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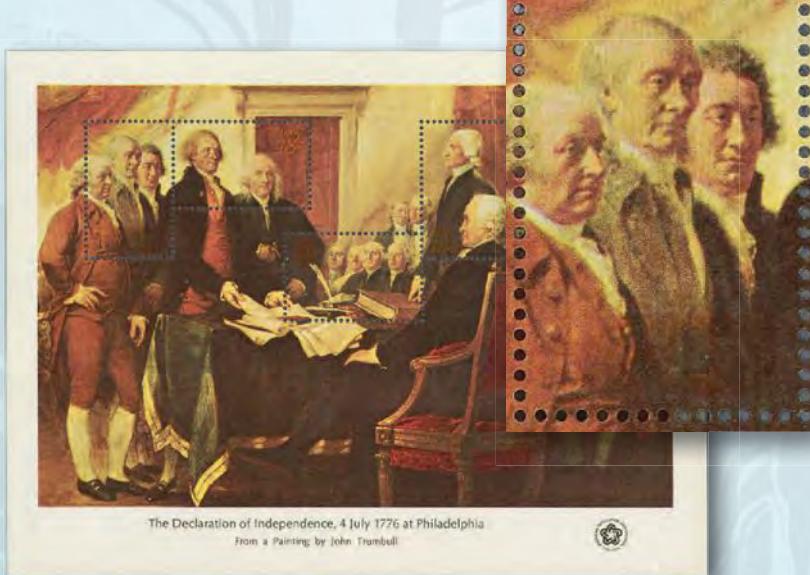


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A Smart and Positive Voice

Mick Zais Shared His Enthusiasm for Hobby Through His Leadership

Mitchell “Mick” Zais resigned as president of the American Philatelic Society May 17 to be sworn in as the Deputy Secretary of Education for the administration of President Donald Trump.

“It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that I submit my resignation as your president,” Zais wrote in his letter to the APS Board of Directors and Executive Director Scott English. He resigned to comply with the White House ethics policy that requires all confirmed presidential appointees to “resign from all boards and positions of employment.”

Zais was elected president by the APS in 2016, taking office at StampShow in August 2016 in Portland, Oregon. He had previously served as vice president from 2013 to 2016. Zais was the society’s 46th president, a formidable line that began with John K. Tiffany and the society’s founding in 1886.

Zais, now serving under Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, began work immediately. As a farewell, we are offering a few highlights of Zais’ tenure and the very open and enjoyable columns that he’s penned over the past 22 months. He wrote about everything from hard-working volunteers to local stamp clubs and events; from the trials and successes of exhibiting his beloved collection focused on the West Point commemorative of 1937; to keeping the hobby and APS vital in the future. His underlying message was always positive and supportive of philately and to be informative to APS membership.

Here are some highlights:

December 2016 – “Local clubs across the country are the heart of our hobby,” writes Mick in a column about stamp clubs. “They kindle enthusiasm for stamp collecting; they are where bonds of friendships around common interests are strengthened.”

March 2017 – Mick, who has been to 49 foreign countries, writes about the importance of the United States’ many flag stamps as *The American Philatelist* publishes the speech he made at the first-day ceremony for a new Flag stamp. “Old Glory ... is the most recognized symbol of freedom and democracy in the world. It has flown free over American soil for 240 years. ... Its history is the story of America itself.”

April 2017 – Mick writes about producing his first competitive exhibit. “There are lots of reasons for exhibiting. Winning top awards is probably the least sensible; a far more important reason is to share parts of your collection with others ...”

May 2017 – Mick addresses the society’s tradition of raising money on the strength of dedicated volunteers. “Most nonprofit organizations like the APS have permanent, full-time staffs dedicated to raising charitable contributions. (The

APS does not.) ... Fundraising has been amazingly successful.”

June 2017 – Mick, showing how action is needed to sustain the hobby, writes about how he’s recruiting his brother’s grandchildren into the world of philately. “The first thing I did ... was to design and prepare about 10 different first-day covers (for each of them.) ... I presented each with a cover album and a stock book. We sat at the dining room table while I explained what a FDC was (and) all the information that was contained on it ...”

July 2017 (special Canada issue) – Mick shows six covers from his collection, all linked between the U.S. and Canada. “Covers such as these ... demonstrate the enduring ties of friendship between these two great nations.”

September 2017 – Mick offers a list of concrete tasks members can take on to promote National Stamp Collecting Month in October. These include active projects and engaging with art museums, veterinarians, the post office, library and schools. “Again, tell viewers where to get additional information about stamp collecting.”

October 2017 – Mick profiles a member originally from Guyana who twice a year returns to her homeland to “spread the gospel of philately among children.”

Based on his career and leadership experience, it was no surprise that the president tapped Zais for his new position.

Zais, 71, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a bachelor’s degree in engineering, and later earned a master’s degree (social psychology) and doctorate (organizational behavior) from the University of Washington. He also holds a master’s degree, in military history, from the School of Advance Military Studies.

His Army career was long and highly decorated, with service everywhere from Vietnam and Korea to Kuwait to Kosovo and the Pentagon, before he retired as a brigadier general. He served as president of Newberry College (South Carolina 2000-2010) and was elected as superintendent of South Carolina schools in 2010, serving one term.

We’ll let Mick have the final word today with the following paragraph from his resignation letter to the APS:

“It has been my honor to serve as a member of the APS board for the past five years. During that time I’ve had the pleasure of working with wonderful people who share my passion for and fascination with the vast field of philately. I will miss not being an integral part of that collegial community during my time in public office.”

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THE PHILATELIC EXPERIENCE

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Destination: Middle Earth Preparing for the StampShow/NTSS Experience

One of the most enduring lines from the movie *Wizard of Oz* is when Dorothy says to her dog, "Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore." And, if you have attended StampShow in previous years, you may get that feeling when you arrive at StampShow/NTSS in Columbus, Ohio.

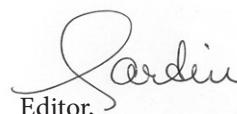
In keeping with the goal of developing a broader philatelic experience, the show this year will be different in several aspects. Now, don't worry. The bourse will be there, the exhibits will be there, and the friends and activities you've come to expect will all be there to continue the traditions and renew your passion. What we're changing is the way we introduce the hobby to casual collectors and stamp enthusiasts.



By now (hopefully) you have noticed a strong and pronounced theme for StampShow/NTSS. "Here Be Dragons" ties together a common subject for topical collectors, the new stamps scheduled for release at the show, and an icon of popular culture. Beginning several years ago with the *Lord of the Rings* movie franchise, and continuing now with popular television programs like *Game of Thrones*, dragons and the lore of medieval fantasy have developed a strong following across important segments of our society. The inclusion of these elements in StampShow/NTSS is not about watering down philately, as some might suggest; it is about appealing to modern culture through what can be found in our hobby. It also provides a platform for introducing the range of possibilities with topical collecting.

As I write these words, many of the plans are still coming together. I hesitate to commit to details so far in advance, but if everything falls into place, StampShow will do more to attract the general public than any event we've ever undertaken. Using new tools for media monitoring and outreach, we intend to attract the attention of local media on a whole new scale. The show floor will have activities and experiences to rival the best commercial trade shows. The U.S. Postal Service has committed to an incredible event presence starting with the first day ceremony and carrying through to a virtual reality experience at its booth. Several participating societies and study groups are coloring outside the lines – turning ideas into actions that will be remembered for years to come. Who knows, maybe we can even convince that flowered shirt crew to trade in their Hawaiian garb for tunics of chainmail.

In all seriousness, StampShow/NTSS will be an experience to behold. Not just because we say so, but because so many are working to make it so. We all know the urgency of growth for the hobby and there are ideas galore for addressing this need. What we must understand is that the ideas with the greatest impact and the actions required to get us where we must go may leave us feeling like we're not in Kansas anymore.


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Former Collector Finds Best Way To Sell is Through the APS

I just read the sad letter in the April edition about a collector selling a good collection, but not getting value for the material. I say "sad" because since he is an APS member it didn't have to be that way.

I am the third generation of my collection and when I turned 65 (a decade ago), I verified that neither my son nor my grandson had any interest in my collection. So just like that fellow, I started with the dealer route. I got what I felt was a minimally fair offer for my U.S. revenues (which I accepted). Other dealers advertising in the APS journal did not want to even see my good stuff. Then I decided to try both APS circuit books and APS online sales. Over the last 10 years I have sold 154 better stamps through StampStore and have sent in 181 circuit books; stamps cataloging less than \$1 get donated locally.

Back in 2008 I would have lump-sold my entire collection for \$15,000 based on very similar criteria to the other writer. But I am sure glad that I didn't get such an offer for two big reasons. First, I have actually had as much fun for the last 10 years preparing my collection for circuit books and store sales as I did collecting the stamps to begin with. Second, my net receipts so far exceed \$40,000. Yes, I had many stamps expertized by APS and got bad news on a quarter of those, due either to unnoticed modifications (all such bad eggs were donated to the APS Reference Collection to get them out of circulation) or to their being the cheap variety and not the expensive one (which then went into circuit books with the certificates for the amusement of the buyers). I have another batch of circuit books ready to send to APS and maybe 15 percent of my original collection (though mostly cheaper stuff) left to process.

Thank you APS for extending my personal fun by letting me switch from collecting to selling.

David G. Ball

North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico

Settled About 900 Years Ago

Sr. Perez-Maldonado indeed is correct that the city of Vera Cruz, Mexico, was founded prior to the settlement of St. Augustine, Florida (*The AP*, Letters to the Editor, April 2018, p. 306). Neither of those cities, however, are the "first permanent settlement on the North American continent," as claimed. This description requires an additional adjective, i.e., European.

The oldest permanent and continuously occupied settlement in North America is the Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico,

west of Albuquerque. The Acoma people have lived at this site since about 1150, possibly earlier. An excellent reference is *Acoma: Pueblo in the Sky* by Ward Alan Minge and Simon Ortiz, University of New Mexico Press, 1991. There also are numerous Internet websites on the Acoma Pueblo.

This misidentification illustrates the common Eurocentric worldview of North Americans. *The AP* doesn't, I'm certain, have a wide readership — if any — among native peoples in the U.S. or other nations.

Allison Cusick

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

More Clarifications on German Death Letter

I am writing in regards to the Dr. Vogt letter discussed first in the March issue and the letters of reply in the May issue. There were some misconceptions in those letters that I would like to address.

Mr. Haimo is correct when he states that the death card was likely sent by the family of Dr. Vogt. Such cards are quite common and may be found on eBay. This custom of sending out such death notifications is maintained to this day in Germany.

However, the presence of the swastika on the medal (dated 1939, not 1940) is not an indication as to whether Dr. Vogt and his family were Nazis or not. It was the standard medal awarded (from 1939 to 1945) by the German military at that time, which, of course, was under Nazi rule. Many noted anti-Nazi officers were awarded this medal in World War II. Vogt's family would have been expected by the authorities to include the depiction of the medal in the death notice.

The enclosure, as Mr. Haimo notes, was certainly placed in the envelope after his death a year or so after the original letter was sent. Research in the German War Graves Commission records show that Dr. Vogt was buried in Kryvyyi Rih, Ukraine, but the burial location is currently unknown as most German military cemeteries on the Eastern Front were destroyed after the war by the Soviet Union.

While Mr. Salantri is correct that, sadly, many neo-Nazi groups use it as a symbol, a de-Nazified version, where an oak leaf replaces the swastika, is still permitted to be worn by holders. The German air force uses a version of it as the markings for its aircraft to this day. Nor did the writer of the original article compare the Iron Cross to the Purple Heart. He instead noted that Dr. Vogt had been awarded the Wound Medal, which is the military equivalent of our Purple Heart. No moral equivalence was implied.

I would also take issue with the thought that by discussing German philatelic history during the Third Reich that the APS is "promoting" in any way Nazi thoughts or beliefs. In-

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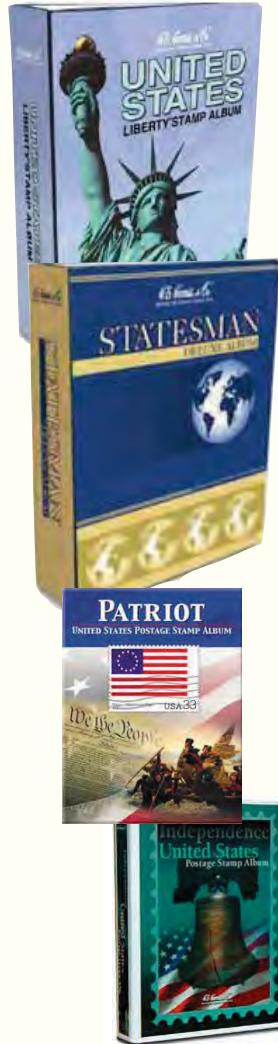
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stead, such discussion exposes them, in my opinion. Many highly respected philatelists write about, study, or exhibit this area of postal history. If we do not remember this horrific time in history, and study it, how can we then say "Never Again!"? As Santayana said, those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

Ken Gilbert

Columbus, Ohio

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Collection Started by Asking For Old Correspondence

Greg Doll's letter about new collectors in the April edition of *The American Philatelist* brought something to mind as far as my collecting history is concerned.

I started at about the age of 6 when I went into the attic of our house and found old letters my parents had written to each other before their marriage. Most envelopes had the then-current 2-cent regular issue on them, but a few did have commemoratives, which tweaked my interest. When I had some money I started buying 10- and 25-cent packets of stamps to be placed in a cheap album that I had purchased.

I later got a big break around 1950 when I was about 14 when I walked past the Los Angeles headquarters of the Prudential Life Insurance Company. Just out of curiosity I walked into the reception room and asked if they had any used stamps that I could have. The answer was "yes." Not only that, but I was told that I could come back for more. (That was before the days that the company used metered mail to any great extent.) Regularly, about once a week, I dropped by to pick up used stamped envelopes, often times with unusual denominations, such as 21, 22 and 24 cents. That went on for the entire summer and really did launch my stamp collecting hobby.

After that, I started making periodic visits to the Superior stamp store in Los Angeles to expand my then-only U.S. collection. So, these are a couple of ways to start in on the hobby. I have since lived in several countries (Japan, Germany and Iran among others.) Each time I have started another collection and learned a good deal about the country's history and culture as well.

Don McDaniel

University Place, Washington

Of Catalog Values and Pricing

I just finished reading the article by Wendi Masorti titled "Every Flaw Makes a Difference" in the May issue of *The American Philatelist*. There is, of course, good advice for sellers there regarding the sale of faulty stamps.

However, I do have a question. It is stated in the article that stamps without fault, and presumably in VF grade, would sell for around 50 percent to 60 percent of its catalog value. Why?

If that is common practice, why not simply drop the catalog value by, say, 40 percent so that buyers would know what to expect? It makes little sense to me that a catalog value should be a value for which no one will pay.

Any clarification of this consideration is welcome.

Lawrence R. Mead

Rochester Hills, Michigan

Editor's Note: Catalogs set a standard that can be used by collectors, sellers, auction houses and dealers. A general rule of thumb is that a catalog value is what a customer could expect to pay a dealer in a retail environment.

Good to Read About Success of YPLF

The article by David McKinney, looking back at Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship's 10 years of existence in the May edition of *The American Philatelist*, was good to read in that the effort has been sustained. What was even more encouraging is that the author continues his service as a leader in the United States Army. It is wonderful to see the post-9/11 generation take charge of this country in such positive ways.

Richard Ropiak

New York, New York

Balkan, Not Baltic

In the May issue of *The American Philatelist* you note that Slovenia recently released a lovely stamp of a decorated Easter egg to help celebrate the Easter season. You also mentioned that "Decorating Easter eggs is a long tradition, particularly among the Baltic countries." I'm sure that the Baltic nations do enjoy this tradition, but Slovenia is too far away to qualify as a Baltic country; I think it's in the Balkans.

Edward Yasuna

Harwich Port, Massachusetts



Who Were the WWI-Era Blue Devils?

I have just finished reading your May 2018 issue, and I cannot remember enjoying an edition of *The AP* more. The topic – the birth of airmail – is one that has always interested me, and every article and story you published was a gem. Thank you.

The article by Mark Reynolds Duhamel reminded me of a cover I used to own. It was mailed May 21, 1918, and inscribed "This letter came on the first flying machine from

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Washington." It was mailed from 2145 Decatur Place, a house that is now on the National Register of Historic Places, and named the Codman-Davis House.

I find the letter it contained interesting both for its mention of the early airmail usage, and for its content, which refers to the closing days of WWI. Its text, as nearly as I can make it out, is as follows:

Our greetings to you, dear friends, by the "Air Ship Mail Service," and soon, we shall see you. Dr. [Slomen?] is better, and he is working every day. We have been at Camp Meade, for you know his interest is in "Camp Sanitation," and he is trying to do his part. We have been at the Walter Reed Hospital, where many of our own American wounded are receiving good care. The Red Cross procession was inspiring. And the "Blue Devils" with the French commission have

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Perhaps your readers will enjoy seeing this cover and its letter. Better still, perhaps one of them can identify the sender, or, tell us who the "Blue Devils" were.

Bill Senkus

Concord, California

Editor's note: Mr. Senkus was a driving force behind the "Alphabetilately" exhibit, created by the San Francisco chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts. The exhibit of 26 cases showing aspects of philately was on display from 2008 to 2015 at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum and now resides at the American Philatelic Center.

You can visit his website at www.Alphabetilately.org.

Turning to Internet Was Best Solution to Sell

I am writing in response to the letter from Eric Adler in *The American Philatelist*. I, too, was faced with the need to sell my U.S. mint collection built over many years. It was comprised of 7,398 individual stamps, which originally cost me well more than \$7,000 by the time I decided to stop collecting in 2011 at the age of 81.

It was time to sell, and since no one in my immediate and extended family had any interest, I had three choices: sell outright to a dealer, have a dealer put it up for auction, or – the one I chose – sell it on eBay. (No offense to dealers, who strive to make a living, but they will typically buy collections for a relatively small percentage of what they can be sold for.)

It took me seven years, but I got back almost every cent I originally paid, with some losses and some unexpected gains, averaging it all out. Yes, I had help getting started, but once I mastered the process, it was smooth sailing, and almost as much fun as collecting was. I groaned when something didn't sell well, but I cheered when the big bids came in. I now have a feedback score of 734 and a pot full of praise from my happy buyers.

Take heart, fellow collectors. You too can sell on eBay for fun and profit. It just takes time and work.

Gordon Andersen

St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Zeppelin Cover Valued Part of Collection

I have been collecting stamps since I was 10 years old and am now 80. I have never lost interest; a gift from my dad.

In the spirit of the airmail issue. I thought that this item might be of interest. It flew on the Hindenburg's flight No. 43, as you will note, on September 26 to 29, 1936, from Frankfurt, Germany to Lakehurst, New Jersey.

The final, fatal, flight was in early May of the following year.

Jack Isaacson

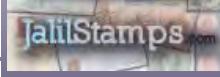
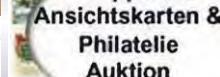
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Correction

A photo in Scott English's "Our Story" column in the June issue of *The American Philatelist* showed the 82-inch touch screen donated by AccuWeather to the APS. Four workers shown in the photo who delivered the screen are employed by AccuWeather.



