

**NETHERLANDS PHILATELISTS
of CALIFORNIA
(now in its 41st year)**

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September meeting. Attending at the home of Burt Miller were: Franklin Ennik, Arno Kolster, Hans Kremer, Burt Miller, Albert Muller, Paul Swierstra, George Vandenberg, Fred Van der Heyden and guest Pierre Hahn.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Netherlands Philatelists of California **received a Vermeil award** for our entry of the 40th *Anniversary Yearbook 1969-2009* in the Literature Palmares competition at the recent American Philatelic Society Stamp Show in Richmond, Virginia. The Yearbook was originally entered into the Periodicals competition but the Jury considered it a Handbook and Special Studies publication and judged it accordingly. On content, authorship, editorship, originality, significance and research, the Judges said, "a well produced and edited publication and informative substantive articles." But on technical matters the Judges found fault with, "lack of an index, no copyright, no ISBN number, inconsistent captioning of illustrations, page numbering and treatment of hypertext references." These latter remarks are mostly pertinent to the Handbook/Special Studies category and were unknown or not considered needed by the NPofC editorial committee for the Periodical category entry. Next time we will know.

Nevertheless we can feel pleased with the production this edition of our Yearbook series and our Vermeil award.

AROUND the TABLE

Fred Van der Heyden passed around a humorous post card illustrating the Dutch boy with the finger in the dike; a Zeppelin cover sent from Germany to San Francisco via New York with a "delayed flight" sticker applied; a collection of various covers including British Commonwealth, France and Belgium; several Holland America Line steamship passenger lists of 1924, 1954 and 1960; and a series of fancy, vintage visitekaarten inserts.

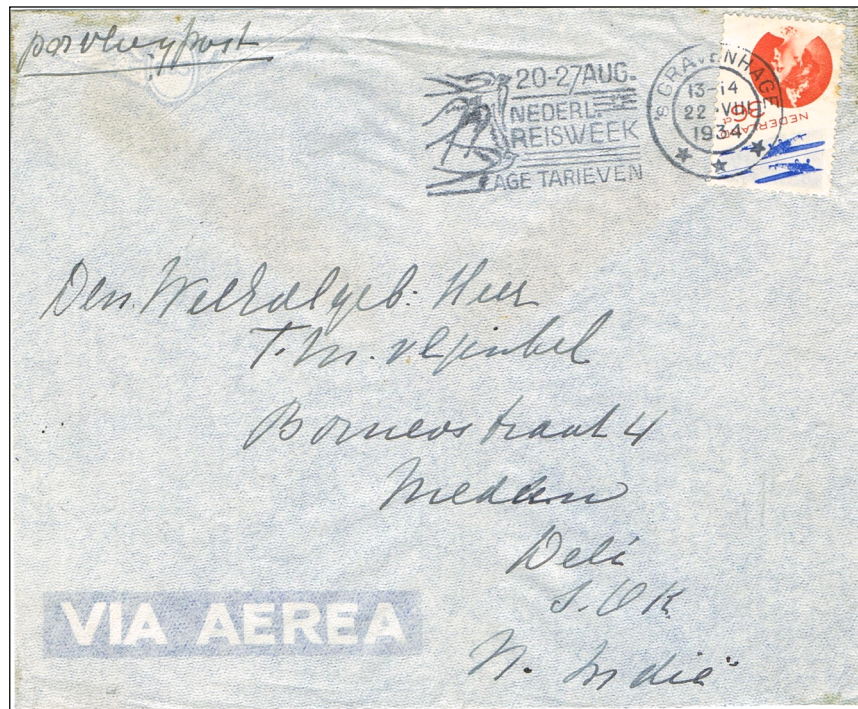


George Vandenberg passed around several exhibit awards that members received from former stamp shows that will be added to the NPofC archives.

The **October 16th meeting** will be hosted by Fred Van der Heyden at the Western Philatelic Library, 1500 Partridge Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94087 starting at 1:00 pm. Fred's telephone number: 510-653-5253. For meeting location and directions, please contact Fred. WPL telephone number 408-733-0336.
The **November 20th meeting** will be held at the home of Hans Kremer starting at 1:00 pm.

