

The Statue of Liberty Club Newsletter



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25th Year



This year marks the **25th Year of the founding of The Statue of Liberty Collectors' Club by Iris and Mort November in 1991**. On each of our three 2016 newsletters, we will feature this special cover page sticker. On the next newsletter – Volume 26, Issue No. 2 **Summer 2016** – we will

also be using this same logo as a **postage stamp...an immediate collector's item** for club members since it is a one-time postal usage.

Also included in the 2016 newsletters will be excerpts from the newsletters of initial years of the club. These newsletters were a **labor of love** by Iris November. As the club progressed, in those early years, Iris wrote about the letters and inquiries she received from new members and from the general public; all were responding to the ads placed by the club in strategic media sources and used to make the existence of the club known. As often as possible, the actual words of the newsletters will be used.

Not every article of every early newsletter will be excerpted. However, the club officers have a goal of linking the 'near complete' archive of newsletters to the club's redesigned website; 'near complete' is defined as leaving the last three newsletters (one year of newsletters) off the online archives thereby giving club members first access to all information and offers contained in these newsletters. When a new newsletter is released to the membership, the one-year-old version of the issue will be added to the online archive, i.e. when the new Spring issue is mailed to members, the prior Spring issue will be posted in the online archives.

Addresses and phone numbers will not be posted and will be redacted from online issues. Information contained in the archive of newsletters is at least 1-year old and should be considered 'stale' if intended use is for purchase/sale of an item.

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Excerpts from Early Club Newsletters

Vol. 1 No. 1 **4 pages** **Fall 1991**

WELCOME!

Here is the first of what we hope will be many issues of this special newsletter for collectors of Statue of Liberty memorabilia, and for others who love the Lady and want to know more about her. When the idea for a club with this purpose occurred to us, we had no idea if anyone else was "out there". We advertised in many antique oriented publications got a boost from Americana and Victorian Homes who printed our press release, and we waited. Much to our amazement and delight the letters began to arrive and now we have seventy potential members, ages ten to seventy-nine years, from sixteen states and Canada! The success of this undertaking will depend largely on the support, enthusiasm and participation of each of you. Spread the word about us to the undiscovered collectors. We now know you are out there!

Iris and Mort November

SHOPPING FOR TREASURES

It's amazing once you have established that you will collect items related to the Statue of Liberty your antenna activates, an electro-magnetic field surrounds you, and you set off for a flea market, antique show, garage sale or whatever, and items "jump" off the tables, shelves, grass, to find you! Sometimes the article is as small as a lapel pin, or as large as a 5 foot department store display. If you are very fortunate, you have a best friend with the same mystique, and she becomes your "picker" when you are elsewhere. ... ('Excerpts' continued on the next page)

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Excerpts from Early Club Newsletters (continued)

WHAT'S IT REALLY WORTH

Once you have a large collection of any special interest, people assume that you are an expert on the history, value, resale value, and repair of everything in your collection and also theirs! Nothing could be further from the truth. The more we read and travel the more we learn about all of the above, and we talk to lots of people—dealers, curators, shopkeepers, anyone with a common interest. Comparison and experience help too. ...

WANT TO BUY: Contained 4 items.

FOR SALE: Contained 7 items.

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6 pages

Winter 1992

WELCOME!

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Since our premier Newsletter was published in September we have been very busy. Twenty-five of our readers have become Club members, two hundred have written with compliments, suggestions, questions and encouragement. Thank You!

I have been interview on two radio talk shows, ...

Pass along this newsletter, or information about our club to your local papers, TV stations, radio stations, or send me addresses and I'll send out newsletters to them. Talk and write about your collection and interest in the Statue of Liberty to people in your area. Let me know about your success and interviews. I'll report them in our next newsletter. The more exposure we get, the more fans and collectors of Miss Liberty we'll find and attract to share with us in this exciting endeavor. Remember, the first of anything is the hardest to accomplish!

Iris and Mort November

YOU HAVE ASKED

1. Where to buy Christmas/Seasons Greetings cards with Miss Liberty on them?
2. Where to order address labels with Miss Liberty on them?

Meet some of our members—write a note to them in care of me and I'll forward it.

[ED: Contained a paragraph, each, on 5 members.]

WANT TO BUY: Contained 5 items.

FOR SALE: Contained 17 items.

FRENCH LETTER:

[ED: Letter dated 16 September 1991, in French, from J.-M. Schmitt, the then Curator of the Bartholdi Museum in Colmar.]

