

In Memory of....**David Harris**

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David Harris passed away at home with his family on Wednesday, May 12, 2021, after a long period of poor health. He left an indelible mark on the Pacific Northwest philatelic community.

David was the founding Webmaster for the **Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs** website in February 2004 and maintained the site until just before his death. He was awarded the Federation's *Meritorious Achievement Award* in 2013 for many activities that continued through 2020.

David was heavily involved in the **John Arn Symposium** at Moses Lake, Washington, for many years. His duties over the years included scheduling speakers, registration, auctions, and acting as the Chair the past few years. After John Arn passed away, he was the first to step up and do the work to continue it. The one-day symposium was always well attended by Northwest philatelists. During the course of any given year, it was not uncommon for David to approach people at stamp shows, say *Hi* (and their name), and proceed with a conversation. (The person may or may not know who David was even though his name sounded very familiar.) After the conversation, he would take his leave and head off to talk to someone else. That first person he just conferred with would then head to the dealer they were walking to when David intercepted them. After two steps... *Wait! Did he just talk me into doing a presentation at Moses Lake? How the heck did that happen!?* The magic of David Harris in lining up speakers for each Symposium!

Each year, when the **Inland Empire Philatelic Society (IEPS)** and the **Missoula Stamp Club** met in Wallace, Idaho, David was always there to help keep track of the auction proceedings. He did the same when **IEPS** and the **Tri-Cities Stamp Club** met in Ritzville annually.

When **SEAPEX** was in its infancy, David started their website in July 2012 and maintained it until mid-July 2020. He was awarded the *SEAPEX Distinguished Service Award* in 2020.

David was a long-time member of **IEPS** in Spokane, Washington. President J Palmer knew David for over 25 years. He worked with David over the years on the Spokane stamp show committee. David was always the one who did the work-up for their show mailings. He was a person who could be depended on to do certain things and get them done right. The last couple of years, as David noticed his COPD getting worse, he divested himself of responsibilities. David was a collector of Germany and the DDR.

Thank you, David, for your long service to philately in the Pacific Northwest.