Paul Swierstra showed us a copy of a newsletter produced for the large Dutch community living in Western Australia; a translation of important postal/philatelic terms into German, French, English, Spanish and Portuguese; and lastly he urged everyone to check out illustrations of the possible new US currency designs found on the Internet indicating that the US mint may soon be considering all new paper money that is multi colored like the European euro notes. See Google.....**new US currency designs 2010.**

Franklin Ennik passed around three envelopes: a cover franked with issues of the 1947 summer issues and sent to Liechtenstein; a 1926 cover franked with issues of the 1913 Jubilee and 1924 cijfer stamps and sent to Lyon, France; and a 1934 airmail cover with a 's Gravenhage slogan cancel advertising lower travel rates (costs) during the week of 20-27 August 1934 (**20-27 AUG. / NEDERL. / REISWEEK / LAGE TARIEVEN**) and sent to Medan (Deli), Netherlands Indies. Notice the 36 cent airmail stamp is applied upside down.....Could this also be a love-letter message? This slogan cancel was in use from August 8-27, 1934 in Amsterdam, Rotterdam and 's Gravenhage post offices.



Arno Kolster summarized his attendance at the recent APS Stamp Show in Richmond, Virginia. With the exception of our 40th Anniversary Yearbook entry in the Literature Palmares competition, there were no Netherlands area stamp exhibits displayed at the 3-day Show. Arno took in a lecture entitled, *Colorimetric Analysis in Philately*, which compared human perception of colors and shades of stamps with colors detected by an electronic device. Arno also passed around a chemically censored postcard sent from Netherlands to Germany.

Hans Kremer reminded everyone of the upcoming SESCAL Stamp Show in southern California, October 1-3, 2010 where a contingent of ASNP and NPofC members will be present. Hans showed us a 1954 cover franked with an example of a miss-cut automaat stamp of Queen Juliana; a Department of

Justice Dienst inquiry letter sent to a strange address in the Midwestern US that was returned due to insufficient address: and a postcard that failed to get returned to its sender.

There are two towns in the Netherlands named Serooskerke, both in the province of Zeeland, one on the island of Walcheren, the other on the neighboring island of Schouwen Duiveland. The card was supposed to go from Rhenen (Utr.) to Schouwen Duiveland but instead went to Walcheren, where the card was forwarded to Schouwen Duiveland. Looking at the cancels it went back to Walcheren once more but never made it to Schouwen Duiveland.

I'm working on a story about these refused cards and letters. What happened to such mail? Once I know I'll let you know.



Burt Miller summarized his participation in the recent BALPEX, Baltimore, Maryland Stamp Show where he exhibited his *Germania Burelage Issue of Danzig*. Burt received Silver and Vermeil awards for his exhibit: one from the BALPEX Show and the other from the German Philatelic Society. Burt also showed us the display pages of his specialized collection of the 1913 Jubilee issues with plate numbers attached. Burt also showed a 1906 cover franked with a 22½ cent fur collar issue with a purple registration sticker; a returned WW I internment camp letter franked with the Dutch, green internment stamp; a number one Willem III issue on a letter to Deventer; a registered Zeppelin cover that was returned to Amsterdam; and a postcard sent to Danzig but it was returned to the Netherlands.

We welcome first time visitor, **Pierre Hahn**, to our membership who showed us one of his Netherlands stamp albums, just one of his many collecting interests. Pierre is editor of the Sunnyvale, CA, Western Philatelic Library newsletter, *The Bay Phil*.

CANCEL OF THE MONTH

The September winner is **Hans Kremer** with an 1882 small round cancel of DOETINCHEM dated 13 NOV 82 on a 15 cent, 1872 Willem III issue. Doetinchem (Gld.) received its first small round cancel on January 9, 1882. As per January 1, 1883 the name of the town was changed to DEUTINCHEM, making the November 13, 1882 cancel a late example. The town name was changed back to DOETINCHEM on January 1, 1896. Doetinchem is located in the east of the Netherlands and is the smallest



town with its own Premier Division professional soccer team (**de Graafschap**).

Reference: CD: Cees Janssen. *Handboek Nederlandse Poststempels*, 2004.

COVER of the MONTH

The September winner is **Burt Miller** with a Zeppelin June 6, 1933 flight cover sent from 's-Gravenhage via Friedrichshafen, Germany to Wageningen, Netherlands via Saarbrücken, Germany.



