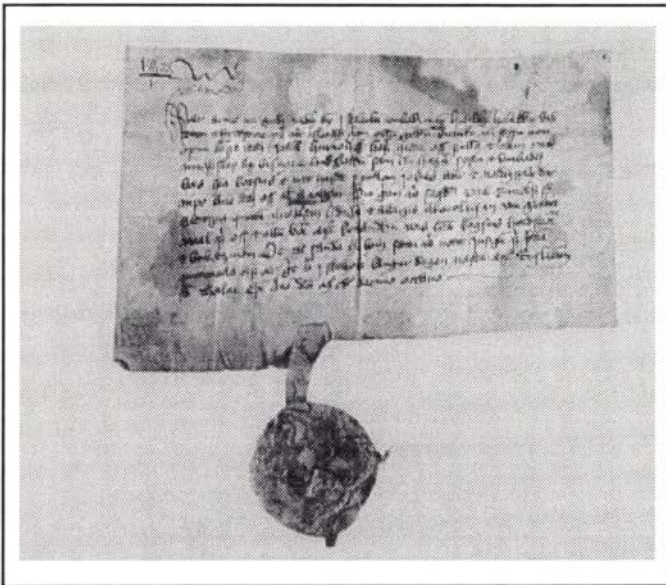


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NORDIA 2001

In the year 2001, the NORDIA exhibition will be held in Tucson, Arizona USA instead of one of the usual Nordic countries. The reason is that the NORDIA shows are not held in years when an FIP exhibition is scheduled for a Scandinavian area country. In that year, the FIP show HAFNIA will take place in Copenhagen, and hence a NORDIA exhibition would not normally be held.

Origin of NORDIA 2001

The Scandinavian Collectors Club, which is based in the United States but which has members all over the world, felt that a NORDIA show should nevertheless be held in 2001 and suggested that for a change in venue, that the show take place in the USA. The idea was greeted with interest and enthusiasm among leaders in Scandinavian philately on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Since 1995, plans have been underway to conduct such an exhibition in the early part of the year 2001. To carry out this objective a non-profit corporation NORDIA 2001, INC. was formed, drawing on the Scandinavian collecting community to establish the organizing committee.

At present the board of directors of NORDIA 2001 includes Gordon C. Morison, former Assistant Postmaster General as acting president; Howard Schloss, treasurer; Donald Halpern, past president of the Scandinavian Collectors Club as secretary; Alan Warren, past president of SCC as director; Robert Lang, former executive secretary of SCC as director; and Gregory Frantz, who serves as a director of SCC as well as NORDIA 2001. The board of directors is preparing an organization of committees to carry out the many functions required to make the show a success.

Show Site

Several locations for the show were studied and the decision was made to hold NORDIA 2001 in Tucson, Arizona January 25-27 that year. A warm weather location was desired in contrast to the usual winter cold that is associated with this time of year. Tucson is the home of the national exhibition ARIPEX held each year by the Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs. Since their show is held in January, it was desirable to have both shows held together. In addition, the American Philatelic Society, the largest stamp collector organization in the U.S., will hold its winter meeting in conjunction with this expanded show, making the event of even greater interest to collectors both here and abroad.



Postal History Foundation

Tucson is also home of the Postal History Foundation, a national organization with an excellent philatelic library. A special reception will be held at the Foundation during the NORDIA show. Collectors from around the world will be able to see first hand the important reference holdings in the Foundation's collections. In the exhibition hall there will be invited exhibits as well as 500 frames of competitive entries. Nordic postal administrations will be invited to participate in the show and there will be a dealers' bourse with about 75 booths. The number of frames and dealer booths will be expanded considerably beyond those when ARIPEX is held by itself.



Travel Opportunities

Tucson is situated in the fascinating southwest area of the United States, a part of the country that attracts visitors who are drawn to outdoor activities such as white water rafting, camping and fishing, and exploring nature's wonders.

The Grand Canyon is a major attraction in the area and is not far from Tucson. The culture of Native Americans is present everywhere including historic ruins as well as modern arts and crafts. Beyond the Tucson area are other major attractions within easy travel distance such as Las Vegas and San Francisco.

The NORDIA 2001 show and location afford the opportunity for collectors to bring their families for an extended vacation. More details on the exhibition itself as well as specific historic and cultural sites for visitors will appear in future publications concerning the show. Book one, with the general and special rules of the exhibition, is expected to be available in January 1999. Exhibitors who wish to participate in the show can write to:

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To All Nordic Area Collectors:

I am pleased to be able to report that plans for a 500-frame NORDIA 2001 exhibition in Tucson are now under way. With the cooperation of ARIPEX in Tucson, the Board of Directors of NORDIA 2001 INC. is moving ahead to make this event an outstanding international show that will take place midway between Pacific-97 and Washington-2006.

We on the NORDIA 2001 board have set the purpose of this event as the promotion of Scandinavian philately in the United States and the creation of international friendships with Nordic area collectors elsewhere.

Our goal is for collectors from Nordic area countries to show many exhibits of their finest stamps and postal history and for members of the Scandinavian Collectors Club (SCC) to bring forth their exceptional Nordic material to compete for major awards. NORDIA 2001 will be judged by FIP standards as is traditional for NORDIA shows in Europe. Because ARIPEX is a World Series of Philately show, SCC members' exhibits from the U.S. and Canada also will be judged in this competition, enabling these exhibits to vie for the ARIPEX grand award and entry into the Champion of Champions as well as for NORDIA awards. Commissioners will soon be appointed in five Nordic area countries and in the U.S. to handle entries.

But this is to be more than an exhibition and traditional stamp show. We really want to make this a fun-filled family international event with time for meeting others, socializing and vacationing, as well as learning more about the Nordic area and about Scandinavian philately.



We are inviting all collectors abroad and in the U.S. to come and spend time in America's Southwest, where the climate will be very appealing in January. Tours are being arranged. It's a chance to get acquainted personally. Visitors will be able to see the red rocks of Sedona, native American culture and historic ruins. The Grand Canyon and other sites of interest are nearby. The world famous and largest international Tucson gem and mineral show will begin a week later. Therefore, you should start planning now on remaining after NORDIA 2001, and possibly even arriving a few days early to check out the desert. Those who have attended a show in Tucson know that ARIPEX always provides many attractions beyond a standard stamp show. With the extra packaged tours the NORDIA board is planning, this is an event you will not wish to miss. Dates for the show are January 25-27, 2001.

The American Philatelic Society will hold its winter meeting in conjunction with this expanded show, making it even more significant for collectors in the U.S. and abroad. The Scandinavian Collectors Club also will convene there. We also appreciate the cooperation of the Nordic Federations in this event.

We will be happy to respond to any questions about arrangements and our plans as they develop. We are now preparing the prospectus, the program and the tours. We are in the process of appointing committee members and would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help us make this a success. Whether you are able to work with us directly or not, be sure to mark the dates on your calendar and plan your schedule to be in Tucson. You and your family will find it one of the best vacations you have had, mixed with just the right amount of philately—and Nordic area philately at that. Hope to see you there.

Gordon C. Morison
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THE FIRST MAILES IN ICELAND

The Letters and Charters Sent From The See of Skálholt and The See of Hólar.

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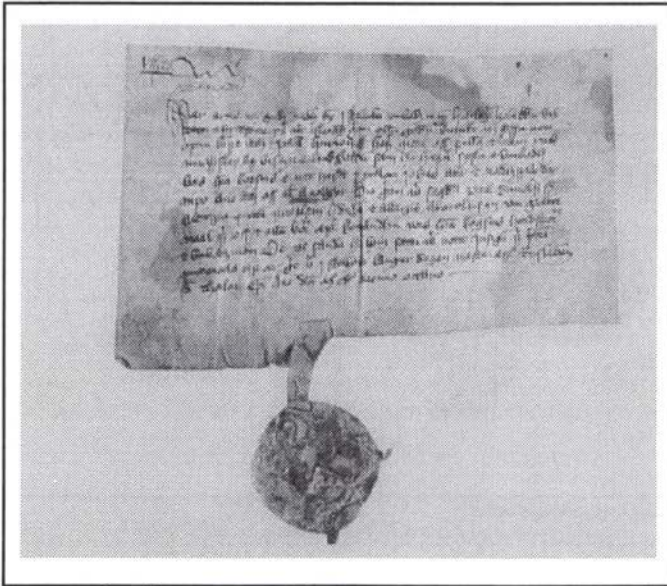


Figure 1. Árni Ólafsson letter

The first known and preserved mails in Iceland are the letters and charters either sent from the Episcopical See of Skálholt or Hólar. Regular mails were also sent between the two Bishop Sees, at least twice a year and then even over the Highlands. Some few are also known from and between private people. Let us take an example of one special letter or receipt.

Árni Ólafsson, who had the nickname “The Gentle,” was an Augustinian priest and became a Bishop of Skálholt in 1413 until 1425, after he had served in high offices in Norway and traveled on the continent. He however left Iceland shortly after 1420, never to return again.

