



July 2, 2010

We are proud to announce that the Spellman was voted to receive the Silver Medal for being among the three best Museums in the Metrowest area in this year's Reader's Choice awards program sponsored by the Community Newspapers organization. The Museum was also voted the Number One Choice for best bookstore and best gift shop in Weston.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder – The Museum is closed on Sundays in July and August except for the Riverside Stamp shows on July 11 and August 8

July 4 – Annual Happy Birthday USA Family Day Noon to 4:00 Popcorn, lemonade and ice cream. Share a piece of our birthday cake. Stamp games, puzzles and hunts for stamp prizes. Arts and crafts projects using stamps. Help make an American Flag mosaic using red, white and blue stamps. Free stamps for the children. Have your photo made into a stamp. Picnic on the Museum lawn.



July 11 - Riverside Bourse 10:00 – 3:00 – free admission

August 8 - Riverside Bourse 10:00 – 3:00 – free admission

August 26 - Annual Members' Cookout – Are you up for a softball rematch?

More information will be mailed out to Members in a few weeks.



September 12 – Riverside Bourse – 10:00 - 3:00 – free admission

September 15 – October 15 Celebrate National Hispanic Culture Month

Special programs will be announced in the next newsletter

September 25 – National Museum Day sponsored by the Smithsonian Institute All Smithsonian members are admitted free.



IN THE GALLERY

In celebration of July 4th, the Museum will be exhibiting another portion of the very popular “Old Glory” exhibit of the United States flag on stamps of the world. The collection was a gift from Walter F. Evans. In addition, Curator George S. Norton has prepared an exhibit from the Museum collections of Old Glory on United States Stamps – 1969 to the present.

IN THE LIBRARY

How much do you know about Greenland? Whatever your answer, a visit to the Spellman Library would probably add a lot to it. *Stamps Tell the Story of Greenland* is a richly illustrated, easy-reading introduction to the history, environment, culture, and society of this little-known land. Highlights include stories of early exploration, the country’s role during the Second World War, the variety of wildlife, native myths and legends, and today’s society.

EDUCATION NEWS

With school out for the summer, visits by children’s groups slows down. We do, however, have about 40 children from the Watertown Summer program visiting this month as well as a Boy Scout troop from Leominster. School librarians taking a graduate course given by Jamie Foss, the Coordinator of the Nelson Educational Resource Center at Regis, are also visiting to learn about books they can add to their schools’ collections dealing with stamps, stamp stories, the post office and letter writing. Education Director Henry Lukas will also be visiting Carmel Terrace in Framingham to give a program to their seniors about the history of stamps with an emphasis on patriotic stamps and stamps with a Fourth of July theme.

Below are pictures of visits last month by children in the Geography Club at the Sacred Heart School in Roslindale and the fourth grade students from the Winn Brook School in Belmont. They brought along a number of senior citizens who have been visiting their class all year.



IN THE STORE

The new U.S. postage issues this month are: 44¢ Negro Leagues Baseball (2 stamps), 44¢ Sunday Funnies (5 stamps) and 44¢ Scouting.

VISITORS LOG

We are pleased that our monthly attendance for June was the best ever. We are now almost 900 attendees ahead of last year's total at this time. Our Grandparents Month celebration helped bring in a number of new visitors who were grateful to receive our free stamp starter kit to share with their grandchildren.

Our continued mailing to APS members has also helped bring in visitors from other parts of the northeast. One APS member from Rochester, New York, who received our letter, told us that when he was planning his trip to Boston he decided it was much better to visit the Spellman rather than the Franklin Park Zoo.

One of our members just returned from attending several World Cup Soccer games in South Africa. He generously donated several philatelic souvenirs from the South African post office which are now on display in our activity room. We thank him for his generosity. We believe that at least 21 other countries have also issued commemoratives for the World Cup. Does anyone have any duplicates of these they would like to donate to our collection?



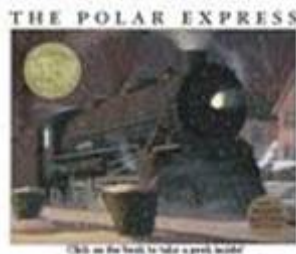
We were pleased to receive a complimentary comment from a mother visiting the Museum with her two young children using a guest pass from the Wayland Library. She said she was very impressed with all the activities (stamp hunts, two-cent boxes, making a stamp rainbow, creating your own stamp, postal spelling challenge, stamp puzzles) we have for young children to do while visiting.

MONTHLY TRIVIA CONTEST

Congratulations to member Elaine Schofield who was last month's winner.

She correctly answered the question: "According to the US Post Office, how many mail carriers and other postal employees are attacked by dogs each year?" The correct answer is 2900.

This month's question asks: "What is the philatelic connection to the author of the well-known children's book *The Polar Express*?"



Bonus Question: "Anna Chapman was one of the eleven people arrested this week for being a Russian spy. How did this woman use postage stamps to communicate to other spies that a secret meeting had gone well?"

Send your answer(s) to info@spellman.org by July 17 to be eligible to receive the prize of a \$10 gift certificate to the Museum Store.