This small cover is franked with two of the 20 cent Jubilee issue and a single 12½ cent value of the same issue. The card is addressed to Herrn H.L.S. Adama in Wageningen, Holland. The stamps are cancelled with the commemorative cancel from 's-GRAVENHAGE – DIERENTUIN “LILLIPUT” on 24 May, 1933. The cover was forwarded by conventional mail to Friedrichshafen, Germany where it was cancelled aboard the Zeppelin flight to Saarbrücken on 25.6.33. The cover received an underlined imprint **Mit Luftschiff “Graf Zeppelin”** in green and a black, Gothic flight cachet reading: **Luftschiff Graf Zeppelin / Fahrt in das Saargebiet / 1933**. The cover received another cancel when it arrived in SAARBRÜCKEN the same day and was then forwarded to Mr. Adama in Wageningen by surface mail.

OTHER CATEGORY of the MONTH

The September winner is **Burt Miller** with a horizontal strip of three of the one Guilder Postage Due from 1881 (NVPH nr. 12). The strip illustrates Types I, II and III together in an attached strip. Types I, II, III and IV are observed in sheets, but it is not common to find Types I, II and III in L to R sequence as shown here.



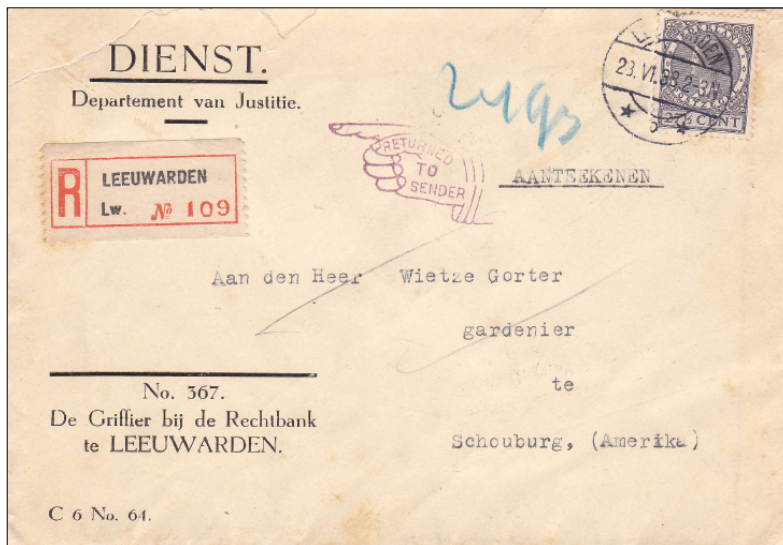
Type I – The bottom of the ‘T’ of BETALEN points to the right of the top center link of the chain. The chain has 34 links.

Type II – The bottom of the ‘T’ of BETALEN is between the top 2 links of the chain. The chain has 33 links.

Type III – The bottom of the ‘T’ of BETALEN points to the left of the top center link of the chain. The chain has 32 links.

Letter addressed to a non-existent town (?) in America and returned. with thanks to Hans Kremer

This registered Department of Justice Dienst inquiry letter was addressed to **Schouburg (Amerika)**. It never made it there. The New York postal clerks determined that there was no such town; however there is a **Schaumburg** in Illinois. The letter was returned to Leeuwarden from New York as undeliverable.



Prepaid reply postal cards (Antwoord Betaald Briefkaarten)

with thanks to Hans Kremer

Geuzendam shows the first Dutch prepaid reply postal card (Antwoord Betaald briefkaart) as being issued in 1872. It says 20 April with a question mark. It was a cijfer 2½ cent + 2½ cent attached card, dark violet color.



It is my understanding that the 2½ cent + 2½ cent **Antwoord Betaald** (with prepaid reply) cards were for use just within the Netherlands. For cards to other countries read the following:

From <http://www.bmyhre.com/bjmy2/irc/forerunners.htm>

“In the 1870s there was a strong demand for sending postcards abroad with prepaid reply-postage. As a result of this, the 1878 Paris UPU Congress introduced Letter-Cards with attached prepaid reply cards for a trial period starting July 1st 1879 between Argentina, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Tunis and Germany. The Lisbon 1885 UPU Congress approved the use of these postcards between all member states. The arrangement was repealed in 1969.”

The Website also shows a Dutch reply card sent back from Germany in 1893, canceled in Germany (Mainz). Postage due was not charged, so this must have been o.k.

I also read that these cards could only be used to send them back to the country they came from, so in this example this card could not have been sent back to France.

In the new Geuzendam catalog (page 82) it says that, as per UPU decision (Tokyo 1969), *“international prepaid postal cards would no longer be valid as per July 1, 1971.”* The Dutch PTT decided that as of that date the “in country” prepaid postal cards were also no longer valid. If you still had some you could separate the cards and use them as two cards.