S.L.C.C. UPDATE-

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Last November we traveled to N.Y.C to attend the Stella Antique Show, ... [ED: Stella shows still exist in the East & Southeast of the U.S.; see URL #1]

The consensus is that our \$2 donation from our dues should be directed to the enhancement of the visitor's experience at the Statue, such as maintaining exhibits, expanding the interpreter's programs, plus implementing

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other projects as they come up. [ED: The club's officers support this early goal and will open a dialogue with the NPS at the National Monument to see how we can enhance the proposed new visitor's center on Liberty Island...on an on-going basis.]

Vol. 1 No. 3

8 pages

Spring 1992

WELCOME!

Due to the exciting amount of articles for this issue, my welcome will be short. Our Club now has 40 members, and a mailing list of 350! We are growing. I have given an interview to a New York newspaper, and Mort and I are speaking this summer at Chautauqua, N.Y., and in the Fall, in Cleveland. We receive requests for the Newsletter daily and our goal is to reach 100 members, or 106 members, increasing every year Miss Liberty ages a year – or am I reaching too high? This is a special group and you are the special people! Thanks for the support!

Iris and Mort November

[ED: In 2016, Miss Liberty will celebrate 130 years in New York Harbor; reaching Iris' membership goal of 130 members means we need 11 new members this year.]

DID YOU KNOW...

From June 30 to July 6, 1949, the Boy Scouts of America held their fortieth anniversary Jamboree. Their motto was "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty". To commemorate this occasion, eight foot copper replicas of the Statue of Liberty on 9' pedestals were placed in public squares and other prominent locations throughout the Nation. The inscription on the base of each Statue was "With the faith and courage of their forefathers who made possible the freedom of these United States, the Boy Scouts of America dedicate this replica of the Statue of Liberty as a pledge of everlasting fidelity." The call to Dedication states "... every man who leads a Scouting Unit ... is making a profound contribution to the preservation of America and to Strengthening the Arm of Liberty throughout the world." (Research done by member Nancy Warner who reports her local statue stands in Kiwanis Lake, York, PA)

FEATURE ARTICLE – The Anson Hanukkiah

[ED: Iris' account of her December 1991 auction purchase, at the Swann Gallery in New York, of the Manfred Anson Hanukkiah (Hanukah Menorah) and a picture of the proud new owner and her treasure.

Also accounts of the initial between Manfred and Judy Anson and Iris and Mort November – a friendship that continues although Manny and Mort have passed.]

WANT TO BUY: Contained 7 items.

FOR SALE: Contained 10 items.

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

[ED: A letter dated March 11, 1992 from New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins thanking Iris for the "fascinating newsletter" and indicating "I share your passion for Lady Liberty and the freedom she represents."]

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LOVELY LADY

[ED: A 1986 poem by Patrick Beary, a New York City administrative law judge, on the 100th anniversary of Liberty's dedication but often referred to as a 'birthday'.]



From Iris November

Cannot believe how mild our winter in Cleveland has been. No complaints, though.

Have you noticed how often the image of our Lady is being used in commercials-- Liberty Insurance for one-- and political ads in newspapers? I always hold my breath for fear it will be an ugly image or outrageous message, as has happened in the past. I urge you all to be diligent and if you see something offensive, report it or complain about it. Some years ago a toy manufacturer produced an action toy

that had the head of Miss Liberty as part of a terrorist plot, and they blew her head off! It was a horrible toy. We all wrote letters and the newspapers got involved, and that toy was pulled from the shelves! You can make a difference.

Because I wanted to do something special to honor my Mort for the over 30 community projects we were involved in, I started asking our friends what would they suggest.

We have come up with "**The 12 Months of November**"-- makes you smile doesn't it! We have asked many of the organizations involved to include in their planned events from September, 2016 to August, 2017, an opportunity to show their appreciation to Mort for his support. We will fill the year with these events, and whatever funds are raised will go directly to that organization-- a win-win situation. So far, we have had great excitement and lots of participation planned. We've asked our city of Beachwood to name a street, "Mort November's Way", and in our Beachwood Library, all of Mort's joke books will be part of a permanent humor display, and dedicated in April, 2017, which is National Humor Month. Wouldn't that please Mort?!! Will keep you all in the loop as this plan progresses.

Cleveland will be in the news a lot next summer, with the RNC Convention in July. Not going to be my favorite time to be here. But you will get a chance to see our great city due to the coverage on TV. I really love all the good things about Cleveland. Just remember-- vote in the primaries, and I'll keep reminding everyone I know to register to vote-- and VOTE!

