

Button Gwinnett Stamp News

March 2005

APS Winter Show a Huge Success

The show is over and I can't wait for the next one. From what I can gather, the APS went home happy and the dealers (mostly) went home happy. The story is that some of them had such a good day on Friday that they were ready to call it a weekend. Then there was one or two who were determined not to be happy. The attendance was around 1700 and I hear the APS wanted to see 2500. That could possibly be due to a dearth of newspaper publicity. It is hard to get coverage and publicity in larger cities as there is so much going on all the time that nothing seems very big to them unless they happen to think that it is big all on their own.

I hope everyone had a chance to attend. There were dealers of every kind there and more stamps than you could ever hope to look at. I wish I had more time there to look around as there were dealers I didn't get a chance to even talk to. That's what happens with a show of that size.

Thanks must be given to all who volunteered their time to help out with the myriad of chores and tasks that had to be performed to make a show of this size a success. We knew we needed a lot of people to volunteer to make the show work and you answered the call. The APS was happy to see it. It got to the point where they stopped scheduling help and told us to just show up and we'll have something to do. A lot of the work was done behind the scenes before, during and after the show. Some of the work was done by those of us who helped man booths during the show. If you just told friends about the show you did something to help also. Thank you to one and all who helped in any way.

A special thanks must go to Don LaBerteaux. Don started working on this show years ago. His silver tongue got the APS interested in coming to Atlanta. He hyped the show in the past few years and got us in the mood to try to make this show the greatest that Atlanta has ever seen. (See **Stamp Show col.2**)

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Working with the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs and with local clubs, he approached this show from every possible angle and was continually working to make it a success. Don, we can never thank you enough. It has been five years since we heard him say lets have a big show in Atlanta. That five years sure went by in a hurry. Let's do it again.

March Meeting

How do you follow an act like that show? We have a meeting in March and some of us will have items to show off and tell about. We'll discuss the show and get more input from various individuals on it. Did you get an interesting stamp or cover at the show? Do you have an interesting story to tell us about that happened to you at the show? The March meeting will be hash and rehash of the show and then we'll have an auction.

We also need to think about the upcoming show in June at the North Atlanta Trade Center. It will be here before you know it and we may be the ones that will have to host it. That will have to be discussed at the March meeting and upcoming meetings.

The membership was asked at the last meeting what they wanted to see the club do this year. If you have any ideas bring them up at the meeting. **PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS, FELLAS.**

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Mar. 16, 2005 7:00 p.m. Auction/Chat

Apr. 13, 2005 7:00 p.m. TBA

May 18, 2005 7:00 p.m. TBA

Meetings to be held at Lilburn City Hall
Unless otherwise stated in this newsletter.