While he was in office, he held for a time the supreme power in Iceland. This can be seen from the first words of his letter (Fig. 1): “We Árni, by the grace of God Bishp of Skálholt, officer of the Holy Church at Hólar, visitator and governor over all Iceland”.

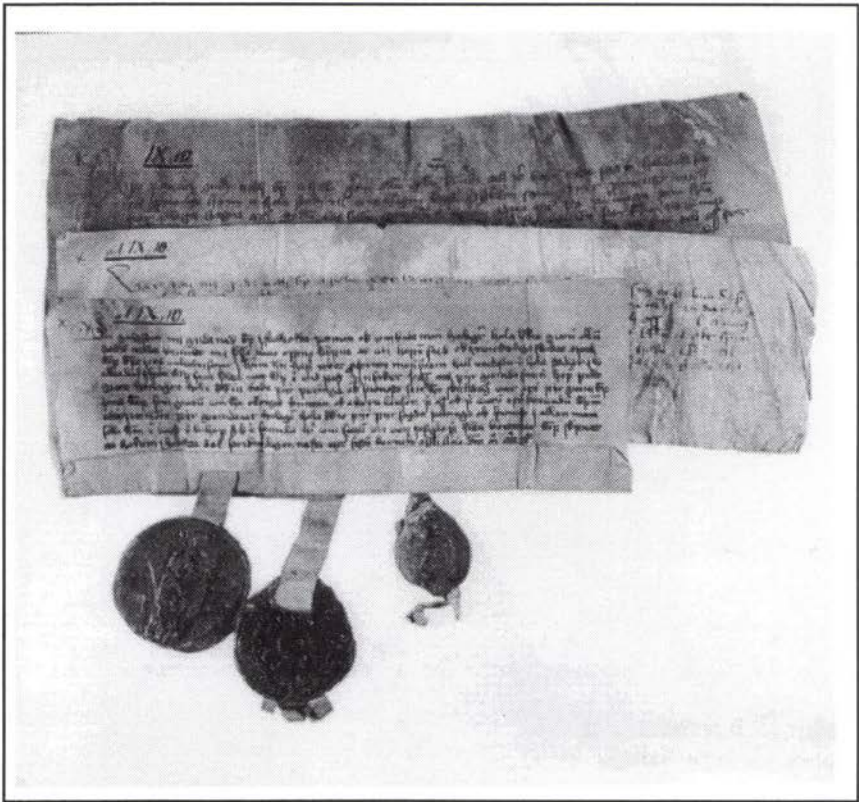


Figure 2. Bishop Godsvijn letter

This was a receipt issued by Bishop Árni to Páll Runólfsson for his payment of the royal taxes and levies on all land between the river Jökulsá on Brú and the Norðfjarðarnípa. The receipt is written in Skálholt, on the Saturday, after the Feast day of St. Thorlac (July 20th) in the year 1418. It is written in the hand of Jón Egilsson, who is supposed to be of Norwegian origin. He was in the bishops service for some time, as his secretary. The seal on the letter, however broken and defaced, was probably Árni's seal in his capacity of the governor of Iceland.

This summer three letters from two bishops were exhibited in The Arnarnaganean Institute in Iceland, concerning the same man: Sveinn Hallvarðsson, farmer at Ríp in Skagafjörður. The bishops were; Gosvijn Comhaer (Dutch Carthusian 1437-1447), bishop of Skálholt and Jón Vilhjálmsson Craxton, of Hólar (1426-1435). These bishops were both foreigners, as many bishops of the late Middle Ages. The first one from Holland and the second one from Sweden.

Bishop Godsvijn was also for a short time the head of "The Holy Church (See) of Hólar". His letter that was on display, (Quote IX. 10. Fig. 2) was



Figure 3. The Seal of Jón Egilsson

written in 1440. It declares that “Sveinn Hallvarðsson has endowed the church at Hólar in return for its providing him with care in his old age, to be free of all obligations and debts towards the church”.

There were also included two letters from Bishop Jón Vilhjálmsson of The See of Hólar, (Quote IX. 10. Fig. 2) concerning the same man. One of these is dated in 1431 and the other in 1433.

Sveinn Hallvarðsson owned the farm of Ríp in Skagafjörður Valley, and used that to pay for the care in his old age. He also pledged to give the bishop 10 years service and seems to have discharged this obligation by the year of 1440.

Both the bishops attach their seals to these letters. Bishop Jón used two different seals.

All three letters are written in the same type handwriting as the Bishop Árnis letter. This leads us to believe that Jón Egilsson was the secretary for these two bishops. It can thus be stated that he was the secretary of the church from at least 1418 until 1433.

These four letters were all in the Arni Magnusson Collection (AM Dipl. Isl. Fasc. VII 25 an IX 10 and ad 10). They came to Iceland in 1928, when 700 letters were sent to the National Archives of Iceland.

The reason of the seals attached is that it was requested by law in the Jónsbók law code of 1281. There was requested both a signature and sealed and witnessed, at least if it was a transfer of a certain value.

Practically all such charters and letters before 1570 have been published in the collection *Diplomatarium Islandicum*.

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THE "A" SERIES GERMAN CENSOR MARK OF WWII

By Tom Bergendahl



Figure 1. Cover with "A" series German Censor Marking

This article identifies the German censor marks for mail that was not examined. This type of mark was used on unsealed or other mail that did not interest the censor, or they simply did not have time to examine properly.

An example of such mail is a First Day Cover. Each of the lower-case letters are preceded by a capitalized letter A. For example, Ao is for Oslo. The two letters of the censor mark will most always be contained in a circle. Therefore, a censor mark consists of the two letters within a circle.

The letter A, which is common to all, is the abbreviation for the German word *Auslandsbriefpriefstelle* (Foreign Letter Censor Office). So Ao means Foreign Letter Censor Office-Oslo.

The cover shown in Figure 1 has two German censor marks, Ao and Ak. the receiving mark on the back of the cover (not shown) is I May 1943. This is not an FDC, though the censor might have mistaken it for one. The first day of issue was 1 April 1943.

The following list defines the lower case letter:

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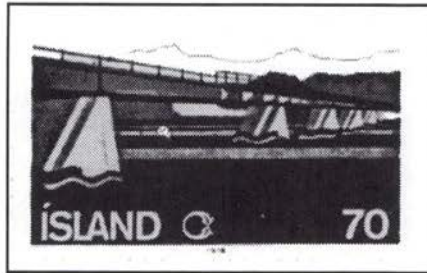


Figure 1. Ring Road Bridge at Skeidara

I spoke disparagingly of trolls while driving with friends on an Iceland lava road. Immediately rocks were thrown up into the car's fenders [now known as quarter panels]. "Trolls", they proclaimed. Being trained in the scientific method I immediately devised some experiments to test for the possibility that there were indeed trolls on the highways. First, I thought kind thoughts and the ride was smooth. Later, I mentally reviled the little devils and immediately rocks were thrown. After a period of quiet contemplation, the procedure was reversed. Bad vibes resulted in rocks again. I even tried belittling them on a paved section and whammo we hit a pot hole. I believe! During construction of the Ring Road, see the 1978 *Skeidara Bridge* stamp (Fig 1), trolls wreaked so much havoc on construction machinery the road was rerouted at one point. That constitutes government recognition doesn't it?

How did trolls get to Iceland? It's too easy to assume they stowed away on Viking ships. Let's examine the distinct possibility they are of Irish origin. Saint Brendan (Fig 2) set sail with seventeen monks and was blown onto Tila (a corrupted form of Thule) in the early sixth century. Their vessels were currachs, very lightly constructed of tanned ox-hide strips caulked with ox-tallow. Scientific types now disbelieve St. Brendan landed on Iceland, nevertheless by 793 there were establishments of Irish monks notably at Kirkjubaer. Could not some loveable Irish leprechauns have stowed away or disguised themselves in monk robes and found the situation so grim in Iceland they soured on it all and adopted lives as trolls?

What do trolls look like? Since they are in Norwegian literature I looked for them on Norge stamps. One! He is the thinker on the 60 ore of the 1974 *Folk Tales II* issue. Some Noreg Christmas seals, e.g., 1919 (Fig 3), have cute little guys in pointy hats. The catalog calls them *nissen* which translates to goblins or elves. The thesaurus ranks elves and pixies as sprites - sort of cute

Figure 2
Ireland's St. Brendan



people. Trolls on the other hand, are ranked with devils, witches, sorcerers and demons. So the Norway little people are not nasty trolls but pleasant nissen.

Perhaps there are portraits of trolls hidden in stamps similar to the perceived face on Mars resulting in a recent philatelic scam. While looking for something in *Fundamentals of Philately*, by L. N. and M. Williams, second printing [1971], a yellowed piece of newsprint at page 71 [I swear I never put it there] drew my attention to an inverted Iceland stamp. The subject was "Ghost Stamps". "Another example, chosen at random, of a 'ghost' visible when the stamp is inverted, occurs in Iceland 1938-45, 15a [Fig 41, where, to what is then the left of the main column of the geyser appears a smaller column (beginning about 4 mm. below the letters "EY") that seems, with a little imagination, like a small, crowned head with a large flowing white beard'. All the geyser stamps show him, but the portrait is clearest on the 15a. [Sometimes I see him; sometimes not; that's precisely the way it is with trolls.]