All good thoughts.

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Love, Iris



From the President

The 25th anniversary year of the SLCC/SLC sort of snuck up on us ... time does fly when having a good time with friends.

Nancy Sherman Highlighted

During our 2015 meeting in New York City, **Nancy Sherman** provided us with copies of the very detailed article written about her and her

Liberty collection. Nancy collects the not-so-common pieces of various artistic media; pictures of Nancy's home with her collection were amazing. Nearly 5 months later and I did find most of the article and pictures. Try to follow

URL #2.

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Revised Statue of Liberty Club Website

One of **Brian Snyder's** many volunteer functions for the club is webmaster of our website. We have discussed improvements to the website from time-to-time and we want the website to be a fantastic web view of the club to all who Internet-search for Statue of Liberty information. Brian recently began a complete re-write, and other hosting changes, to our website and I think it is a success.

In addition to the easier-to-maintain interface, we now have a 'marketplace' where members can submit details and pictures of Liberty items they have for sale. Brian is introducing the new website in this newsletter and deserves our look into the new structure and usage. Please provide feedback to Brian on what your observations are.

THANKS Brian for the re-write and improvement efforts.

2016 Calendar and the August Lapère Wood Carving Print

In July 2014 I received an email from someone I did not know offering a print, from an August Lapère wood carving, of a Statue of Liberty. The seller, located in Ohio, indicated he had contacted Iris November who was not adding to her collection and suggested he contact me to find a possible buyer. I was immediately interested in the print and contacted the Bartholdi Museum to determine if they owned a copy of the print. Curator **Isabelle Brautigam** responded that they only had a grainy photocopy from a book. At the time of the initial email contact, I was a few weeks away from flying to Europe for 4 weeks in France and the Benelux countries. I started 'negotiations' and quickly came to agreement but did not receive the print in time to take it to France -- my plan was to donate it to the Bartholdi Museum.

Upon returning from the European trip I was able to evaluate the print closer and immediately determine I would use it as the visual basis for my 2016 calendar to club members, but still planning to donate the print to the Museum.

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Prior to the club's October 2015 meeting I asked **Laurent Ghesquière** to take the print back to France after the club meeting – I still had not come up with a way to be in France and was prepared to ask Laurent to represent me at a donation ceremony.

THEN, I received word from **Christian Meyer** that he was getting married in June 2016 and to look for an invitation in the mail. So, I decided to make plans for a trip to France in early June 2016. I will visit 4 American Military Cemeteries in France that I did not visit in 2014, go to Colmar to make the formal donation on **June 9** then the wedding which, according to Christian, is very close to Colmar.

I will invite and am hoping I can get the French members to attend the event at the Bartholdi Museum. I'll get pictures and report on my activities in the July newsletter.

Adela French Reports

Adela French sent a note to indicate she is still somewhat restricted with "back problems", but wants to finish a book she started about Emma Lazarus and will send a book report to the newsletter. Adela included information about the local quarry in Stony Creek, CT which is the source of granite for the pedestal that Liberty stands on.

Terrorists Attacks in Paris

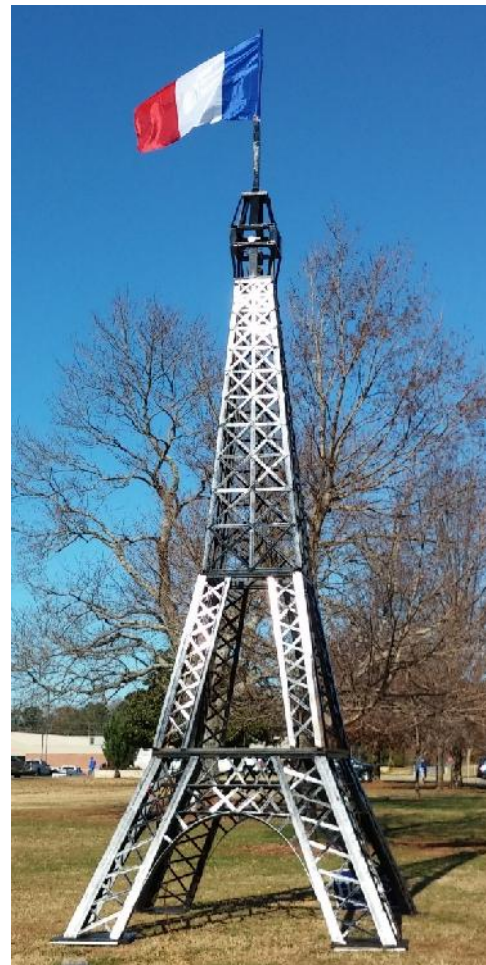
On November 13, 2015 terrorists struck at multiple location in Paris killing 130 and injuring over 350 innocent people.



