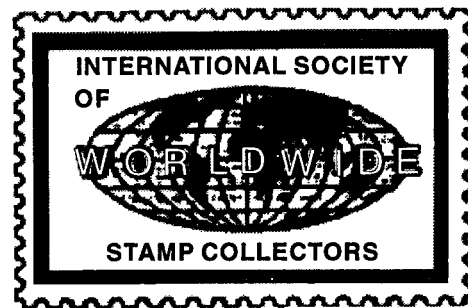


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Zimbabwe Wood Carvings

By Augustine I. Enabulele, S.J. (#1463)

Zimbabwean culture has for many centuries expressed itself in many art forms. Carving, both in wood and soapstone, is a flourishing art. Zimbabwean artists are rarely realistic, but the resultant carving has unusual form and grace. Artists perform their works mostly full of pride and zeal. These stamps were designed by Zimbabwean artist Maxwell Nyoni:



Frog—Ixoxo-Dafi (Dacha):

Most Zimbabwean frogs and toads are aquatic breeders. Fertilization takes place externally, with the number of eggs ranging from 20 to 50 in the case of the rain frogs and 15,000 and 24,000 in the case of the guttural toad.

Most species eat insects, flickering out their tongues to enfold their prey in a sticky mucus and usually swallowing it whole; some larger species also eat other frogs, rodents, chicks and small snakes.

Kudu — Ibhlabhala —

Nhoro: A large antelope with a height of up to 1.5m at shoulder; males weigh up to 270kg, females up to 160kg. They are gray with white underside to tail. There are seven to ten vertical white stripes on the sides and white markings on the face.

ZIMBABWE \$1.70



The horns are tilted back and are spiral. They sometimes interlock horns after a big fight and die a lingering death. Kudu feed on shoots, leaves, grass and maize cobs. They can clear up to two meters of fence with each jump.

ZIMBABWE \$2.50



Porcupine — Inungu —

Nungu: Their bodies and tails are covered with black and white quills which stand when

the animal is attacked. During contact the quills will detach from the porcupine, piercing its predators and inflicting severe injury.

These animals are common in most areas, but are seen mainly at night. They feed on roots, fruits and bulbs, and commonly gnaw on bones.

Tortoise Ufudu — Kamba:

There are two varieties of land tortoise found in Zimbabwe, the Leopard Tortoise and the Hinged Tortoise. They grow up to 20–30cm in length, with a black and yellow or brownish-yellow shell and darker markings. They eat mushrooms, grass, snails and dead frogs.

ZIMBABWE \$1.50



Chimpanzee: The chimpanzee

is a rare species in Zimbabwe. Like a baboon or gorilla, the chimpanzee has almost human-like behavior. It can feed on fruits, meat, wild roots or meal. It may also give signs almost identical to those given by humans.

ZIMBABWE \$2.20



Rhinoceros — Ubhejani Chipembere: A large herbivorous mammal, two species of rhinoceros are found in Zimbabwe. The black rhino is 1.5m at shoulder height; males are 1,130kg and females are 900kg. The white rhino male is 1.81kg, while the female is 1.360kg.

ZIMBABWE \$3.00



Both species are gray. The white rhino is less aggressive than the black, and when the white rhino trots away it pushes its calf ahead, while the black differs by leading its calf. The white rhino is square-lipped and the black is hook-lipped. Foods include sticks, branches, leaves and grass. The horn can grow to a length of 1.5m.



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President's Column

By Anthony Zollo, MD (#856)

There has been a great deal happening behind the scenes in the ISWSC, and much of it is listed in the contents of this issue.

I am happy to report that the business of the Society is completely caught up, and in all cases replies to your renewals and inquiries are being sent out within a few days of their receipt.

Your Board of Directors have met to decide on some critical issues reported in these pages. One particular decision is to implement a surcharge for late renewals. I hope that all members will understand that it costs the Society money and time to remind members of renewals and process late renewals, so it was necessary to institute this new policy. It is not fair to ask those members who promptly renew each year to subsidize the cost of those who do not. I would like to suggest that all members who have difficulty remembering to renew (your renewal date is printed on the envelope of every issue of *The Circuit*) either renew early or renew for the maximum three years at a time. There is no restriction on early renewals and it would save you any chance of incurring extra fees.

