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PRESS RELEASE

Unrivalled display of Sweden shown to the Royal

The members of The Royal Philatelic Society London were overwhelmed by the unrivalled display of Classic Sweden given by Gustaf Douglas to the society on 31 October. This truly unique display is described as 'The Golden Collection of Swedish Philately', and fully deserves that title, with its superb mint and used stamps, many blocks, proofs and trials, and examples of usage on cover.

Several items in the collection are unique, but none captures the imagination more than the 3 Skilling Banco yellow, the so-called error of colour. In fact, it is an error of value, a 3 Skilling Banco cliché having been inserted by mistake into the forme to print the sheet of 100 of the 8 Skilling Banco in yellow. Just the one example has ever been found, discovered, when he was 14, by Georg Wilhelm Backman on a letter sent to his grandmother. He sold it in January 1886 to stamp dealer, Heinrich Lichtenstein.



Jonas Hällström (left) with Gustaf Douglas, holding the book given to members who were overwhelmed by the display.

In replying to Chris King, President of The Royal Philatelic Society London, who praised Gustaf for his enthusiasm, Gustaf acknowledged the help he has received from so many over the years.

A magnificent reminder of the display was presented to members attending, in the form of a 140-page hardbound book detailing and illustrating in colour the material that had been shown. The book was edited by Jonas Hällström.

Those wishing to visit The Royal Philatelic Society London at 41 Devonshire Place, London W1G 6JY, or be a guest at one of its meetings, are asked to contact in advance the Administrative Office on 020 7486 1044.

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