

SCANDINAVIAN COLLECTORS CLUB COLORADO CHAPTER 27 NEWSLETTER

NOTIFICATION OF THE SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 MEETING AT 10:00 AM AT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC LIBRARY (RMPL)

The March 2 meeting will be our semi-annual members' auction. The list of auction lots submitted in time for publication is given on Pages 7 to 10. You are encouraged to print a copy of the four auction lot pages and bring them to the auction, although if you don't, a few copies will be available that morning. The lots will be set up for viewing by 9:45 AM. You are encouraged to arrive a few minutes before 10 AM to view them, so we can start the auction promptly at 10 AM. There will be no "Show-and-Tell" session this time. Breakfast sweets and bagels will be provided.

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SCC Chapter 27 February 3, 2023 Meeting Summary

Vice President Even Brande called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with eight members in attendance. Additionally, President Harry Pedersen attended the meeting via a live ZOOM presentation. (Even sent an e-mail notification to members that the meeting would be live via ZOOM through his personal account and provided a link to access the meeting.) Roger Cichorz gave the Treasurer's report (treasury balance of \$1406.11 with \$562.93 cash-on-hand). **Old Business:** It was suggested that future Chapter 27 ZOOM meetings be publicized and open to interested SCC members as many reside in areas that do not have near-by Chapters, but this may present logistical issues of putting together a suitable distribution list for ZOOM availability. ZOOM requires a license fee of \$10 per month, and Even is pursuing the possibility that SCC could fund this endeavor as Chapter 27 meetings could become a benefit to the SCC's entire membership. Roger indicated if SCC will not fund the ZOOM licensing fee, SCC Library could fund it – although his position is it's more appropriate that SCC fund it. **New Business:** Roger announced that SCCL Auction #71 was a great success with 92 of the 100 lots realizing \$1698.50 against cumulative opening bids of \$1144.50. (Note: The final auction netted \$1833.50, which included sales of seven duplicate lots in auction plus two after-sale lots purchased after our meeting adjourned.) **Show-and-Tell Session:** • Steve Nadler showed an interesting Swedish 10ö KGV postal card to Austria uprated with four additional 5ö standing lion definitives all tied by two 1930 RPO cancels of the Goteborg-Malmö railway route and indicated to be flown airmail with red "Flygpost" and black "Flugpost" manuscript markings and a bilingual etiquette label. It had three transit postmarks on front and a Vienna pneumatic mail postmark on back, and it generated much discussion about routes, rates, airmail (was it really flown?), addressed to whom and where. • Steve Lund submitted two covers associated with pioneer Denver stamp dealer A. E. Pade, who with his wife ran a downtown stamp business at 1639 Stout St. and specialized in bulk stamp mixture sales – the first a 1941 cover posted to Des Moines, Iowa by Pade with his printed corner logo at upper left featuring an illustration of Denmark's 1912 GPO Copenhagen 5kr stamp, and the second a 1946 registered Lund, Sweden cover franked with 14 Swedish stamps (3 different issues) from philatelist Rolf Gummesson addressed to Pade at 1641 Stout St. (must have moved his office sometime in the WWII years), possibly a payment for stamps he purchased from Pade. Members pointed out A. E. Pade's cloth bag with his printed business information is mounted in a picture frame that hangs on the north wall of the RMPL's club meeting room and some discussion occurred about Pade's history as a dealer and some second-hand reports of RMPL members who as youths worked for Pade. • David Petersen showed two exceptional Danish West Indies covers: a 1916 censored Kingshill (St. Croix) registered franked with a 1905 10bit and two 20bit KCIX definitives addressed to Thorshavn, Faroes, and the second a Danish cover addressed to St. Croix having a "five-color" franking of bi-color definitives denominated 3, 8, 12, 25, and 50 øre, respectively, tied by three "18" numeral postmarks and three cds postmarks, with its front having an additional red circular "PAID" and blue "4" and red "110" crayon markings and a blue oval carrier cachet – certainly a lot here for a postal history student to decipher! • Roger showed a selection of five pages from his Iceland revenues collection, consisting of both types of Orlof (savings) stamps – Icelandic postage stamp definitives surcharged "Orlof + the aurar or kroner denomination" and denominated Orlof stamps – denominated Sparimerki (youth savings) stamps, and the "duck stamps" issued from 1991 to 1995 by a national conservation organization to raise funds to preserve and maintain Icelandic duck and goose habitats. **Feature Program:** Even gave an interesting and informative hour-long program titled "Postal Service and Communication in Nazi-Occupied Norway 1940-1945 – A Historic and Personal Narrative." [Editor's Note: Rather than including a synopsis of Even's program here, Even provided me with the audio and visual files of this program and, upon request, I can send it to you via e-mail attachment. Also, Even provides me with the files (non-audio, but some captions) of the scans of the "Show-and-Tell" items bulleted in the Meeting Summary. Upon request, I can also make these files available to you via e-mail attachments. –RSC]. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