The ISWSC continues to be featured in the pages and letter to the editors of *Linn's Stamp News*! This has resulted in many inquiries from potential new members and many returns of completed applications. I welcome our new members and hope they find their memberships as worthwhile as I have! I encourage all of our new members (and long time members also) to try out the many services offered by our society. I am particularly referring to the Omni Exchange, Sales Circuit, Swap Circuit and Auctions. I have participated in many such programs from a variety of organizations, and I can attest to the fact that this society's version are impossible to beat!

We have an election coming up this fall and are calling for nominations/candidates for a variety of positions. The future of the ISWSC depends on the willingness of the members to serve as officers and contribute their talents. I urge all of you to consider running for one of the open positions. We need you!

One of the ISWSC's greatest contributions to the hobby is our outreach program for young collectors, including our publication program. These position of VP for these programs is currently vacant due to

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Phone or send your questions to the appropriate volunteer. Please include a self addressed stamped envelope or an IRC for a reply.

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I Learned About Collecting From That

By Phil Atelist (#696)

Christopher Columbus, the intrepid sailor, set out to prove the world wasn't flat. For all you young folk, a bit of history: There once was an organization called the Flat Earth Society. It may very well still exist, although without as many members as years ago. Basic premise of the Society was that the earth was really flat, much like a phonograph record. Go far enough in one direction, and you'd fall off the edge!

We stamp collectors know all about "flat," but not as far as round objects are concerned. We want our stamps flat, since that's the way they are supposed to be. In some cases we will even place weight on them to flatten them.

I almost forgot the small box of stamps in albums that I picked up in Germany when I was stationed there in the U.S. Air Force. One of my many overseas assignments was at Wiesbaden during the Berlin Airlift. A fringe benefit of the assignment was the opportunity to travel into Berlin on occasion and to many other cities frequently.

Although I played the typical tourist many times, visiting Frankfurt, Munich, Erding and many other town and cities, my favorite spot was a town in the German Alps famous for have been host to the 1936 Olympic Winter Games. Garmisch-Partenkirchen is in one of the most beautiful "non-flat" places on this earth. The storybook houses, the centuries-old buildings, the history, the scenery, the food, the dr... enough.

On one of my visits I met a not-very-old German collector and we chatted about stamps and collecting. He was more advanced than I was in collecting and, fortunately, he spoke several languages including English. I was stuck with only English and my high school French. The latter didn't work very well even in France, but that's another tale.

I met Hermann on the train down from Munich when we shared a seat, a few cigarettes and a cup of coffee. After a few visits together he showed me some of his collection and offered to sell me a small box with some older albums and envelopes of stamps for a price that was more than just reasonable. I brought the box home with me and stored it in a trunk with many other things I didn't need at the time. That was 1948—a lifetime ago.

The trunk surfaced after I had retired in 1985 and the box wound up on a shelf for a while. When I opened

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Editor's Notes:

If you have sent an article to *The Circuit* and have not yet seen it in print, the reason may be that there were two missed issues between editors, and there is a small backlog of articles yet to be printed. Please be patient and I will try to get them all in. I usually send *The Circuit* to the printer one month before it comes out, as I have been requested to do

If you are sending an article to *The Circuit*, the very best method is to send it by email to me as regular text (preferred over attachment) at mmacleod@sault.com and, if there are pictures/graphics to be included, scan them and attach them to your email article. If that method is not available, please send article in printed form and/or on disk with legible name and member number.

Thank you!



Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership, \$10*

Youth membership (under 18), \$8*

Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence), \$17*

*=plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US \$

Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, 42 Maynard St., Rochester, NY 14615-2022 USA.

Advertising Policy: All ads dealing with philatelic concerns are acceptable. We reserve the right to edit out objectionable language. Advertisers are expected to respond to all inquiries, so be sure you can handle the responses before you offer to trade, buy or sell. If you have a bad result from answering an ad, contact the editor. We will try to resolve the conflict.

Display Rates (Camera Ready)* per insertion:
Full page, \$40**; Half page, \$20**;

Quarter page, \$10**; Per column inch, \$2.