The civilized world immediately condemned the senseless actions and offer whatever support deemed necessary by the French government. Here in the United States we watched as French and Belgium authorities took action to identify and apprehend suspect – some who chose death rather than face a legal system. The sentiment of sorrow and support was expressed in so many ways throughout the world. The hand drawn picture on the column to the left is a simple but effective graphic that expresses best, the sentiment of our club; **Brian Snyder** found and submitted the graphic.

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Weeks prior to the attacks, Cherokee High School in Georgia picked a yearly project for the welding class and unveiled the results at the end of November. I was very proud of the high schoolers, including the high school French class that donated the flag, and sent this image to our French members. The students who fabricated the tower and donated the flag are 14-18 years old.



Cherish Our Liberty.

Vince Swift



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From The Vice President

The Club’s website, www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com, has been upgraded to an easier to view and manage format for 2016. With the goal of ease of use for the viewer and the management team we have

moved to a WordPress format (aka Content Management System) which delivers optimal cross platform viewing. Whether it’s an iPad, tablet, smart phone, Android device, or personal computer, it’s viewable across multiple platforms in the format it was intended to be seen. Looking at the new site, you will see some familiar sections, **Home, Join the Club, Club Meetings, Collect, Facebook, Facts & Figures, Visiting, Statue History, and Officers.** They have been cleaned up, simplified, reformatted, or reworked. A few new sections were included in the update too.

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Marketplace has been upgraded to a “list your item(s) for sale or trade” and is open to club members and the public. Simply click on **Marketplace** and then **Add** to list your item for sale into one of the 5 categories. It’s limited to Statue of Liberty related items, image of item should be included, and adds are **posted free of charge for 90 days.** If it doesn’t sell, repost again for free. The seller and buyer handle all the money whether PayPal or cashier’s check is used. Shipping location and terms should be listed on the advertisement. Since this forum is free of charge, there is no hidden fee or “cut” taken from transactions. Have something to sell or trade, give it a try. As the seller, once registered (free also), you can manage multiple listings from the dashboard.

The other addition to the new site is a Facebook feed related to the Statue of Liberty. The newest listings from each; the National Park Service at Liberty Monument, Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation, the Statue of Liberty Gift Store, and the Club’s page. All the main statue info from Facebook in one location!

While making site changes we went to a different web hosting provider that saves us a few dollars while giving us the consistent up-time we have enjoyed over the past 20 years.

While you look around the Club’s new site you will also see our green-on-silver 25th Year celebration badge on each

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page. Throughout 2016 you will see this on our newsletters and website. **Twenty-five years!**



Classified Ads

For Sale: Members can purchase this 7”X15” poster through member **Francine Grillo** for \$20 plus shipping; for more information, contact Francine at mybarandgrillo@gmail.com



Want to Buy/Trade: here is an email from member **Dale Dwyer** reaching out to other members interested in postage stamps with the Statue of Liberty:

Hello Follow Statue of Liberty Collector. I collect SOL on stamps from around the World. I would like to trade / buy with fellow members who collect SOL on Stamps. I have been specializing in collecting the first county to issue the SOL on a stamp, which is Uruguay in 1919. But still need other SOL issues from around the world. I would like to hear what your needs might be, were we could trade or buy.