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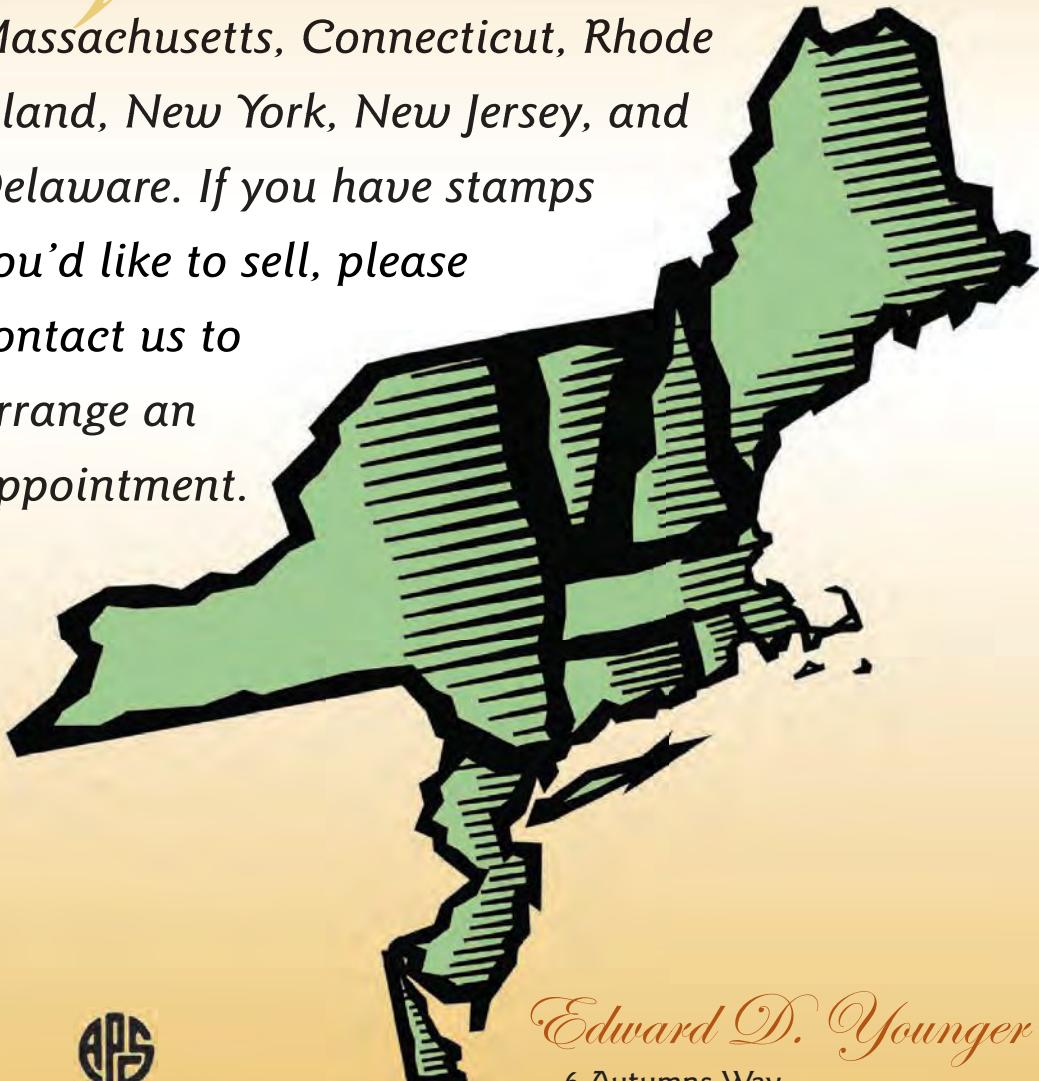


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Society Leadership Changes from Z to Z

Zais Resigns from Presidency; Zeigler Elected



Mick Zais

On May 17, Mick Zais resigned as president of the APS, one day after he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Deputy Secretary of Education. Zais was elected president by the APS membership in 2016, taking office at StampShow 2016 in Portland, Oregon. He had previously served as vice

president from 2013 to 2016. Mick's farewell column will be in this issue with his thoughts on leaving.

I had the pleasure of working for Mick when he served as South Carolina's State Superintendent of Schools from 2011 to 2015. He introduced me to philately when he placed bowls of stamps, tongs, and glassine envelopes around the offices of the Department of Education. He encouraged visitors, young and old, to spend some time digging through the stamps while he talked about the educational value of stamps. I even learned the proper way to open an envelope! I'd like to thank Mick for his service on the APS Board of Directors and wish him well in the next chapter!

Robert Zeigler Elected

As required by the bylaws, the APS Board of Directors met on May 23 to elect a board member to take over as president. Vice President Robert "Bob" Zeigler and Director-at-Large and Past President Dr. Peter P. McCann were nominated for the position. By a vote of 6-4, Zeigler was elected to complete the term ending in August 2019.



Robert "Bob" Zeigler

Zeigler, who hails from Indianapolis, Indiana is a life member of the APS, and has been a member since 1973. In 2016, Zeigler was elected vice president by the APS members, serving on the Board of Vice Presidents. He previously served on the APS Board of Directors as a director at-large from 2001 to 2003.

Outside of philately, Zeigler has been a trial attorney since 1980, with a focus on defending health care professionals and hospitals in malpractice lawsuits.

On the collecting side, Zeigler has specialized in collecting Switzerland for more than 40 years. He has served the society as a member of the Expert Committee for Switzerland for more than 30 years. In addition, Zeigler has served as a philatelic judge in more than 90 shows, often as chief judge. In 2009, the APS honored him with the Nicholas G. Carter Volunteer Award for National Service. Aside from service to the APS, Zeigler has served the hobby as past president of the Indiana Stamp Club, which annually sponsors Indypex, one of the national World Series of Philately shows. He has also held the office of president for the American Helvetia Philatelic Society (the Swiss specialists' organization), in which he is also a life member.

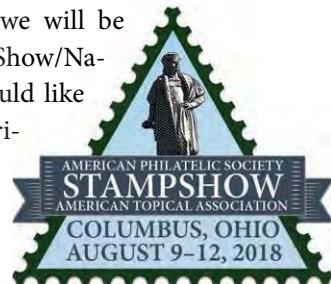
Bob will take over the journal's President's Column starting with the August issue of *The American Philatelist*. Our members will get to know Bob over the months ahead, but I have enjoyed working with him since he rejoined the board in 2016.

Board Vacancy

There still remains a vacancy on the board to be appointed by the president and approved by the board of directors. As of this column, the APS Board has scheduled to convene again so that an appointment can be confirmed. I will provide an introduction to the latest addition to the APS Board in the August issue of *The American Philatelist*.

StampShow/National Topical Stamp Show 2018

By the time you read this, we will be nearing the start of APS StampShow/National Topical Stamp Show. I would like to thank our friends at the American Topical Association for joining forces with the APS. The partnership has really energized our membership and the ATA membership, and we expect to see a great crowd in Columbus. The partnership is already moving well past the 2018 show, and in the next issue I will share more about where things are going. We hope to see you in Columbus and thank you for support.



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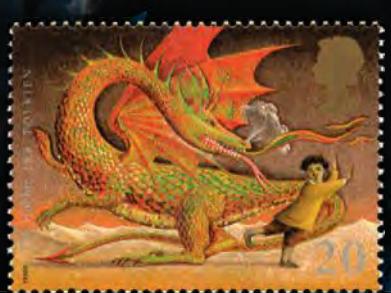


Figure 1. An illustration of the dragon Smaug attacking Bilbo Baggins in the novel *The Hobbit* is part of a set of Magical Worlds stamps issued in 1998.



Figure 2. Canada's Year of the Dragon stamp in 2000, Scott 1836.





"There he lay, a vast red-golden dragon, fast asleep; a thrumming coming from his jaws and nostrils, and wisps of smoke, but his fires were low in slumber. Beneath him, under all his limbs and his huge coiled tail, and about him on all sides stretching away across the unseen floors, lay countless piles of precious things, gold wrought and unwrought, gems and jewels, and silver red-stained in the ruddy light."

This paragraph, taken from J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, appeared on the cover of the June 1998 British Philatelic Bulletin as a way of introducing Royal Mail's Magical Worlds stamp set, designed by Peter Malone, to celebrate five hugely popular children's books. Going on sale July 21 of the same year, the 20p stamp, paying the basic inland and second class rates, featured Smaug the dragon scaring the bejeebers out of Bilbo Baggins, the protagonist of this classic novel penned in 1937 [Figure 1].

This is the perfect time to talk about dragons on stamps as the U.S. Postal Service prepares to issue four new Dragons stamps at the next month's StampShow / National Topical Stamp Show in Columbus, Ohio, sponsored by the American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association. The ATA, in fact, has a check list of dragons on stamps that has more than 550 listings, plenty to keep any novice or experienced dragons collector quite satisfied.

Appearing in many cultures in various yet similar forms, dragons are first recorded in the mythology of the ancient Near East, taking us all the way back to the fourth millennium B.C. and the so-called Cradle of Civilization. Then depicted as more of a snake-like being, it took the Middle Ages and Western Europe to morph the dragon into the winged, fire-breathing critter with a long, curly tail that we are all familiar with today. Forms of this serpent range from the malevolent, such as those depicting either a form of the devil or those reported to enjoy devouring people (the Albanian Bolla, for example) to their benevolent counterparts, like the Japanese Ryūjin, a dragon that, like a genie, grants wishes.

Approached either topically or thematically, concentrating on our fire-breathing friends affords almost countless opportunities to add to a collection; and, if colorful stamps tend to float your boat, many of these, especially the more recent issues, will supply plenty of eye candy for your album pages.

It is some of these eye-popping issues that we'll be looking at, so let's jump right in with a stamp issued by our neighbors to the north. According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of the Dragon happens every 12 years, which in our example fell on 2000, the year Canada Post issued an attractive stamp of a long, skinny dragon [Figure 2].

Canada Post, offering a mini-lesson in modern stamp design, credited the design to Vancouver's Koo Creative Group Inc., under the creative direction of Ken Koo. Designer Ken Fung, illustrator Samuel Tseng, photographer Clinton Hussey and artists at the Punchline Embroidery Centre collaborated to create the commemorative that marries many classic Chinese techniques with contemporary computer-design technology.

"Our design for the Year of the Dragon stamp uses embroidery because it's one of the most prestigious art forms in China," Koo told Canada Post. "For thousands of years it's been used to present the unique personality, style and characteristics of the dragon. A golden yellow is one of the most commonly used colors of the Chinese New Year because it represents wealth, fortune and sovereignty."

Koo requested that the various visual elements clouds, sea and dragon be created and photographed separately. Computer graphics specialists blended these components to create



Figure 3. The first U.S. stamps featuring dragons were issued to commemorate the Lunar New Year and the dragon zodiac sign affiliated with the years 2000 (Scott 3370) and 2012 (Scott 4623).



Figure 4. A Norfolk Islands souvenir sheet from 2000 offers some eye-popping artwork, though the actual stamp – showing just a front view of the creature's noggin – might not even be identified as a dragon (Scott 696).

the final stamp image. As an additional feature, the stamp is embossed to highlight the embroidery element of the design.

In the Chinese Zodiac, the dragon is the fifth of 12 animals, given that position, according to legend, by the Jade Emperor, or Heavenly Grandfather, an incarnation of their first god (太帝 tài dì). The Jade Emperor held a feast to which all the animals were invited, the intent being to add the first 12 to the zodiac in the order with which they arrived. Although it was expected that the powerful dragon would arrive first, he showed up after Rat, Ox, Tiger and Rabbit. When asked why he was so late, Dragon said that on the way he saw a village suffering from a severe drought so he stopped to create rain for them. Although the Jade Emperor was pleased with this noble deed, he kept within his own guidelines and placed Dragon into the fifth position.

The U.S. Postal Service is currently in its second cycle of stamps celebrating the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Dragon certainly has a role [Figure 3].

Artist Clarence Lee (1936-2015), of Honolulu, Hawaii, worked with stamp designer Richard Sheaff on the first series, which started in 1992 with the Year of the Rooster. Lee created all 12 stamps in the series with the Chinese art of paper cutting while grass-style calligraphy was added by Lau Bun. Lee's 33-cent Year of the Dragon stamp was issued in 2000.

A new U.S. series began in 2008, with a new stamp artist, Kam Mak, of Brooklyn, New York, and a new designer, Ethel Kessler. Starting with the Year of the Rat, Mak created original artwork and Kessler included two elements from the previous series on the new stamps as well: a small image of Lee's paper-cut icons plus Bun's calligraphy. The 2012 Year of the Dragon forever stamp features a colorful papier-mâché dragon head typical of those used in festivals.

Souvenir and miniature sheets are an effective way of adding some pizzazz to a topical collection, so let's check out a bunch of those starting with an example issued by Norfolk Island, an Australian territory located in the Pacific Ocean, and another commemoration of the 2000 Year of the Dragon [Figure 4]. Just like the Canadian stamp, this serpent is wingless, more typical of those found in Eastern cultures.

A country clearly somewhat obsessed with dragons is Hong Kong, not that there's anything wrong with that. They have rugby, soccer, triathlon and cricket teams that go by the name The Dragons and an airline that uses the name: Dragonair, recently renamed Cathay Dragon Air. The Dragon Garden (a 20-acre park), the Dragon's Back Trail (one of the best urban hiking trails in Asia), and the Hong Kong Dragon and Lion Dance Festival (a New Year's Day celebration that parades through the streets of the city) are just some of the available dragon-esque leisure activities available there.

Of course, Hong Kong Post has jumped onto this bandwagon by issuing a multitude of dragon topicals for this former British colony and, since 1997, a special administrative region of the People's Republic of China [Figure 5].



Figure 5. Hong Kong has produced several stamps featuring dragons, including several of the stylized type: a pair of fire-breathers in 1976 (Scott 312-313) and a 1988 souvenir sheet of four (Scott 515-518).

We present an example, a 1988 souvenir sheet of four stamps, each depicting one of our serpents and each with seemingly pleasant dispositions. A dozen years earlier, in 1976, another Year of the Dragon, we find two stylized renditions of the beast.

Hong Kong presents a lot of dragon images that play a more symbolic and decorative role and does that by showing dragons that are moving and grooving [Figure 6].

Kites – sometimes used as a ceremonial or religious symbol – were developed in eastern cultures so it is no surprise that in China, kites depicting fierce dragons became weapons of war regarding strategy, communication and defense. What foe would dare attack a territory guarded by these blood-thirsty creatures of the sky?

And, before we leave Hong Kong, we need to look at one more set of stamps, a souvenir sheet commemorating the 1985 Dragon Boat Races. Although not depicting our main character per se, this sheet still fits nicely into a topical collection because of the style of watercraft used and depicted. According to the sheet:

"In the past fishing communities competed each year in dragon boat races to commemorate the patriotism of Chu Yuen, a Chinese poet, who drowned himself in a river in protest against a corrupt government in the fourth century B.C. The dragon boat races of today attract a wide international field and have become one of the most colorful festivals in Asia."

When Qu Yuan (alternate spelling) drowned himself in the Mi Lo River, the townspeople beat drums and threw glutinous rice dumplings called "zongzi" into the water to dissuade fish from dining on his body. Today, this event is memorialized by Chinese people around the world who eat zongzi and either go swimming or dip their hands into bodies of water. Known as the Tuen Ng Festival, the Dragon Boat Race, using 30-foot boats with crews of 20 paddlers, is one of the highlights of this celebration.

Next, we're off to Southeast Asia and the country of Malaysia to take a look at a 2012 miniature sheet



Figure 6. A Hong Kong souvenir sheet of four in 1985 showed a dragon boat, with the dragon image at the bow (Scott 443). A stamp featuring a dragon kite (Scott 833a) was part of a kites strip of four in 1998.



Figure 7. By including its selavage, this 2012 stamp from Malaysia is shaped like a robe. A souvenir sheet featuring the stamp commemorates the World Stamp Exhibition held in Jakarta, Indonesia.



Figure 8. These two stamps from Singapore in 2000 (Scott 919-920) were not only sold as singles, but also wound up as the centerpiece for four souvenir sheets commemorating stamp shows that year.



Figure 9. Earlier this year, Great Britain's Royal Mail issued a set of stamps featuring characters, including this scary dragon, from the television series *Game of Thrones*.



Figure 10: A set of three happy dragons with distinctive red eyes from Sweden (Scott 2367-2369) and a single playful dragon issued on a souvenir sheet by Jersey (Scott 934).

with an unusual and attractive shape [Figure 7]. The Malay Archipelago has historically acted as a magnet, attracting migrants from China, India and Europe, resulting in an amalgam of cultures not surprisingly affecting all aspects

of life. Malaysian textiles demonstrate this blending and are celebrated by a Legacy of the Loom miniature sheet, modelled after a robe worn by China's Qing Dynasty empress. Depicted is a golden dragon embroidered in the robe's center. This 2012 sheet also commemorates the World Stamp Exhibition held in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Moving just a bit south, next we'll visit the Republic of Singapore to take a look at its Lunar Year of the Dragon offerings for 2000 [Figure 8]. In what

could easily be described as overkill, Singapore Post issued not only a pair of individual stamps, but in addition, four souvenir sheets containing the same two stamps, each commemorating various international stamp exhibitions held that year: Guangzhou, China; Bangkok, Thailand; London, England; and Saint Gallen, Switzerland. Excessive? Well, yeah, but they are all admittedly attractive and some of us magpies scarf them right up since they fit into several topics in addition to that of our main character.

Noteworthy is the range found in the demeanor of these serpents as depicted in various postal issues. At one extreme we find the kind of dragon seen on a souvenir sheet issued by Great Britain earlier this year, commemorating the highly popular fantasy HBO television series, *Game of Thrones*, now in its ninth year [Figure 9]. Shown on the stamp is Drogon, the largest and fiercest of the three dragons, all siblings, featured in the series. That's one scary-looking critter!

On the other end of the spectrum, we can find friendly looking dragons, such as a pair of issues from 2000 [Figure 10]. First up, is a playful trio from Sweden based on *The Dragon With Red Eyes* (1985) by illustrator Ilon Wikland and author Astrid Lindgren (1907-2002), whose works include the Pippi Longstocking series. Then, there's the downright goofy looking dragons such as the fellow on a sheet from the Bailiwick of Jersey.

The classic era (pre-1940) of stamp production also provides us with plenty of examples that fit into our chosen topic, the vast majority of which, not surprisingly come from the Orient. We'll look at just two here and al-





Figure 11. The first stamps from Japan in 1871 featured a dragon motif, with the mystical beasts facing inward toward the center, which shows the denomination (Scott 1-4, enlarged).

though they are less colorful than their more modern compatriots, the older issues possess a beauty all their own, many exemplifying their typographer's or engraver's art.

The first in this category is one of Japanese origin, a set of four imperforate stamps issued in April of 1871 [Figure 11]. The image is that of two intricately designed dragons, tails entwined, facing each other with the face value of each stamp – 48-, 100-, 200- and 500-mon – printed in the center.

It's no surprise that like Japan, China included a dragon – known as the Imperial Dragon – on its first stamps [Figure 12]. The values – in 1, 3 and 5 cents (or the Chinese candarin or candareen) were issued in 1878. Proofs for the stamps are found imperforate on thin laid or wove paper, some gummed. There are different colors, depending on the value. The 1-cent is found in green and deep green; the 3-cent is found in red, pale red and vermilion; the 5-cent in rose and yellow-ochre.

Looking a little more at that classic period before World War II, we probably find more human-dragon drama in the stamps of Europe, where it seems there are plenty of legends in which some gallant and brave king or knight came face-to-face with a fire breather [Figure 13].

In 1944, Belgium issued a set of eight semipostals showing classic European dragon-human battles, including the epic legend involving St. George. Although it's not from the classic era, a 1952 stamp from Czechoslovakia showing dragon-killer Trutnov is quite dramatic.

As topicalists, especially for those of us that exhibit, we like to add different elements to our collections, such as the aforementioned die proof. In the spirit of this, we'll finish up with one last item from China, a booklet issued in 1988 [Figure 14]. The concordance between the booklet's cover and the stamps it holds make for a colorful and necessary addition to our collections and exhibit pages.

One final note: Another element we would seek out in our search for all things dragon would be pictorial postmarks. These were omitted from this article on purpose. Why? Because they'll be found in an upcoming issue of *Topical Time*, the publication of the American Topical Association. I would urge any APS members interested in topical or thematic philately to give this organization a look. Just like the APS, we're deeply involved with and share a mutual love of this hobby of kings ... and of ours.

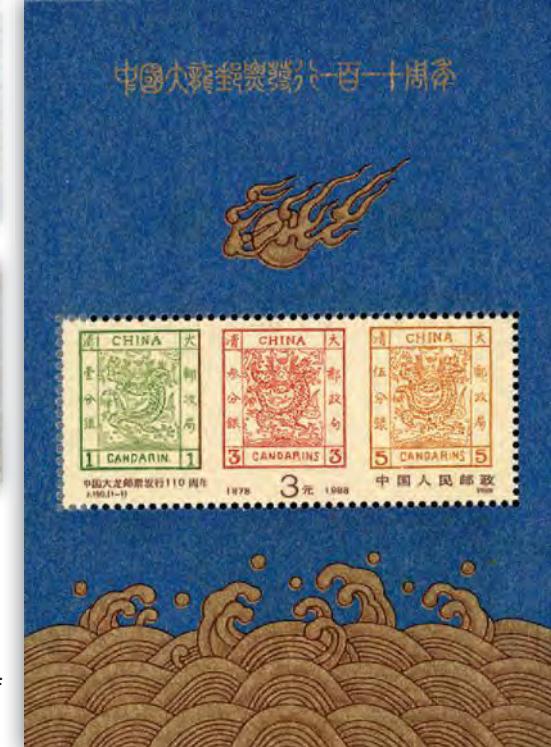


Figure 13. Several human-dragon battles are shown on many European stamps, including those involving St. George, on a Belgium semipostal (B389) and Trutnov on this stamp from Czechoslovakia (Scott 563).