*Camera Ready means ready to paste up or scan and print. Reductions and typesetting extra. **Discounts for three or more insertions of same ad. Yearly display rates available. Write to ISWSC past president Tom Fortunata (see p.2) for special rates.

Classified Rates per insertion: First 30 words, including name, address, and zip code are \$3. Additional words are 20 for \$1. NOTE: State abbreviations are one word. "PO Box 12345" is two words. Zip code is one word.

Make all checks payable to ISWSC in US funds.

Send copy to the Editor and payment to Tom Fortunata. Addresses are on page 2.

Auction Results

Auction # 19

Closed January 15, 1999

Lot #	High Bid	Winning Bid	Status & # of Bids										
1	14.00	14.00	S 8	37	15.00	10.00	S 9	71	34.00	16.00	S 8		
2	52.00	38.00	S 7	38	-	-	US 0	72	28.00	19.00	S 8		
3	32.00	32.00	S 6	39	-	-	R 0	73	26.00	22.00	S 2		
4	25.00	25.00	S 1	40	8.00	6.50	S 15	74	11.00	10.00	S 4		
5	32.00	32.00	S 4	41	-	-	R 0	75	30.00	30.00	US 6		
6	23.00	21.00	S 4	42	-	-	R 0	76	15.00	14.00	S 7		
7	34.00	32.00	S 9	43	15.00	15.00	S 1	77	4.50	4.50	S 9		
8	6.50	6.50	S 5	44	-	-	US 0	78	18.00	18.00	S 6		
9	-	-	US 0	45	-	-	R 0	79	20.00	11.00	S 7		
10	9.50	4.25	S 2	46	-	-	US 0	80	12.00	12.00	S 6		
11	3.50	3.50	S 1	47	-	-	US 0	81	68.00	52.00	S 8		
12	5.00	5.00	S 1	48	-	-	US 0	82	74.00	72.00	S 9		
13	10.00	8.50	S 2	49	-	-	US 0	83	20.00	12.00	S 4		
14	-	-	US 0	50	-	-	R 0	84	34.00	34.00	S 12		
15	50.00	50.00	S 5	51	-	-	R 0	84	34.00	34.00	S 12		
16	-	-	US 0	52	20.00	13.00	S 1	85	52.00	38.00	S 13		
17	13.00	9.00	S 3	53	-	-	R 0	86	46.00	46.00	S 15		
18	11.00	11.00	S 3	54	-	-	R 0	87	50.00	37.00	S 8		
19	-	-	US 0	55	9.50	8.00	S 4	88	35.00	21.00	S 11		
20	-	-	W	56	-	-	W	89	104.00	52.00	S 23		
21	19.00	18.00	S 15	57	-	-	R 0	90	38.00	28.00	US 20		
22	5.00	5.00	S 9	58	-	-	US 0	91	12.00	7.50	S 6		
23	21.00	21.00	S 6	59	38.00	34.00	S 8	92	12.00	11.00	S 7		
24	-	-	US 0	60	50.00	28.00	S 5	93	5.00	2.25	S 2		
25	18.00	18.00	S 2	61	-	-	R 0	94	-	-	W		
26	25.00	23.00	S 2	62	-	-	W	95	8.50	6.00	S 3		
27	-	-	US 0	63	100.00	90.00	S 4	96	35.00	32.00	S 8		
28	10.00	9.00	S 1	64	-	-	W	97	10.00	10.00	S 1		
29	13.00	12.00	S 1	65	-	-	R 0	98	-	-	W		
30	40.00	34.00	S 12	66	12.00	12.00	S 7	99	-	-	US 0		
31	17.00	17.00	S 1	67	-	-	R 0	100	100.00	92.00	S 14		
32	-	-	US 0	68	7.00	7.00	S 1						
33	-	-	US 0	69	21.00	20.00	S 6						
34	-	-	US 0	70	17.00	16.00	S 5						
35	-	-	US 0	71	34.00	16.00	S 8						
36	-	-	US 0	72	28.00	19.00	S 8						
				69	21.00	20.00	S 6						
				70	17.00	16.00	S 5						

Status

S = Sold
 US = Unsold
 W = Withdrawn
 R = Returned

Auction # 18 is finally finished and seller statements have been sent out. If you did not receive a seller's statement for your lots, please let me know, several pieces of correspondence have been returned for lack of a forwarding address. Auction #18 was plagued with delays caused by bad addresses, slow responses to billings, and several non-responses. Lots for upcoming auctions are always welcome.

