

## THE WEPS NEWSLETTER

West Essex Philatelic Society, Inc...Established 1930

Verona Public Library

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Meets 6:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month.

Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25

**Sept. 13:** Member Auction  
**Sept. 27:** Show & Tell  
**Oct. 11:** Club Donation Auction/Member Auction  
**Oct. 25:** Member Bourse/Trustee Meeting

I hope everybody had a great summer. Now with the cooler weather coming stamp collecting becomes a higher priority for most collectors. I try to continue my collecting all year round.

I would like to welcome a Joe Novella as the newest member of our club.

There has been one major change to the calendar for this time period. The Trustee Meeting in September and the Show and Tell in October have been reversed.

October 11th will be the Club Donation Auction. I'm hoping we have a much better turn out than we had last time, which was mostly my fault because of an error in the printed schedule. The Club Donation Auction helps keep our dues reasonable. It allows us to



purchase catalogues each year, mail circuit books and have refreshments at each meeting. Please try to find something in your collection that would help raise money for our club. Also bid a little more than you would normally bid for an item. The money goes to a great cause.

I also would like to point out that even though we have specific Show & Tell nights, I believe every night should be Show & Tell. If you have something interesting you would like to share with the club, please bring it in and show it to us and tell us a little about it.

What do you think about the current Forever stamp? I am not a big fan.

Commemorative stamps

were not being used much as it was. Now you never see commemoratives on envelopes. I'm surprised that even collectors who I deal with by mail use the Liberty Bell stamp 99% of the time. It looks like the USPS is going to be issuing more Forever stamps with different designs (Evergreen Trees) which should make the program a bit more interesting.

Once again I am going to recommend a couple great websites which help me with my collecting.

<http://www.stamporama.com/> is a great general collecting site and has a nice auction area which is free to list. You won't find any Inverted Jenny's there but it has helped me fill in many blank spaces of lower valued items.

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/us\\_specialized/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/us_specialized/) is a great discussion group for US Stamps. I have learned quite a lot there.

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Collecting, especially of the classifying sort epitomized by stamp collecting, offered a means to seem to gain control of the world and of the past. RUSSELL W. BELK, Collecting in a Consumer Society