It may have been a troll caused my hand to shake and drop the Dynjandi Falls stamp of Iceland 1935, 10a (Fig 5). It landed left side down and staring out of the top of the falls is a face. Turn the stamp to right side down and there is another. Since the trolls became my compatriots on the Iceland roads I am

authorized to pronounce those faces to be true troll portraits. Iceland did recognize the subject with the 1981 EUROPA XXII issue. There, on two stamps we **find** *Loftur the Sorcerer* and the *Witch in the Deeps around Iceland* (Fig 6).

I rest my case. □

Figure 3
1919 Norway
Christmas Seal

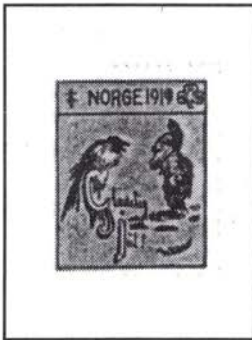


Figure 4.
Troll hiding in Geysir



Figure 5.
Another hidden troll

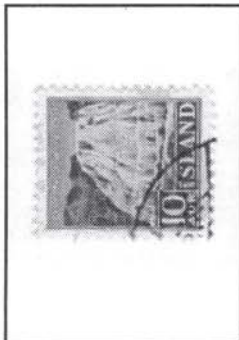


Figure 6. 1981 Europa XXII issue.





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NORWAY THICK THROAT 5 ØRE SURCHARGE STAMPS

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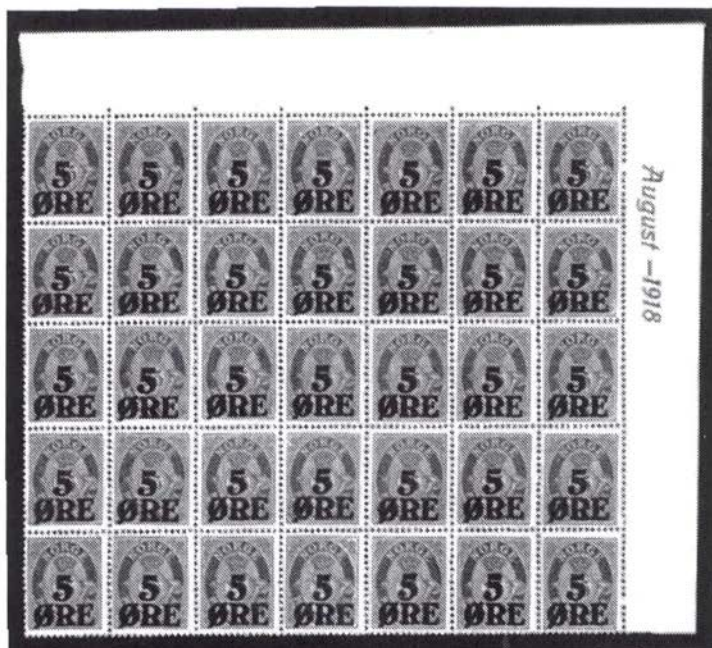


Figure 1. Stamp in upper right corner illustrates thick throat variety



Figure 2.

The 5 Ore surcharge on the 25 Ore stamp was first issued for postal use 1 March 1922. the catalog numbers for the surcharged stamp are Scott 92, Facit 122 and NK 117. The group of surcharged stamps in Figure 1 shows the thick throat (also called thick neck) variety in position 10 (upper right corner). There is also another one in position 2 (not shown). Figure 2 shows an enlargement for row 1, positions 9 and 10, for comparison.

The 5 Ore surcharge value was printed by Chr. Knudsen, Christiania. A total of 5,275,000 stamps with the surcharge value

were printed. Each sheet contained 100 stamps with 10 rows of 10 stamps per row (52,750 sheets). Therefore, there was only a total of 105,500 thick throated stamps.

The 25 Ore stamps (Scott 87, Facit 113, NK 104) were initially issued on 16 September 1911 with subsequent printings for a total quantity of 26,000,000 stamps through 1921. Note the printed date of August-1918 on the selvaige in Figure 1. □



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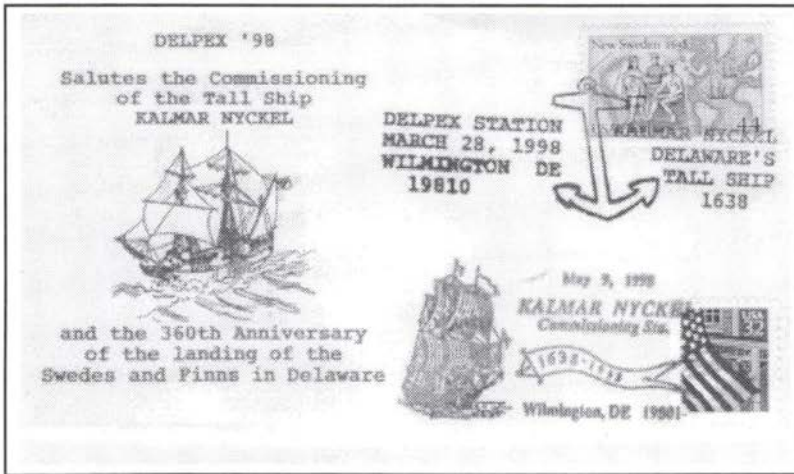
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By Alfred A. Gruber



May 9th, 1998, Wilmington, Delaware: the replica of the ship that carried the first Swedish and Finnish settlers to North America was commissioned on a terrible rainy and windy day. Little would the original voyagers have dreamed the conditions would be blamed on a Spanish child, El Nino. One wag was overheard remarking this was a typical lovely Swedish summer day. The tomes record a similar day in 1938 at the first celebration of the landing of the Swedes and Finns in this place attended by President Franklin Roosevelt. Today's attendees included diplomats, Governor Carper of Delaware, and the mayors of the twin cities of Wilmington and Kalmar.

I cannot find the words to express how lovely this vessel is. I would have signed on as a drummer boy in a minute. Enough of that. She is complete barring a few minor efforts. The masts are there, the trim is evident. The shake-down cruise has been accomplished in fine style. What the commissioning means is that the owners agree to accept the builder's work. Done. Now she will be sailed along the east coast at special events representing Delaware and the Swedish heritage. For those of you unacquainted there are a number of enthusiastically attended tall ship celebrations annually in the Atlantic Ocean ports. I have taught sailing and sailed the Chesapeake Bay, and I want to tell you the sight of a big ship under sail is a genuine thrill.

For a memory check please see the *The Posthorn* of November 1997 on the subject of the September 28th launching. In that piece I reported disappointment in the lack of a special cancel for that event. That has been doubly

corrected. The DELPEX show of which your local chapter is a member prepared a cachet and cancel for the anniversary and commissioning used on the show's date of March 28th. I am proud to report the cachet art was prepared originally for the 1988 New Sweden FDC by artist Marg Day, the wife of our member and retired business manager, Jack Day. THE DELPEX committee chose her design over others preferred. I believe it to be the cleanest, most artistic and most accurate piece of artwork on this particular subject extant. The KALMAR NYCKEL committee created a special cancel for the commissioning on May 9th. I prepared a few covers showing both cancels with appropriate stamps. One is illustrated here. While they last a cover may be ordered from Annette Gruber, PO Box 1073, Newark, DE 19715 for four dollars US, each with an accompanying SASE. □



