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## Meeting Calendar for First Quarter 2026

January 2026	February 2026	March 2026
<b>2 NO MEETING – NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	<b>6 BOG Meeting, Show and Tell</b>	<b>6 BOG Meeting, Show and Tell</b>
<b>9 BOG Meeting, Show and Tell</b>	<b>13 NO MEETING – PRESIDENTS DAY</b>	<b>13 Club Auction – Guests Welcome</b>
<b>16 NO MEETING – MLK DAY</b>	<b>20 Club Auction – Guests Welcome</b>	<b>20 Bourse – Guests Welcome</b>
<b>23 Club Auction – Guests Welcome</b>	<b>27 Bourse – Guests Welcome</b>	<b>27 Bourse – Stamp Program</b>
<b>30 Bourse – Guests Welcome</b>		

All meetings are held at the MacArthur Park Lutheran Church, 2903 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX, 78217 in Building 1, which faces Nacogdoches Rd. Doors open at 6:30 PM, BOG meetings begin at 7:15, and all other meetings begin at 7:30.

## New Editor

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jim Durham and philately is my passion in life. I have been a serious stamp collector for over 60 years or almost half as long as SAPA has existed. I have been a member of SAPA for only 1½ years, but I should have joined 20 years ago when I moved here from Fort Collins, Colorado. Before that I lived in Richland, Washington where, for about

12 years, I was the editor of *The Triangle*, the newsletter of the Tri-Cities Stamp Club. I am honored to be *The Philatex* editor. I hope to bring some positive changes to *The Philatex* during the next months. It is my goal to make the newsletter a little more educational, fun, and informative. I will welcome any and all of your comments and suggestions at: jsdurham4@gmail.com.

## Stamp News:

### USPS Provides Sneak Peek at 2026 Stamps

On Wednesday, October 29, the USPS announced many of the stamps that will be issued during 2026. The Postal Service underscored its “commitment to celebrating the artistry and storytelling that make stamps so special. Each stamp is a work of art – an entryway into a larger story that connects people, places, and moments in history.” The Postal Service that the new issues will “inspire and excite collectors and admirers alike.” To view the entire article, including images, click, copy and paste, or type:

<https://info.mysticstamp.com/learn/u-s-postal-service-provides-sneak-peek-at-2026-stamps/>

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## Upcoming TSDA Shows

Hours for all TSDA shows are  
Friday 10 – 5 and Saturday 9 – 4

**Jan 9-10 Houston**

Houston TSDA, Hilton Garden Inn  
– Energy Corridor, 12245 Katy  
Freeway (I-10 and Dairy Ashford  
Exit), Houston, TX, 77079.

**April 10-11 Dallas**

Dallas TSDA, Holiday Inn &  
Suites, 3220 Craig Drive,  
McKinney, TX, 75070.

**April 17-18 Houston**

Houston TSDA, Hilton Garden Inn  
– Energy Corridor, 12245 Katy  
Freeway (I-10 and Dairy Ashford  
Exit), Houston, TX, 77079.

**The San Antonio and South Texas Postcard Club** meets on the third Monday of each month at the Granados Adult and Senior Center, 500 West Freiling, San Antonio. Gather at 6:00, meetings start at 6:30.