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SCC Chapter 27 Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2024

April 6: Roger Cichorz on "Iceland's 1930 Parliament Issue"

June 1: Jim Kilbane on a subject to be determined

September 7: open

October 5: Semi-annual members' auction

November 2: open

December: Annual holiday party to be determined, or, alternatively, December 7: open

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S.C.C. Chapter 27 Treasurer's Report

\$1406.11 Previous Treasury Balance (1/7/24)

+ \$40.00 four 2024 membership dues (payments made in February)

- \$9.34 breakfast sweets for February 3 meeting

- \$4.30 printing costs for February 2024 Newsletters

\$1445.42 Current Treasury Balance (2/12/24)

\$589.29 Cash on Hand (2/12/24)

\$856.13 seven-month Certificate of Deposit at Elevations Credit Union, Boulder, CO (ECUBC)
CD was valued at \$856.13 on its maturity date of 2/9/24 and renewed on February 12, 2024 at 5.00% APY for seven months (maturity date of September 12, 2024).

Prepared by Roger Cichorz, 2/12/24

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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 Roger at rcichorz@comcast.net. Also, take a look at the listing of Chapter members' collecting interests on the next page as you may have unwanted items others may be interested in!

For Sale: My entire holdings of worldwide stamps and postal history (countries include Åland, Danish West Indies, Denmark with emphasis on star cancels & postmarks, Faroes, Finland with emphasis on village cancels, Greenland, Iceland, Sweden with emphasis on postmarks – also many non-Nordic countries) – worldwide postal history of various specialties and topics (including advertising, airmail & zeppelins, auxiliary markings, censored, consular, DOX, maps, military, perfins, pneumatic, postage dues, propaganda, RPOs/TPOs, ship mail) – U.S. postal history (including advertising, Colorado towns and RPOs, Doane cancels, expositions, foreign destinations, machine cancels with emphasis on flags, overrun nations, postal stationery, registered/insured, RFD, special delivers and town cancels by State) – miscellaneous (used and unused postcards, trade cards, "Dear Doctor" cards). I probably have some of the items you are looking for! Contact me to arrange for an appointment at my home. Steve Nadler, 9730 East 32nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80238, 303-638-3755 (cell phone), or schlomoX@msn.com.

For Sale: Roger Cichorz conducts regular quarterly auctions for the SCC Library, and all Chapter 27 members are on his auction distribution list. Roger will gladly accept literature and stamp donations to SCCL – SCCL is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit entity that will formally acknowledge donations, which may be to your tax advantage. SCCL Auction #71 closed January 31, 2024. It offered 100 lots at cumulative starting bids of \$1224, and 92 of these 100 lots sold, realizing \$1698.50 versus their cumulative starting bids of \$1144.50. SCCL Auction #72 will occur in April with a closing date of April 30, 2024.

Free Offer: Jay Smith sends via e-mail distribution a weekly Philatelic E-News that is chock full of stamp, cover, and literature offers available from his extensive stock. Also included in each issue is a "Behind the Scenes" Commentary, several of which have been reprinted in our SCC Chapter 27 Newsletters. Jay reminds members that these are available to you free upon request, so contact Jay at js@jaysmith.com and give him your name and e-mail address to start receiving issues of these weekly Philatelic E-News.

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. Contact Eugene Brink, 1920 2nd Ave. SE, Waterton, SD 57201-3983 (new address), 1-417-559-2496, or geno4huskers@suddenlink.net.

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Announcement: SCC Annual Board and Members Meetings at Chicagopex 2024

The SCC will be one of the convening Societies at Chicagopex 2024 to be held November 22-34 at Western Chicago Northwest in Itasca, Illinois. Besides SCC's annual Board and Membership meetings to be held there, Steve Lund of SCC's Twin Cities Chapter 14 has volunteered to plan and coordinate other SCC activities and make its presence known. Steve stated in his February 14 e-mail to me: "It is my objective that Chicagopex be a successful SCC meeting with booth, presentations, and a dinner. I have organized SCC events at Chicagopex on two earlier occasions. I will be supported there by Chapter 14 members as well as SCC Chicago Chapter 4 members. I want something good to happen for SCC and am just now getting started." If you will be attending this show and can volunteer an hour or so to help in any way, please contact Steve at steve88h@aol.com.

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Announcement: Even Brande's Newly-Launched Gellein Stamp Company

Even has set up a Website for Gellein Stamp Company and members are urged to check it out at <https://gelleinstamps.com/285-2/>. At the time of this Newsletter preparation in mid-February, Even has four articles he wrote posted for your reading pleasure: (1) a review of *Norgeskatalogen 2024* (a copy of which is available for loan from SCC Library), (2) An overview of the SCC Library, (3) "Cheryl Ganz: An American Philatelist With Norwegian Heritage," and (4) "The 125th Anniversary of Per Gellein" – Even's personal recollections of and tribute to his late paternal granduncle who was a major renown Norwegian philatelist in the last century and whose 125th Anniversary of his birth will be this April. Additionally, there are posted illustrated lists of priced items that Gellein Stamp Company is offering for retail sale.