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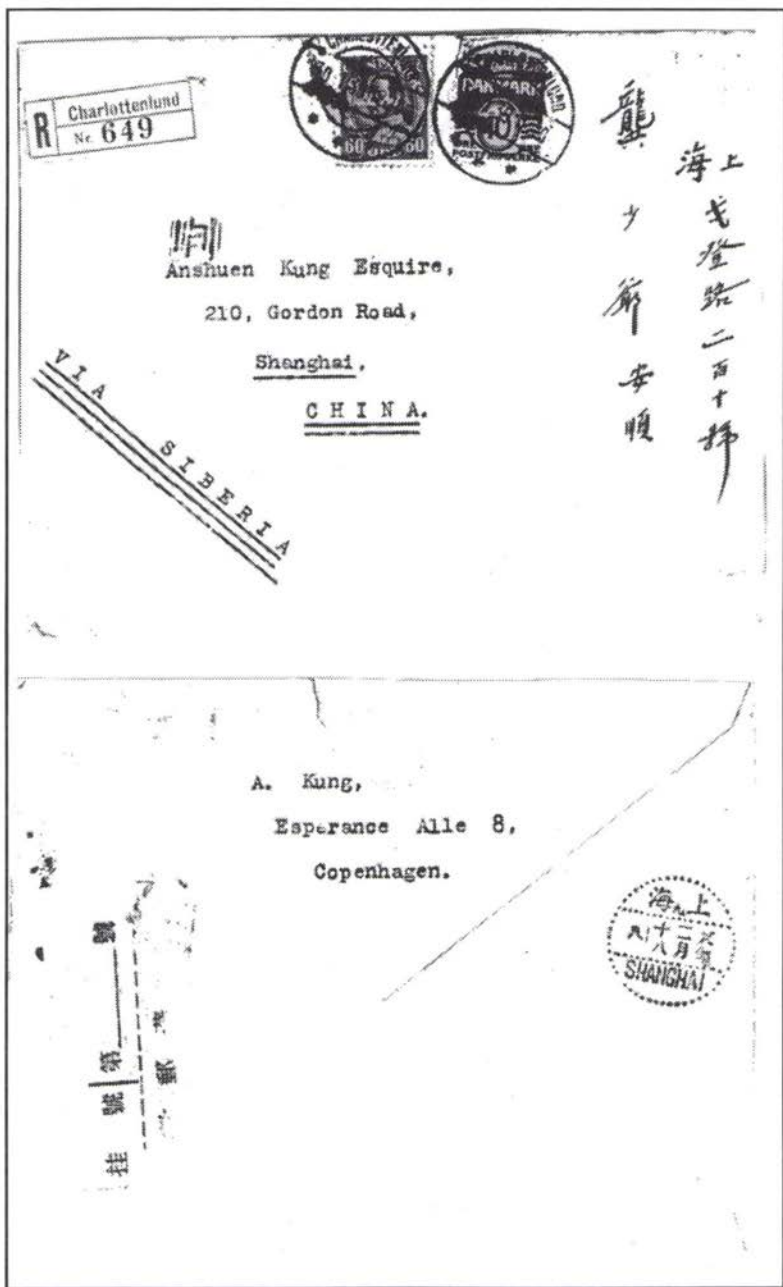
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DENMARK VIA SIBERIA TO SHANGHAI: AN INTRIGUING COVER

By Alfred A. Gruber

For a romantic collecting Scandinavian philately and Chinese mail from foreign lands this cover is irresistible as well as inscrutable. It is registered from Charlottenlund, Denmark on January 31, 1939. [This is prior to the Nazi invasion of Poland in September.] The addressee is an attorney, perhaps the father of the writer. Why is the writer so firm in stating, "VIA SIBERIA;" typed at an angle and triple underlined? Probably the Trans-Siberian Railroad was the quickest route and the message made it across in eighteen days. What could have been the contents? Money from a son to a lawyer papa? The street address reminds us of Chinese Gordon the famous British general. To aid the Shanghai mailman the address is in Chinese characters also. The chop above, "Anshuen....." is probably private. The reverse has a very nice Shanghai receiving mark (as translated) dated February 18 plus remnants of the registry receipt. □

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SCC LIBRARY WILL MOVE TO NEW HOME

The Scandinavian Collectors Club Library will relocate to become part of the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library in Denver CO. An agreement has been reached and signed by the two organizations. W. E. Melberg will be turning over the library materials during the coming year. The timing and logistics of the move from Wisconsin to Colorado have yet to be determined.

The move is part of the long range planning of the SCC Board of Directors and was decided after consulting with the current librarian Doc Melberg, who wishes to step down from the position. Doc has done an outstanding job in providing service to the Scandinavian philatelic community over many years. When the board decided to look into alternatives for relocating the library, SCC President Roger Quinby appointed an *ad hoc* Library Committee consisting of Doc Melberg, SCC Director Gregory Frantz, Roger himself, and Alan Warren as chairman. The committee looked at a number of alternatives.

The committee recognized the risk of having a member keep the collection in his/her own home. Some years ago this proved to be a problem when the Chicago area librarian lost material due to flooding in his home. This is not to say that catastrophic events can't happen in a library also, but the committee felt that better care and attention would be given to the collection if it were placed with a larger existing philatelic library. The committee settled on the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library (RMPL) of Denver.

The RMPL is a rapidly growing collection which in a few short years has acquired its own facility, a staff of volunteers, 5,000 books, 7500 auction catalogs, and over 20,000 journal issues. Some of the areas that the collection is strong in include western history, maps, and USPS publications. The library also serves as the meeting place for a number of clubs in the area including Chapter 27 of SCC.

The original Map Room will house the SCC Library and SCC member Stuart Silverberg will be caretaker of the collection. Borrowing privileges will still pertain to SCC members but other visiting scholars to the RMPL will be able to use the references as well. The RMPL uses a modified Dewey decimal system and the catalog is being changed from 3x5 cards to computer. When I visited the RMPL during the ROMPEX show this spring, I purchased a square yard of new carpet for a small donation. One can also join the RMPL and become an ongoing supporter, receiving news of the collection via their journal *Scribblings*.

If you would like to learn more about RMPL you can write to Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library, 2038 South Pontiac Way, Denver CO 80224; or phone them at 303-759-9921; or e-mail them at RMPL@aol.com; or find them on the Internet at <http://www.collectors-mall.com/philib/RMPL.htm>. RMPL is a 501 (c) 3 organization and therefore tax exempt. And be sure to visit the library when you are in the Denver area. - Alan Warren



I GILDI '02-'03: A REVIEW

I GILDI '02-'03, by Erik V. Lundggrd. DAKA Foriag. Tervuren, Belgium. 1998. 80 pages. Price: \$36.50 (postpaid).

As the publishers Erik Paaskesen and Frank Banke mention in the preface, the I GILDI issues from Iceland have almost from the emission fascinated philatelists all over the world. A large number of stamps especially with a peculiar production resulted in lots of investigations and articles. There were, however, many questions that were unanswered.

Civilingeneer Erik V. LundgArd was one philatelist interested in the I GILDI stamps. Spending the year 1940-41 in Reykjavik, Iceland, he took the opportunity to unravel quite a few dim spots by investigating the remaining stock the in Post- and Telegraph House in Reykjavik. He visited several of the archives as well and he also spoke directly with some of the persons who had been active in the overprinting with I GILDI of the old oval stamps.

The paper Erik Lundgird wrote based on his investigations was printed. A couple of years ago Erik Paaskesen and Frank Banke came in possession of a copy of that paper and realized the full value of the contents and decided to publish the more than 50 years old work believing it still had the interest of many philatelists.

I GILDI means *is cuffent* and was overprinted on the old oval stamps that were once declared invalid but now restored to favor.

After going through the political side of the appearance of these provisional stamps the author gives a very detailed and exact description of the overprints and all the varieties. Attention is called to the many print accidents that of course are not described. Because the printer only had type to overprint 50 stamps at a time (and hardly enough for that number) the sheets had to go twice through the machinery. Because of that all the errors occur twice in the sheet. The type metal was also of an inferior kind and soon some letters and/or numbers were worn out and had to be replaced. In all, six different matters were used. In matters I and 11 the edge columns got loose little by little and the letters began failing out. When it was discovered the printing was stopped and the error corrected. However the Post Office did not take these sheets with errors out and discard them. They went out in circulation. A total of 3,027,500 stamps and 26,310 postal cards were overprinted.

Three persons tried to make a lot of money out of the overprints. In a dubious speculation they began to buy all the material as soon as it was for sale. Because no information was given as to how big the stock was to be overprinted and this number turned out to beat the economical ability of the speculators — the comer did not succeed. A full account is given of this entire affair.

When at a later point in time the Post Office wanted to send the sheets (that by mutual consent are exchanged between the various post services) there were not material enough left. The Icelandic ministry in Copenhagen then gave the order to print new issues of all the values. H.H. Thiele printed the original oval stamps and was also printing the new ones. Supposedly the new issues would be indistinguishable from the old ones when the same plates were used. It did not happen. In the interval Thiele had introduced stamp paper with the new watermark "Large crown," whereas the earlier issues were printed on paper watermarked "Small crown". The perforations also were changed and of course it was not easy to hit the right colors either. The new prints with errors are also described in details.

Finally the author is calculating how long time the stock of the I GILDI will last until everything is sold from *Frimerkjasalin*. From 1941 he thinks there will be enough for the next 50 to 300 years meaning we should still be able to buy some 'at the window.' I doubt it.

I GILDI is a brilliant little book and is a must for all serious collectors of these issues. It is a pity that it is only available in Danish. However it should be in every philatelic library as a good example on how to conduct a thorough investigation of a philatelic subject. I recommend it as one of the very best. Among others, Lizabeth Stamp Company, PA has it in stock.

- Dr. Dan Laursen

SCC MEETING SCHEDULE

	ANNUAL	REGIONAL	NORDIC	INTERNATIONAL
1998	CHICAGOPEX Nov 6-8 Rosemont IL	NATL TOPICAL Jul 17-19 Falls Church VA	NORDIA 98 Oct 16-18 Odense DK	ITALIA 98 Oct 23-Nov 1 Milan Italy
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SCC AWARDS AT MINNESOTA STAMP EXPO



Ross Olson receives Grand Award from Clyde Jennings. Roger Quinby photo.