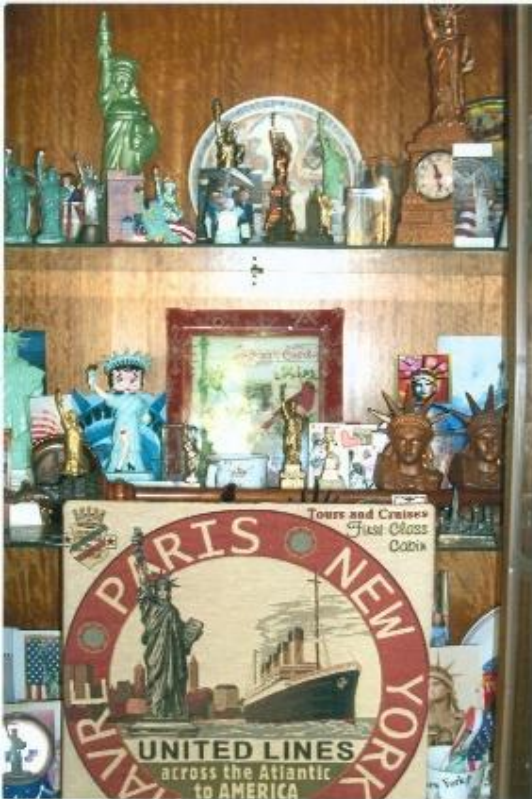
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[From Vince Swift: While in Florida I had the pleasure of visiting **Jean and Bob Weaver** at their new residence in John Know Village, Orange City FL. I mentioned Dale’s stamp collecting request to Bob who has been a serious stamp collector for many years – one could always find stamps for sale when Jean and Bob attended the club’s New York City

meeting. Bob let me copy his 7-page list of world countries that have issued a stamp containing all, or a portion of, the Statue of Liberty. The list is copyrighted by the American Topical Association and identified as 'ATA Checklist 696'; if someone wants a copy, please send me a request – SASE is even better. Thanks Jean and Bob for your continuing support of and contributions to our club.]

[ED: Future **Classified Ads** should be posted on the **Marketplace** page of the club's redesigned website. Club members who have items for sale but who do not have the computer tools, or skills, to post the item can reach out to any club officer for assistance.]

Liberty Sightings



In Annette Schabowski's home.



Submitted by Iris' granddaughter, Holland, on a visit to Amsterdam during their Festival of Lights.

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■ **Berwick** Once reproduction of the Statue of Liberty after the campaign launched by the American Boy Scouts in 1950. It was inaugurated in 1951. It is located on the lawn of the Mansion Jackson at 344 Market Street in Berwick, Pennsylvania. It is perched on a pedestal pretty model, which is rare, stone, cubic. It is rather well preserved.

Berwick, PA

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Joan Adelman
 Ronald Cutadean
 Marjorie Dougan
 Adela French
 Kitty Gustafson
 Asher Hetrick, Jr
 Naomi Hills
 Peter B. Kaplan
 Carol & Jon Kring
 Tom Lofton
 Gail & Alan Marder
 Nancy Martinez
 Dave McCutcheon

Christian Meyer
 Marian Michalski
 Gilbert & Micky Miclo
 Harry Misuriello
 Karen Mock
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 Iris November

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2 New Members ... Welcome!

Joseph Bellows – Joined November 2015

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Elsie Jane Van Cott – Joined November 2015

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Address correction:

Adela French

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Monique & Jean Wiart

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Join the Club or Renew Your Membership Online!

\$23 Annual Membership Dues (U.S.)

\$25 Annual Membership Dues (International)

SLC members can renew their annual memberships, or new members can join, using a credit card or PayPal account from the club's web site at

www.StatueOfLibertyClub.com/join/

Using online renewal will send your payment electronically to the SLC credit union account.

Members, new and renewing, will receive an electronic confirmation of their payment transaction. A paper application can be found on the above webpage.

The application contains a mailing address.



Another 'Liberty Sighting' ... on Vince's Grandson Mason Louis Swift (3 ½ yrs) wearing a T-shirt gifted by Stephanie Holman.



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| 1 | https://stellashows.com/ | |
| 2 | http://www.newsday.com/lifestyle/retirement/nancy-sherman-of-bay-shore-fills-her-home-with-statue-of-liberty-memorabilia-1.10820714 | |
| | www.TheStatueOfLibertyMuseumStoreOnline.com | |
| | Moreno ~ Statue Of Liberty: Wonder of the World ~ Museum Store Item # 3335 | |
| | Khan ~ Enlightening the World: The Creation of the Statue of Liberty ~ Museum Store Item # 3753 | |
| | Mitchell ~ Liberty's Torch: The Great Adventure to Build The Statue of Liberty ~ Museum Store Item # 4999 | |

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More Liberty Sightings



Liberty from 'Black Tom Island' in Jersey City, New Jersey, site of a July 1916 explosion that damaged Liberty's right arm; an act of sabotage by German agents to destroy American-made munitions that were to be supplied to the Allies in World War I



circa 1930 view from the Torch; note visitors in the crown



Lilburn, GA



Spotted at a Wal-Mart



Disney Hollywood Studios, Orlando FL



Spotted at the 2015 meeting

Google celebrates the 130th anniversary of the French delivering Liberty to New York

