



THE WEBFOOTER

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"Every subject known to man can be found on a post card"

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Happy Holidays



Next Meeting – December 16, 2006

At Russellville Grange - 12105 NE Prescott Street

10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Card sales to begin after 10:30

 **ANNUAL** 

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Spend Christmas at the Hotel Portland . . .

See Page 4 for a nostalgic look at the Hotel Portland in post cards



President's Corner



This month we will have our annual Christmas potluck. Mark your calendars for December 16th. As our 40th Anniversary year comes to an end, we plan to recap the club's activities during 2006 to help us set the pace for growth in 2007. Jocelyn Howells has committed to attending our December meeting to sell post cards and has recently purchased the Denton Collection. You won't want to miss this special meeting.

Dealer setup only will begin at 9:00 (no sales). Cards sales will not begin until after our business meeting, or approximately 10:30 am. All tables must be covered or card boxes closed until after the business meeting. No going through card boxes before everyone else, no exceptions.

A big "Thank You" is in order to our own Tim Boardman who stepped up to give a presentation on Postal History at the last minute at our meeting on November 18. The person who had committed to give the presentation had to cancel. It was nice to see Ed & Colleen Weum from Northwestern Washington. We were also very happy to see James and Elinore Rogers.

We want to recognize all The Webfooters who helped with the display at Expo and made it a success for the Club: Dave Elston, Jerry Kelly, Kenn Lantz, Judith Nelson, Austin & Dale Nix, Phyllis Palmer, Al Powers, Dusty Schmidt, David Sell, John Stewart and Bob Wenzel.

Calling all dealers...

The end of the year is fast approaching and the deadline for receiving your registration and payment for tables at our show in 2007 is **December 31**. Reserve your tables now at the early registration price of \$55 per table (includes backup table). Any applications received after that date will have to include checks for tables at \$65 each. Our show will be held April 21-22, 2007 at the Jackson Armory. If you haven't gotten your registration packet, contact the editor.

Club Officers

President/Editor.....	Mark Moore
Vice President.....	Dale Nix
Secretary.....	Dave Elston
Treasurer.....	Al Powers
Membership Chairman.....	David Sell
Member-at-Large.....	Jane Burton
Member-at-Large.....	Phyllis Palmer
Historian.....	Joe Macdonald
Librarian.....	Steve Kuryk

Articles and information for the Webfooter are always welcome. Please contact your editor. Post cards and information in this issue from www.pdxhistory.com unless otherwise noted.

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**DON'T MISS THE FIRST SHOWING OF THE MONA DENTON COLLECTION
OFFERED BY JOCELYN & EDOUARD
AT THE WEBFOOTERS CHRISTMAS PARTY Dec. 16 - 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ***

- ◆ **25¢ unsorted subjects and states - 11 shoe boxes**
- ◆ **50¢ unsorted: 3 shoe boxes, 1 continental & 2 standard size subjects and states**
- ◆ **\$1 unsorted: 1 shoe box each of continental & standard size subjects and states**
- ◆ **Oregon 25¢ - 6 shoe boxes**
- ◆ **Oregon \$1-9 cards sorted into:**
 - Portland - **8 small boxes**, Coast - **2 small boxes**, Columbia River - **2 small boxes**, Lewis & Clark Expo/Rose Festival - **1 small box**, Cancels/Railroadiana - **1 small box**, Other OR - **4 small boxes**, better continentals - **1 shoe box**, better oversize - **1 larger box**
- ◆ **Cards priced \$10 and up will be filed in loose plastic 4-card pages.**
- ◆ **Rajneesh Purim, OR (aka Antelope) & Bagwan - entire collection offered as 1 lot**
- ◆ **California - 3 shoe boxes (including one 25¢ shoe box); Washington - 1 shoe box; Western States other than OR, WA, CA - 1 shoe box**
- ◆ **States Other, unsorted - 1 shoe box**
 - Following Subjects, 1 or more boxes of each, \$1 and up:
- ◆ **9/11, Twin Towers, and other related subjects**
- ◆ **Subjects Misc., unsorted, includes sports and many other of Mona's favorites**
- ◆ **Books, many now out of print, at very reasonable prices -- a great opportunity to build your reference library of postcard related books**
- ◆ **Royalty/Stars, Koalas, Tennis, Transportation**
- ◆ **Postcard subject matter & National Postcard Week cards**
- ◆ **Philatelic (first days, maximums, special cancels)**
- ◆ **FREE packets of modern Christmas postcards ready to use**
- ◆ **FREE empty albums of various types**

PLEASE NOTE: I may not have time to finish pricing everything, but will work down the list in the order shown above. If you are concerned about a particular subject being ready, feel free to contact me (see info below).