Figure 14: This 1988 booklet from the People's Republic of China is nice to keep intact to show both the dragon motif on the cover and the stamps within.

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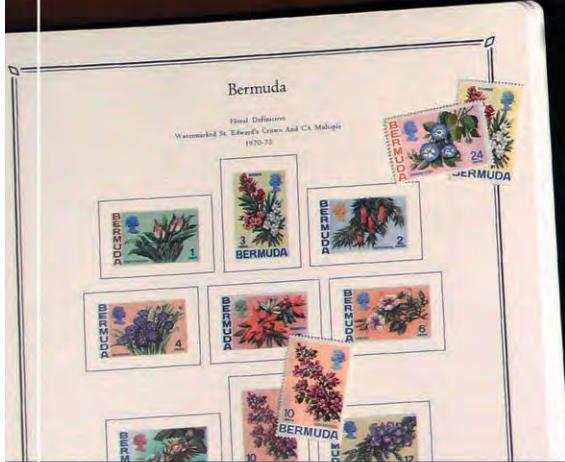
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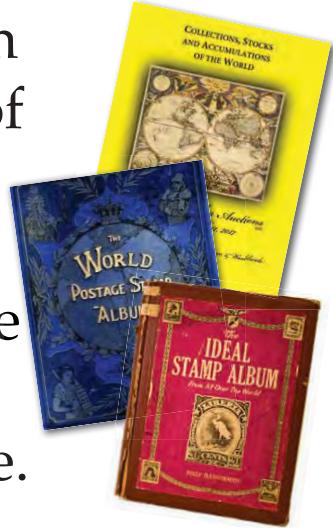
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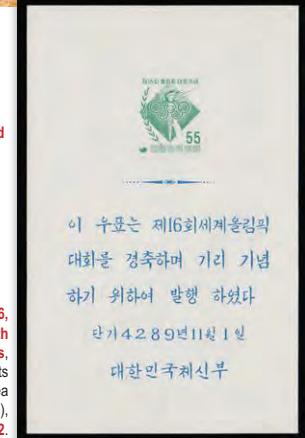


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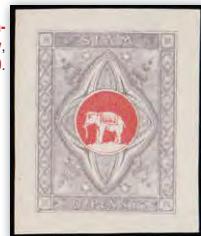


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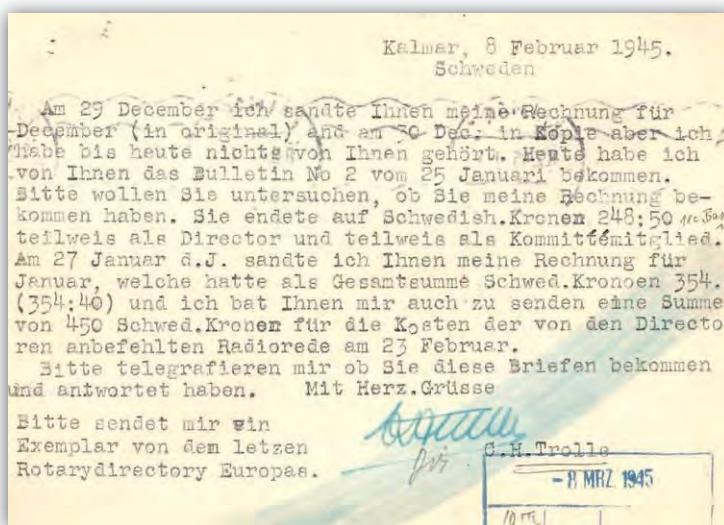
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Intelligence and counterintelligence have always played crucial roles during wartime. Vigilance against the surreptitious passing of messages to the enemy can make the difference between victory and defeat, and it has long been documented that the mails were an important means of sending clandestine information. Seemingly innocuous letters and postal cards have been known to have been written in code, contain microprinting on the back of postage stamps or secret writing in invisible ink.

The postal card shown [at left and below] is a good example of means used to thwart the clandestine passing of information. The card was mailed from Kalmar, Sweden, to "Rotary International" in Zurich, Switzerland. The card was posted on February 8, 1945, only months prior to the end of World War II. Despite its status as a neutral country, or perhaps because of it, Sweden was a backdrop for international espionage. Because of the flow of diplomats, businessmen, and refugees, Stockholm has been referred to by some sources as the "Casablanca of the North."

Switzerland was another one of only eight neutral European countries in World War II. The others were Portugal, Spain, Ireland and the postage stamp-sized countries of Vatican, Liechtenstein and Andorra. So, it's not surprising that mail between Sweden and Switzerland would be especially scrutinized by the Germans. Like most items mailed throughout Europe during the war, the card shown was subjected to German military censorship, as indicated by the Nazi censorship marking in red, along with the red "714," presumably another censorship marking. It contains a rather mundane message, written in German, which translates as follows:



Kalmar, Sweden

8 February 1945

On December 29 I sent you my bill for December (in original) and on Dec. 30, a copy, but as of today, I have not heard from you. Today, I received from you the Bulletin No. 2 of 25 January. Please check if you have received my invoice. It was for 248.50 Swedish Crowns, part of which was for the director and part of which was as a member of the committee. On

January 27, I sent you my account for January, which had as a total sum 354.40 Swedish Crowns, and I also asked you to send me a sum of 450 Swedish Crowns for the costs of the Radiorede (translation unknown), requested by the directors on February 23. Please telegraph me if you have received these letters and answered.

With warmest regards,

C.H. Trolle

Please send me a copy of the last Rotary directory of Europe.

The particularly interesting aspect of this card is that in addition to the censor markings, it also was tested for secret handwriting by brushing a chemical such as copper sulfate across the front and back of the card. I am among those who think this can occasionally be seen as a blue streak on German-censored covers, particularly those sent by foreign workers in Germany or on postal items sent to or from international organizations. This card, which was not addressed to any individual by name, would seem to have been a prime candidate for espionage activity.

A C. Harald Trolle, of Kalmar, Sweden, is listed in the September 1945 issue of The Rotarian. He was named as the newly appointed committee member responsible for the admission of clubs for Continental Europe, North Africa and the Eastern Mediterranean region. While the message may be totally innocent, it contains enough numbers and dates to be a coded missive.

Another prime candidate that could conceivably be rife with subterfuge is a postal card shown from Portugal [Figure 1]. The card was posted in Lisbon, Portugal (Lisboa Central) on June 4, 1943, and also was sent to Zurich. Once again, two neutral countries were involved, one of which, Portugal, is considered by most historians to have been the capital of espionage during World War II.

The card was sent to a Mademoiselle E.P. Achard at 21 Boersenstrasse, Zurich, with a return address in Lisbon. It is written in French and translates as follows:

Lisbon

June 4, 1943

Dear Mademoiselle,

I have just now received your letter of May 29, for which I thank you. As for the question of reimbursements, let's no longer talk about it: I am very happy to be of some use to two sons of my colleagues.

Please accept, dear mademoiselle, my best regards.

E. Bastof

The woman apparently asked the writer for some sort of favor to help the sons of a mutual acquaintance, to which the writer agreed. As with the first postal card, this is apparently a very innocent and innocuous correspondence. However, there is a lightly stamped circular German "Oberkommando der Wermacht" (OKW) postmark in red on the address side – along the red graphic at top. On this postal card, the secret writing detector brush strokes occur only on the mes-



Figure 1.

sage side: one in dark blue similar to the first postal card, and a second, longer, brush stroke in a fainter colored liquid, from the bottom left upward and to the right.

Is it possible that individuals involved in Rotary International, such as Mr. Trolle, may have been co-opted to engage in espionage against the Nazis, and that his card contained some sort of cryptic note? Was the postal card to Mademoiselle Achard also a vehicle for information hidden in code? Most of the time, with philatelic mysteries such as these, we never know the truth; however, there is a high degree of certainty that there was furtive activity afoot, at least in the case of Mademoiselle Achard, if she was a mademoiselle, or even a real person for that matter.

The fronts of two Italian prisoner of war (POW) postal cards from the same sender, Donald Richard Currie, are shown [Figure 2]. The War Forces Records database confirms that Currie was a gunner in the South African Army being held in Italy as a prisoner of war at Camp 65, Cressina, in Gravina Altamura, postal code 3450. This was a transit camp near Bari, from where prisoners were sent to other camps in Italy; it was in use from April 1942 to May 1943.

Both postal cards were sent to Mr. E.P. Achard, at Borsenstrasse 21, Zurich. Each card bears various Italian censorship markings in violet, and can be dated from unofficial receipt markings, most likely applied by the addressee.

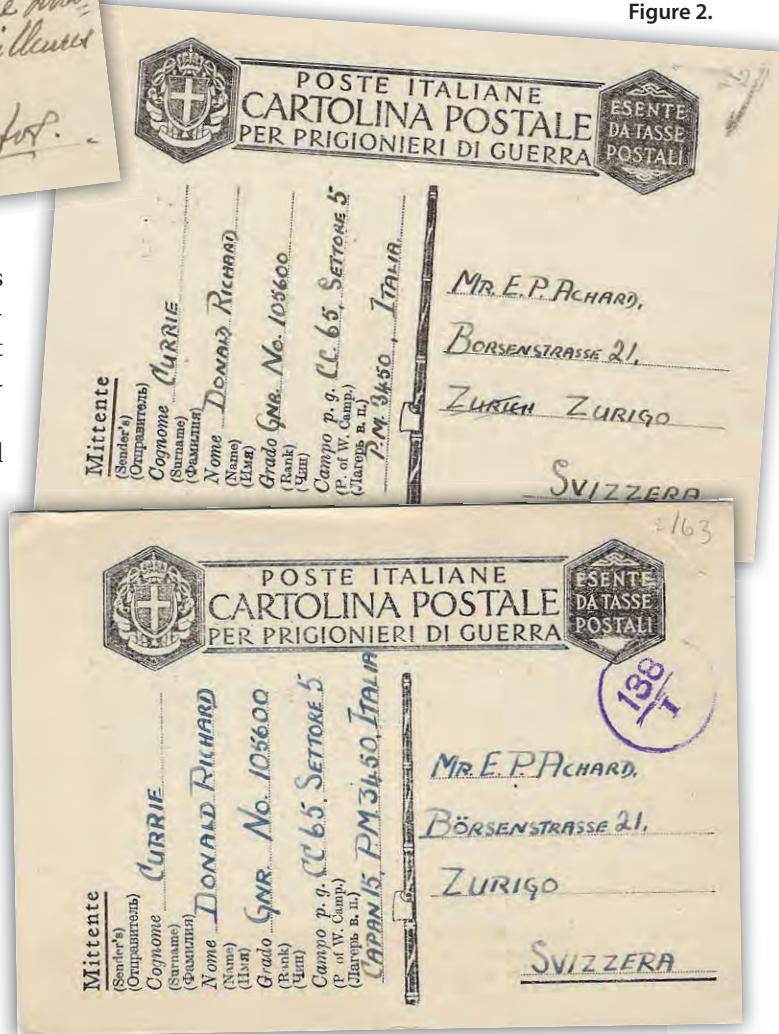
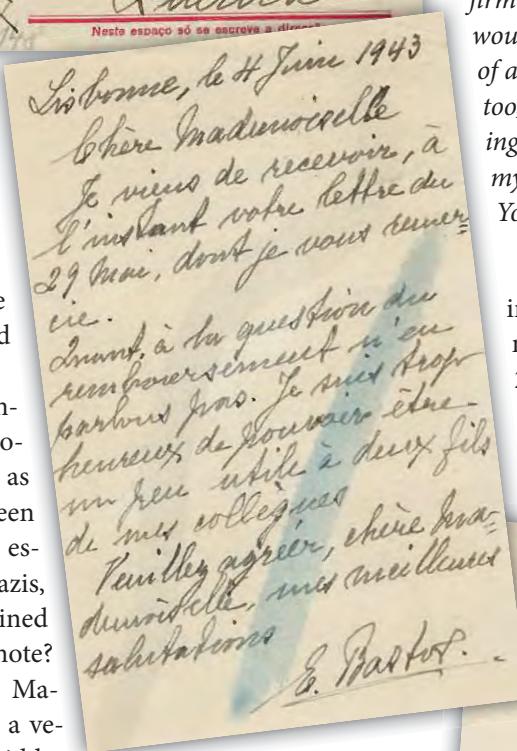
The backs of the cards [Figure 3] show they were received on February 22 and March 29, 1943, respectively; four months prior to the Lisbon postal card. In the first card, Currie writes:

Dear Mr. Achard, I was very pleased to receive your letter dated November 13, which arrived with my first letter from home. I don't think it will be necessary to send a special message to my father, but I would welcome a parcel containing reading matter of any sort and if possible some chocolate or sweetstuffs. Please note my new address. Yours Sincerely, Donald Currie

The second postal card continues:

Dear Mr. Achard, This will be my 2nd card to you to confirm receipt of your letter dated Nov 13. As I said before I would welcome a parcel from you containing reading matter of any sort and I would greatly appreciate some sweetstuffs, too, if you can send those out of the country. Since last writing I have received two letters from my father and one from my mother. My best wishes for Xmas and the New Year. Yours, D.R. Currie

It is often asserted that there are no coincidences in life. Such is almost certainly the case with this remarkable series of correspondence. The occupants of 21 Borsenstrasse, Zurich, were in communication with at least one POW and concurrently in touch with an individual in Lisbon requesting "favors" for mutual acquaintances. It is not difficult to imagine that the



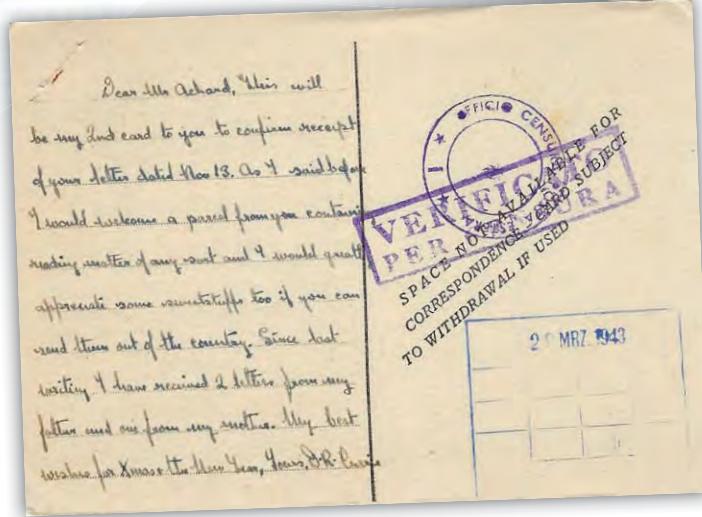
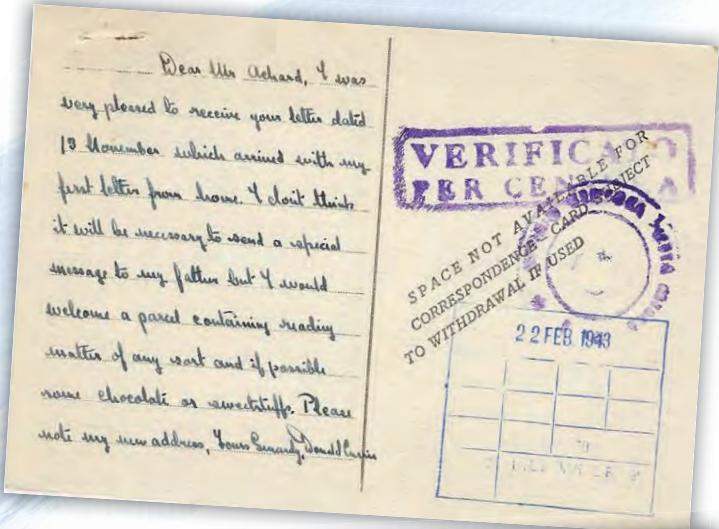


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messages between Lisbon and Zurich were surreptitious in nature; perhaps clandestine ways of passing information in relation to POWs. Because Portugal was a hotbed of espionage, it was much easier to pass information from Lisbon to Britain than it was from Switzerland.

It is not known whether the Germans were aware of this specific arrangement, but they were taking no chances with innocuous-looking postal cards. Regardless of what actually transpired, Messrs. Trolle, Bastof and Currie have supplied interesting philatelic items to posterity.

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Known Often as the Medieval Knight or Little Horse Stamp, the Issue Honors King Denis

BY JEFF STAGE



Fifteen of the 16 stamps in the King Denis set – Scott 761 to 775 – were issued in 1953. A 30-cent stamp, Scott 763A, to accommodate a new rate, was added in 1956.

The background photo shows the tomb of King Denis at the Monastery of São Dinis de Odivelas.

Like many of you, I started collecting stamps from across the world. That was more than 50 years ago. Childish thinking likely said I could collect every stamp ever printed. Within a few years I was specializing. But about five years ago I realized how much I missed worldwide stamps. So I started recollecting the world, but this time I was smarter. I limited my choices. I might focus on the first 200 or 300 stamps of one country. Or perhaps I might pluck a single set, or just a couple stamps, from the 1930s. Or maybe I'd focus on a modern group or a long-running annual series. I was doing what we advise others: collect what you like.

Here is a set I could not resist: Portugal's Equestrian Seal of the King, Denis. I just always called it the knight stamp. Sometimes this is called the Medieval Knight stamp or the Portuguese Cavalinho (Little Horse) stamp.

I remember when I was a child getting several used versions of this stamp in the set's many vivid colors: from dark and light green to deep purple and vibrant red-orange. What little kid wouldn't be drawn to this stamp of a brave knight in armor and shield astride a galloping fully dressed horse? Perhaps he's out to battle a ferocious fire-breathing dragon? And with sword drawn – as a lefty – no less! (I can find no evidence that the king was left-handed, so I guess this was the artist's prerogative.)

Later I found out that the knight has a name. He is King Denis, known as Diniz or Dinis, in Portugal. Denis (1261-1325) – the Poet King or Farmer King – was Portugal's sixth king, reaching the throne while still a teenager in 1279, but serving more than 46 years until 1325.

The son of Afonso III, Denis is credited with improving Portugal's economy by strengthening the nation's agricultural base and encouraging ship building, trade fairs and forestry plantations. He reduced the power of the nobility and the church. He had been educated to both French and Castilian cultural influences and became a competent poet. He founded the first university in Portugal — in Lisbon — in 1290. A skilled negotiator, Denis was able to establish with Castile a definitive frontier for Portugal.

The handsome set of 16 definitives – No. 761 to 775 in the Scott catalog – was almost entirely issued in 1953. The 30-cent rose lilac (Scott 763A) was released in 1956. Each stamp has its own color and a unique denomination, from 5 cents to 50 escudos; no denomination was reprinted in a different color.

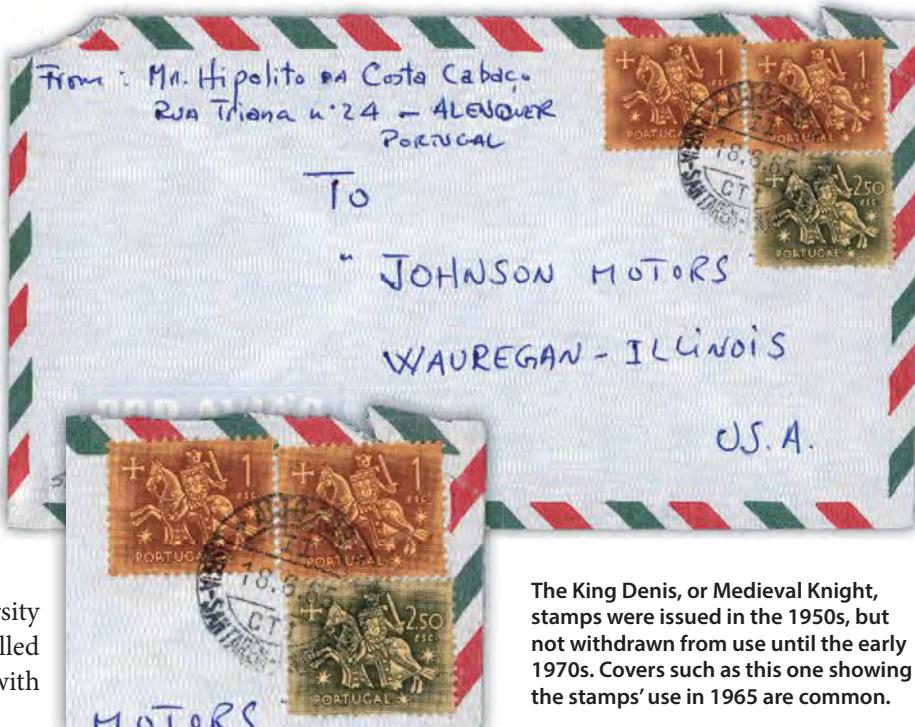
The stamps were produced by lithography in panes of 100 on a 10-by-10 grid by Casa da Moeda. They are perforated at 12½ and unofficially (because I measured them) are 24 millimeters by 19 millimeters. The workhorse stamps stayed

on sale for about 20 years and were withdrawn from sale in groups over four years from 1972 to 1975. The 20-cent, with a print run of 50.7 million, and the 50-cent, with a run of 33.1 million, are the most common. The smallest run was for the high value 50 escudo with 180,000.