SCC members kept busy at the Minnesota Stamp Expo '98 in July, with president Roger Quinby serving as a judge and various members competing for awards. The show included 35 competitive exhibits, seven of which were Scandinavian exhibits. Member and Scandinavian awards included:

GRAND AWARD

The Definitive Potage Stamps of Sweden, 1910-1936. Ross V. Olson
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The Definitive Potage Stamps of Sweden, 1910-1936. Ross V. Olson
SILVER

The Depreciated Currency Period in the United States, 1862-1867. Robert
Frigstad.

Greenland - The American Issue. Charles D. Shoemaker
SILVER-BRONZE

19th Century Scandinavian Postal History. Marvin D. Hunewell
Norway Aerograms. John W. Schaad.
SILVER

Major Errors and Printing Flaws of Icelandic Stamp Issues., Michael E. Falls.
Finland Airmail to America by Trans-Atlantic Clipper 1939-1941. Robert W.
Lang

SILVER-BRONZE

1924 Universal World Postal Congress 50th Anniversary. Dave Anderson. □

SCC 1998 CONVENTION AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE SCC LIBRARY

During the past years, the SCC library has been a useful service to our membership. Some members have repaid this service by making donations of books and pamphlets to the library. The library is offering some of this material, which duplicates what is already in its stacks, to you. The proceeds from this auction will be used to purchase new material for the memberships' use.

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Sealed bids should be sent to F. Bloedow, 810 Dobson St #1A, Evanston IL 60202. Bidding closes November 6, 1998; all bids must be received by that date. Telephone bids are respectfully declined.

The auction will take place at CHICAGOPEX, immediately following the SCC General Meeting on November 7, 1998.

A few lots are photocopies, and are so noted. There are two copies of a few of the lots. These will be sold at one advance over the third highest bid.

DENMARK

1. *THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF DENMARK. 1851-1951.* 1951. J. Schmidt-Andersen. The "BIBLE" of Danish philately. Includes the 10 color specimens of the Thiele III printing of the fire R.B.S., 1854.
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3. *DANSKE FRIMÆRKER - FARVEPLANCHER OG BESKIVELSE AF ENKELTE FABRICATIONER - KVADRATISKE UDGAVER - 1864 UDGAVERN - TOFARVET UDGAVER.* Lasse Nielsen. 1993. 112pp. Outstanding book about the preparation and printing of the Danish Classics, the Royal Emblems and the Bicolors. Includes color reproductions of all of the issues! A MUST book for the student of Danish philately.
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6. *DANSKE NUMMERSTEMPLER*. K. Ehlers. 1975. 36pp. Listing of Danish number cancels. Illus.
7. *DANSKE PRIVATPOST FRIMÆRKER*. M. Brun-Pedersen. 1954. 40pp. Handbook lists all Danish local issues. English glossary. (photocopy)
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16. *DANMARKS BOGTRYKTE BØLGELINIEMÆRKER*. N. Olsen. 1965. 192pp. Handbook on typographed wavy-line issue, printings, colors, paper, flaws, plate varieties. Illus.
17. *HAANDBOG OVER DANMARKS STAALSTUKNE FRIMÆRKER 1933-1948*. M. Juhl. 1948. 138pp. Study of the engraved Danish issues 1933-1948, with 2-page English synopsis.
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19. *DANISH POSTAL STATIONERY*. S. Ringström. 1985. 215pp. Hardbound book. The top reference book about this subject, covers Denmark, Slesvig, and DWI. Exceptional detail about shades, varieties, factory numbers and errors.
20. *DANISH POSTAL BOOKLETS-DANMARK FRIMÆRKEHEFTER 1934-1950*. A. Tholl & M. Juhl. 1951. 22pp. Lists and catalogs the booklet stamps for this period. Illus.
21. *DANMARKS STAALSTUKNE FRIMÆRKER*. A. Tholl & M. Juhl. 1951. 28pp. Handbook about the steel-engraved stamps. English summary. Illus.
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23. *THE STELLA CATALOGUE OF DENMARK*. R. King-Farlow. 1951. 78pp. Lists all the regular issues, postage due, newspaper, post ferry, booklets, Faroes, Greenland, Thule and Slesvig. Also Lists numeral cancels. Illus.
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30. *PRISLISTE OVER DANSKE FIREBLOKKE. 1975*. AFA. 20pp. Pricelist of blocks of four of Denmark.
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ICELAND

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70. *NORWEGIAN RAILWAY AND STEAMSHIP PARCEL STAMPS*. F. Brofos. SCC Handbook. 1964. 52pp. Illus.
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SWEDEN

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86. SCOTT'S CATALOG 1939

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88. HANDBOOK OF UNITED STATES COINS 1973

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90. NORTH AMERICAN CURRENCY - 1965

91. GIBBONS GREAT BRITAIN STAMP CATALOGUE - 1992

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93. YVERT ET TELLIER - STAMPS OF FRANCE 1989-1990

94. LINN'S U. S. STAMP YEARBOOK 1994

95. BRITISH POST OFF.TCIV NUMBERS 1844-1906 (1971)

96. SKANDINAVIEN FRIMERKEKATALOG - 1988-89

97. SKANDINAVIEN FRIMERKEKATALOG - 1990-91

98. FACIT SPECIAL 1990

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102. FACIT 1964

103. AFA SKANDINAVIEN KATALOG 1962

104. *FRIMERKEPENGE*. C. Lund-Jensen & J. Somod. 1975. 52pp. Listing of "stamp money" used during WWI and WWII.

RAY ERICKSON COLLECTIONS TO BE AUCTIONED

The collections of the late Ray Erickson have been acquired by Schuyler J. Rumsey Philatelic Auctions Inc., 11 Tillman Pl, San Francisco CA 94108. These include world-wide registered covers, registered postcards, revenues (many Scandinavian), and stamps. The auction will take place in late October or early November. If interested, write for a catalog.

The Ray Erickson collections of Danish Postal Stationery -- including printed to private order, and DWI postal stationery -- will be offered for sale by Paradise Valley Stamp Company, PO Box 8948, Scottsdale AZ 85252 at their SANDICAL 99 public auction, the first week of February 1999. Interested bidders can write for a catalog.

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President's Letter

Roger P. Quinby

As the summer draws to a close, (hard to imagine given the unusually warm weather) our attention is focused on the plans for the annual meeting at Chicagopex, November 6-8 at the Rosemont Convention Center just a few minutes from O'Hare International Airport. Fred Bleodow and Norm Andrews of Chicago Chapter #4 are planning a dinner Friday night at which time the John S. Siverts Memorial Plaque will be presented to the best SCC one frame exhibit. Risto-Matti Kauhanen of Finland will serve on the jury and I am very pleased to announce here that the first speaker in the Nordic guest speaker series will be Knud Mohr, the Nordic Federation liaison to Nordia 2001. Let's make this meeting one of our most successful gatherings - welcome to the 60th annual meeting of the Scandinavian Collectors Club.

In furtherance of our Nordia 2001 plans, the SCC Board approved the Tucson, AZ site, the minimal proposed budget (approximately \$49,000) and release of previously authorized seed money. Please read the Nordia 2001 insert. Your contributions, your help in planning and organizing the show and your suggestions are very important to the success of this venture.

Member to member contacts and information exchanges are among the most significant and lasting benefits of our participation in the SCC. Our sponsorship of Nordia 2001, participation at Nordia 98 in Odense and future Nordia shows, exhibiting at the Iceland National Philatelic Exhibition this past June, and continuing exchanges with Nordic judges and guest speakers open the door for new personal contacts with our colleagues from the Nordic countries.

Nevertheless, *The Posthorn* remains the primary quarterly contact for most members. As I mentioned in the May letter, some members would like to see *The Posthorn* published bimonthly. Certainly, this is a possibility, but we need to know what articles you would like to see in the journal and we have to line up authors to fill each issue with well researched articles. At the moment, we do not have a sufficient number of articles in the works (unfortunately, a number of articles were recently misplaced or lost in transit from Joe Frye's apartment to Sandra Downs) to support six issues a year on a on-going basis. Your suggestions and contributions would be very helpful.

There is one more avenue through which we can reach out to the membership, namely the specialized study groups. The Finnish Study Group (FSG) has been relatively successful; it publishes a quarterly newsletter offering articles recently translated from the Finnish philatelic press as well as articles on new

issues, letters, reviews and member to member exchanges. The mailing list has grown to about 75 and includes readers in Austria, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Israel, and Sweden. Some back issues are available on request. How can we revitalize the study groups for the Faeroe Islands, Greenland, and Iceland? If you are the someone with the interest, we can provide some help with starting a newsletter, holding meetings and engaging in member to member contacts.

