

**NETHERLANDS PHILATELISTS  
of CALIFORNIA  
(now in its 46<sup>th</sup> year)**

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**December meeting.** Attending at the home of Hans Kremer, were: Franklin Ennik, HansPaul Hager, Hans Kremer and Fred Van der Heyden.

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**YEARBOOK anyone????** NPofC's eighth (and latest) Yearbook was published in 2009. Several of our members have expressed interest in producing our next one and titles of proposed articles have been aired to start things off. NPofC members have gathered a wealth of knowledge about their special focus regarding Netherlands and former territories philately. Are there any philatelic topics that you've been thinking about that need airing, summarized or clarified?? What say you, members.....Let's hear from you and get your knowledge in print so it doesn't get lost. Send us a proposed title and short summary of your project idea.

**Annual Holiday dinner.** Mark your calendars now for our January Holiday dinner at Uncle Yu's Asian Restaurant in San Ramon on Saturday, January 10, 2015 starting at 5:00pm. Current and former spouses and significant others are invited.

**WESTPEX 2015.** The 2015 WESTPEX Stamp show is scheduled for April 24-26, 2015 at the San Francisco Airport Merriott Hotel, Burlingame, CA. NPofC has reserved a meeting room for this event and all members and the public are invited to attend.

**AROUND THE TABLE**

**HansPaul Hager** passed around a collection of various 1812 fiscal stamps from Napoleon's short, French occupation period of Moscow, Russia and examples of four different fonts of trial proofs provided by the Enschede Printers of cigar tax stamps of 1958. Notice on the left that the font size of the number of cigars and the word 'SIGAREN' are different in each image and on the right are examples of SPECIMEN and issued stamp formats.



The **January 17, 2015 meeting** will be held at the home of HansPaul Hager starting at 1:00pm. HansPaul's telephone number is 408-770-9132.  
The **February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting** location has yet to be determined

**Fred Van der Heyden** passed around a copy of the *Official Steam Ship and Airways Guide International*, Volume LXIII Number 6, June 1963 which provides sailing schedules for world shipping during this period; a copy of a book review from the *Wall Street Journal*, December 6-7, 2014 entitled, *Diamonds in the Rough-The Fortunes of Africa*; another article from the *WSJ* of December 6-7, 2014 about the continuing persute by the US Internal Revenue Service of American Expats and foreigners who are believed to owe tax money to the US government; a series of daily menus from the Holland-Amerika Lijn and a long series of vintage postcards.

**Franklin Ennik** passed around another example of censorship imposed by the German occupiers on the Dutch public during WW II. This letter sent by the *Koninklijk Nederlandse Zwem- en Reddingsbond* in Amsterdam to Haarlem on October 13, 1943 was required to cross out the title with the word **KONINKLIJK** (meaning *Royal*) in the return address. Use of the 1940 Wilhelmina imaged issues and any reference to Royalty was forbidden as of October 11, 1940.



Frank also passed around a First Day Cover, number 10, that commemorated the 100 year 1852–1952 formation of the *Rijkstelegraaf* which eventually morphed into the PTT. The cover is franked with the four-stamp issue illustrating the development of the PTT that was celebrated 18 Juli-28 September 1952 in the PostMuseum in 's Gravenhage.



Hans Kremer passed around a post card that was supposed to go from Rhenen (Utr.) to Serooskerke in the province of Zeeland. However, there are two towns named Serooskerke, both in the province of Zeeland, one on the island of Walcheren, and the other on the island of Schouwen Duiveland. This card was supposed to go Schouwen Duiveland but instead went to Walcheren but was forwarded back to Schouwen Duiveland. Looking at the cancels it went back to Walcheren once more but never made it to Schouwen Duiveland. Are you still with me??



**The 2½ cent van Krimpen stamp of 1947 and its unusual use.**

*By Hans Kremer*

In 1946 the Dutch P.T.T. decided that it was time for some new stamp designs. The Lebeau 'doves' (issued for the first time in 1924 (!) and the 1940 van Konijnenburg stamps were the main series deemed needing replacement. This resulted in the van Krimpen design of which the 1, 2, and 4 cent denominations were issued first in November 1, 1946. Shown here on the right are the 1924 Lebeau and 1940 van Konijnenburg designs.



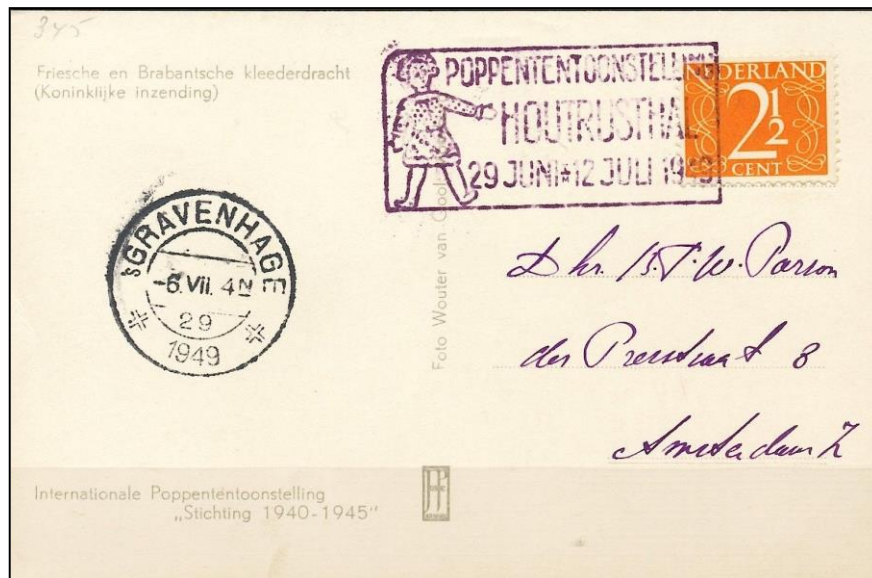
Shown here is the 2 cent 1947 van Krimpen design. During the second half of 1947 it was suggested to also use the new design for a 2½ cent stamp. It was issued September 23, 1947. The only reason for the 2½ cent stamp was for it to be used for supplementary postage. As of November 1, 1946, the postage rate for postcards had gone up from 5 cent to 7½ cent and letter rate from 7½ cent to 10 cent. Since these were the most common rates it clearly showed the need for a 2½ cent supplementary stamp.

But why is it then that we quite often see picture postcards or printed matter mail with just a 1947 2½ cent van Krimpen stamp on it?? The correct rate for that kind of mail would have been 2 cent, not 2½ cent.



A 1948 postcard franked with a supplementary 2½ cent van Krimpen issue to fulfill the 7½ cent postcard (briefkaart) rate.

Here come the collectors of advertising cancels into the picture. It turns out that these types of cancels often didn't show up very well on the blue background of the 2 cent stamp, but much better on the 2½ cent orange version. The collectors figured that it would be worth it to spend the extra half cent.



An advertising cancel on a picture postcard franked with 2½ cent.

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