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Melting Greenland Has Lost 1 Trillion Tons More Ice Than Thought

Greenland ice sheet shrinking faster than expected

Source: *BNN Bloomberg*, January 17, 2024 on-line article by Danielle Bochove, Bloomberg News. To read the entire article, go to: <https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/melting-greenland-has-lost-1-trillion-tons-more-ice-than-thought-1.2023196>

It's no secret that the Greenland ice sheet has shrunk since 1985, but new research published in the journal *Nature* estimates that shrinkage between 1985 and 2022 may have been underestimated by more than one million metric tons, or up to 20%. "This finding is sort of laying a roadmap of where to look for which glaciers that are going to be potentially the biggest players over the next few decades in sea level rise," said NASA's Chad Greene.

Scientists revise Greenland ice loss estimates

Source: *Stuff*, January 21, 2024 on-line article by Kasha Patel and Chris Mooney. To read the entire article, go to: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/world-news/350153780/greenland-losing-more-ice-we-thought-heres-what-it-means-our-oceans>

Previously unaccounted-for declines in ice at the edge of Greenland's glaciers mean the Greenland ice sheet has lost around 6,000 gigatons of ice between 1995 and 2022, instead of the 5,000 that researchers previously estimated, a new study reports. Ice loss at glacier edges is unlikely to directly affect sea levels, but experts warn it could disrupt ocean circulation and global heat distribution.

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This space is available. Why not consider submitting something for next time?

Wanted: Contributions for future *Scandinavian Collectors Club Chapter 27 Newsletters* so that your Editor can continue to incorporate additional pages of items of interest each issue. Anything is welcome: brief articles, collection and exhibit pages, scans or color photocopies of your favorite stamps or covers (preferably with explanatory captions), Scandinavian humor, items for a "Questions and Answers" feature, etc. Submissions to rcichorz@comcast.net.

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Chapter 27 Members' Philatelic-Related Collecting Interests

List your collecting interests (all, not just Scandinavian) here for members to be aware of what you collect and possibly help with or bring attention to items of interest! **Contact Roger at rcichorz@comcast.net 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
- **Even Brande:** Norway 1855 to the present cancelled & mint stamps, airmail covers to the U.S., FDCs, and U.S.A. 1847 to the present canceled & mint stamps, airmail covers, first-flight covers, FDCs, and Wyoming & Colorado covers
- **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 and revenue stamps, Iceland stamps and revenues, Denmark and Danish West Indies stamps, 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 = Austria, Canada, Estonia, Finland, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, and Sweden; postal history interests = Jo Daviess County, Illinois, and Summit County, Colorado
- **Jim Fredlund:** early Finland used stamps & 1980 to the present, and used Scandinavian & worldwide stamps 1985 to the present
- **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
- **Sergio Lugo:** Danish West Indies, Iceland, Greenland, and many other non-Scandinavian topics and subjects beginning with South America, Puerto Rico, Cuba, and continuing throughout the world, including stampless Papal State covers, Lombardy Venezia, and extending to military postal history
- **Clark Lyda:** Norway, United States, Canada, and Europa
- **Steve McGill:** Great Britain Machins and GB postal mechanization (specialist level) and Antarctic, Austria, China (Republic and PCR), Faroes, Germany, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Monaco, Sweden, 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, U.S.A. States (streetcar postmarks and covers, flag machine cancels, and advertising covers), worldwide (airmails, perfins on and off cover, pneumatic mail, overrun nations covers, and military mail), Afghanistan, France, Israel, Monaco, and Palestine
- **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
- **Jay Smith:** France Merson issue – bicolored high-denomination stamps used in the 1900-1930 era and North Carolina postal history and postmarks from the beginning until the day after tomorrow.
- **Tonny van Loij:** Colorado, Colorado Territory, and Kansas Territory postal history, classical music (Bach, Beethoven, Mozart), opera buildings (stamps and postcards), European Union, NATO, European Security Council (KSZE), Thurn & Taxis European postal service from 1499 to 1864 (specializing in foreign destinations), and Scandinavian destinations handled by Thurn & Taxis during 1854-1867

Name Found on Viking Runestones Reveals Mysterious Queen Who Shaped a Nation

Source: CNN on-line article by Mindy Weisberger, October 14, 2023.

More than 1,000 years ago, carvers in what is now Denmark set their chisels to rock to etch runestones – monuments to Viking leaders naming their deeds and achievements. Two groups of runestones mention a woman named Thyra, and new analysis of the carvings suggests that the runes on both sets of stones were inscribed by the same artisan and refer to the same woman: a Viking queen of considerable power.