A 2013 Afinsa specialized catalog for Portugal reports that because of all the colors and lengthy time of sale – more were printed when necessary – that there are many varieties and some errors.

Philatelist Armando Mário O. Vieira, who in 1984 was awarded the Crawford Medal by the Royal Philatelic Society London, wrote a book about the stamp titled *O Cavaleiro Medieval (The Medieval Knight)*. The 167-page book was published in 1996. I have not seen the book, but an online summary states: "The author describes the general characteristics of this issue and elaborates a catalog of 600 stamps with imperfections and defects, which are valuable because of their rarity."

Jáime Martins Barata (1899-1970) – a Portuguese painter, teacher, designer and scholar – designed the stamps. Barata's big break as an artist came in 1940 at the Portuguese World Expo, for which he painted a series of large panels representing scenes from the country's history. The artist also was in-



The King Denis, or Medieval Knight, stamps were issued in the 1950s, but not withdrawn from use until the early 1970s. Covers such as this one showing the stamps' use in 1965 are common.

vited by the Portuguese Post Office to design a commemorative stamp of the event. Barata created more stamps for the postal service and in 1947 was appointed art consultant to the Portuguese post office, a position he held until his retirement.

Barata is credited with the designs of several other Portuguese stamps, including the Caravels of 1943 (the artist actively participated throughout his life in the historical debate over the transition to the Portuguese caravel of the 15th



Portuguese painter, teacher, designer and scholar Jaime Martins Barata (1899-1970) designed the knight stamps along with several others. In 1999 he was honored with his own stamp, Scott 2334m which includes a self-portrait and a detail of the knight stamp.

century); Portuguese navigators of 1945; and the 500th Birth Anniversary of Vasco da Gama of 1969. In addition to stamps, he also designed numerous coins, bank notes, illustrations and book covers. Barata himself became the subject of a Portuguese commemorative in 1999.

Back to our gallant knight – Denis. I could not find anywhere that Denis led an army into any battle of war. So how did the designer come to this image of him in full armor atop an equally armored steed? Denis did cross swords, so to speak, with the church. He negotiated with popes Nicholas IV and Clement V, which led to the creation of the military Order of the Temple following the purge of the Knights Templar in the early 1300s. Or, perhaps it's just artistic license to put an important king of that era in armor astride a handsome horse in what looks like a victorious charge against a villainous foe. Either way, it feeds my youthful imagination and collection.

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A TIME OF UPHEAVAL

The German Currency Reform of 1948
Caused a Flurry of Complex and Interesting
Postal History

BY CHUCK FISHER

In the summer of 1948 the German deutsche mark (DM) was created to replace the reichmark (RM), which had been in existence since 1875. The story behind this new currency and political ramification that embroiled the occupation allied powers – American, British, French and Soviets – resulted in a volatile confrontation between Western and Soviet occupational forces. This was especially true in Berlin. This confrontation directly resulted in the blockade of Berlin by the Soviets of all rail, road and waterways, which led to the ensuing Berlin Airlift, which certainly saved thousands of lives.

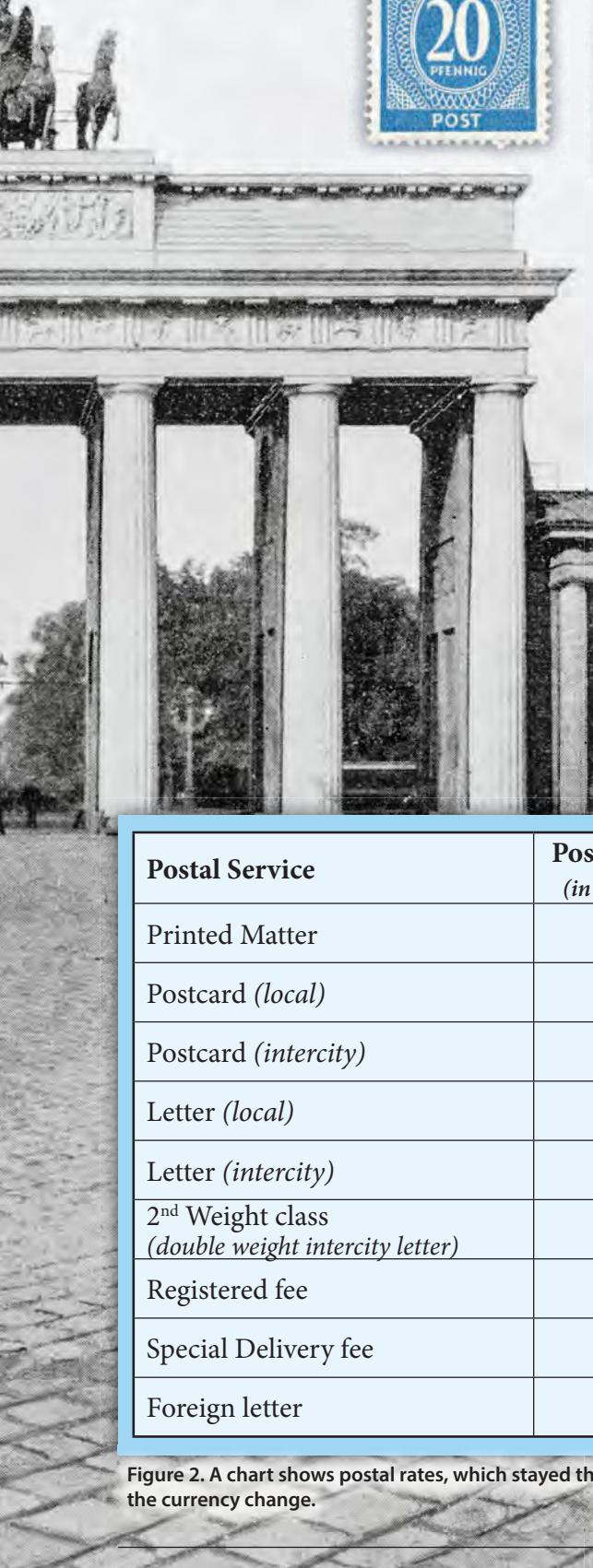
I have long been interested in the philatelic complexity of postwar Germany (1945-1949) surrounding this conflict. How the occupation forces implemented the provisional postal changes necessary to carry out the introduction of the deutsche mark is shown through stamps and covers.

Background

Following the end of hostilities of World War II, Germany was divided into four zones: British, American, French and Soviet. Berlin was likewise divided into four sectors administered by the allies. Three years after the cessation of conflict in Europe, the economy of postwar Germany was still in shambles. (The Marshall Plan had only been implemented in April of 1948.) The Soviet occupation forces had access to the bank note printing plates and inflation was rampant, primarily due to unrestricted printing of bank notes. The black market flourished; the real currency was cigarettes and coffee.

Ludwig Erhard, economic consultant of the combined American and British zones (Bizonal) recognized that a barter economy is not sustainable for viable recovery; a currency reform was necessary to replace the practically worthless reichmark. Meetings were held in 1947 and early 1948 among the Allied Control Council members to address the economic revival in occupied Germany and other issues. The Soviets were totally against economic reforms and, initially, the French also. In March 1948, the Soviet declared the Allied Control Council useless and walked out of the meeting. The remaining Control Council members went ahead with plans for a currency reform. On June 16, following the complete blockade of Berlin by the Soviets, the Allied Council informed the Soviets of the reform. The provisions of the re-





Postal Service	Postal Rate (in pfennig)
Printed Matter	6
Postcard (<i>local</i>)	10
Postcard (<i>intercity</i>)	12
Letter (<i>local</i>)	16
Letter (<i>intercity</i>)	24
2 nd Weight class (<i>double weight intercity letter</i>)	48
Registered fee	60
Special Delivery fee	80
Foreign letter	50

Figure 2. A chart shows postal rates, which stayed the same with the currency change.

form were complex; in general, the amount of new currency was greatly reduced from what was previously in circulation. Some old currency could be converted into new currency at a 10-to-1 ratio.



Figure 1. The Numeral and Labor and Dove stamps were the workhorse series in Germany right after World War II. Numeral stamps, Scott 543, 556; Labor and Dove, Scott 565, 575.

Before delving into the postal aspects of the currency reform, let's review the definitive stamp issues in effect at the beginning of the reform. The first Control Council definitive, the Numeral series and the second Control Council definitive, the Labor and Dove series were available in the Bizonal and Soviet zones of occupation [Figure 1]. The Numeral series was no longer printed, but was available in limited quantities at some post offices.

To understand covers resulting from the reform, the table shows postal rates in effect before and during the currency reform [Figure 2]. For example, a double weight intercity registered letter would be franked with 108 pfennigs. Airmail service was not available to civilians at this time.

Currency Reform in the Bizonal

The general population was aware that a currency reform was in the making; however, the date of implementation was kept under wraps to avoid speculation. On June 20, a Sunday, the reform went into effect. The next day, June 21, 1948, the banks and post offices were open for business.

To provide a stopgap measure before the new definitive stamp series was issued, the current pfennig values of the Labor series and selected values of the Numeral series were overprinted to denote values in the new currency [Figure 3]. The overprint took two forms: posthorns bounded by a band and posthorns covering the entire stamp, called by some a carpet overprint. A cover shown illustrates both overprint types on a local registered cover, dated July 22, 1948, correctly franked with 76pf.

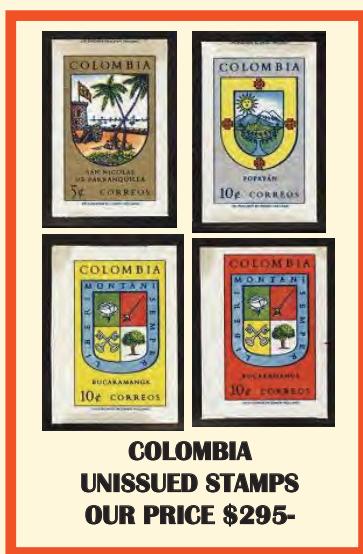
It was possible to use non-overprinted stamps during the currency reform period; however, at only one-tenth of their value. In the Bizonal, the use of non-overprinted stamps was only allowed for two days: June 21 and June 22. The cover shown [Figure 4] demonstrates the use of non-overprinted Labor and Numeral series stamps with a total franking value of 24pf – the new value of the 240pf in postage franked on the cover – on the first day of validity.

In addition, it was permitted to mix non-overprinted stamps with overprinted stamps as long as the total franking

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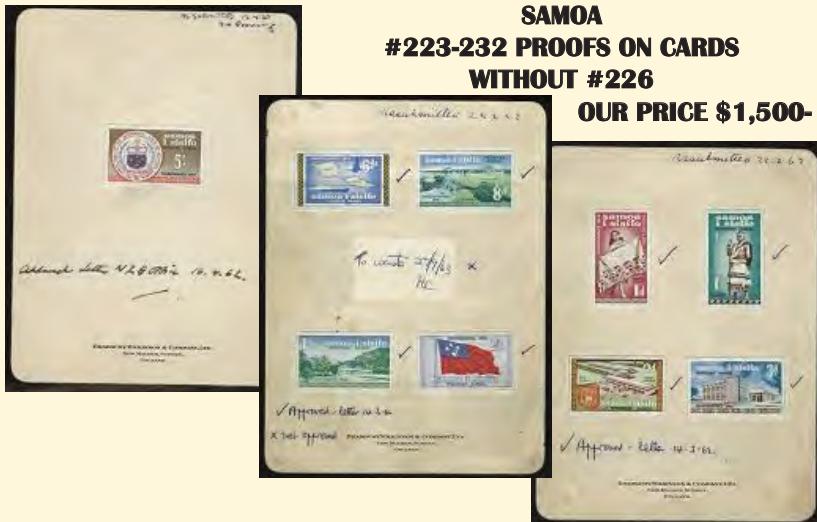


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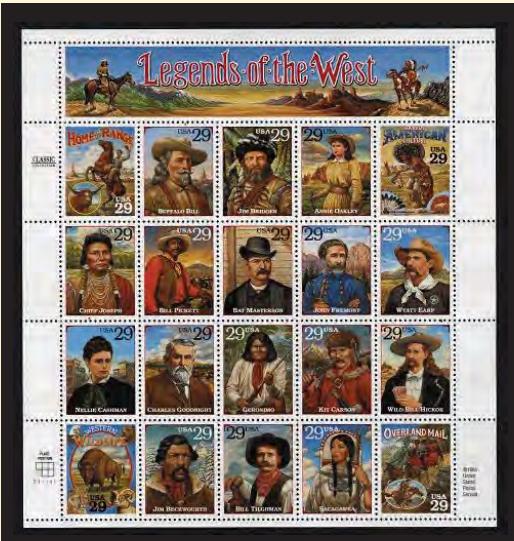
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Figure 3. Two basic overprints were used in 1948: a band type across the middle of the stamp, Scott 616, and a carpet style, Scott 619, that covered the whole stamp. Both could be used on the same piece of mail.

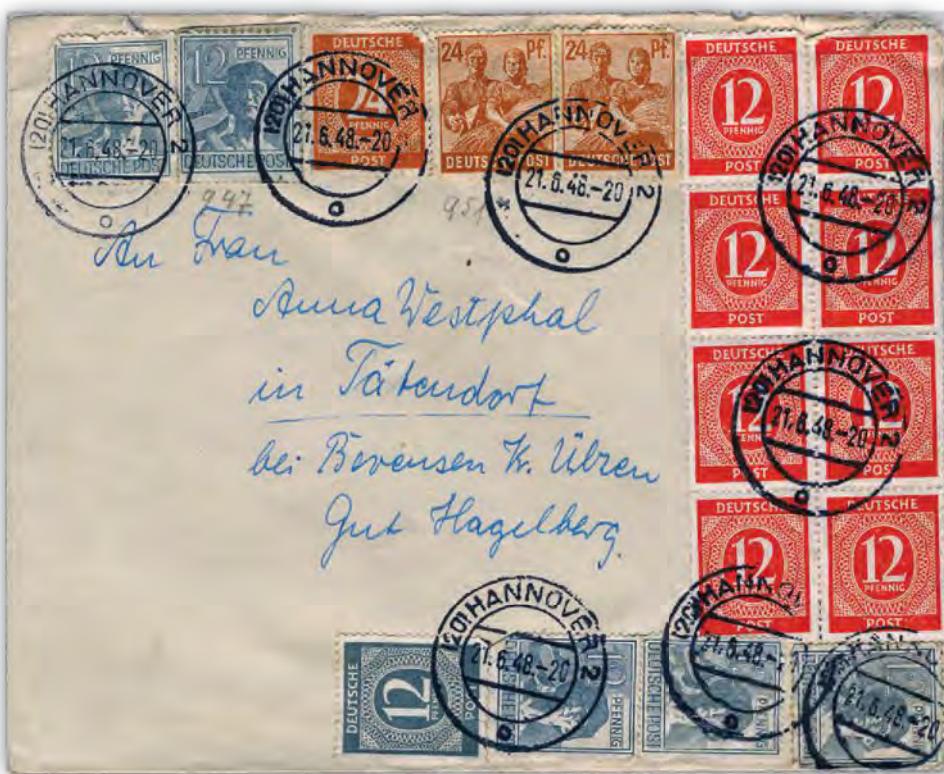
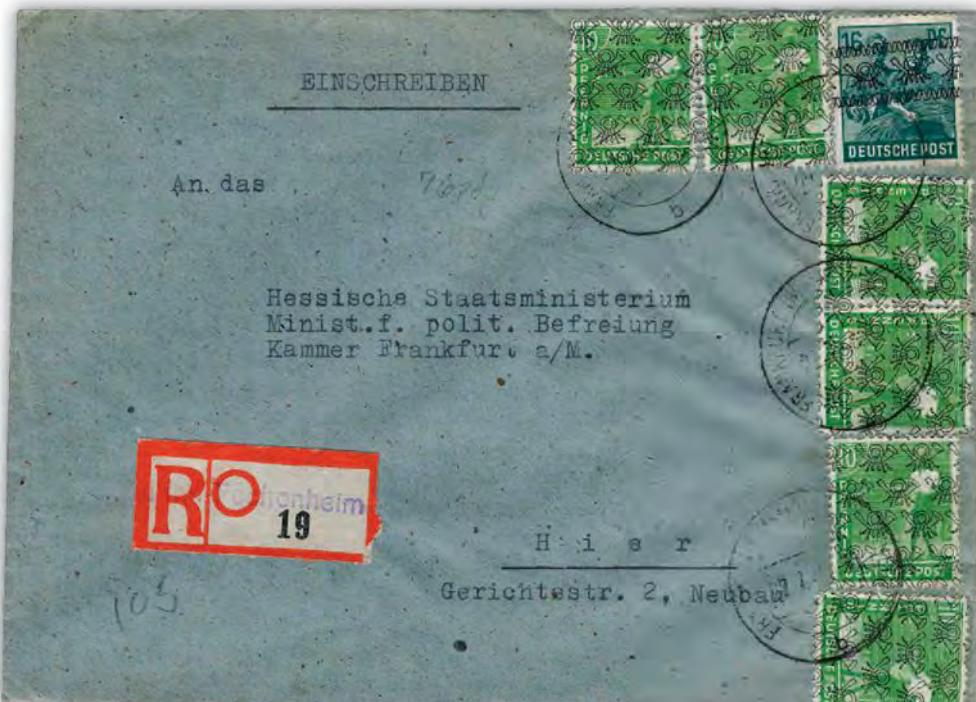


Figure 4. The total in old currency stamps – 240 (old) pfennigs with 17 stamps – is now 24pf with the currency reform. The old stamps could only be used on two days – June 21 and 22, 1948 – as the currency was revalued.

value covers the desired service. Shown [Figure 5] is a special delivery cover dated June 22 with 104pf in postage correct for special delivery.

It has puzzled me why only two days for use of non-overprinted stamps were allowed in the Bizone. Surely businesses and private individuals could not use all their old valued stamps in the allotted time. Was it possible for these non-overprinted stamps to be taken to a post office and be

exchanged for overprinted stamps at one-tenth of their value? I would appreciate it if any readers can shed light on this situation.

The rush production of the overprinted stamps created a host of varieties. In addition to band (16 values) and carpet overprints (16 values) on Labor pfennig values and selected Numeral values (17 for each overprint type), nine unauthorized Numeral series (9 values) also were created with band and carpet overprint. That is a total of 84 values. To compound this situation, each of these values are known with inverted and double overprints. In the market place, the pfennig Labor series, the authorized Numeral series and the unauthorized Numeral series are often sold as sets. When one considers both band and carpet overprinted sets, this totals 18 sets. There are many other varieties of overprints, including normal and inverted on a stamp, overprints on mark values,

triple overprints, diagonal overprints and combinations of these oddballs. It has always amazed me that quality control did not weed out these varieties.

There is one question that has bothered me from the beginning concerning these overprints. Why are there two distinct overprint types, when one would have accomplished the desired effect to denote new currency? The overprints were printed by various private printers; however, there is no cor-

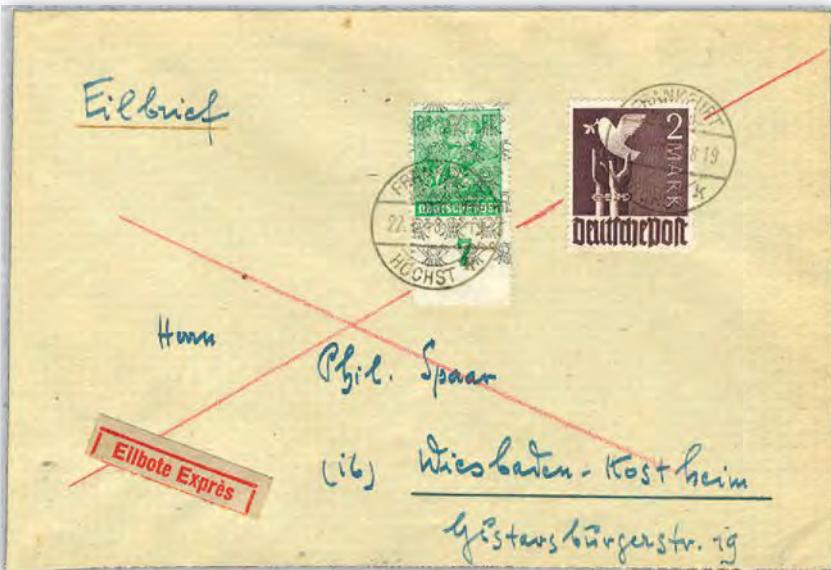


Figure 5. The special delivery cover from June 22, 1948 includes an overprinted 84pf stamp and an old 2 mark dove stamp to create the correct new rate for special delivery.

relation of one type of overprint to a particular printer. In fact, both band and carpet overprints are known on a value [Figure 6]. If anyone can provide information as why two overprints were used, I would appreciate it.



