



# San Jose Stamp Club Newsletter



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Woman inspires us to great things,  
and prevents us from achieving  
them.

— Alexandre Dumas

## Northern California Trivia

- Q. What two areas make up  
Cambria?
- A. East and West Villages.
- Q. What is the seat of Nevada  
County?
- A. Nevada City.

From *Northern California Trivia*  
by Ernie & Jill Couch.

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## New Members

A warm welcome to Kirk and Tracy Bollinger. They joined during the February 6th meeting. Kirk collects worldwide, specializing on Germany and Iceland. Tracy is a topicalist and collects cats and birds.

Also joining during the February 6th meeting was Janet Griffen who has started a U.S. collection.

We wish them a warm and hearty welcome and invite you to introduce yourselves at the next meeting.

## Our Meetings Suck

First, not enough of you attend on a regular basis. Second, virtually none of you have ever contributed to a meeting—no presentation, no ideas, no nothing.

Clubs are normally formed for a group of people with common interests to gather and exchange information and ideas—to further their common interest, of which we do very little.

We have several new members and I'm panicked to learn about what their impressions may be. In the past I've asked, pleaded and berated you to do a presentation, propose an activity, participate. You can do a stand-up comedy routine—I don't care as long as you do something.

Without your becoming active in our stamp club we will continue to bump along and you will continue to hear me plead and whine about your lack of involvement. Perhaps you're all masochists, I don't know, but I am beginning to wonder.

You're among friends—no one will hurt you if you decide to talk about some aspect of the hobby that interests or excites you or you just want to learn about—I promise! The most common response is "I can't speak to a group." That's a crock. If you can't speak to a small group of friends I suggest you seek professional help. We are your *friends*, we don't care if there are flaws in your presentation—we'll help point them out. Two benefits: you learn about your subject and you start to gain confidence talking to a group. Try it you'll like it—I promise.

## It's Showtime

Filatelice Fiesta is a few days away. We need your help. The frames must be set-up and then the exhibits mounted. We will need help to staff the registration table, sell souvenir sheetlets and cacheted show covers, and staff the society tables. Plus many little chores that must be performed, not the least of which is manning the kids table.

We will start delivering the frames by 10 am on Thursday March 6th. The fairgrounds people will have the tables set up by Wednesday so as soon as we can set-up the frames we can start mounting exhibits. It will likely be about 2:00 pm when we start letting the dealers in to set-up. It would be nice to go home early Thursday evening.

San Jose Fire Chief Darryl Von Raesfeld will cut the show opening ribbon. Also present will be a vintage fire truck for photo ops for show attendees. On Saturday at 3 PM the fire truck will make a "San Jose Fire Department Local Post" run to the post office on Meridian. There'll be transit markings indicating "Local Post" for those cacheted show covers collectors wish to send so they may be entered into the mail stream.



San Jose Fire Chief Darryl Von Raesfeld

All of the planned activities require volunteer help. Many of you feel that you're unable to help for any number of reasons. However, please note that there are many small tasks that can be performed by nearly anyone and you are encouraged to spend a little time performing one of them during the show. Thank you.