Researchers from Denmark and Sweden used 3D scans to analyze carvings on the runestones, finding telltale clues that marked the individual style of the person who carved them. That carver's repeated mention of Thyra's name – a rare occurrence for Viking-era women – suggested that Thyra was a powerful sovereign who likely played a pivotal role in the birth of the Danish realm, the scientists reported in the journal *Antiquity*.



Both Jelling runestones name Queen Thyra. King Harald Bluetooth commissioned the larger Jelling stone, known as Jelling 2 (above left), to honor his parents, King Gorm and Thyra. Researchers from Denmark and Sweden used 3D scans to analyze the carvings on the runestones. A 3D model of the Jelling 2 stone is shown above right.

“To learn more about the rune carver and those named on the stone is fascinating,” said Dr. Katherine Cross, a lecturer at York St. John University in the UK who researches and teaches the history of early medieval northern Europe. She was not involved in the study. “We can only understand early medieval sources once we can think about who made them and why,” Cross told CNN in an email.

One set of runes came from a pair of monuments known as the Jelling stones, erected around 965 in the town of Jelling in west central Denmark. The larger Jelling stone is often referred to as “Denmark’s birth certificate,” as it is the first monument to name the land as its people pivoted to Christianity, according to the National Museum of Denmark in Copenhagen. Both Jelling runestones also named a royal figure: Queen Thyra, mother of then-reigning King Harald Bluetooth. The smaller stone was raised in her honor by her husband (and Harald’s father) King Gorm, calling her “Denmark’s strength/salvation” (or “Denmark’s adornment,” depending on the translation, the researchers noted in the study). Harald commissioned the larger stone, to honor both of his royal parents.

In another set of four Viking-era monuments, known collectively as the Bække-Læborg group, two runestones mention a woman named Thyra. Those stones are associated with a carver named Ravnunge-Tue, but experts disagreed on whether that Thyra was Harald’s mother, said lead study author Dr. Lisbeth Imer, a curator and senior researcher at the National Museum of Denmark specializing in the study of runes and ancient inscriptions. Before the new investigation, it was unknown who had carved the Jelling stones. Confirming that their carver was Ravnunge-Tue would strengthen the connection between the Jelling and Bække-Læborg runestones, Imer told CNN in an email. “Then it is much more reasonable to suggest that it was in fact the same Thyra,” she said.

Some details in ancient runestones that indicate a carver’s individual style are visible to a trained expert’s eye, such as the language or the basic shape of the runes. Other details are harder to detect, Imer said. “What you cannot see with the naked eye is the carving technique,” she said.

To get a closer look at the carvings, the researchers took scans of the stones and created 3D digital models, then measured the runes’ grooves with a software tool that weighed variables such as angle, depth, and cutting rhythm. Together, these variables can create a unique profile for a carver. “Every rune carver develops his own motor skill and holds the tools in a certain angle, strikes with a certain strength,” Imer said. “The motor skill is individual and other individuals cannot copy that.”

Article concludes on the following page.

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When the researchers compared runes from Jelling 2 (the larger of the two Jelling stones) and the Læborg stone from the Bække-Læborg group, they found striking similarities, such as height of the runes, straightness of the main staves and length and placement of rune branches. “In the Læborg and Jelling inscriptions, you can follow the cutting rhythm of Ravnunge-Tue as one deep stroke of the chisel followed by two not so deep ones: DAK, dak-dak, DAK, dak-dak,” Imer said via email. “It is almost like hearing the heartbeat of a person that lived so long ago.”

Jelling 1 was more eroded, so its markings were harder to analyze. But if the Læborg runestone was Ravnunge-Tue’s handiwork, Jelling 2 was likely his as well, Imer said. It would mean that the Queen Thyra mentioned twice in the Bække-Læborg group – on Læborg and on the stone Bække 1 – was the same person commemorated on the Jelling stones, the study authors concluded.



*Above left: World’s oldest dated runestone discovered in Norway – with a mysterious inscription.
Above right: Archaeological workers at the excavation site.*

In recent years, archaeologists have revised prior interpretations of Viking warrior burials as exclusively male, finding that Viking women were fighters, too. The new findings add to the picture of influential Viking women holding prominent roles in statecraft as well as on the battlefield. “This research highlights how Viking-Age women wielded power through political authority and patronage, not just violence,” Cross said.

What’s more, the fact that Thyra is mentioned on four runestones offers strong evidence of her importance, Imer added. Fewer than 10 runestones in Denmark from the pre-Christian era mention women at all – and four of those are of Queen Thyra. “Runestones in Denmark were mostly erected in honor of men, but Thyra is commemorated on more runestones than any other person in Viking Age Denmark, Imer said. “She must have held extreme power and social position.