Figure 6. Both type of overprints were added to these stamps.

These overprints were valid until September 19, 1948 when they were replaced by the Buildings definitive series.

Currency Reform in the French Zone

In spite of their initial objection to the currency reform, the French administration was the most prepared of any of the Allied forces to implement the postal changes required by the reform on June 21. The Labor and Numeral series were not used in the French zone; rather, definitive values of persons and views were employed for each of the three provinces: Baden, Rheinland-Pfalz and Würtemberg. These definitive series were simply reprinted in different colors to

denote the new currency. Also, some values were dropped, others added to reflect current postal usage. Shown [Figure 7] is the 12pf value from Rheinland-Pfalz in green prior to the reform and in red during the reform.



Figure 7. Color difference denote the currency change in the French zone.

In some cases, the design was slightly altered by changing the currency label from "PF" to "D.PF" as shown [Figure 8]. This is a double-weight cover – 50pf for the first weight class, 30pf for the second weight class, and overpaid by 3pf – to the United States canceled by a railroad mark dated August 9, 1948.



Figure 8. A double-weight cover sent from the French zone to the U.S.

Currency Reform in the Soviet Zone

The Soviet military authority in its zone was caught flat-footed by the timing of the currency reform in the western zones. The Soviet reaction was quick and predictable. The Soviets charged that the Potsdam agreement stipulating Germany was to be treated as an economic entity had been violated. The new currency was invalid in the Soviet zone and if suitable arrangements could not be accomplished, it would be necessary for the Soviet zone to implement a currency reform of its own. By "suitable arrangements," the Soviets meant that Greater Berlin would be economically integrated within the Soviet zone – a long-standing goal of Soviet diplo-

macy. This, of course, was not acceptable to the West and was communicated to the Soviet leadership. On June 23, the Berlin Airlift commenced.

This date of June 23 is also important from a postal view of the Soviet currency reform. As there was not enough time to create an overprint, post officials had to improvise. The Directorate of Posts and Telecommunications in the Soviet zone sent a telegram to all regional directorates, post offices and branch offices instructing them to utilize the district handstamp to overprint by hand existing stocks of the pfennig values of the Labor series. This district handstamp is a steel die (in some cases a rubber stamp) consisting generally of two lines: the district number above the town name. Furthermore, the telegram stated that the overprints are to be performed locally in limited quantity



Figure 9. An example of an overprint for the Soviet District 20, the town of Zeitz.

to meet the next day's demand. The overprint was to be applied from the lower left-hand corner diagonally to the upper right corner with the district in the middle [Figure 9]. These overprinted stamps were to be sold at their value in new money beginning on June 24. Any non-overprinted stamps in the public hands could be used at one-tenth their value.

There were seven districts in the Soviet zone at the time of the currency reform (districts 3, 14, 16, 20, 27, 36 and 37, although 10 district numbers occurred).

Due to redistricting in the past, many of the towns used old and new district dies for the overprinting. This accounts for towns in District 27 also using 41, District 20 using 29 and District 37 using 38. Shown [Figure 10] is a registered window cover with mixed 27 and 41 districts from the town of Marienberg dated June 29. The die 27 is a branch post office, Rübenau.

These hand overprints (affectionately known as HOPs) were sold from June 24 to July 2 and were valid until July 10 – a total of 17 days. To get an idea of the extent of this collection area, within the nine days of production of HOPs, approximately 1,100 post offices used some 2,000 different dies resulting in an estimated 35 million stamps. If one considers



Figure 10. A mixed franking cover with stamps showing overprints for districts 27 and 41, which was the same place, the town of Marienberg.



Figure 11. This cover from July 8, 1948 is franked with three types of stamps: a 2pf HOP (top right) with the hand overprint in red; a stamp with the machine-applied overprint "Sowjetische Besatzungs Zone"; and old non-overprinted Numeral stamps (at left).

the different types of dies from a town and the colors used for the overprints, a “complete” collection would consist of about 35,000 varieties.

These HOPs were true provisional stamps recognized by the Universal Postal Union and provided a stop gap until the Labor series machine overprint “Sowjetische Besatzungs Zone” (Soviet Occupation Zone, aka SBZ) that went on sale July 3. In contrast to the two-day validity of the use of non-overprinted stamps in the Bizonal, the use of non-overprinted stamps in the Soviet zone at one-tenth of the stamp value was valid from June 24 until July 31, 1948. The overlapping periods of validity gave rise to mixed franking on a cover. For example, from July 3 to 10, three-way mixing of non-



Figure 12. This cover canceled July 8, 1948 in Dassow includes an overprint of a Numeral stamp, which wasn't authorized but was tolerated.



Figure 13. A mixed franking registered cover with two different die types of HOP 20 Halle 2; one type is in Latin script and another type is in Gothic.

overprinted stamps, HOPs and SBZ machine overprints were possible [Figure 11].

Not all post offices maintained a complete stock of Labor series to overprint. To meet postal needs these post offices were pressed to overprint non-authorized stamps. Some post offices had Numeral series stamps to overprint; these were tolerated [Figure 12]. The overprint here is applied vertically, instead of on a diagonal; such non-standard placement of the overprint is not uncommon and there is no premium in the marketplace for these overprints. When one considers the harrowed postal clerks, after a day's work, overprinting panes of stamps for the next day, excuses can be made.

The Michel Specialized German catalog lists Labor and Numeral stamps for each of the districts. Individual towns

are additionally listed with a premium, depending upon scarcity of the town die. However, many towns possessed multiple dies that were used for overprinting that are not denoted in the catalog. For more details as to which stamps are known with die type from a given town, a handbook must be consulted. These handbooks have been compiled by study groups in Germany as well as in the U.S. For example, the city of Halle is known with more than 10 different die types that are distinguished by the length of die and the relative position of the district number with respect to letters in the town name [Figure 13]. The cover shown illustrates a registered cover with two different die types of HOP 20 Halle 2; notice that one type is in Latin script and another type is in Gothic.

Some unusual dies were used for overprinting. The city of Sternberg used a triangle enclosing the district number [Figure 14].

Some towns used Dove stamps in new money. Shown [Figure 15] is a large package wrapper with 3- and 5-mark Doves to the U.S. bearing HOPs 20 Oberröblingen am See.



Figure 14. The city of Sternberg used a die of a triangle enclosing the district number.

In a few towns in District 20 that had old District 29 dies, enterprising postal employees modified those District 29 dies by filing off the tail of the "9" to resemble a "0" (the zero came out to appear about half the size of the 9). Shown on a cover [Figure 16] is this modification on a kilo clip with HOP 20 Köthen 1d.

As a final note on Soviet zone HOPs, one of the mysteries in the HOP world is the status of the "Bundfuss" State Lottery Return cover. Normally, stamps were overprinted before affixing the stamp to a cover. However, a cover [Figure 17] showing a HOP 37 Greifswald 1b ties the stamp to the cover. The theory is that the 6pf stamps – now just valued at one-tenth the original denomination, 0.6pf – were affixed to



Figure 15. A large package wrapper with 3- and 5-mark Doves to the U.S. bearing HOPs 20 Oberröblingen am See.



Figure 17. A bit of a mystery surrounds this state lottery cover, which shows a HOP 37 Greifswald 1b overprint. To receive the overprint, a cash payment was likely paid to meet the extra 5.4pf needed for the currency revaluation.

covers before the currency reform began in preparation for the mailing. As no 5.4pf value exists, the covers were taken to the post office where 5.4pf was paid for each cover to meet the required 6pf postage; the Greifswald post office obliged with the overprint to meet the 6pf rate for printed matter. This supposition has not been verified, therefore its legitimacy is questionable – but it makes common sense, especially if a pack of cigarettes was offered to grease the skids.

Currency Reform in Berlin

Initially, the commanders of the American, British and French sectors recognized the special status of the four-power government in Berlin and, after the currency reform was announced in the Western zones, they informed the Soviet



Figure 16. Postal workers modified an old District 29 die to look like a "20." The "0" is clearly shorter than what it should be.

representative in Berlin that they did not wish to disturb the situation in Berlin with the introduction of a currency reform in the western sectors.

However, on June 23, the Soviets announced their own reform in the Soviet zone, the Soviet sector in Berlin and the entire area of greater Berlin (including the western sectors). The authorities in the Western sectors countered with a decree that non-overprinted Labor and Numeral series stamps would be valid at one-tenth of the stamps value in new currency and that the posthorn-overprinted stamps in use in the Western zones would be valid.

On June 24, one of the first airlift transports delivered band overprints of the 6, 8, 12 and 24pf values to Western sector post offices in Berlin. Other band and carpet overprints arrived later. Shown [Figure 18] is a cover that exhibits the use of both carpet and band overprints of the 25pf Labor stamp cancelled August 2, 1948 at Berlin W30 post office in the U.S. sector.

The Soviet sector in Berlin followed the same regulations laid down for the Soviet zone as outlined earlier. A cover [Figure 19] displays non-overprinted stamps at one-tenth value on a Postscheckbrief dated June 25 at Berlin NW58 post office. Postscheckbriefs required only a 10pf franking.

Berlin used the district number "3" that applied to all Soviet Berlin post offices. Another cover [Figure 20] shows a local registered cover with HOPs 3Berlin 66 and 3Berlin 8 plus non-overprinted stamps to meet the 76pf requirement. The cover was cancelled June 25 at Berlin C76 and sent to Berlin N4 in the Soviet sector. On June 28 Soviet authorities stated that letters and other mail franked with Western stamps would not be accepted. On the other hand, the western sector



Figure 18. Stamps with the two latest overprints are affixed to this cover cancelled August 2, 1948 at U.S. sector post office.

post offices did accept HOPs as well as SBZ overprinted franked mail. The use of both HOPs and Posthorn overprints on covers mailed in western sectors give rise to a host of franking possibilities that are highly collectable.

Examples of these multi-use frankings offer quite the diversity on covers. First, there is a three-way usage in which HOP 3 Berlin 4a, a 10pf vertical pair with carpet overprint and two SBZ stamps are used on a special delivery cover canceled July 10 at Berlin NW40 (British Sector) [Figure 21].

Then, we show a four-way usage with the HOP Berlin 7, carpet overprint, SBZ overprint all in new currency plus a 3-mark Dove at one-tenth value used on a double weight registered cover posted at Berlin W57 (U.S. sector) [Figure 22].

The use of hand overprints on West Berlin covers could be obtained in various ways. As there was no division between West and East Berlin at that time, West Berliners could travel to East Berlin to obtain hand overprints, then return to the West to post mail; in this way the post could be legally sent from West Berlin to the Soviet Sector and Soviet Zone.

The East mark was officially on par with the West mark; however, the purchasing power of the East mark was much less than that the West mark. The West Berlin postal system



Figure 19. Non-overprinted stamps at one-tenth value on a Postscheckbrief dated June 25 at Berlin NW58 post office.

was taking a substantial loss when handling and delivering items franked with HOPs bought with less valuable currency. This situation came to a head after the issue, in September 1948, of the Labor series overprinted diagonally "Berlin" in black. The Berlin postal authorities then issued the series overprinted "Berlin" in red that could only be purchased with the West mark.

The field of hand overprints has been plagued with forgeries and fraudulent use that many feel has detracted from collecting HOPs. This was especially true in Berlin. Many forgeries were quite crude (use of children's printing sets, dies that did not exist, even district numbers were bogus). Some postal clerks were bribed to apply hand overprints to swindlers' stamps and even to roll back the canceller date to



Figure 20. A local registered cover with hand overprints 3Berlin 66 and 3Berlin 8 plus unoverprinted stamps to meet the 76pf requirement. Only HOPs and non-overprinted stamps were used as Posthorn overprints were not allowed.



Figure 21. A three-way usage on a special delivery cover bears franking, from left, of carpet overprint on a vertical pair, two SBZ stamps and a HOP 3 Berlin 4a overprint.



Figure 22. A four-way franking on a double weight registered cover includes, from left, a 3-mark Dove (at one-tenth value), a carpet overprint, HOP Berlin 7, and an SBZ overprint.

be within the period of validity. Fortunately, much of these shenanigans have been documented and are known to the HOP community. Nevertheless, all hand overprints are required to be proofed by competent authorities.

Conclusion

This turbulent period of the currency reform in postwar Germany provides a wealth of collecting possibilities and challenges. The political situation between east and west, and the economic conditions, played an instrumental role in the creation of these provisional issues.

Economically, within days after the introduction of the currency reform in the western zones, material goods appears in the marketplace as now real money could be used for transactions. Many economists conclude that the currency reform was in a large sense responsible for the economical wunder in West Germany.

The Author

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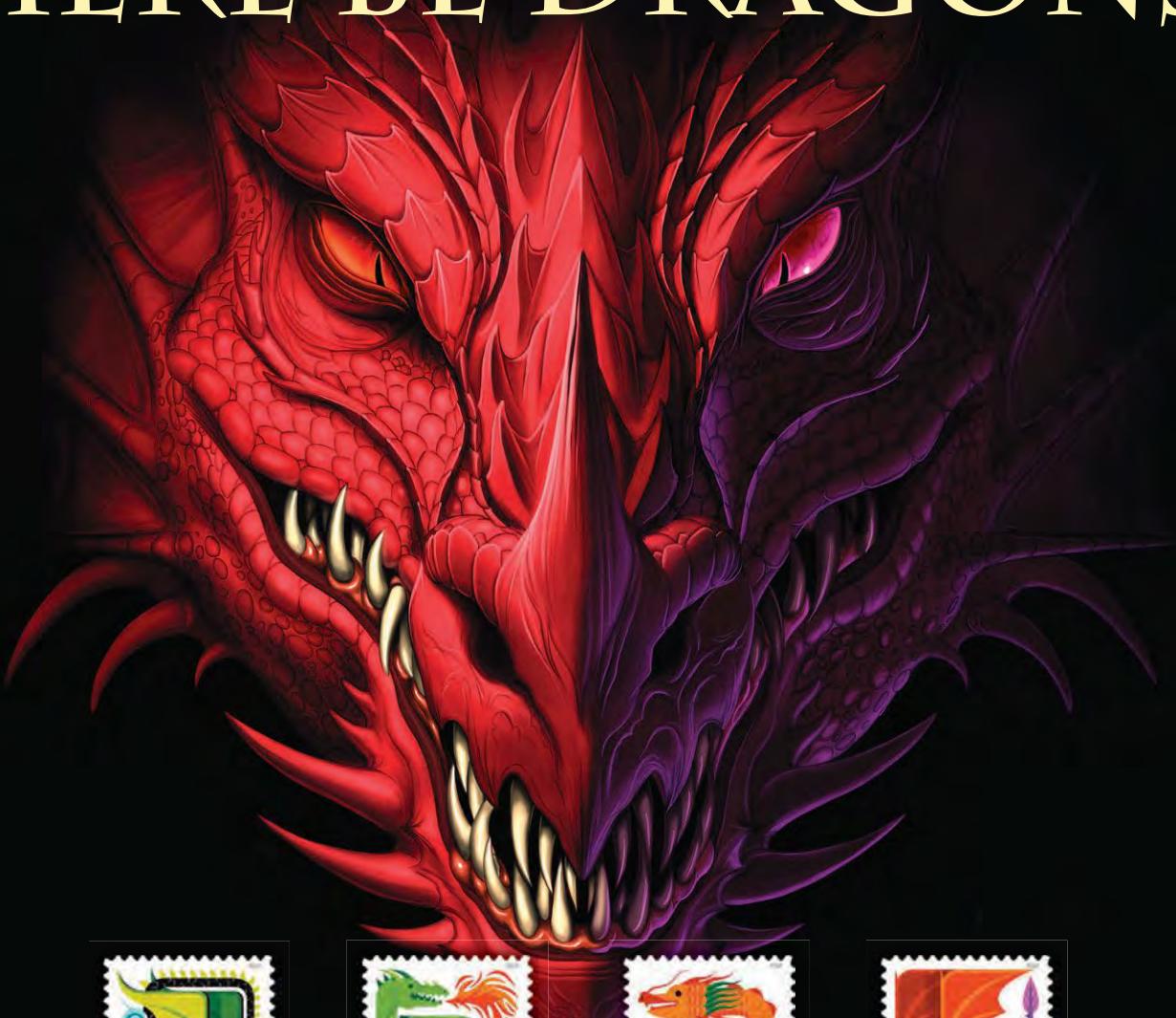
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There'll be dragons and penguins and cats, oh my! And, more exhibits galore, rarities and dozens of dealers, Oh, My! And, presentations and friends and youth activities, OH, MY!

All of those elements and many more promise to make the 2018 StampShow / National Topical Stamp Show a must-visit destination this summer for stamp collectors of all ages and levels.

The show is set for August 9 to 12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. StampShow – the nation's largest annual stamp event – is sponsored by the American Philatelic Society and this year welcomes the American Topical Association as a first-time co-sponsor.

StampShow serves as the annual general meeting of the APS, which was founded in 1886. This year's meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. on the Saturday of the show. The ATA will hold its 69th annual meeting at 1 p.m. Friday.

The June issue of *The American Philatelist* covered some of the show's events and this month we offer some more highlights.

A special pre-show event is the annual Tiffany Talk. Elliott Gruber, director of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, is this year's guest speaker. The talk is open to all and is scheduled for 5 p.m., Wednesday, August 8 at the show hotel, the Crowne Plaza.

Next, we better chat about those critters. Dragons swoop



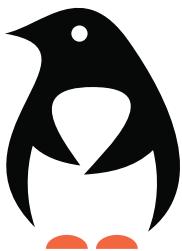
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onto center stage at noon on the show's opening day as the U.S. Postal Service issues four new Dragons stamps. These would be a great start to a topical collection, which, according to the ATA, has more than 500 entries dating back to the 19th century. (Be sure to see our story about dragons on stamps in this issue of *The AP* and check out our new Dragons Stamp Album online (aps.buzz/DragonAlbum).

The American Topical Association will offer two major presentations. Jeff Lough will lead a trip through history and a trip around the world in his talk about Dragons on Stamps. Laurie Ryan will chat about JRR Tolkien and related philately. And, also courtesy of the ATA, this is the time to test your

knowledge about dragons as you can play dragon trivia at the association's booth.

Elsewhere, the Penguins on Stamps Study Group will have a booth to chat about this unique specialty and, for some photo fun, you can have your picture taken with a giant penguin (tuxedo garb not mandatory). Other animals making their appearance include: birds, as Tim Hodge gives a talk about "Birds of Prey Through Philately"; a mouse, as Ed Bergen offers presentations on his award-winning exhibit and book based on Mickey Mouse; and "Cats from A to Z" with Marci Jarvis.



The Basics

What: StampShow and National Topical Stamp Show

Sponsors: American Philatelic Society, American Topical Association and the U.S. Postal Service.

When: August 9 to 12; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Where: Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio

Conventions: 132nd annual convention of the APS; ATA membership also will convene

Admission: Free, but visitors must register (online registration makes entry to the show quicker)

Mobile Show App: Download the StampShow app to your mobile device to enhance your show experience. Instructions and links can be found online at: aps.buzz/DragonApp. The app is available for iPhone and Android devices.

Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are always needed to help make our shows work for the benefit of all collectors. Stamp collectors, friends, APS members, and family are welcome – stamp knowledge is not required. Most volunteer activity occurs on-site immediately preceding, during, or following the show. For ease of scheduling, two-hour shifts are preferred.

Training and written instructions are available for most tasks. Volunteers who serve eight hours or more will be eligible to receive a free ticket to the awards banquet Saturday evening.