Always, we have questions about a rate, cover marking, printing variety, shades, etc. Years ago, the SCC maintained a contact list of knowledgeable collectors of various specialties so members could address questions by simply providing a SASE with the question. Can we revive this practice? Will volunteers come forth and possibly offer an email address for more efficient and speedy communications? Through these exchanges, we have the opportunity to add a regular feature in *The Posthorn*. We enjoy the world's greatest hobby and we have a fantastic membership - let's open the door of participation just a bit wider - thanks.

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SCANDINAVIAN AREA AWARDS

At COLOPEX, the Scandinavian Philatelic Foundation received a silver-bronze for Jay Smith's translation of *AFA Iceland Specialized Catalog 1997*. At SOPEX in Oregon, Larry Crain won a silver for "The 100th Year: Iceland 1972." At ROMPEX, Stuart Silverberg won some high awards with his three entries. In the mutliframe category he received a gold for his "Greenland - Pakke Porto." In the single frame category, Stuart received golds for two more Greenland exhibits—"Thule" and "The American Issue." At the same show a gold medal also went to Greg Frantz for his "Finland Steamship Companies."

At the WISCOPEX show Charles Shoemaker received a gold for his "Greenland: The American Issue." A gold also went to Betty Rutherford at CERAPEX for "Faroe Islands" and a silver was awarded to Gayland Ricklefs for "Early Greenland." At the SCOPEX show in State College PA, "Anonymous" received a silver award along with an AAPE presentation pin for her "The 1930 Parliamentary Millenary Issues of Iceland." □

—Alan Warren



Scandinavian Literature Notes

Alan Warren

Roald Amundsen and the Maud Expedition are the subject of a lengthy article by Knut Arveng in the issue 1/98 of the Norwegian publication *Frimerke Forum*. In the April issue of the Danish journal *Skilling*, Jørgen Sømød discusses encased postage stamps of Denmark, and Bruno Nørødam continues the series on essays of that country. In the same issue, Nørødam tabulates the philatelic exhibitions in Denmark from 1916 through 1948.

Kjell Nilson illustrates an example of modern postal history in the April issue of SFF's *filatelisten*. It is a cover addressed to the well known Swedish philatelist Georg Menzinsky in 1941. In the German publication *Philatelistische Nachrichten* for February, Günter Pansegrau continues his series on the types of paper used in Danish stamps during 1970-1976. Dirk Vorwerck writes about the mourning stamp of Finland in the same issue, and Rolf Dörnbach discusses the mails of Norway's Bouvet Øya.

Ib Pedersen writes about the coming NORDIA 98 show in Odense this fall in the May issue of *Dansk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. Over 250 exhibits have been accepted including 62 traditional philately entries, 61 postal history exhibits, 52 open class items, and 38 literature entries. In the same issue Karlo Lindskog illustrates some of the Hans Christian Andersen pictorial cancels used in recent years at Odense.

Greenland Collector

A collector of Greenland, who resides in Denmark, writes about his special interest in the April issue of *Greenland Collector*, published by Post Greenland. The author/collector is Flemming Petersen who is also treasurer of the Danish Philatelic Federation. He was attracted to the stamps of this country as a child, and wanted to learn more about the subject matter shown on the stamps. Later he became interested in the postal history of this fascinating country.

Finnish postage due is the subject of a brief article by Eric Keefe in Britain's *Scandinavian Contact*. Instead of issuing postage due stamps, Finland typically used its definitive stamps to collect the insufficiency. In the same issue Keefe is joined by co-author Les Freestone in part 10 of their series on Finnish Fieldpost, this time about the Danish volunteers during the period 1939-1945. Bill Ross contributes the third article in his series on Åland postal history in this issue, in which he discusses the end of the Russian period.

One of the more active study groups in SCC is the Finnish Study Group. The May issue of their journal *The Finnish Philatelist* has an article on the postal cards of Finland by Juhani Pietilä, translated by Kauko Aro. This particular issue is augmented with a 30-page supplement by Juhani Olamo devoted to postal censorship in Finland during World War I. Many handstamps are illustrated and described in detail.

Author Gunnar Joos writes about his specialty, the charta sigillata of Sweden, in the May issue of SFF's *filatelisten*. J. A. Konings writes about the London issue of Norway in the June issue of the Dutch journal *Het Noorderlicht*. Another article by J. Kuijper continues the series on plate flaws of the 1930 definitives of Finland. In the May issue of *Posthistorisk Tidsskrift* from Denmark, E. Menne Larsen offers a postscript to his previous articles on postal conditions between Denmark and Italy during the period 1939-1945.

Greenland Lindbergh Post Card

In the July issue of *The Airpost Journal*, Fred Goldberg describes a unique post card carried by Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh within Greenland. The view card contains a message written in the Inuit language and was sent by a resident of Narssaq to his uncle in Angmagsalik. According to the author, who has collected polar airmail for thirty years, this is the only item he has seen that was carried within Greenland by the Lindberghs.

In the issue 2/98 of *Postverk Føroya News*, the new Year of the Ocean - Whales stamps are announced. The journal also carries an article describing the research into measuring mercury and PCB levels in whale meat and the effects they may have on newborns in the Faroes. Issue 3/98 of the same journal lists the new postal rates in the Faroes which went into effect June 1, 1998. The postal code letters for the Faroes should be FO in order to prevent confusion with the FR of France.

In issue 2/98 of Norway's *Frimerke Forum*, Knut Arveng illustrates much of the history of Larvik through stamps. Henning Nielsen illustrates plate flaws of Denmark's 20 øre arms type with the small corner numerals in the June issue of KPK's *Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift*. Some lovely color photos show usages of the stamp, and other photos in the article are scenes of the print shop where the stamps were printed. In the long series on postmarks of Denmark which is appearing in the journal *Skilling*, author Vagn Jensen focuses on the bridge cancels of Horsens in the May issue.

Painter of Light

Greenland seems to be taking a major portion of this column. In the July issue of *Greenland Collector* published by Post Greenland, artist Hans Lyngé is profiled since the two art stamps being released this year use his designs. Lyngé

was born in Greenland in 1906. His art was essentially a hobby in his early life and he studied to become a teacher. However, his teaching career was curtailed when he had to fight tuberculosis.

After the second world war Lyngge went to Copenhagen and entered the Art Academy there where he studied for four years and had several exhibitions. He traveled to Greenland several times to gather information about the country that had considerable influence on his art. In 1972 Lyngge established an art school in Nuuk which was later renamed Greenland's School of Arts.

In the July issue of the APS journal *American Philatelist*, Michael Mills writes about the 1917 Saarinen Lion issue of Finland. The June issue of Sweden's *filatelisten* carries reports and photographs from the SFF Congress held in Ystad. In the issue 2/98 of Oslo Filatelistklub's *INFO*, Harry Snarvold writes about an 1874 cover sent from Norway to Nova Scotia. □

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Transfers & Re-entries

By Alan Warren

Postverk Føroya publishes a newsletter for collectors of new stamps of that country. Issue 2/98 describes the post office at Fuglafjørður. The post office opened in 1903 and for 91 years the office was managed by members of the same family. Alma Rustin, who served from 1926 to 1975, is now the ripe old age of 97, and no doubt the oldest postal worker in the Faroes.

During Postiljonen's auction in Malmø in March, the firm sponsored a seminar by several FIP judges. Charles Peterson, president of the FIP literature commission spoke about the submission of literature exhibits in various electronic media including CD-rom and on the Internet. Juhani Olamo from Finland spoke about the revenue class and Paolo Vollmeier of Switzerland discussed the workings of the jury to spot fake stamps and covers in international exhibits. Knud Mohr of Denmark described the establishment of the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) comprised of philatelic writers, catalog publishers, stamp dealers, collectors, and postal organizations.

Paul Jensen Honored

Paul H. Jensen of Norway was honored once again, this time with the awarding of the king's gold medal of merit. Jensen was recognized for his many years of leadership and service to philately in Norway, especially his involvement with the NORWEX shows over many years. The award was made in March of this year at a special ceremony in Oslo.

In Sweden, one of the most prestigious honors is the Strandell medal of the Swedish philatelic federation. At this year's SFF congress in Ystad, the Strandell medal was awarded to two outstanding individuals. Gustaf Johansson is an expert and international exhibitor of classic Sweden and Norway. The other honoree was Jan Billgren, author of many articles on postal history with a focus on his area of specialty, viz. Swedish postal history during the period 1855-1921.

The Friends of the Postmuseum in Sweden recently honored one of their members who joined the group in 1954. Egon Jonsson was recognized for his long years of membership and service to the organization at the Friends annual meeting on March 31, 1998. The Friends receive occasional newsletters and the annual publication *Postryttaren*. The museum has changing exhibits and even a special area for children known as the Little Post Office where they engage in workshops. Information about joining the group can be obtained by writing to Föreningen Postmusei Vänner, Box 2002, 10311 Stockholm, Sweden.