Mail new lots to: George Land: 4024 Fairlands Drive; Pleasanton, CA 94588

The Paradox of Auction 19

by George Land (#241)

Auction 19 presented two faces: a major problem and some useful information. First, the problem: Columns were misaligned on 27 lots, resulting in minimum bid amounts

being printed as catalog values. The lot numbers so affected were: 3, 5, 11, 15, 20-22, 37, 40, 55-56, 59, 62, 64, 69, 74-75, 77-78, 80, 85-86, 90-92, 98, 100. We do not know why

this happened. It is seemingly random. Everett is attempting to prevent a recurrence. The computer printout showed no problems, But

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Use (& Misuse) of the ISWSC Roster

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

We hope you enjoyed receiving our much belated membership roster two months ago. It has been a few years since the last one was published, and hope you will use it often!

Note that this listing is for the use of ISWSC members to contact one another. It is not to be copied or in any way forwarded to non-ISWSC members. It is intended for individual rather than mass correspondences. We trust that it will not be abused within our ranks for purely business solicitation purposes. We invite any and all members to place ads in *The Circuit* to reach the widest circulation and circumvent any possible ill-will feelings with fellow members. Any abuse of the roster's content should be brought to the immediate attention of President Tony Zollo.

Fall Elections

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

It's nearly that time again to elect ISWSC officers for another two-year term. The September/October issue will feature elections for President, Vice President for Charitable Programs, Vice President for Public Relations, and Secretary.

Please contact the current office holder of the respective position you may be considering for more details. Serving as an officer is a great way of giving something back to the hobby and help your fellow ISWSC members.

Potential candidates must submit their names, a brief biography and list of qualifications to president Tony Zollo no later than June 30, 1999, for inclusion in the elections *Circuit* issue.

Show Your World-wide Pride!

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

BALPEX'99, a US national level stamp show taking place September 3-5 in Baltimore, Maryland, will be featuring the ISWSC and worldwide collecting in general throughout the three day event. Show chairman (and ISWSC member) Joe Foley has invited ISWSC members and others who collect the world to exhibit pages from their collection free of charge. The intent is to visually depict the various ways we collect worldwide stamps. Each entrant will be assigned a frame consisting of 16 8.5 by 11 inch pages explaining to show-goers their way of collecting. Those attending will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite amongst the displays and the winner will receive a nice prize. Contact Joe Foley or Tom Fortunato for an entry form, or visit the ISWSC web site for one online. Don't wait until the last minute to enter, as the deadline is July 3 and the number of entries will be limited!

ISWSC to Meet at Stampshow '99

by Tom Fortunato (#379)

Make plans now to attend Stampshow '99, scheduled for August 26-29 in Cleveland, Ohio. It's the annual show sponsored by the American Philatelic Society featuring over 100 dealers, seminars and exhibits. Arrangements are underway now for the ISWSC to meet sometime during the show, probably on Saturday or Sunday. Check the next issue of *The Circuit* for specifics. This will be your chance to meet some of the ISWSC officers in an open forum for all collectors.

New Swap Manager Needed

by Joan Roderick (#669)

Best get-well wishes go out to Bruce Glenn, who has undergone some rather serious surgery. He has had a difficult recovery, but each day is a little better.

Bruce is looking for someone to replace him as G-M SWAP Manager. If you have some time, this job is a lot of fun. It requires several hours per week, and it is almost essential that you have a typewriter or computer.

You can contact Bruce for particulars. He plans to stay active in ISWSC, perhaps in a different capacity. Now that you have the new roster, you will have Bruce's home address and e-mail address.



Balpex Info:

This note came via email from John Lyding — address: <perfinb@ccconline.net>

The following is a tentative list of meeting room assignments for BALPEX '99. Please send your requests as soon as possible.

Friday 9/3 — None

Saturday 9/4 —

9-10 AM — Scandinavian Collectors' Society Board Meeting
11AM-12:30 PM United Postal Stationary Society

1-2:30 PM Scandinavian Collectors' Society General Meeting

Sunday 9/5 — None

Room requests will be made in order in which they are received. PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP IN ORDER TO PERMIT PRINTING SCHEDULE IN THE PROGRAM.

