



# San Jose Stamp Club Newsletter



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## Northern California Trivia

- Q. What town sits in the valley once known as Valley of the Curses of the Soldiers?
- A. San Gregorio.
- Q. Villa Montalvo, home of the late Senator James D. Phelan, is in what community ?
- A. Saratoga.

From Northern California Trivia  
by Ernie & Jill Couch

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## New Members

We wish to welcome two new members who joined at the February 19th meeting.

Ron Yamagami collects Ryukyus, precancels, Japan, Australia, Indo China, Canada and the Middle East. Ron has also expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Filatelice Fiesta committee. Thanks Ron, I'm certain we can find a chore or two for you—there's always something more to be attended to.

Ningyu Zhu says to call him John as it's easier. A recent emigrant to the U.S. from China, John is a new stamp collector and has started a U.S. collection. His son was with him but I am not quite sure just how much interest he has in beginning a stamp collection—but we can always hope, can't we.

Both Ron and John appear to be very intense and enthusiastic about stamp collecting. Please introduce yourself and help make them feel welcome at the next meeting.

April is the next month with five Wednesdays and we plan to have an auction on the fifth Wednesday. If there is enough interest we can plan on future auctions on those fifth Wednesdays which occur four times a year.

I will have new name tags at the March 4th meeting, which Chuck Fissel has volunteered to monitor. Thank you Chuck. It's felt that this will help everyone learn the other members names quickly and easily. This is especially true with the new members and should help in their settling in with the group.



"I'm sick. They sent me home from school, where are my stamps?"

## Filatelice Fiesta

The best show we've had in a long time. Attendance was up, the dealers all appeared to do well and the exhibits were outstanding.

We could have used a few more volunteers as those that were there were forced to spend too much time at their jobs, however, did yeoman's work getting it all done and for that they have our heartfelt thanks.

The show cancels didn't arrive until Saturday and the cachets never arrived. Hopefully cachets will be available soon and available on the website. Also, we still have some souvenir sheets for both this year and last year. Cacheted covers from past Filatelice Fiestas will also be available through the website.

The show was designated Filatelice Fiesta 2009 I as we will have a second show this year. It will take place November 13 - 15 and will be designated Filatelice Fiesta 2009 II. It's our intention to keep it in the fall time slot. We are able to have two shows in the same calendar year as the APS qualifying periods for the Champion of Champions is from July 1 to June 30, thus our recent show qualified for StampShow this year and 2009 II will qualify for StampShow in 2010.

## Margarita Cortez

Margarita's now in a rehabilitation facility in Astoria, New York. She can be reached on her cell phone as 408.482.4459. The local telephone number for the facility is 718.685.7862.

Should you want to drop her a card or note her mailing address is 2613 - 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Rm 721 B, Astoria, NY 11102.

I'm certain she would appreciate a call or a card from time to time.

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