Post Greenland was relocated from Copenhagen to Qasigiannuit in 1993, and now has completed another transplantation to the capital, Nuuk. The latest move took about ten months. Qasigiannuit is located on Disko Bay and becomes un navigable in the winter due to pack ice. During this winter weather, goods are brought in by helicopter which makes them costly. Greenland stamps can be ordered by writing to Filatelia, Box 121, 3913 Tasiilaq, Greenland. □



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Library News

Dr. W.E. Melberg, SCC Librarian

Included in this issue of *The Posthorn* is a listing of philatelic publications that will be offered through the mail or at a public auction at CHICAGOPEX 198. on Nov. 6, 1998. There are some great books to be found in this sale. Take your time and check them out. I will be on hand to respond to any questions about value, condition etc.

It looks as if the Colorado group is all set to take over the SCC Library reins in 1999. It pleases me very much that this group has great impetus, stamina, fortitude to undertake this job. I hope they enjoy having the SCC Library as much as I have.

Florence is doing better. Not 100 percent but getting there. Still has dizziness but what do you expect from a Danish blonde?

Library Donations - April 1, 1998 to June 30, 1998

Cash: Ellis Glatt, Eric Jarvlepp and H. Volin

Publications:

Marvin Hunevell

P&T's HISTORIE. TIL 1711. O. Madsen. 1991. 440pp. Postal history of Denmark until 1771.

Dr. Dan Laursen

I GILDI 102-103. DAKA - Erik Paaskesen. 1998. 80pp. History of this unusual overprint of Iceland. Submitted for review in *The Posthorn*.

T.P.McDermott

SVENSKA FRIMARKEN B.ERATTAR. UPU. Yearbook 88/89. 40pp. Stamps are missing.

Carl Probst

"License Plates." List of Scandinavian country's car plates. 16pp. 111998
SCOTT pages of Scandinavian Stamps. 100pp.

John Schaad

NORWAY - AEROGRAMS. Photocopies of the donor's exhibit that received the top Scandinavian award at COMPEX 98. 96pp.

Swedish Post Museum

POSTENS FR. TMARKS TRYCKERI UNDER 75 AR. Sven-Rune Johansson.

1995. 40pp. "The Swedish Postage Stamp Printing Works during 75 Years."

Hans Waagen

FILATELISTISKE SPOR ETTER POSTTRANSPORT MED LOKALE RUTESKIP I TRONDELAGSFY-TIFF; iE. T. C@jelsvik. 24pp.

PosTEN PA RING. ER. TKE. T. Ostlund. 81pp.

NORSK LUFTPOST 1911-1977. E. Stark. 1978. 160pp. Complete listing of all 1st flights, Par Avion Labels, each flight cover illustrated and given a catalog number & price.

NORWEGIAN EXILE MAIL 1940-1945. K. Sanne. 1986. 219pp. Fascinating WW II postal history. English translation by S. Meireran. *HANDBOK OVER NORSKE SERSTEMPLER.* O. Johannessen. 1985. 231pp. Listing of Norwegian commemorative cancels.

F-TLATELISTISK ARBOK 1986. Norsk Filatelistforbund. 157pp. The annual book of much fascinating information.

POSTHORNUTGAVENE 1879-1883. POSTHISTORIE OG FILATELI. H. Snarvold. 1984. 124pp. An interesting book about the 5 & 10 Ore posthorn issues. Details the production, postal history and plating.

SKIP OG POST I LOKALE RUTER I TRONDELAG. T. Gjelsvik. 1986. 144pp. Ship mail in an around Trondheim. Many illustrations of ships, cancels & maps.

F-TLATEL-TST-TSK ARBOK 1988. 150pp. Norwegian yearbook. Many interesting articles about shipmail, cancels, German occupation, postal history etc. A must for a Norway collector.

VARIANT HEFTE ORE HAAKEN. O. Edvardsen. 1988. 34pp. Listing of the varieties of the King Haakeon issues of the 1950-57 booklets. Very detailed.

STATENS POSTDAMPERE I RUTE PA THRoNDHiEm 1838-1865. T. Gjelsvik. 1987. 24pp. History of the various Norwegian steamships that carried mail.

SKIP OG POST I OSTFINMARKSRUTEN 1853-1868. T. Gjelsvik. 1984. 13pp. History of early shipleeters to and from the upper Finland routes. *DAMPSKIPET PRINDS GUSTAV -OG POSTGANGEN TIL NORD-NORGE FOR 15o AR S-TDEN.* G. Melboe. 1988. 120pp. Postal history of the Post ship "Prinds Gustav" and its journeys to Northern Norway.

FILATELIST-TSK ARBOK 1987. Norsk Filatelistforbund. 160pp. The yearly book on Norwegian Philately. Depicts slogan and commemorative postmarks.

Alan Warren

POSTAL RATES IN ICELAND - 1870-1997. Brian Flack. 1998. 173pp.

Publications Purchased:

*H DBOK OVER NORGES FR-TMERKER. BIND V-f. 1120 MM
UTGAVEN" 4.*

TRYKNINGSPERIODE 1890-1892. Central Printing Office. F.C. Moldenhauer, Editor, 1997. 220pp. Purchased from the editor at special Library Rate. □

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It is unusual to be afforded such a clear view into the history of a stamp issue as this book provides. The I GILDI issues always have been treated as the stepchildren of Icelandic philately because of their spurious distribution and speculation following the issue of these provisionals. This volume throws new light on the stamps and removes any doubt about them by its precisely presented facts. In addition, the treatise also covers the philatelic side in every conceivable detail with much precise information on the overprints and the varieties.

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Sat 11/7

8:30AM SCC Board Meeting in a room at the Convention Center. Eat breakfast at the hotel (it is part of your room cost) then assemble across the street for the mtg. Coffee and Tea will be available at the meeting.

10AM Show opens! As does SCC Booth!

10:30AM NORDIA 2001 Genl Membership Meeting (in same room as SCC Board Mtg)

2PM SCC Annual Membership Meeting with Special Guest Speaker from Scandinavia: Knud Mohr. Speaker for first 1/2 hour, then 15 minutes question and answer, followed by a short SCC business meeting!

3PM Exhibit Critique

4PM Richard Drews Auction

7PM CHICAGOPEX AWARDS BANQUET

Sun 11/9

10AM Show Opens

SCC LIBRARY AUCTION in same room as meetings the day before. Books will be on display and bid sheets will be available Fri and Sat at SCC Booth (and perhaps elsewhere). Norm Andrews will be the auctioneer. □



Editor's Notes

Sandra Downs

You can imagine my shock upon receiving Alan's final farewell to Joe Frye (page 46). I hadn't heard that Joe had died (I was in Greece at the time), and that made it all the harder. While we never met in person, we used e-mail to collaborate on two issues of *The Posthorn* last year, and worked rather well together in that medium. I chuckled at his constant "Elmer Fuddisms," and he taught me a few tricks on layout and style. Our society has suffered a great loss with Joe's passing, and I miss him.

If you've submitted an article for publication and haven't seen it in print yet, or haven't been contacted by me about it, please resubmit. The only articles I have on hand are those from authors who have received some sort of acknowledgment: I find e-mail the easiest method, so include your address if you have an online presence. I've never been able to recover the material Joe had, so we must consider it lost.

Lost to me, too, is time. I've been fortunate that my writing career has blossomed this year. I'm working on my first series of books, and have to turn away magazine assignments. Family issues take time too, so I have to choose carefully how to spend it. The SCC website is thus woefully behind, since I spend so much time on *The Posthorn*. The board has discussed some useful expansions to the site, from its own domain name to the incorporation of the Scandinavian Philatelic Library and Nordia 2001 into the site. Perhaps it would even be possible to look up SCC library holdings online someday! But these things all take time. I'd like to see someone with web expertise step forward and help me get the website up-to-date, with the eventual outcome of passing the responsibility along to an eager soul ... any takers?

Meanwhile, I'd like to point out some of the logistical difficulties in moving *The Posthorn* to a bi-monthly format. Relying on a single person for the production of a periodical can be spotty at best. I've spent most of the month of August either in the hospital or lying about the house, recuperating from a bad bout of pneumonia. These things can happen to any of us, and it throws the production schedule off: this is the first I've been able to sit up and type in several weeks. With a tighter production schedule, we'd need backup people who can take over the editing and layout when one of us lags behind. The same goes for columnists: should we expect more frequent columns (with less information), or schedule them differently? Moving to a bi-monthly format means more people need to participate and contribute. I agree wholeheartedly with our president and Dr. Laursen that more frequent issues would be a great benefit to our members, but it will take some serious planning, and more volunteers. □



News From the Home Office

Don Brent

This quarter has resulted in a loss in our total membership due to the dropping of 33 individuals for "Non Payment of Dues". Bob Lang warned me that we would lose members every year but it was a real surprise that many of those not renewing had low membership numbers so had been with SCC for many years. I understand that circumstances change and collecting interests may move in new directions but if there is anyone who knows those dropped individuals and can help with reasons for their dropping I would like to try to address their concerns. We also lost an additional three members to death and I wish to extend our sympathy to their family and friends. There were two resignations this quarter. While we hate to lose any member we at least know their wishes rather than just losing track of them.