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Roger Cichorz Consignment Lots for March 2, 2024 SCC Chapter 27 Members' Auction

- 1. Iceland:** VF used *Scott #9/Facit #9*, perf. 12½ 5 aur blue, rough perforations as usual for this stamp, light Antiqua cds (correct for this period – not a later favor cancel, two blunt corners but otherwise a sound example of this rare stamp, *Scott @ \$900/Facit @ SEK8500/~\$824*, Jay Smith circa 2016 retail @ \$225. EMV = \$225, SB = \$150.
- 2. Iceland:** VF used *Scott #17a/Facit #25*, perf. 12½ 20 aur ultramarine (1876 first printing, thin paper), light Antiqua cds (correct for this period – not a later favor cancel, a nice example of this scarce stamp, *Scott @ \$275/Facit @ SEK2400/~\$233*. EMV = \$250, SB = \$50.
- 3. Iceland:** VF used *Scott #27/Facit #27*, perf. 12½ 16 aur brown, light bridge cds, signed “Th.” (Sigurdur H. Thorsteinnsson) on back, *Scott @ \$110/Facit @ SEK900/~\$86*. EMV \$90, SB = \$20.
- 4. Iceland:** lot of 18 used perf. 14 x 13½ oval stamps on stock card, nine different *Scott #s*, but seven represent two printings with noticeable color shade differences (*Facit #s* for printings given), stamps are off-center with average to F valued at 25% *Scott* and F-VF at 50% *Scott*, lot consists of *Scott #s* 10 x2, 11 x2, 12 x2, 15 x2, 16 x2, 17 x2, 18 x2, 19 x3, & 20, adjusted *Scott CV @ \$413.25*, but will start the bidding at just \$5 each (or <10% *Scott CV @ \$939* for VF stamps). EMV \$200, SB = \$90.
- 5. Iceland:** lot of 14 used perf. 13 oval stamps on stock card, seven different *Scott #s*, stamps are off-center with average to F valued at 25% *Scott* and F-VF at 50% *Scott*, lot consists of *Scott #s* 21 x2, 22 x2, 23 x2, 25 x2, 27,28 x3, & 29 x2, adjusted *Scott CV @ \$138.25*, but let's start the bidding at just \$2.50 each (or ~8% of *Scott CV @ \$442* for VF stamps). EMV \$70, SB = \$35.
- 6. Iceland:** lot of seven different used black “Í GILDI '02 – '03” overprint stamps on stock card, comprising three F-VF perf. 14 x 13½ (*Scott #s* 66, 67, & 68) and four average-F perf. 13 (*Scott #s* 51, 54, 55, & 58), average to F valued at 25% *Scott* and F-VF at 50% *Scott*, adjusted *Scott CV @ \$203.25*, but let's start the bidding at just \$6.50 each (or <10% of *Scott CV @ \$475* for VF stamps). EMV = \$95, SB = \$45.
- 7. Albums for Covers and FDCs:** three gently used Lighthouse padded green cover albums that can hold up to 100 covers of maximum size of 7½” x 5” with cardboard slipcase, comparable new Lighthouse cover albums retail \$28 each. SB = \$10 each.
- 8. Literature:** Four recent issues of *The American Stamp Collector Dealer* (Nos. 179-182, Sept. 2023-Jan. 2024). SB+ \$1.

The next six lots are primarily medium- to large-sized commercial covers received during 2022 that contained stamp and cover purchases I made from auction firms & eBay sellers. These “modern postal history” items are attractively priced compared to the *Scott* values for postally used stamps, and if one soaks the stamps off these covers, they are a good source of more recent (1990s-2020s) high-catalog-value pictorial definitive and commemorative stamps as well as some high-value miniature sheets.

- 9. Denmark:** 16 covers franked with 60 stamps and five miniature sheets (14 stamps). note most stamps here are *Scott @ >\$1* with some higher-denominated in the \$3 to \$9 range, and five s/s (*#s* 1705, 2x 1748, 1799, & 1845 @ \$73.50 total), estimated CV as off-paper used stamps exceeds \$200. EMV = \$80, SB = \$24.
- 10. Finland:** five premium covers with customs declaration labels (one registered) franked with a total of 26 stamps and four miniature sheets (2006 150th Anniversary of Finnish stamps, *Scott #1223 @ \$7.50* each, and 1997 Valentine's Day with scratch-off overlay still intact, #10.72 @ \$9.50), stamps include six high values @ \$16.50. EMV = \$30, SB = \$10.
- 11. Iceland:** four covers franked with a total of 21 stamps (6 different), *Scott @ \$87.50*. EMV = \$9, SB = \$3.
- 12. Norway:** six covers franked with 14 stamps with estimated *Scott @ \$32* with higher-denominated (46kr + 50kr) in the \$12 range. EMV = \$12, SB = \$3.
- 13. Sweden:** 22 covers + postcard franked with 103 stamps, 13 booklet panes, and eight miniature sheets (209 stamps total), some better registered, with customs labels, etc., note many stamps here are *Scott @ \$1.50* to \$2.50 each, several additional high-denominated (20kr to 100kr) stamps @ \$3.50 to \$8 each, and eight s/s (39 stamps) @ \$46.50 total, estimated CV as off-paper used stamps exceeds \$200. EMV = \$80, SB = \$20.
- 14. Worldwide:** 22 small covers (5x Argentina, Australia, Austria, 3x Belgium, Canada, 6x France, Germany, 4x Italy) franked with a total of 108 stamps, some recorded, registered, & priority mail, let's start at <10¢ a cover and <2¢ a stamp. EMV = \$11, SB = \$2.

