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ANNUAL VERMONT STATE STAMP SHOW PLANNED

Each year the Vermont Philatelic Society asks a local stamp club to host the VPS at its annual meeting and philatelic exhibition. This year the annual meeting will be in Essex Junction, Vermont on Saturday, June 8 at 1 p.m.

The Chittenden County Stamp Club is the host and will present a bourse of twelve dealers and an exhibit of twenty frames of material. It is called *VERMONT STATE STAMP SHOW*

(VSSS) and will be at the Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl Street, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The first VSSS, then called *VERPEX*, was held in Rutland in 1959 and honored the 350th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's arrival in the Champlain Valley. *VERPEX* was held biannually until 1990, when it was decided to hold the show annually.

In keeping with the CCSC's Civil War series, but — at the same time — going to the national commemoration, the VSSS 2103 pictorial cancel will commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 and the Vermont Constitution of 1777 which was the first legal document in the New World to forbid slavery.

The Chittenden club also presents an annual show and bourse called *CHAMPEX* in October. Currently, it's in the middle of a five-year theme of pictorial cancels commemorating Vermont's participation in the Civil War.

The VPS publishes a full-color quarterly 28-page publication, *The Vermont Philatelist*. Contact GESTUS@VERMONTPS.ORG if you would like to receive a PDF of the February 2013 issue, which includes articles about the Canadian Patriot's War of 1837, the Dummer post office, the new Arlington Green Bridge priority mail stamp, as well as "borough/boro" name changes in the 1890s.



Vermont collectors were excited when the USPS announced that the new \$5.60 Priority Mail stamp would feature the Arlington Green Bridge in West Arlington.

Excitement turned to disappointment after learning the stamp would be issued in Norcross, Georgia, site of the Southeastern Stamp Expo.

Not to be outfoxed, VPS members Bob Edson and Bill Lizotte arrived at the Arlington post office on the morning of January 25 and were able to make a few FDCs of the new stamp canceled by the Arlington Post Office's red handcancel. According to the post office, there was only one other non-resident who purchased the stamp on the day of issue. Local patrons came in to buy the stamps based on a newspaper article, but thought the stamp was a 46c stamp. Most decided against purchasing the stamp when they discovered the true denomination.

Information on the website, BEYONDTHEPERF.COM says, "The scenic Arlington Green Bridge in Bennington County, Vermont, takes center stage in this Priority Mail stamp. One of the most-photographed covered bridges in the state, it was built in 1852."

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