John Lyding
PO BOX 3342
CROFTON, MD 21114



QUIZ: French Indian Ocean

By Robert C. Toole (#696)

The old French Empire had 12 stamp-issuing lands in the Indian Ocean. Seven were colonies, two became republics, and the others were a protectorate, post offices, or a possession.

They include the following:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| A. Anjouan | G. Malagasy |
| B. Comoro Islands | H. Mayotte |
| C. Diego Suarez | I. Moheli |
| D. Grand Comoro | J. Nossi-Be |
| E. Madagascar | K. Reunion |
| F. Madagascar, Offices in | L. Ste. Marie de Madagascar |

REUNION

- ___ 1. The island about 400 miles east of Madagascar was a colony that became an integral part (department) of the French Republic in 1946. The colony issued new stamps in 1852-1974, when stamps of France replaced those inscribed or overprinted "CFA."

MADAGASCAR

- ___ 2. The island off the northwest coast of Madagascar was a protectorate. It had new stamps in 1889-94.
- ___ 3. The large island off the coast of southeastern Africa had French post offices with new stamps in 1889-96.
- ___ 4. The town and naval base at the northern end of Madagascar was a separate colony and issued its own new stamps in 1890-94.
- ___ 5. The island and possession off the east coast of

Madagascar had new stamps in 1894. It is now Nosy Baraha.

- ___ 6. The large island off the coast of southeastern Africa became a colony in 1896 and a republic in 1958. There were new stamps under this name in 1896-1957.
- ___ 7. The name of the republic is different from the old name of the colony. There have been new stamps since 1958.

COMORRO ISLANDS

- ___ 8. The island is one of the group in the Mozambique Channel between Madagascar and Mozambique. The island was a colony that had its own new stamps in 1892-1912. It is 80 miles southeast of Grand Comoro.
- ___ 9. This island was also a colony and issued new stamps in 1892-1912. It is in the southeast part of the group.
- ___ 10. This island and colony had new stamps in 1897-1912.
- ___ 11. The island and colony in the western part issued new stamps in 1906-12.
- ___ 12. The volcanic archipelago became a territory in 1946 and an independent republic in 1975, except for Mayotte, which remained French. There have been new stamps since 1950.

ANSWERS: 1-K; 2-J; 3-F; 4-C; 5-L; 6-E; 7-G; 8-A; 9-H; 10-D; 11-I; 12-B
SCORES: 11-12, A; 9-10, B; 7-8, C; 5-6, D; 3-4, E; 0-2, F

"Paradox..." continued from page 4:

the disk sent to Marian for printing was apparently flawed. Since these lots did not show minimum bids, some had to be withdrawn when the minimums were not realized. They will be re-entered without penalty.

But I learned some things about the usefulness of minimum bids that I had not realized. During the years I have been involved with the auction, I have wished we could do away with printed minimums. Some

members have criticized the practice as: "Here is what I will sell this for, but you can pay more if you like." I am now convinced that it is often useful to print minimums. The membership would be astounded to see what some bidders offered for various lots, listed above. Such a waste of time for bidders to offer a dollar or two for lots worth 50 times that much! (This is the reason for Rule 7, regarding unreasonable bids.) With

the normal printing of minimum bids, the quantity of ridiculous bids is held to a minimum.

Also, my apologies for not clearly stating whom to send bids to. I will try to correct that for the next auction. A reminder that the new Board policy is now in effect. Unsold lots are charged a fee, the lesser of \$2 or 5 percent of the minimum bid. Plus, each lot requires a minimum CV of \$10.



"I Learned..." continued from page 3:

it a few months ago I was appalled. All the mint items had been flattened into a single block of stamps. Not a prayer of getting even one of them loose without soaking the entire block.

The Lesson: Do not store any of

your stamps or their albums flat for more than a few days at a time. Stand them up and, from time to time, leaf through them. Let them take a breath of fresh air.

Be particularly careful when you mount stamps that there is an opening for air to get to them. And,

if you place a weight on your stamps to flatten them, take it off after no more than a few days.

Today's glues, particularly PVA adhesives, can remain in stamp papers long after a soaking.