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SCCL Consignment Lots for March 2, 2024 SCC Chapter 27 Members' Auction

- 1. Stock Book:** KA-BE 5½" x 7¾" green-cover mini stock book containing six double-sided white pages with glassine pockets, in good condition. EMV = \$6, Starting bid (SB) = \$1.50.
- 2. Finland:** five 2002-2006 complete mint booklets, comprising one with five gummed stamps (*Scott # 1177/Facit #H56*) and four with four to six self-adhesive stamps each (*#s 1206, 1228, 1239, and 1251/H61, H63, H64, and H66*), *Scott* for booklet panes @ \$55.50 (complete booklets not valued), *Facit* @ SEK725/~\$68 for complete booklets. EMV = \$62, SB = \$10.
- 3. Finland / Cinderellas:** lot of seven (three different) mint NH gummed poster stamps, comprising three perforated 1948 Helsinki Philatelic exhibition labels, two rouletted 1952 labels for the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city of Jacobstad/Pietarsaari by Ebba Brahe (pictured), and two rough-perforated 1930 Oulu Stamp Club labels overprinted "OULEX / 2-4. 9. -55" for the 350th anniversary of the founding of Oulu. Retail for just one set of three stamps is \$18. CMV = \$44, SB = \$6.
- 4. Iceland / Europa:** modern postal history, comprising an attractive 6¼" x 9" tan 2022 commercial registered cover to U.S.A. franked with two 2006 Europa sheetlets (*Scott #1066/Facit #BL48*) and seven 150kr stamps, five from the right side and two from the left side of this sheetlet (*Scott #1066a+b/Facit #1152*) tied by five "KÓPAVOGUR/6.11.2022" bridge-type cds, *Scott* @ \$42.75 italicized and *Facit* @ SEK440/~\$42 for used stamps off cover. EMV = \$20, SB = \$4.
- 5. Iceland / Europa:** modern postal history, comprising a 9" x 6¼" tan 2023 tracked commercial cover to the U.S., franked with two 2006 Europa sheetlets (*Scott #1066/Facit #BL48*), eight 2006 Europa 150kr stamps (*S #1066b/F# 1152*), and two 2010 5k seal stamps (*S #1183/F#1283*) tied by six "KÓPAVOGUR/18.07.2023" bridge-type cds, *Scott* @ \$60.50 italicized/*Facit* @ SEK486/~\$47 for used stamps off cover. EMV = \$25, SB = \$4.
- 6. Iceland / Europa:** modern postal history, comprising a 9" x 6¼" tan 2023 registered commercial cover to the U.S., franked with two 2006 Europa sheetlets (*Scott #1066/Facit #BL48*), eight 2006 Europa 150kr stamps (*S #1066a/F# 1151*), and two 2010 5k seal stamps (*S #1183/F#1283*) tied by five "KÓPAVOGUR/8.08.2023" bridge-type cds, *Scott* @ \$60.50 italicized/*Facit* @ SEK486/~\$47 for used stamps off cover. EMV = \$25, SB = \$4.
- 7. Norway:** 30 (28 different, 15 addressed + 15 unaddressed) cacheted philatelic covers and ten (nine different) pictorial postcards from 1972 to 1992, all with special events postmarks that include national stamp day, philatelic shows and organizations, flights, polar, races, music etc. – interesting topical lot. EMV = \$40, SB = \$8.
- 8. Norway / Polar:** set of two cacheted covers from the Fredrikstad Filatelistklubb, one unused and the other with a "FREFIL 93 26.11.1993 1600 FREDRIKSTAD" pictorial postmark, these being examples of private postal stationery upon which the Norwegian Post Office would place an image of a stamp for the franking, in this instance an imprint of the 3.50kr Kung Harald definitive (*Facit #1161*), the commemorative cachet showing a map of Antarctica with the inscription "I Roald Amundsens Fotspor" ("In Roald Amundsen's Footsteps"), outstanding polar topical item. CMV = \$24, SB = \$5.
- 9. Sweden and Norway:** eclectic lot of 11 postally used items in mixed-condition, comprising three Norway (1940 censorship cover to Chicago, 1954 aerogram, & 1989 Norway Post Christmas card to subscribers) and eight Sweden (1945 cover to SBF, five 1954-1975 event covers, a 1959 Abbott Pentothal postcard, and a 1972 CTO aerogram). EMV = \$16, SB = \$1.50.
- 10. Sweden / Stamp Exhibition / Cinderellas:** 6¼" x 9" STOCKHOLMIA 74 souvenir sheet on thick cardstock containing five affixed engraved test stamps having designs from five different engravers, sheet was an insert in the *STOCKHOLMIA 74 Bulletin 2* and its caption at top indicates these are "Test stamps used at the Swedish Post Office Stamp Printing Works," included is Czeslaw Slania's "Uppsala Cathedral" test stamp. CMV = \$13, SB = \$5.
- 11. Sweden / Stamp Exhibition Ephemera:** 6¼" x 9" STOCKHOLMIA 74 numbered souvenir sheet on thin cardstock with an intaglio black print of the four stamps of the 1974 Stockholmia 74 III issue (*Facit 883-886 SBL* @ SEK 60/~\$5.66, but try to find one at that price!). CMV = \$45, SB = \$10.
- 12. Sweden / Ephemera:** 1971 PFA-published 8¼" x 5¾" souvenir 12-page booklet for the Swedish Crown Regalia issue, quadrilingual text (Swedish, English, French, and German), with a full booklet pane of ten stamps (*Facit #s 740-44 HB248* @ SEK110/~\$10.40/*Scott #s 899-903a* @ \$10) affixed to the inside front cover, tied by three pictorial first day of issue postmarks, like new condition except for slight crease at lower right corner of front cover, apparently a scarce item as auctioneer could not locate one for sale. EMV = \$20, SB = \$3.
- 13. Sweden:** 32 unused, unfranked modern 4" x 6" postcards featuring Swedish Royalty, the majority of which represent King Carl and his family. EMV = \$24, SB = \$3.
- 14. Sweden:** premium included with a purchase of a new *Facit Sverige 2023 Catalogue*: a 2022 miniature sheet of three 26kr stamps issued for the 500th Anniversary of the Swedish Navy (*Facit #s 3433-35*), CTO with a special "STOCKHOLM/POSTNORD/2022-04-28" flag cancel, *Facit* @ SEK156/~\$15. EMV = \$15, SB = \$2.