If you can volunteer, and have not yet signed up, please consider doing so. There are all sorts of jobs available. Please visit our volunteer section online (www.stamps.org/SS-Volunteers) to sign up or call Shows Assistant Kathleen Edwards at 814-933-3803, ext. 217.

For More Information

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The StampShow mobile app also contains the most up to date information, dealer listings and schedules. The app also enables you to receive messages about StampShow news, schedule changes and special activites and events. Download the app to your iPhone or Android device. Complete instructions are available online at: aps.buzz/DragonApp.



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Other topical booths from the ATA are Space and Christmas on Stamps and this year's ATA featured study unit is the Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections (ESPER).

Culture and Dragons is the theme for the show's opening day. Other themes are: Friday, Nature; Saturday, Technology of Space and Airmail; Sunday, Legends and Lore. Souvenir cachets and postal cancellations have been created to match the themes. The Postal Service will administer cancellations and be on hand to sell new stamp products.

Several APS staff members will make presentations, including Ken Martin (exhibit tour and estate planning); Wendy Masorti (buying and selling through the APS); Tom Horn (expertizing); Martin K. Miller and Mara Hatzell (writing for the APS). Executive Director Scott English will be involved in several presentations including a joint board meeting between the APS and American Philatelic Research Library and the general membership meeting. Librarian Scott Tiffney will lead the Librarians' Roundtable.

APS staff members and volunteers will be on hand to offer Society information, answer questions and sell souvenirs at the APS booth on the show floor. The APS Store will offer a wide selection of philatelic literature, the ever-popular stamp ties and watches, and a variety of other gifts and specialty items.

The APS also will exhibit some philatelic rarities: an Inverted Jenny in a newly revised exhibit for the stamp, a George Washington free frank and the autographed discovery sheet of the Dag Hammarskjöld Inverts.

There are too many great presentations planned to name them all here (check the schedule in the mobile app or the visit the schedule online) but here are a few examples: Gary Hendren on Thursday will talk about the Postmark Collectors Club Museum; Ron Lesher will explain revenue stamps on Friday; Mark Thompson will offer an overview of the women in the U.S. Black Heritage series on Friday; Jean Jacques Tillard leads a presentation and meet-and-greet for

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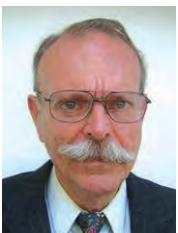
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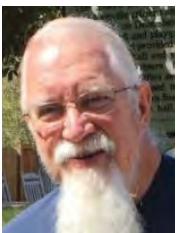
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the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada on Saturday; and Thomas Broadhead talks about teaching a college seminar on philately on Saturday.

Exhibits

Exhibits, by sheer numbers, will hold a spotlight throughout the show. There will be more than 160 exhibits, taking up about 950 frames, the most frames exhibited at an APS show in more than 10 years.

Exhibits are entered in six major areas: Court of Honor; General Multi-frame; General Single-Frame; Non-competitive; Youth; and the 51st annual Benjamin and Naomi Wishnietsky Champion of Champions, which is open to the grand-award winners of about 30 World Series of Philately shows over the previous 12 months. The general exhibits also are broken down into several subcategories, from postal history and aerophilately to thematic and revenues. There will be a huge variety of exhibits, from those featuring Christmas

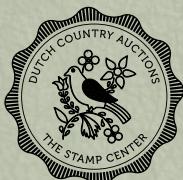
seals, Alexander Hamilton, Susan B. Anthony and Americans in Space to those featuring stamps, designers, time periods and postal history of everywhere from Newfoundland to Hong Kong; Ohio to Russia; and Cuba to Japan.

Dealers and Booths

About 120 dealers – specializing in everything from U.S., Confederate and worldwide to postal history, the British Empire and topicals – have signed up for the show bourse. In addition, Harmer-Schau Auctions will sell about 2,000 lots in four sessions: starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

The YPLF will sell philatelic items at a booth while low-priced items will be sold via Stamps by the Bucket and Covers by the Container in the APS youth area. Covers will be organized by topics and themes.

The United Nations will have a sales booth and present a preview of its next stamp issue, the UNESCO World Heritage



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series (United Kingdom), which is scheduled to be released August 15.

The National Postal Museum will be have an exhibit and Amos Media, publishers of the Scott catalogs and Linn's Stamp News, will launch a special Rail Transportation Stamp Album at 1 p.m. Thursday.

Education Department

Welcome to the Dragon Depot, where heavily scaled fire-breathing beasts with razor-sharp fangs rule!

Fear not, good philatelists of the realm. There won't be any real dragons in this year's youth area – the Dragon Depot – but there will be a lot of fun with a dragon theme.

Visitors can earn their license to become a Dragon Mail Carrier and place a personalized dragon scale upon a large APS Dragon. Dragon Mail Carriers in training also will be able to create or color a design for an envelope (cachets, to the philatelic savvy).

How much do you know about delivering mail to dragons? Visitors can come up with a dragon delivery guide book as they create a mini stamp album.

Philatelic activities will include microscopes to search for hidden treasures on stamps – which could be fine details and microprinting.

Once licensed, new Dragon Mail Carriers earn the right to deliver mail directly into a dragon's post box.

For \$5, visitors to Stamps by the Bucket or Covers by the

Container can choose from a million specimens to add or start a collection.

Youth of all ages (yup, we can imagine some former children who enjoy spending time doing youthful activities) are welcome. For the youngest of all our dragon tamers, there will be a preschool area, where they can listen to a special story and do a couple of activities.

The four members of the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship Class of 2018 – Darren Coracioglu, Anastasios "Tassos" Kalfas, Dani Leviss and Victoria "Grace" Rogansky – will make a presentation on Sunday. An exhibit by Kalfas will be shown at the National Postal Museum display area. Leviss has designed a cachet and stamp for the show, which will be available for purchase at the YPLF booth.

There is still time to sign up for two exciting APS On-the-Road Courses at bargain basement prices. The first – Competitive Thematic Exhibiting with Phil Stager – is a nine-hour course on Thursday. It's just \$25 for APS members; \$95 for non-members. The second – Getting the Most Out of the Scott Specialized Catalogs with longtime Scott Editor James Kloetzel – is an eight-hour course on Saturday. It's just \$45 for members; \$95 for non-members.

The APS Education Department, has scheduled a Boy Scout Merit Badge session from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and will have several other activities in the youth area.

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As a show special, the ATA is focusing on Ohio, as well as dragons. What do Satchel Paige, Neil Armstrong, and Harriet Beecher Stowe have in common? They all spent significant time in Ohio and could show up in a display of Ohio-linked stamps at the ATA booth. The society is making the Ohio state checklist of stamps available for sale to anyone. Normally, the society's more than 1,500 checklists are sold only to members.

The ATA also will unveil a new book – *What's First?* – at the show. The book describes and pictures the first time a topic was shown on a stamp: first train, first bird, first flower,

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What's First, a new book published by the ATA, will be released at StampShow/NTSS.

etc. The book is expected to be useful to collectors and exhibitors. The book was written, over many years, by retired journalist Jack Gray, who died in 2017. His daughters, Susanna and Rebecca, will be at the show to sign books. The book was edited by Jack André Denys, who will also be at the show.

The Celebration Banquet (formerly the Awards Dinner) on Saturday – 6 p.m. reception; 7:15 p.m., dinner – is expected to be sold out, so those interested in attending are urged to

purchase tickets early. The show's top exhibit awards – including the Champion of Champions, and the annual Luff awards – will be announced at the dinner. At 4:30 p.m., there is a free medal-level ceremony. The ATA will present its highest award, Distinguished Topical Philatelist, at the banquet.

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New to StampShow/NTSS this year is the show passport. Titled "Ye Olde Passport" in keeping with the medieval tone of the theme, the passport is a fold-out booklet designed to help attendees collect the new stamps and the various cancellations available during the show.

The passport will also serve as a guide for visiting the participating societies, study groups and clubs. At each organization's booth, visitors will be able to add cinderellas to their passport while they learn about the focus and work of that organization. Think of it as a mini-introduction for new collectors and an opportunity for seasoned philatelists to broaden their knowledge of the hobby.

Ye Olde Passport will be distributed free to all show attendees and will be available at the APS booth, the ATA booth and several other locations around the event location. The passport includes spaces for the Mythical Dragons forever stamps (scheduled for release at the show), the daily show cancellations, and spaces for collecting special show cinderellas from the APS, the ATA, the U.S. Postal Service and approximately 30 other societies, clubs and organizations.

The show passport is sure to be a popular souvenir. Participants who complete at least seven society visits each day will have the chance to be entered for daily prize drawings.

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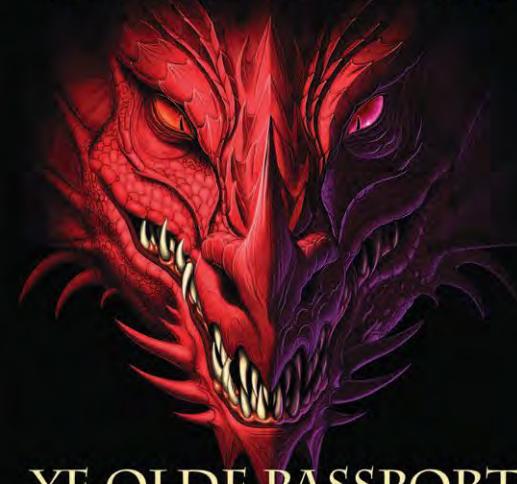
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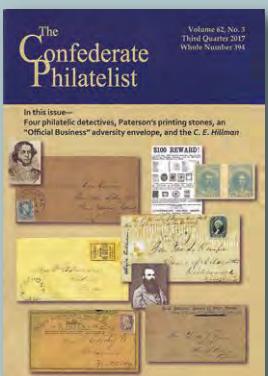
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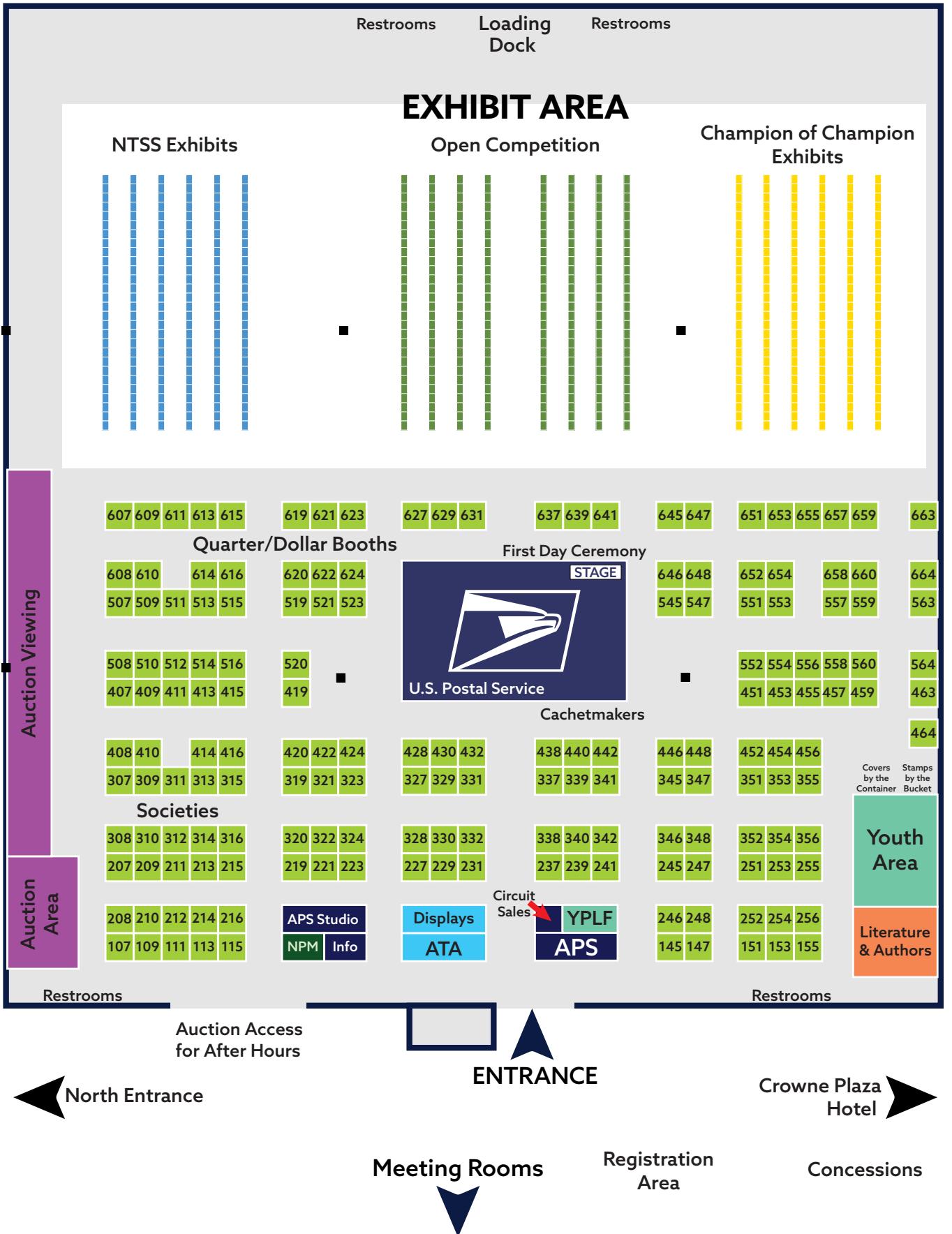
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Central Columbus defines itself as downtown – a long north-south strip in the center with the convention center at the north, the Ohio Statehouse (you’re welcome to visit) in the center and Ohio and Southern theaters near the southern edge. Around it are eight other distinct neighborhoods, and moving (roughly) clockwise, starting at the 12, just north of the convention center, we find: Short North Arts, Discovery (from the 1 to 5); at the south (5 to 7) are the German Village and Brewery districts, East Franklinton and Gay Street (8), Arena (9)

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There is plenty to do for just about every taste in Columbus. Here are a few popular choices (all charge admission unless noted).

The **Columbus Zoo and Aquarium** (www.columbuszoo.org), dating to 1927, has long been considered by critics, peers and visitors as one of America’s best. Charismatic naturalist Jack Hanna was hired as director in 1978 and continues with an active role in the zoo today. The zoo, covering nearly 600 acres, is home to 800 species and 7,000 animals (check the online animal guide at columbuszoo.org/guide) and is divided into eight main areas, including Asia Quest, Australia and the Islands, Congo Expedition, Heart of Africa, North America and Shores & Aquarium. It attracts 2.4 million visitors annually.

COSI (<https://cosi.org>) is a science museum that includes a giant screen theater, hands-on exhibits, a planetarium, a dinosaur gallery, live science shows, special children’s areas and ongoing exhibits (including “Gadgets” and “Energy Explorers”). A major temporary exhibit during StampShow is “Traveling the Silk Road,” in which the worlds of science and anthropology combine to look at this ancient pathway to the modern world.

The **Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens** (www.fpconservatory.org) is the only botanical garden in the world with a permanent collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. A couple of fun exhibits are Blooms and Butterflies, with hundreds of colorful butterflies flying freely in the Pacific Island Water Garden, and Topiaries at the Museum, with a children’s garden that finds animal topiaries in all shapes and sizes, from wolf cubs to elephants.

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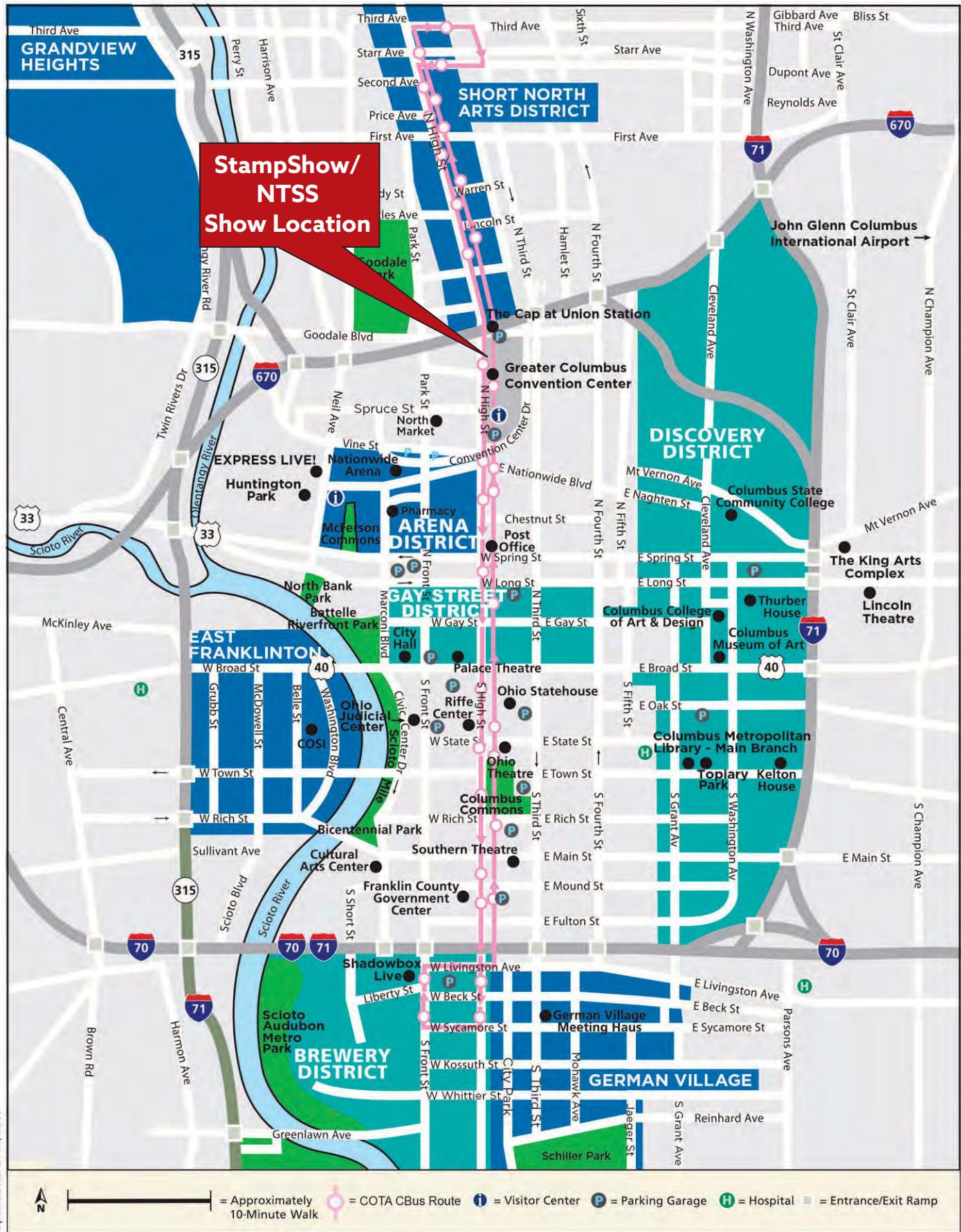
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Diners at Milestone 229 by the fountain at the Scioto Mile. (Photo by Randall Lee Schieber; courtesy of Experience Columbus.)



An exterior installation at the Columbus Museum of Art. (Photo by Shellee Fisher for Columbus Museum of Art; courtesy of Experience Columbus.)

Shopping and Dining

You will find plenty of shopping and dining choices in Columbus. The **North Market** offers more than 30 merchants and there are galleries and boutiques in the Short North Arts District. Shopping includes Big Fun Columbus (vintage toys, novelties and candy), Rowe Boutique (fashion) and Glean (hand-made local goods.) Dining and drinking includes Oddfellows Liquor Bar (old-timey kitsch), Brothers Drake Meadery & Bar (if you're chasing dragons, better up power up with some mead) and Columbus Food Adventures (guided tour of eateries). And for fun, you can roll around with a SegAway tour.

You will find more interesting shops and dining in the historic **German Village**, where the conservation-minded saved older buildings from destruction. Preserved buildings are now home to restaurants, galleries and daily living services. Schmidt's Sausage Haus is being run by the fifth generation of its founder. The Golden Hobby Gift Shop is housed in an 1865 schoolhouse.

The Arts

The **Wexner Center for the Arts** (www.wexarts.org) did not have a summer schedule at press time while professional theater **Shadowbox Live** (www.shadowboxlive.org) will be showing *F*** Cancer: The Musical*.

Major musical events during the StampShow schedule include The Smashing Pumpkins performing Saturday night at the Jerome Schottenstein Center. Also, there is a film – *America's Musical Journey* – at the COSI science museum. The movie

follows a singer/songwriter as he traces the roots of American music and its connection to great musical cities such as New Orleans, Chicago, Nashville, Miami and New York City.