On a positive note we gained eight new members including four from overseas and had two reinstatements. We extend our welcome to you new and returning members and remind you that we are here to help with any related SCC matters. I also wish extend our thanks to those members who included donations with their renewals. We really appreciate your help. Thank You.

Things are moving along with both Nordia 2001, (with a meeting scheduled this weekend at TOPEX), and CHICAGOPEX. Don't forget to make plans for our annual meeting Nov 6-8. I hope to meet as many of you as possible. Details about the SCC activities planed are found in this issue.

Dr. Dan Laursen and I are interested in the Wavy-line issues of Denmark and are seeking other members interested in joining a study group. The Wavy-line Study Group would be devoted to both the letterpress and the engraved issues and include both stamps and stationery with both fly-specking and postal history. There should be something for almost everyone with an interest in this long running issue. Drop me a note (or email) with your name, address and area of interest and I will get back to you with more information.

It is almost election time again. The Nominating Committee will propose a slate and the ballots will be sent in the fall. Dues renewals will also be coming out again in the fall. Plenty of activity coming up. Hope you have a great summer and to see you soon.

Best regards. Don Brent



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ALBUM CLOSED: JOE F. FRYE

By Alan Warren

Joe Frye, former editor of SCC's *The Posthorn* died April 9, 1998 following complications arising from diabetes and several strokes. He had been living in a rehabilitation home in Cordova, TN. Joe had served as editor for SCC three times. He first served in that position from 1977 to 1982. He stepped in again when Bob Gross passed away and edited the journal from February 1986 to February 1987. In 1997 Joe filled the void a third time and edited two issues before failing health forced him to give it up. In 1985 he was honored by SCC with the Carl E. Pelander Award for outstanding service in furthering the aims of the Club.

Joe was a retired dispatcher for the Illinois Central Railroad. For many years he was a dealer, principally in Scandinavian material, and conducted his business under the trade name Midland Stamp Company. He conducted auctions, provided appraisals and sold at private treaty. He was a member of ASDA and the Philatelic Traders Society, and maintained a postgiro account in Sweden.

Joe Frye served as a Trustee as well as Secretary of the American Philatelic Research Library of the American Philatelic Society. During his tenure he also chaired a special Scandinavian Translation/Republication Committee to administer a fund provided by an anonymous donor. The fund was used to underwrite one publication on Iceland philately and then was used by APRL for the purchase of Scandinavian publications for the library.

Frye was very active in the Writers Unit 30 of the American Philatelic Society. Shortly after joining the group he became a member of the Council. From 1981 to 1991 he served as vice president, then president, and finally Council chairman. He edited the Writers Unit *News Bulletin* from 1973 to 1980. From 1988 until 1997 Joe arranged for printing and mailing of the journal, now called *The Philatelic Communicator*.

While collectors recognized Joe's many volunteer efforts, they may not have been aware that he was a life member of the National Rifle Association. For many years he was responsible for testing weapons and ammunition at his local club. One day in 1954 the range officer at the club, a retired marine, approached Joe, handed him an M-1 and some ammo, and asked him to take part in a rifle match, and he should consider his entrance fee already paid.

Joe flopped down and fired one round at the target and then looked in the spotting telescope to see what adjustment he needed. With that he turned to the range officer and announced he was ready to fire for record. "With one shot

you're zeroed?!" asked the ex-Marine. Joe repeated that he was ready to fire for record. He was given two rounds to lock and load plus a clip of eight for the required ten shots. Before the second whistle announced the cease fire, Joe was already finished firing and was picking up the empty clip and casings. Without looking at the target through the scope, Joe went home.

Two weeks later a package arrived from the NRA containing a gold medal and his match-winning award, "Big Bore - First Master." He was never asked at the range to compete again. Another time Joe volunteered to demonstrate at a Practical Pistol Course FBI match the use of a rifle as a pistol. Joe used his M-1 Garand, held in one hand like a pistol, and won the match over a field of 70 law enforcement officers using a variety of pistols and revolvers.

Anyone who had the privilege of corresponding with Joe (later, e-mailing with him) was taken with his wonderful sense of humor. He is survived by three daughters—Kaye Martin, Mikki Frye, and Jan Ferguson plus two grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by the philatelic community. □

CHAPTER 23 SEEKING MISSING POSTER

Dear members, Chapter 23 needs your help. This message came in from Charlie Seaman in February:

Some time ago, Bob Paulson made up a poster — about 22"x30" — of Scandinavian flags accompanied by genuine stamps below each country's flag. Our club would like it back at this time. As far as I can learn, Bob sent it out to another chapter a year prior to his sudden passing Oct 23, 1997. I'm not sure which chapter it was sent to — it might have been California, since he hoped the chapter would develop a similar project to promote the hobby. We miss Bob, and would like to bring this piece of his work back home. If you are in possession of the poster, could you please send it along to Bob Paulson Chapter 23, c/o Charles D. Seaman, 48 Dogwood Ct, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

SCC CHAPTER MEETINGS AND CONTACTS

1. SEATTLE/NW: 2nd Mon at University Christian Church. CONTACT: Ken Elliott, PO Box 22808, Seattle, WA 98122

4. CHICAGO: 4th Thurs (except Jul, Aug) at Golden Flame, 6417 W Higgins. CONTACT: Fred Bloedow, 810 Dobson St #1A, Evanston, IL 60202

5. NEW ENGLAND: 1st Wed at The Swedish Home, 206 Waltham St, W Newton, MA at 7:30 in the Board Room. CONTACT: John L. DuBois, c/o Thermologic Corp., 22 Kane Industrial Dr, Hudson MA 01749

7. NEW YORK: 2nd Wed (except Jul, Aug) at The Collectors Club, 26 E 35th St. CONTACT: Carl Probst, 71 Willoughby Ave, Hicksville, NY 11801

9. N. NEW JERSEY: 3rd Wed at members' homes. CONTACT: Warren J. Grosjean, 32 Juniper Rd, Wayne, NJ 07470

12. WASHINGTON, DC: Third Thurs at the McLean Community Center, 7:30, unless there is a major show or it is summer. CONTACT: Peter Alten, 9300 Main St., Manassas, VA 22110

13. DELAWARE: Last Tues at members' homes. CONTACT: George Colvard, 311 Plymouth Rd, Wilmington DE 19803

14. TWIN CITIES: 2nd Thurs (except July and August) at Lynnhurst Community Center, 50th St. and West Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis MN. CONTACT: Ross Olson, PO Box 23377, Richfield, MN 55423

15. ROCHESTER: 1st Mon at Robert Gustafson's home. CONTACT: Robert Gustafson, 877 Helendale Rd, Rochester, NY 14609

17. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: 1st Wed at Glendale Federal Bldg, 13300 Ventura Blvd, Sherman Oaks. CONTACT: Paul Nelson, PO Box 310, Claremont, CA 91711

21. GOLDEN GATE: Meets at major stamp shows throughout year. CONTACT: Thomas Olson, 4 Woodmont Court, Berkeley, CA 94708

22. HOUSTON: Periodically at stamp shop of Mary Jane Menzel, 2015 W. 34th Street, Houston, TX (selected Sun afternoons). CONTACT: Eric Roberts, PO Box 460201, Houston, TX 77056

23. BOB PAULSON: 3rd Mon 6:00 PM at Shoney's, US 19 N & Nebraska, Palm Harbor. CONTACT: Doris Wendling, 4673 Devonshire Blvd, Palm Harbor FL 34685

24. MANITOBA: 2nd and 4th Wed at Scandinavian Cultural Centre, 764 Erin St. CONTACT: Glenn Hansen, 113-211 Watson St., Winnipeg, MB R2P 2E1

25. TUCSON: 4th Tues (except Jul, Aug) at members' homes. CONTACT: Jack F. Schmidt, 805 W. Hermosa Pl, Green Valley, AZ 85614

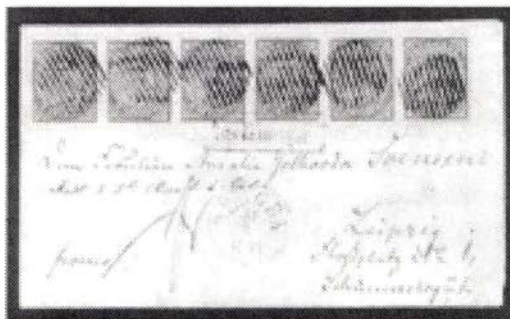
26. TIDEWATER: Meets at shows and members' homes throughout the year. CONTACT: Michael Falls, 575 Virginian Drive, Norfolk VA 23505-4242

27. COLORADO: First Sat from Sep-June, 10 AM at the Rocky Mt. Philatelic Library, 2038 S. Pontiac Way, Denver. CONTACT: Stuart Silverberg, 23509 Shingle Creek Rd, Golden, CO 80401

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