- ❖ **For this special event to save on weight and bulk, cards will not be sleeved except for a few "as-izzers". Please handle with the same TLC you give your own cards.**
- ❖ **Most cards will be in boxes that fit the cards, so please don't move cards from one box to another.**
- ❖ **Feel free to put your initials or mark on each box or plastic page as you finish with it.**

Postcarder's etiquette will be observed, i.e.:

- **One box at a time**
- **If someone is already looking in a box, ask permission to start where they have already been and use a different place marker**
- **No food or drink at the sales tables**
- **No looking before 10:30 a.m. and the business meeting is finished, out of respect and courtesy to those who are otherwise occupied in the club's work and unable to look at cards**

Mona Denton joined The Webfooters in 1975 and was an active, supportive member for 26 years. Since the passing of her beloved Rocky earlier this year, she has moved from their home and no longer has the space, nor the eyesight, to continue collecting. She is pleased to know that her collection is being offered to fellow Club members first.

- **In case of seriously adverse weather, feel free to email buttonjoss@verizon.net to verify the situation. We're keeping our fingers crossed for decent weather, and hoping to see many of you there. Joss & Ed**



(paid advertisement)

Christmas at the Hotel Portland



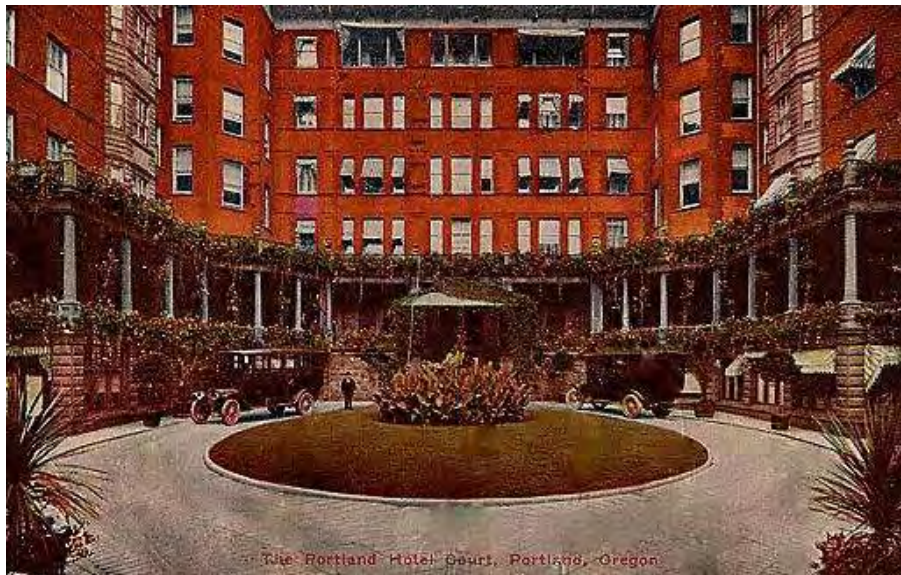
In the early part of the 20th Century, Portland boasted a number of first class hotels. Many of them have come and gone. Portland's finest, The Hotel Portland was torn down in 1951 to put up a parking lot that was demolished 30 years later. Another of Portland's largest and best known, The Multnomah Hotel, survives today and was recently restored and rechristened The Embassy Suites. One of Portland's founding fathers, Simon Benson, built the Hotel Benson, an institution that also survived the century.

Built in the style of a Queen Anne Chateau, Portland's most interesting and gracious building, the Hotel Portland, opened in 1890. This building captured the look and the feel of the city of Portland as no other building has before or since. In the early years, it was the place to see and be seen.

The Hotel Portland was conceived just as the nation went into a recession and money from eastern investors dried up. Financial problems led to construction delays, which plagued the Hotel until local financing was obtained. This would prove to be a problem in later years.



With seven floors, the Hotel Portland was the pride of Portland



The palm-lined Court of the Hotel Portland and Verandas



Main Dining Room, Portland Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

The service in the Main Dining Room, Portland's finest, had the reputation of being the slowest and stateliest on the coast. Eleven presidents stayed at the Hotel Portland and a set of Haviland China was purchased for each occasion.



"LOBBY, HOTEL PORTLAND, PORTLAND, ORE."



The ornately furnished Egyptian Room at the Hotel Portland



The lavishly appointed Reading Room at the Hotel Portland



The opulent Main Parlor awaited guests at the Hotel Portland



Around 1910, the Hotel floated expansion plans and went so far as to produce several post cards with an artist's rendition of what the Hotel would look like when the new 12-story section would be added in the middle. These plans never came to fruition.

Many years later, the poorly constructed foundations began to deteriorate, and the building became run-down. Eventually, the luster of the Hotel Portland was lost forever.

Shuttered in 1950, the Hotel Portland met the wrecking ball of "progress" on a quiet autumn day in 1951. After it was razed, a parking lot for Meier & Frank was built in its place. The two-level concrete parking lot was demolished 30 years later when Pioneer Courthouse Square recaptured the magic of the block, becoming the heart of the city. Once again thousands of people are drawn to the block daily.