Bicentennial Park hosts free concerts on summer weekends, and a huge set of fountains create a fun environment for kids to play in during the daylight hours. Columbus nightlife includes several clubs for local and regional music and 30 microbreweries.

Sports and Recreation

The sports minded might come up a little dry during StampShow. The biggest player in town, of course, is Ohio State University, but the fall schedule – including that for the Buckeyes' football team – will have not started. If you're a diehard, though, you can walk the same sidelines where legendary Coach Woody Hayes prowled by scheduling a tour of Ohio Stadium. There is a tour fee and you have to schedule at least two weeks in advance. We recommend you check all the rules online (www.ohiostatebuckeyes.com/facilities/ohio-stadium-tours.html).

The Columbus Blue Jackets of the NHL are out of season and the Columbus Clippers, the Cleveland Indians' top farm team, are on the road until Monday, August 13.

With World Cup soccer concluding just a month earlier, perhaps you have caught Soccer Fever. If so, the good news is you can cheer on the **Columbus Crew**, of Major League Soccer, which plays a home game against the Houston Dynamo at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Mapfre Stadium.


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An Amur tiger relaxes at the Columbus zoo. (Photo by Amanda Carberry; courtesy the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.)

Golfers might enjoy the **Jack Nicklaus Museum**, which is on the grounds of the Ohio State University sports complex. The museum presents an immersive journey through Nicklaus' brilliant career, including trophies, photographs and various mementos from his unparalleled 20 major championships and 100 worldwide professional victories.

If you are more into walking or running, The **Scioto Mile** (www.sciotomile.com) recently renovated and created 33 new acres of parkland in downtown Columbus. The Scioto Mile Fountain is the centerpiece of Bicentennial Park. The stunning 15,000 square-foot fountain has more than 1,000 jets of water that take on a multitude of forms and shapes. The fountain has interactive features with access for children of all ages, as well as a 75-foot towering jet of water. At night the fountain viewing experience is enhanced by unique lighting and fog effects. With miles of multi-use trails stretching from Bicentennial Plaza in the south to North Bank Park in the North, this is a great spot to take a stroll and enjoy both the city and nature. If you bring a canoe or kayak you can see the city from a different point of view by paddling around.

Special Picks

Dress up a bit and stop by the Le Méridien Columbus, the Joseph, a boutique hotel (at least four stars) in the Short North neighborhood owned by the local Pizzuti Companies, which opened in early 2015. The **Pizzuti Collection**, an art gallery from the same couple, is a short distance away at 632 N. Park St. (admission charged).

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Back to the hotel: "An art lover, Mr. Pizzuti stocked the Columbus edition with pieces from the collection he and his wife, Ann, have built over decades," writes the New York Times in a June 24, 2016 review. "Neon canvases by the former graffiti artist KAWS illuminate the lobby staircase. On one side of the three-story atrium, a craft spirits bar, Soul, encourages socializing."

Tend to want to go a bit simpler? It's summer. How about ice cream? There's a lot of good ice cream in the world, but citizens of Columbus seem to be especially fond of theirs so why not take a moment (and allow a few calories on the daily count) to check it out.

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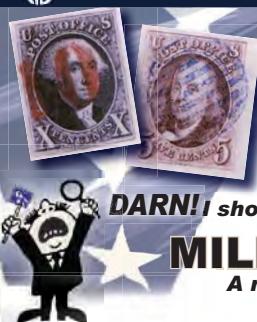
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Indeed, just check out the StampShow / National Topical Stamp Show August 9 to 12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

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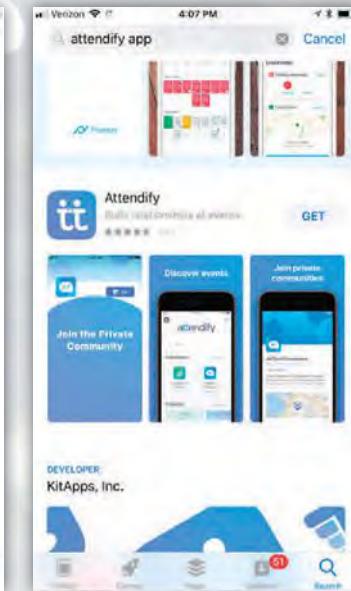
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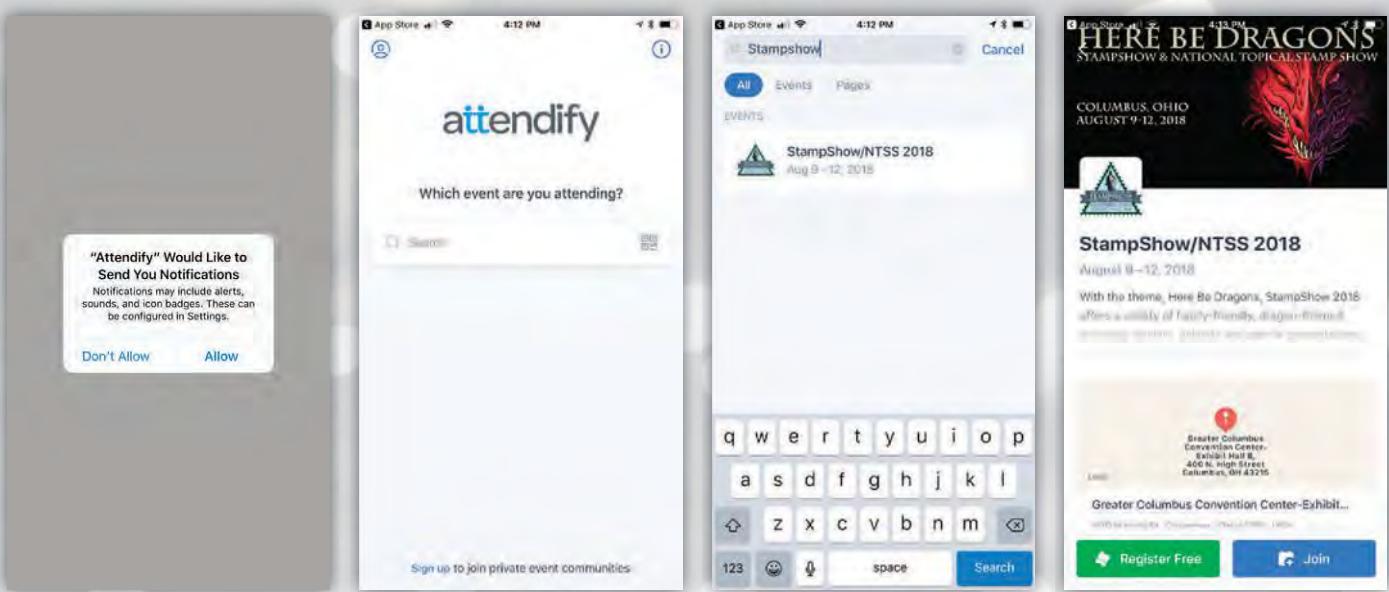
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Basics: Norway Post Horns

The World's Longest Running Design Had Four Basic Designs in 57 Years

The longest running stamp design in the world is the Post Horn of Norway. The basic detail for identifying the correct Scott catalog number for the many Norway stamps is in the – you guessed it – Post Horns. But the letter style and denominations are in the mix as well. The focus here is on the three details that many collectors miss when identifying these stamps.

We'll tell you more about identifying the stamps in a moment. First, some background.

"Post horns are valveless horns, with a cupped mouthpiece similar to a modern day trumpet," states the Stamps of Distinction website. "Because the horns did not have valves, the sound of the horn could only be varied by changing the formation of the user's mouth on the mouthpiece. ... When a post rider or mail coach arrived in a town or village , the driver would signal his arrival by blowing his post horn. ... Over time, the post horn became a symbol of mail service and remains so to this day."

Norway began showing post horns on stamps in 1872 and has produced a new Post Horn stamp as recently as 2014. Today, we're looking at the first four major issues.

The first of these stamps was issued in 1872 with the shaded Post Horn, the country name, "NORGE," in sans-serif format and the denominations in skillings. This is the only skillings design of the Post Horns.

The next printing in 1877 kept the shaded Post Horn ring and lettering format, but changed the denomination to "ore" and "krone," thereby distinguishing this series from the first issues.

The 1882 series made the change in the Post Horn by having the ring unshaded except for a line of color in the ring under the crown.

The 1893 series retained the denominations and the previous unshaded Post Horn ring. It made the change in the lettering format to the Roman font with serifs.

In 1910, these stamps were redrawn. The line of color was removed from the Post Horn ring below the crown and the "3" of the 3-, 30- and 35-ore denominations were rounded, rather than flat, at the top.

Please note that this column gives you the basic differences as there is not enough space to go into the types found in the first and second series. Of course, perforation measurements, color and watermarks will help guide you to the correct catalog number, as well.

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Some of the modern Post Horn stamps from Norway: Scott 193, year 1940; Scott 418, year 1962; Scott 960, year 1991.



Norway Scott 17, year 1872.

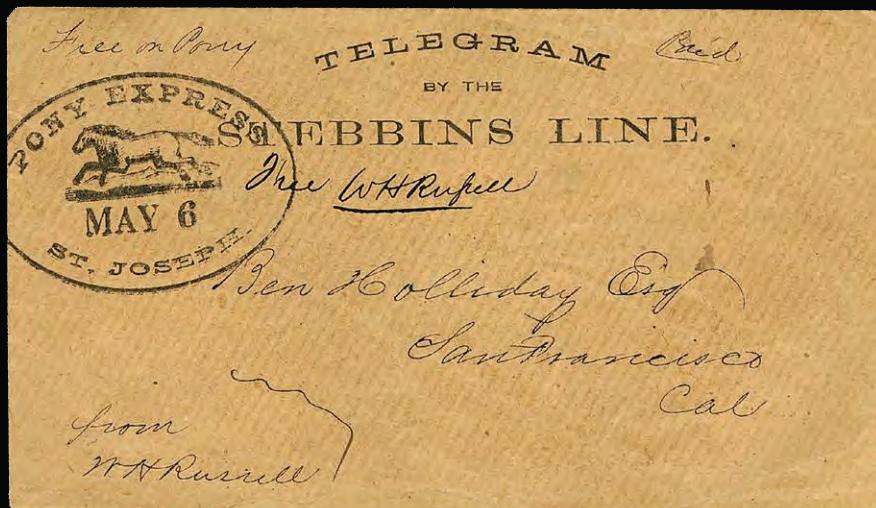
Norway Scott 30, year 1877.

Norway Scott 41, year 1882.

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Upon entering the show, you will receive a show program that will serve as your guide; dealers are listed in alphabetic order as well as in order by areas of specialty. We anticipate hosting a Circuit Sales Booth where members can peruse regular and clearance books to purchase material from fellow members. If you've never tried the APS sales circuits, this is a great opportunity to see how it works and then decide if you, too, would like to begin receiving circuits to arrive at your home or through your local stamp club. Our circuit books are not meant to compete with our show dealers, but rather serve as an introduction to one of the great services we offer. So once you've checked out the circuit books, be sure to inquire with our APS personnel which dealers you should visit based on your collecting interests.

I will be working at the main APS booth and will be available to help direct you around the show as well as answer questions about member services.

Also, at 2 p.m. on August 11 in room B233, we will host a seminar, "Buy-



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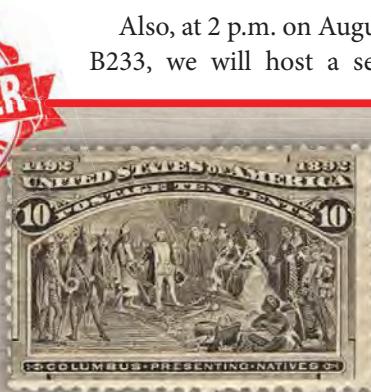
ing and Selling through the APS." This will cover the basics of using the APS StampStore and circuit books for buying and selling. If you are unable to attend the seminar, handouts will be available at the booth.

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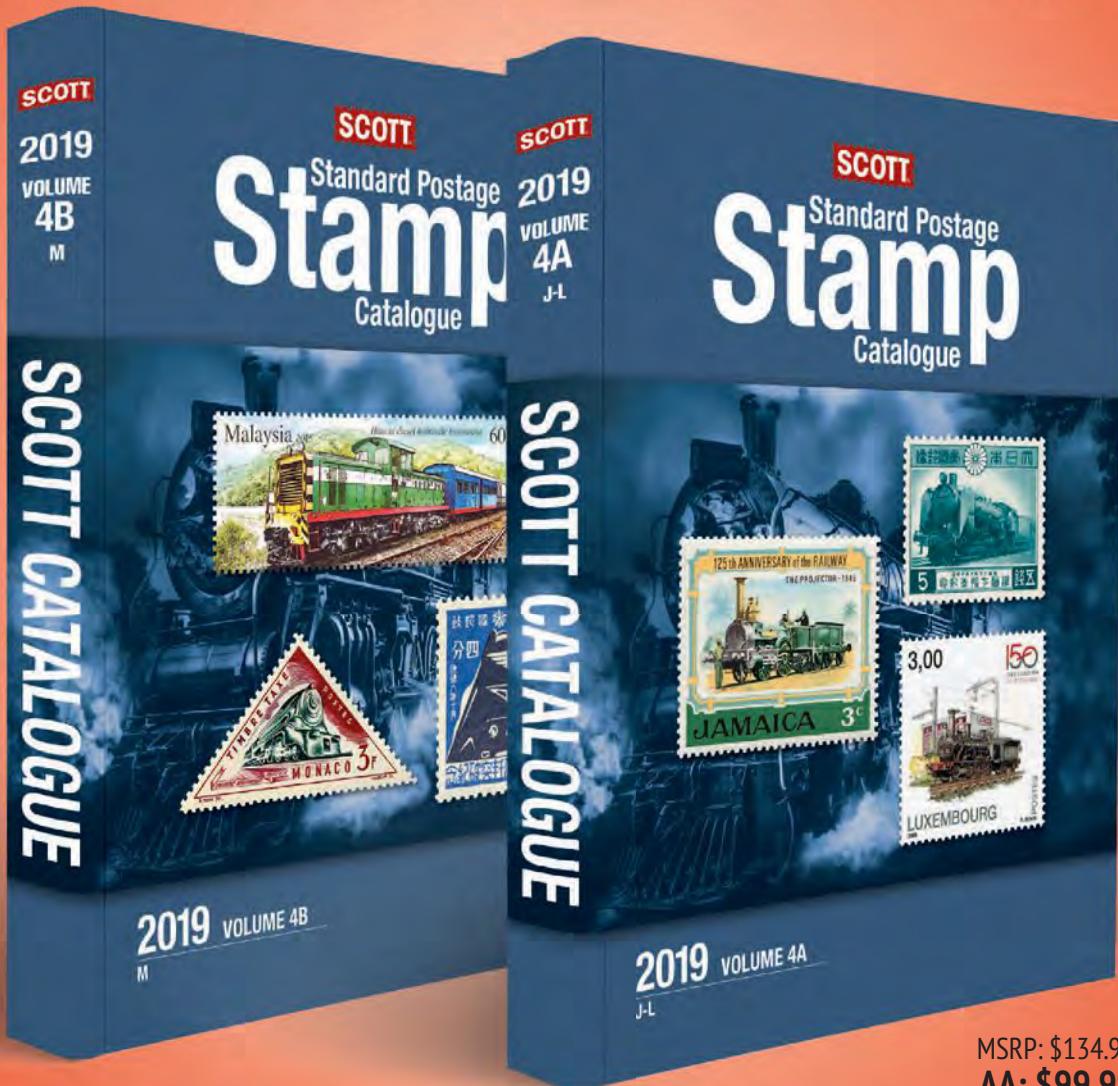
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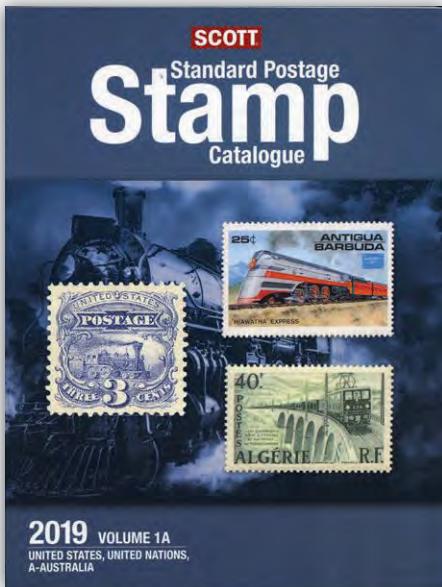
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2019 Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, Volume 1 (United States, United Nations and countries A through B, in two books; and Volume 2, countries C through F in two books.

The 2019 *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* – the 175th edition – is celebrating its second year of its split-volume format and so far we've heard nothing but positive things about this. Thankfully, those unwieldy monster catalogs are clearly a thing of the past, but Scott still offers the convenience (though some might call it a curse) of picking up a whole bunch of countries at the same time.

As last year, the U.S., U.N. and all A countries through Australia appear in Vol. 1A and the rest of the A and all B countries in Vol. 1B (both books are sold as one volume.) In Volume 2, we find countries C through F in two books. The remaining four volumes of the standard catalog will be issued at the beginning of June, July, August and September.

Each book duplicates the basics starting with an Introduction that includes contact info for societies, study groups and expertizing services, plus an illustrated guide to grading, catalog listing policy, a guide to the listings and

color and general abbreviations. A section covers basic stamp information, from paper and watermarks to printing processing, inks, luminescence, gum, fakes and forgeries, terminology, common design types (illustrated) and currency conversion. For the British Commonwealth collector there is a listing of British Commonwealth nations and guides to dies and watermarks of British colonial stamps.

Here is a look at volumes 1 and 2:

Volume 1

The 2019 Volume 1 has 1,744 pages total and covers the United States, United Nations and countries starting with the letters A and B. It weighs about 6½ pounds.

The first thing we like to check every year is the theme chosen for the covers. The first two books feature stamps showing trains and railroads, so we expect that will follow through all six volumes. The cover of 1A includes the U.S. Locomotive stamp of 1869 (Scott 114) along with train stamps from Algeria and Antigua and Barbuda; Vol. 1B shows stamps from Austria, Brazil and Belgium.

Each volume of the now 12-volume set includes its own introduction, editor's letter, and index. Vols. 1A and 1B have a total of more than 19,000 value changes (more than 15,000 alone in Vol. 1B) and many editorial enhancements.

What else is new with Volume 1A? Here are some highlights, according to Scott editors:

The listings for U.S. stamps actually show very limited activity. Why? Because Scott performed a comprehensive review last year that resulted in more than 10,500 value changes in the 2018 *Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers*. The U.S. listings do include

a first: the 1908 2-cent scarlet booklet pane of six (Scott 319F1) is valued for the first time, at \$450 unused. Also valued for the first time are the imperforate coil pair of the 2011 2-cent Navajo Necklace (\$400, mint never hinged) and the 2005 Disney Celebration pane with die cutting omitted.

A handful of other changes are made among rarities. Plus, the 1994 Recalled Legends of the West pane takes a big drop from \$190 mint to \$125.

Among other countries in Vol. 1A:

A little more than 300 changes were made in Afghanistan, where editors were challenged because of widely variable prices and a lack of dealer stock.

There are about 500 value changes in Aitutaki, with editors continuing a review that started last year. Values for stamps from the mid-1980s to early 2011 are down about 10 percent to 15 percent.

Prices for Antigua continued to trend downward with continuing softening markets. Drops from 10 to 20 percent in stamps from the mid-1930s through the 1990s are typical, but values are steady for stamps from 2000 onward.

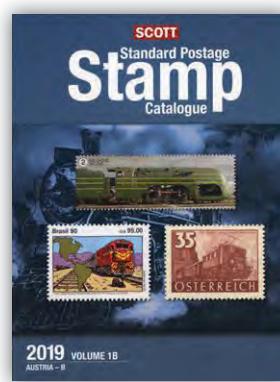
More than 1,000 changes are recorded for Ascension, with a handful of increases for classic stamps and downward trends for more modern material.

Classic Australia received a thorough review and wound up with 500 value changes, mostly trending downward.

Here are some notes about Volume 1B, where there are more than 15,000 value changes:

Leading the way in value changes are Brazil (4,500), Bulgaria (4,300), Burkina Faso (1,300) and Belize (1,300).

