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Happy New Year



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Next Meeting - January 17, 2009

At Russellville Grange - 12105 NE Prescott Street

10:00 am to 4:00 pm - Card sales to begin after the business meeting



President's Corner

Happy New Year!! Welcome to 2009!! As we begin our 43rd year, after experiencing nearly three weeks of wintery weather where many of us were snowed in for a week or more, it is time to move on and pick up where we left off. We can look forward to our monthly meetings every third Saturday and finding some special cards at great deals to add to our collections.

January is the time to get our calendars synchronized. Palmer Wirfs Antique Show will be at the Clark County Fairgrounds Center on Jan. 17-18. We can look forward to the Greater Portland Postcard, Stamp and Paper Show on Feb. 28-March 1; and the Greater Seattle Show in Kent on Feb. 21-22nd. Palmer Wirfs Antique Show will be held at The Expo March 7-8.

The Webfooters 29th Annual Show & Sale will be held April 18-19, 2009, preceded by our Annual Auction on April 17, 2009.

In June, there is the Greater Portland Postcard, Stamp and Paper Show on June 20-21; and the Greater Seattle Show in Kent on June 27-28. Palmer Wirfs Antique Show will be at The Expo July 11-12.

In October, there is the Greater Portland Postcard, Stamp and Paper Show on Oct. 17-18. Palmer Wirfs Antique Show will be at The Expo Oct. 24-25.

About 25 people braved a little snow to attend The Webfooters Meeting in December. We were expecting 65 in normal weather, but we had a really great time in spite of the weather. It was so informal and the selection of cards was the best I have ever seen at a club meeting in Portland. One dealer set sales records. It was nice and intimate for a cozy holiday gathering. The food was better than ever, thanks to Maggie for organizing our potluck and preparing much of the food! Thanks to all who brought food to share.

In honor of Oregon's 150th Anniversary of Statehood on February 14, 2009, the US Postal Service will issue a new Oregon stamp in commemoration on January 14th.

RPPC of the Month



Early winter view of the Motormen's Club House (right) at the Sellwood Car barn.



Northwest Collectibles Presents
The Largest Antique Paper Shows in the Northwest

**The Greater Portland
 Postcard, Stamp & Paper
 Collectibles Show**

**The Greater Seattle
 Postcard & Paper
 Collectibles Show**

February 28 and March 1, 2009

February 21 and 22, 2009

Kliever Armory
 10000 NE 33rd Drive
 Portland, OR

Kent Commons
 525 4th Avenue North
 Kent, WA

**Old Postcards, Photographs, Stereo View Cards, Books,
 Stamps, Valentines, Matchbooks, Magazines, Prints,
 Maps, Trade Cards, Movie Posters & Much More!**

Early Bird Show Hours:

Saturday: 8 - 10 am
 Admission: \$20 (Also good Sunday 10-4)

Regular Show Hours:

Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm
 Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm
 Admission: \$5 (Good for Saturday & Sunday)

Upcoming Shows:

**Portland Oregon
 at Kliever Armory
 June 20 and 21, 2009**

**Kent Washington
 at Kent Commons
 June 27 and 28, 2009**

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Snowmen on Post Cards



According to old diaries and chronicles, the making of snowmen dates back to at least the Middle Ages, when every new snowfall would find European townsfolk making snowmen in the streets. In western cultures, snowmen are considered a symbol of the winter holiday season and they often appear on Christmas and New Year postcards.

When powdery snow reaches its melting point, it becomes moist and compactable. When the snow is compacted, it can be rolled into balls of snow. Most snowmen are usually built with three spheres which contain the head, the torso and the lower body.

After the balls of snow are stacked together, it is common to dress the snowman, usually with rocks, coal, wood sticks and vegetables. Carrots or cherries are often used for the nose, as are sticks for arms and stones or lumps of coal for the eyes.

It is also a common practice to add a scarf, a jacket or a hat. Dressing a snowman in clothing can insulate him by keeping out the heat, which means a longer life for the snowman.



Snowmen were first found on trade cards which were beautifully illustrated to advertise a business. They became the “calling” card or the business cards of the 1870s to the 1890s. Shop owners would leave them on their counters for customers and collecting them became a popular hobby. In the early 1900s, when post cards became popular, snowmen began appearing on them as well. Over the next 10 to 15 years, some of the most wonderful Christmas post cards began appearing with snowmen, Santa and other icons that have become the symbols of Christmas today.



Probably the most popular snowman of all time, Frosty, has become a Christmas holiday favorite. He is loved by young and old alike. Steeped in holiday tradition, Frosty is second only to Santa Claus as the focal point of the non-religious side of the holiday season. Many songs and stories, animated cartoons and movies about Frosty have evolved over the years.

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One December afternoon, a young girl named Karen and her friends created a snowman after school. The children suggest names for their creation including Christopher Columbus and Oatmeal but Karen decides to name him "Frosty". They later acquire a top hat discarded by inept magician Professor Hinkle. When Karen places the hat on Frosty's head, the snowman comes to life and exclaims *"Happy Birthday!"* When Hinkle learns of the magic power his hat actually possesses, he takes it back and departs. However, the professor's pet rabbit, Hocus Pocus, returns the hat to Frosty.

Frosty soon senses the temperature is rising and worries about melting. The children suggest putting him on the next train to the North Pole, where he will never melt, and they all parade into the city on the way to the train station, where Frosty has his confrontation with the traffic cop mentioned in the lyrics. When they cannot afford a train ticket, Frosty, Karen and Hocus stow away aboard a refrigerated train car. Unbeknownst to them, Hinkle has also hitched a ride on the same train, intending to get his hat back. Soon Frosty notices Karen freezing up in the box car so they jump off the train, leaving Hinkle behind once again.

Fearing that Karen cannot survive the cold weather, Frosty asks Hocus who might be able to help them. Hocus suggests (by pantomiming) the President of the United States and the United States Marines, before suggesting Santa Claus. The forest animals build a campfire to keep Karen warm until they can locate Santa Claus, but Hinkle again arrives and blows out the fire.

Frosty and Karen are again forced to flee, this time with Karen riding on Frosty's back as he slides head-first down a hill. At the bottom of the slope, Karen and Frosty discover a greenhouse filled with poinsettias. Against Karen's advice Frosty steps inside the warm greenhouse, suggesting that he could afford to lose a little weight anyway, but Hinkle again catches up to Frosty and locks him and Karen in the greenhouse.



Hocus brings Santa Claus to the greenhouse only to find Karen in tears and Frosty melted on the floor. Santa explains to Karen that Frosty is made from Christmas snow, and that he can never completely melt away. With a gust of cold wind through the open greenhouse door, Frosty is brought back to life. Hinkle again arrives on the scene and demands the return of his hat. He relents only when threatened with being removed from Santa's Christmas list for the rest of his life.

Santa states that if Hinkle is truly repentant for his mean attitude and harming Frosty, that he may find a gift in his stocking on Christmas morning, which makes Hinkle run home to repeatedly write his apologies. Santa then takes Karen home and Frosty to the North Pole, but promises that Frosty will be back in time for next Christmas.

The song "Frosty the Snowman" was first sung by Gene Autry in 1950 and the animated "Frosty the Snowman" cartoon debuted in 1969.



Roster Additions

Welcome Jean Marie, Garwin and David!!

Thiede Jean Marie 1748
Gaster Garwin 1749

Cottage Grove, OR

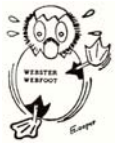
Olsen David 1750

Collects:

Portland, OR
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Calendar

January 14 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmer’s Restaurant (no host)
 10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

January 17 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
 12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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