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- 15. Sweden:** small collection of 1979-1981 items mounted on 34 8½" x 11" black pages in a sound two-inch-wide three-ring blue binder, contents include 26 first day covers, three event covers, and 14 mint stamps ranging from *Scott #s* 1273 to 1391/*Facit #s* 1070-1194, five mint postal stationery items are included but not counted, covers and stamps are all accompanied by issue production information cut out from Sweden Post's new issues fly sheets, *Scott* valuations for FDCs are as used stamps. *Scott* @ \$59.20 and *Facit* @ SEK503/~\$48, a detailed list of items with valuations are included in the binder, but can be provided beforehand upon request. EMV = \$50, SB = \$8.
- 16. Sweden:** modern postal history lot of three 2020s priority mail covers to Colorado, franked with five high-denomination stamps (*Scott #2807* + 4x 2021-22 issues as used stamps @ ~\$20.50). EMV = \$8, SB = \$2.
- 17. Sweden – Finland – United States:** four cacheted first day covers for the 1988 joint commemorative stamp issues for the 350th anniversary of the New Sweden colony in Delaware, note these and similar FDI covers retail on eBay in the range of \$10 to \$20 each. CMV = \$40, SB = \$4.
- 18. Sweden – United States:** two FDC covers for the U.S. 1988 commemorative 44¢ airmail stamp for the 350th anniversary of the New Sweden colony in Delaware, with added stamp postmarked for the 1988 Royal Visit of the King and Queen of Sweden to the U.S.A. CMV = \$4, SB = \$1.
- 19. Australia / Cinderella / Show Ephemera:** Australia Post's official ~6½" x 4" Australian Paintings Specimen Issue AUSIPEX 84 souvenir folder containing three stamps (*Scott #s* 575, 577, and 579) overprinted "SPECIMEN" in red, also an unaddressed cacheted 8½" x 5½" souvenir cover for National Stamp Week 1978 franked with a mini-sheet of four (#687a) tied by a special "PHILATELIC BUREAU MELBOURNE AUST. 3000" September 25, 1978 first-day-of-issue postmark. CMV = \$6, SB = \$1.50. (2 lots)
- 20. Australia:** Australia Post's Bicentennial Collection, comprising a 9¾" x 9¾" 40-page softbound booklet titled *Botany Bay, Australia's Heritage in Stamps*, with insert card containing the complete 1986 commemorative mint sets for Captain Cook's New Holland Voyage and Australia's Bicentennial (*Scott #s* 976-981 & 998-991 @ \$12.15) in clear mounts, great topical item for history, exploration, flora, and science. EMV = \$12, SB = \$4.
- 21. Canada / Medical Topical:** six different Canada 1963-1970 Art Craft first day covers of Canadian-related subjects and a U.N. 1962 Dag Hammarskjöld FDC, all addressed to U.S. medical doctors, from Ayerst Laboratories of New York City, with a typewritten letter describing the stamp subject and information about a drug product developed and sold by Ayerst, good condition (FDCs went through the mail, so not pristine), list @ ~\$6 each on eBay. EMV = \$42, SB = \$6.
- 22. Gibraltar:** two complete sets of used CTO stamp issues (pristine original gum intact) from a Nordfrim "bonus" packet, comprising the 1996 Christmas set of five (*Scott #s* 717-721) and 2002 postage dues set of six (#s J26-J31), *Scott* @ \$18.20. EMV = \$10, SB = \$1.50.
- 23. Hong Kong:** collection recognizing the 1996 return of Hong Kong Colony to China in a commemorative album, issued with Norwegian text by an unidentified vendor, comprising Hong Kong mint stamps, souvenir sheets, and commemorative covers (*Scott #s* range from 650a to 828-29), along with stamps and souvenir sheets from 11 British Commonwealth countries, all contained in clear mounts on 27 10¾" x 11¾" loose-leaf pages in a gorgeous padded-black-cover custom 4-ring binder in a matching slipcase, *Scott 2022* @ ~\$204 for the mint stamps with stamps on cover valued as used stamps, note that an itemized list of stamps with catalogue values can be provided on request and Leuchtturm Luxury albums & slip cases are costly. EMV = \$280, SB = \$40.
- 24. U.S.A.:** modern postal history lot of 63 covers and two cards, comprising a Colorado collector's incoming 2020s commercial, philatelic, and personal covers, franked with a good mix of 157 commemorative & definitive stamps. EMV = \$?, SB = \$1.
- 25. U.S.A. / Sports Topical:** two different 9½" x 4¼" cacheted 1999 Denver Broncos NFL Super Bowl XXXIII commemorative covers. CMV = \$15, SB = \$4.
- 26. U.S.A. / Medical Topical:** nine 1965-1969 Art Craft FDCs (6 Canadian with 2 duplicates and 3 U.S.), all from Ayerst Laboratories of New York City addressed to M.D.s in the U.S. and all of which contain a typewritten letter describing the stamp subject and information about a drug product developed and sold by Ayerst, list on eBay @ ~\$6 each. CMV = \$50, SB = \$5.
- 27. Worldwide / Medical Topicals:** nine difficult-to-find circa 1957 advertising envelopes posted from various exotic countries (e.g., Angola, Cape Verde, Timor, Portuguese Guinea) to an M.D. in Bandol, France, eight from Laboratoires Bocquet, Dieppe, and one from Laboratoires Diamant, Paris. CMV = \$45, SB = \$15.
- 28. Worldwide / Olympics:** selection of 24 mint NH stamps issued in 1986 for the 100th Anniversary of the Modern Olympic Games, comprising (*Scott #s* follow country names) Armenia 481-82, Azerbaijan 474-76, Croatia 216, Cuba 3577-79, France 2537, Isle of Man 615-19, Morocco 782, Portugal 1983-84, Russia 6226, Slovakia 183, and Thailand 1677-80, 2022 *Scott CV* @ \$22.20. EMV = \$20, SB = \$3.

