

France & Colonies Philatelic Society

Meeting Schedule

January 31, 2020

Norcross, Georgia

Southeastern Stamp Expo

Time	Topic	Description	Speaker
11:00 AM	Madagascar: 150 Years of Political and Philatelic Turmoil	Madagascar experienced decades during the 19th century when private mail effectively ceased. The 1860s reopening of the island was followed by periodic mail service interruptions resulting in short-lived local posts, frequent postage shortages, and related philatelic anomalies. Many of these problems persisted into the 20th century.	Robert Mustacich
12 noon	United States 1928 – 1960 Mail for St. Pierre and Miquelon via <i>The Gull</i> Fast Train through Maritime Canada	During this period all United States mail addressed to SPM was directed to the Boston P.O. Foreign Section. There the mail was dispatched aboard the Boston & Maine Railroad express train <i>The Gull</i> . We can trace the mailbags as they traveled the routes of several railroads through Maritime Canada and then connected with the steamship <i>Belle Isle</i> . Registered mailbags required strict security and proof of receipt to the Boston Foreign Section by the SPM Colonial Post Office. Postal history, indeed!	Jim Taylor
12:30 PM	Lunch break		
1:15 PM	Membership meeting		
1:30 PM	Dahomey Palm Climber Design: Workhorse Definitive 1913 – 1944	The presentation will cover the design, production and some uses of the Dahomey palm climber stamps. It includes a brief discussion of the purpose and uses of similar pictorial issues of other French	Jere Dutt

		West Africa colonies. Expect to see and hear a good story that starts in 1913 and carries through 1948.	
2:15 PM	Notre Dame de Paris – Past, Present and Future	Notre Dame de Paris, one of the world’s most iconic religious structures, suffered a catastrophic fire on April 15, 2019. The presentation highlights the history of the cathedral, depictions on postage stamps, and a reflection on the fire’s effects and prospects for the cathedral’s reconstruction.	Tom Broadhead
3:00 PM	19 th Century Postal History of the French Indian Settlements	After a 2016 visit to India, the presenter, who specializes in the general issues of the French colonies, decided to prepare a presentation of 19 th century French India postal history. It includes items from his own collection as well as rare covers from the secondary settlements of Chandernagore, Karikal, Mahé and Yanaon scanned from his extensive collection of philatelic literature.	Tom Marra
4:00 PM	1900 French Congo Pictorial Issue – Some Old and Some New Varieties	Still ripe for study, these most colorful stamps provide the basis for an interesting tour through design and printing processes, how varieties may have occurred, and some previously undiscovered findings. We’ll dip our toes into postal history, too.	Ken Nilsestuen
4:45 PM	Marianne of the Barricades – France 1945 – 1954	General DeGaulle personally chose Gandon's classical Marianne, the female allegorical symbol of the French Republic, to launch the first post-liberation series of French postage stamps. Guns were still echoing in the streets of Paris in August 1944 when Pierre Gandon perfected "Marianne of the Barricades." The inspirational "Marianne" decorated millions of mailing pieces and stamp album pages as France rebuilt following the War.	Jim Taylor
5:30 PM	Adjournment		