Board Meeting Minutes

The attendees at the November 17, 2006 Webfooters board meeting, held at Elmer's restaurant, were: Mark Moore (President), Al Powers (Treasurer), Jane Burton (Member-at-Large), Phyllis Palmer (Member-at-Large), David Sell (Membership Chair), and Dave Elston (Secretary). After a call to order at 7 PM, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Financial Report — Al Powers reported that the checking account balance as of November 17 was \$2,065.38.

Report of Standing Committees

Membership — David reported (updated November 30): There are 227 active members. The membership includes 104 Individual Members, 94 Family Members, 21 Patron Members, 5 Honor and 3 Charter Members. David will name the honorary members in his next report to the board.

Nominating — Mark noted that no additional nominations to the board members slate had been submitted and that space would be provided for write-ins on the election ballots.

Programs — Due to a last minute cancellation by Kirk Andrews, the scheduled talks on Postal History and Postcard Dating were to be presented by Tim Boardman and Mark Moore, respectively. A brochure from the presentation on postcard dating is available for \$1 at the club meetings.

With a call for ideas on presentations at future meetings, Jane suggested that individuals bring their collections (or portions thereof) and talk about what and why they collect. Phyllis noted that the focus on Oregon Real Photo postcards has narrowed the collecting emphasis of the club from that which many members have and suggested that broader genres of collecting be represented. It was suggested that the Vice President organize future presentations. Jane volunteered to look into using Craig's List (an internet advertising service) to invite more potential members to the club meetings.

Annual Show — Mark reported that approximately 12 tables had been reserved for the April 2007 Webfooters postcard show. Members are encouraged to reserve tables before the end of the year to take advantage of the \$10 discount per table fees.

Refreshments & December Potluck — As December is the annual holiday potluck; a signup sheet was available for members to indicate what they will bring to the feast. David Sell will once again purchase the ham and Dave Elston will bring 3 gallons of apple cider, all of which will be purchased with club funds. A signup sheet is also available for providing refreshments at the 2007 Saturday meetings, with the months of May and September already filled. Members are allowed up to \$25 reimbursement when they purchase food and drink for the meetings (present receipts to the treasurer). It is a chance to bring the kind of food that *you* want to see and to eat at club meetings.

Website — We hope to add a new page to the website with information from the November 18 Postal History and Postcard Dating presentations.

Business Arising From Previous Meetings

Membership Cards — David passed out examples he made of 4-inch x 6-inch Club membership cards. He requested feedback on the prototypes and it was suggested that the print stock to be utilized allow for printing to be done on the card's reverse side.

Palmer Wirfs Display — The Webfooters participated in a successful display of Portland's Early Transportation at the recent EXPO show. Mark noted a good response by show attendees. Numerous Club members participating in the event passed out Club applications and literature and sought to generate interest in the club.

Board Meeting Minutes (cont.)

Questions have arisen as to whether these events represent displays by members of The Webfooters for promoting the Club overall or whether they merely represent a sideline opportunity for Club members to promote themselves.

Mark indicated that this was an event The Webfooters were invited to participate in. The amount of involvement by The Webfooters was thoroughly discussed by the board and this issue will be carried over for future discussion at our next board meeting. Should the Club agree to be involved in future events and displays, it is hoped that many more members will feel free to contribute to and to participate in them.

Library Trust Fund/\$10 Challenge — It was reported that \$109 has been raised to date for the Library Fund Challenge that Steve Kuryk recently made to the Club. Mark noted a need to have the Club's older Webfooters Newsletters bound, and he will ask Steve to look into it.

New Business

Library Exhibit Dec. 28-Jan. 28 — Mark indicated that the Portland Rain of Glass would be putting on a display at the Main Library. Mark has been assigned a display case to fill with postcards and menus, etc. from local restaurants and hotels. Mark mentioned that if The Webfooters wanted to put together a display of postcards, this could be arranged for a future date.

Presentation on Promotions — Al Hall of the NRHS has offered to talk with the Club about effective promotional ideas and techniques.

Noting that **the next board meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2007**, Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

The Secretary wishes to express thanks to his fellow member's for their recent vote of confidence in his abilities to record the Club's business. If you have read these minutes, feel free to approach me at the next Saturday club meeting and ask for and receive a free postcard.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Elston, Secretary





Roster Addition

We welcome new member Steve Bieler.

We hope to make an announcement soon regarding a new feature of our Annual Show & Sale: a Banquet and Auction of Post Cards and Collectible Paper



Calendar



Dec 16 – Webfooters Post Card Club Meeting at Russellville Grange
12105 NE Prescott St near 122nd & Sandy Blvd – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Jan 7 – Pacific NW Post Card Club Meeting – Lake City Community Center
12531 - 28th Ave NE in Seattle – 11:30 am to 5pm

Jan 15 – Webfooters Board Meeting at Elmers Restaurant (no host)
10001 NE Sandy Blvd – 6:30 pm (Board Meetings held every other month)

Jan 20 – 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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