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29. Worldwide / Topicals: World Wildlife Fund collection from Samlarhuset of Trondheim, Norway. in a 9½" x 11" padded black-cover custom 4-ring binder with matching slipcase, comprising 92 pages in 46 protective sleeves, contains 12 sets of mint stamps from 11 different countries all issued in honor of the WWF with an additional commemorative card for the Russian polar bear issue, each set consists of four stamps together with four first-day covers and six pages of descriptive information in Norwegian about the animals featured (polar bears, bats, tuatara reptiles, mandarin ducks, Siberian tigers, Cook Islands birds, European bison, turtles, sea birds, whales, ocelots, and Åland owls), a list of the sets by country & animals and *Scott* #s & values can be provided on request, *Scott* CVs for the 48 mint stamps @ \$192 and \$86 for the FDCs valued as used stamps. EMV = \$250, SB = \$35.

Net-Priced Offer

Sweden / Postal Stationery: Net-priced bulk lot of 100 unused 1918 öre Tjänstebrevkort (official-use postal cards) with "1118" imprints at bottom right, *Facit* "Tjänstebrevkort" #8b. @ SEK1000/~\$96, EMV = \$60, several packs of 100 are still available for a ridiculously cheap bulk-lot price of 5¢ a card, **net price = \$5 per pack**. Alternatively, packs of 50 of these cards can be provided for **net price = \$3 per pack**. **Hurry – Only 200 of these postal cards remain in stock for sale!**