Let's take the good first, Brazil, which was thoroughly reviewed. There's



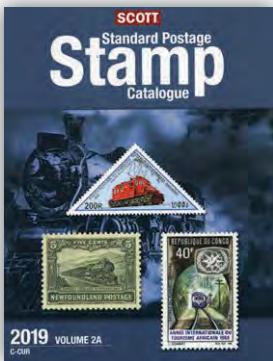
mixed results among the stamps from 1900 to 1940, but things slide downward from 1941 into the 1990s. Back-of-the-book material generally saw increases.

Editors went line-by-line through Bulgaria. Values in stamps from 1920 through 1935 trended downward to better reflect retail prices on never-hinged stamps. On the whole, declines of 10 percent to 15 percent on postage through mid-2005, but steeper declines are found on stamps from 1998 through 2003.

In Belize, most changes were downward through stamps of 2005.

Burkina Faso, once known as Upper Volta, had somewhat mixed results with some scattered gains among the losses in stamps from the 1960s through the mid-1980s, with sharper drops among stamps from 1984 to 1987. Values are added for the first time for many stamps from the mid-1990s through 2008.

The Bahamas, where 400 changes were made, is noted as a typical example of what has happened in values among



British Commonwealth countries in recent years. There are modest increases among stamps through the 1935 Jubilee issue. The biggest jumps are those for used stamps.

For Bermuda, where 700 value changes were recorded, there are scattered upward adjustments to accommodate classic issues through the 1930s.

One country on the rise is Burma. With its 300 changes, many are upward because of a scarcity of material for years 1950 through 1990.

Volume 2

The 2019 Volume 2 has 1,816 pages total and covers all countries beginning

with the letters C through F.

As expected, trains and locomotives continue as the cover theme on this volume's two books. The cover of 2A show train stamps from Cambodia, People's Republic of Congo and Newfoundland; Vol. 2B shows stamps from Czech Republic, Dominica and France.

Each volume of the now 12-volume set includes its own introduction, editor's letter, and index. Vol. 2 has a total of about 16,000 value changes, with about an equal number between the two books, plus many editorial enhancements.

What else is new with Volume 2a? Here are some highlights, according to Scott editors:

Let's start with the big fish: People's Republic of China. Editors focused on stamps issued between 1950 and 1980 and made 1,800 value changes. The majority were increases (ding-ding, China remains hot).

Cuba yielded more than 2,400 value changes, with increases dominating the republic issues and a mix of ups and downs among the revolutionary government issues starting in 1959.

Chile received a mix of increases and decreases with nearly 1,000 changes in the postage section through 2001. Stamps of 2002 through 2008 generally increased in value.

More than 750 value changes were made in Colombia, including some modest gains in stamps from 2000 to 2009.

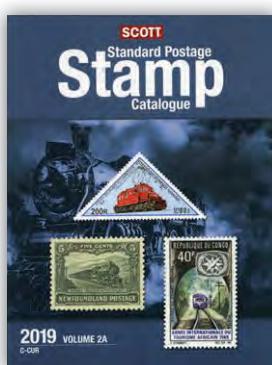
Cocos Islands, a tiny Australian territory with No. 395 as its highest Scott number, had an interesting review with a whopping 350 changes (more than 80 percent). Stamps through 2003 saw drops from 10 percent to 15 percent, with some even higher. But 37 stamps from 2003 (Scott 337) through 2013 (373) rose in value.

Almost 200 value changes were made in the Democratic Republic of Congo, mostly slight declines, though imperforated issues saw increases.

In Canada, new errors and listings

have been added for complete booklets and there are two new error listings for Newfoundland and nine for Canada. Overall, there are many new listings for complete booklets.

Now, here's a summary of Volume 2B:



Czechoslovakia takes the prize with most changes at 2,800. Declines are the norm in all periods with a few increases here and there.

Fiji shows 1,500 value changes, mostly from 1938 through early 2006. Declines predominate with a few scattered changes, such as the 1992 Expo 92 set, which rose \$2.65 to \$19.50. Six major new numbers and 13 minor numbers were added to the listings of the overprinted Bird definitives of 2007-2017.

The Dominican Republic received a lot of attention resulting in 1,350 value changes, with increases – especially in stamps from early 2000 through late 2016 – are more prevalent than decreases.

Estonia's 750 value changes were a mix of increases and decreases, with substantial jumps among stamps carrying Russian handstamps of "Eesti Post." Numerous values for semipostals from 1920 to 1940 have been updated.

The Falkland Islands were scrutinized. The result a bit more than 1,000 changes, all downward.

The French Southern and Antarctic Territories received 450 value changes, again mostly downward.

In editorial changes, two photographs have been added to help collectors identify the two types of the 1915 2-cent olive green and black stamps.

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This month the Philatelic Happenings column focuses on celebrations of philatelic achievement and remembrances of losses in the hobby.

2018 Luff Awards to Barwis, Stotts and Youngblood

The American Philatelic Society's annual award season is upon us. The society's highest awards for living collectors are the Luff Awards. This year's recipients are **John H. Barwis**, **Denise L. Stotts** and **Wayne L. Youngblood**. The awards will be formally presented August 11 at the Celebration Banquet at StampShow / National Topical Stamp Show in Columbus, Ohio. Tickets can be reserved at stamps.org/stampshow. The awards are named for John N. Luff, who was president of the APS from 1907 to 1909.

John H. Barwis, of Holland, Michigan, is the 2018 Luff Award recipient for Distinguished Philatelic Research. Barwis co-founded and serves as president of the Institute of Analytical Philately. The organization offers research grants and holds symposia. The conferences have been held in conjunction with the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, Chicagopex and the Royal Philatelic Society London.

Barwis has studied and researched 19th-century stamps and postal history of Victoria's first postage stamps. He plated Victoria's first issue 1-penny stamp of 1850, which had never been done in the 120 years since the stamp's first printing. Using scientific equipment, his cutting-edge examination of the shades, papers and inks of the U.S. banknotes was landmark.

Regarding Philadelphia postal history, Barwis wrote and maintains a database of date ranges for postmarks used on Philadelphia foreign mails. He has compiled sailing tables for the monthly packets between Philadelphia and Liverpool, from 1822 to 1875, by using newspaper archives in the United States and Great Britain.

Barwis has been a stamp collector for 59 years. His exhibits have won national and international gold medals, as well as grand awards in the United States and Great Britain. He is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London and past president of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. He won the 2011 Champion of Champions competition.

Barwis retired in 2003 after 25 years with the Royal Dutch/Shell Group. His career comprised a range of technical and leadership positions, including stints as a chief geologist, exploration manager and manager of geological research, as well as technical director and member of the board of Shell U.K. While serving as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers he conducted research in sedimentology and hydrodynamics at the Hydraulics Laboratory of the U.S. Waterways Experiment Station. Prior to military service he managed an Arctic drifting station owned by the Office of Naval Research, spending more than 15 months on the North Polar ice pack. He has contributed more than 50 articles and government publications to the geological literature in coastal geomorphology and hydrodynamics, sedimentology, stratigraphy, as well as petroleum exploration and production. He holds bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in geology.

Denise L. Stotts, of Houston, Texas, is the recipient of the Luff Award for Exceptional Contributions to Philately. Stotts has been an active and tireless philatelic leader and volunteer at the national, state and local level for more than 25 years.

A lifelong philatelist, she served as director-at-large for the American Philatelic Society from 2007 to 2011. She has also served on the APS Chapter Activities, Ethics and Election Review committees, the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship Advisory Board and as local committee chair for APS AmeriStamp Expo 1998.

Stotts has been on the Garfield Perry March Party show committee since 1988 and

served as show chair for the Greater Houston Expo from 1994 through 2016. She is a founding member of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and Women Exhibitors and has been a director for the Texas Philatelic Association and Houston Philatelic Society. She has served as awards director for the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, the United States Stamp Society and Women Exhibitors. She also was the assistant director of volunteers for the Washington 2006 World Philatelic Exhibition and helped managed the bin room for World Stamp Show-New York 2016.

Stotts also is a gold medal award-winning philatelic exhibitor. She has staffed booths for the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, United States Stamp Society, Women Exhibitors and other organizations at numerous shows. She has even served organizations such as the Ohio Postal History Society, for which she was not even a member. Philately has benefitted tremendously from Denise's leadership, guidance and service.

Wayne L. Youngblood of Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin, is the recipient of the Luff Award for Outstanding Service to the APS. Youngblood is a lifelong stamp collector who began at age 8 and never stopped.

Youngblood has served three terms on the APS board as director-at-large and two terms as secretary. He has served as an expert for the American Philatelic Expertizing Service since 1990, providing opinions on about 2,500 items. He has been a columnist for *The American Philatelist* since October

2004. He has served as an APS Summer Seminar instructor all but one year since 1990.

Youngblood is current editor of *Topical Time* and *Duck Tracks* and past editor of *Posthorn* and *Across the Fence Post*, 2005-2012. In addition to *The American Philatelist* he also is a columnist for *Linn's Stamp News* and *Philatelic Exporter*. He has served as president of the Errors Freaks and Oddities Collectors Club and the Los Alamos Stamp Collectors Association, and served on the boards of the American First Day Cover Society and Arizona Philatelic Rangers. He has been a member of the St. Louis Stamp Expo Show Committee and is a Boy Scouts Stamp Collecting Merit Badge counselor.

Wayne began his professional involvement with the hobby as an editor at *Linn's Stamp News*, became editor of *Scott Stamp Monthly* then as editor-publisher of *Stamp Collector* newspaper and, more recently, as vice president at Regency-Superior Auctions. Wayne currently divides his time between his family and freelance writing, editing, dealing and exhibit work. He is author of 10 books (including *Stamps that Glow* and *All About Stamps*) and has written thousands of columns and features over the years. He speaks extensively on the hobby to both philatelic and non-philatelic groups.

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Award Recipients for National Service

Chris Calle came with his dad, Paul, to APS StampShow 2000 in Providence, Rhode Island. Since then, Calle has come to nearly every APS winter and summer show and designed the show cachets (on a volunteer basis) for almost all of them. He offers autographs and has worked with Unicover to provide foreign first day ceremonies at a number of the summer shows. He also has produced several exhibits and won both the Most Popular Exhibit Award and the Most Popular Champion of Champions. In recent years he also has provided a number of volunteer services for the American First Day Cover Society.

Rodney A. Juell has been an active general U.S. collector since the age of 14. He is co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting*, is a regular contributor to *American Stamp Dealer & Collector* magazine, and has been an instructor at APS Summer Seminar and On-the-Road courses. A governor of the United States Stamp Society, he has contributed numerous articles to its journal, *The United States Specialist*. On the local level he is the president of the Philatelic Club of Will County (Illinois). Juell was society coordinator for WSS-NY 2016 and has helped at APS Volunteer Work Week.

Yamil Kouri has been involved in many aspects of philately, including exhibiting, judging, writing, publishing, representing the U.S. on the Inter-American Federation of Philately, and serving as a U.S. commissioner to several international shows. A past vice president for the American Philatelic Society, Kouri is currently board chair for the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History and a director for the Boston 2026 World Stamp Exhibition. He is past editor of *The Cuban Philatelist* and past president of the Cuban Philatelic Society of America. He is a member of more than 20 philatelic societies in the U.S. and abroad, and was elected to the Royal Hispanic Academy of Philately.

Jerry H. Miller has been active in all aspects of philately for more than 50 years. He became an APS and Germany Philatelic Society accredited judge in 1995. He has been a mainstay of the Glen Ellyn Philatelic Club for decades. Over the past 20 years he has recruited more local members for the Collectors Club of Chicago than any other member. He has served as director of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors critique service for the past six years and served the Germany Philatelic Society in numerous capacities.

Ross A. Towle is a life member of the APS, APRL, United Postal Stationery Society, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, United States Philatelic Classics Society and Western Philatelic Library. He is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London. And he is a member of Sociedad Filatélica de Chile, Chile Specialists of North America, Me-

ter Stamp Society, Collectors Club (of New York), Collectors Club of San Francisco, American Philatelic Congress, Postal History Society, Union of Bulgarian Philatelists and other philatelic organizations. Towle is a pioneer in the use of electronic media for philatelic publishing. His CD-ROM *Catalog of Chilean Postal Stationery: 1871-1996* has consistently received international gold medals. He is the webmaster for Westpex (www.westpex.com) and the FIP Postal Stationery Commission (www.postalstationery.org) and he is a director of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and Secretary/Treasurer of the American Philatelic Congress. He is an accredited U.S. national judge. He is the assistant editor of *Postal Stationery*, the bimonthly organ of the United Postal Stationery Society.

Award Recipients for Local Service

A stamp collector since age 5, **Roy Baardsen**, has excelled in his service to the Reading (Pennsylvania) Stamp Collectors Club and Lancaster Philatelic Society for well over a decade. Roy has been the Reading vice president for the last 14 years and has led its annual stamp show over the same period. In 2006, Roy organized a bus committee for the Lancaster Philatelic Society. Since then, he has organized trips to the APS, New York ASDA shows, the National Postal Museum and WSS-NY 2016.

Tom Broadhead has provided invaluable service to the Knoxville Philatelic Society for many years, holding most of the officer positions, and most importantly serving as the editor of the club newsletter for the past 12 years. He has also been the Knoxville Stamp Show publicity chairman for 25 years.

Anthony K. Brooks has served on the Indypex organizing committee for the past 30 years. Over this period he has been in charge of awards, the banquet, exhibits, the kicking mule newsletter, the post office, the schedule, signs, societies and special events. At the 2001 show, he served as a judge and had responsibilities in five of these areas. An accredited judge since 1988, Tony has selected the Indypex jury for many years and provided transport for them from and to the airport. Tony is also immediate past president of the Military Postal History Society.

Robert Burney has participated in many World Series of Philately stamp shows with his exhibit, "Revolutionary Martyrs of the Kuomintang," which won 10 gold awards, including a grand in 2016 at the Omaha Stamp Show. But his real passion is teaching other philatelists how to exhibit. Seven years ago Bob introduced exhibiting to his stamp club, the Midwest Philatelic Society, by building 12 frames holding nine pages each and donating them to his club. He then conducted a hands-on workshop on four consecutive weekends, each class three hours long covering all phases of exhibiting and prepared all of the professional quality material that is given to each student. The workshops have been offered every other year since, with 11 students taking the course this year. Burney was the first MPS exhibit chairman. He is a past president of the Birmingham (Alabama) Philatelic Society, as

well as the Midwest Philatelic Society and a member of numerous philatelic societies.

Over the past five years **Debbie Cleeton** has provided more than 3,500 hours of volunteer service at the American Philatelic Center. She has helped prepare Stamps Teach mailings, scanned slides for the conversion of slide programs to DVDs, helped save the APS thousands of dollars by applying multiple low-value donated stamps to envelopes for mailings, helped process in-kind donations and helped in nearly any other way requested.

For more than 76 years, **John Drew** has been one of those unassuming individuals who just does. He has held positions in the Western Cover Society up through being president. He has been active in the San Jose Stamp Club and its World Series of Philately show, Filatelic Fiesta. And, he volunteers in museums that have a philatelic tie.

Edgar Hicks' affiliation with the Omaha Stamp Show goes back to at least 1990 when he began several years of service as the awards chair. From 2004 to 2010, he served as the show's general chair. Even when he may have had no official role with the show he has been a major promoter to the community, whether it's to prompt the mayor to a ribbon-cutting or looking for corporate support to bring the APS StampShow to Omaha. Edgar also has served as president of the Liberia Stamp Society, as a board member for the American Philatelic Society, and on the APS Membership Committee.

Wayne Menuz has more than 50 years promoting, volunteering and contributing to philatelic activities in the San Francisco area. His role as bourse chair was a significant factor in making Westpex one of the preeminent WSP shows. His outstanding efforts helped resurrect Filatelic Fiesta.

This year, the Greater Houston Stamp Expo chaired by **Ron Strawser**, was held just a couple weeks following the visit of Hurricane Harvey. Ron has served on the show committee since at least 1994, serving on the club's board for much of that time as well. Ron also has been an APS accredited judge, since 2003, and a participant and promoter of team exhibiting at APS AmeriStamp Expo and other shows.

Roy Texeira has been the backbone for the Western Philatelic Library for the last 30 years. He has, and continues to be, a major contributor to all WSP shows in the Bay area. He has also been a major contributor to the International Society of Portuguese Philatelists, including serving as its president.

Award Recipient for Outstanding Young Adult (Age 25-40)

Jill Piazza is a member of the Washington (D.C.) Stamp Collectors Club for which she served as executive secretary. She writes for their newsletter, *The Washington City Despatch*, and regularly participates in the club's program, taking third place in its 1999 album contest. Piazza also has served on the board of the Napex-DC area World Series of Philately show, for which she had the primary responsibility for first

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day ceremonies and youth. For Napex 1999, students in her first grade class at Glenridge Elementary School in Landover Hills, Maryland created unique cachets with a patriotic theme. For several years she has incorporated stamp collecting into the classroom, making sure the kids have stamps to take home and work on over the summer. Jill also has served the Smithsonian National Postal Museum as a volunteer, providing write-ups on U.S. stamps for its Arago website.

Award Recipient for Outstanding Young Philatelist (Younger Than 25)

Alex Gill began collecting stamps in 2005 and joined the West Bend Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club in 2007. In 2008 and 2009, he was the first-place winner for the Texas Philatelic Association's annual holiday stamp design contest. (He was also second in his age bracket in 2007 and 2010.) Since 2008, he has staffed a stamp collecting booth for the Milwaukee Holiday Folk Fair several times.

Gill's current philatelic memberships include the American Philatelic Society, American Topical Association, Milwaukee Philatelic Society and the Kettle Moraine Coin and Stamp Club. His article, "Peace Through Understanding: The 1964-1965 World Fair Philatelic Souvenirs," was published in the May 2016 edition of *The American Philatelist*, and "President Harding and Philately" and "History of Milwaukee's City Hall" were printed in *Across the Fence Post* in 2013 and 2014. Gill has attended and volunteered at most of the APS shows since becoming an alumnus of the Young Philatelic Leaders Fellow in 2012. In September 2017, Alex joined Kelleher Auctions as an auction assistant and journeyman describer.

Exhibition Award Winners

Here are exhibition award winners at recent World Series of Philately shows.

Westpex, April 27-29, 2018, San Francisco, California

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Multiframe Grand – **Santiago Cruz**, "SCADTA's First Issues: A Traditional Approach to Airmail Stamps"

Multiframe Reserve Grand – **Robert B. Pildes**, "Artists' Drawings, Essays, Proofs and Associated Material of the 1948 Doar Ivri Issue of Israel"

Single Frame Grand – **Patricia Stillwell Walker**, "Ship Letter Rates of Ireland: Act of 1711 through Act of 1840"

Youth Grand – **Geneva Varga**, "The Folkloric Mysteries of Harry Potter"

Philatelic Show, May 4-6, 2018, Boxborough, Massachusetts

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Multiframe Grand – **Robert Benninghof**, Irish Coil Stamps, 1922 to 1940

Multiframe Reserve Grand – **Gregory Shoultz**, "Washington and Franklin Coils Third Bureau Perforated Issues, 1908-1922"

Single Frame Grand – **Sandeep Jaiswal**, "Jammu & Kashmir Telegraphs"

Pipex, May 11-13, 2018, Portland, Oregon

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Multiframe Grand – **K. Joe Youssefi**, *Classic Persia*

Multiframe Reserve Grand – **Paul Phillips**, The Postal History of Livorno to 1823

Single Frame Grand – **Michael Bloom**, Guatemala: the UPU Resplendent Quetzals, 1881-1886

Most Popular Award – **Larry Maddux**, Oregon Territory Mail, 1848 to 1859

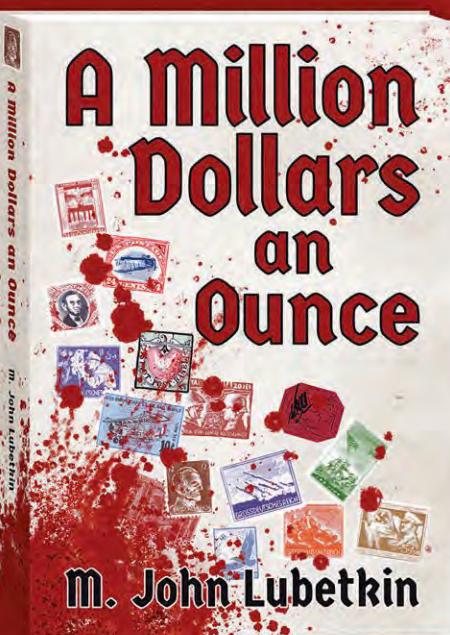
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Youth Grand – Rebecca Liebson, "The 8.4 Cent Americana Piano Coil"

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame honors deceased individuals for outstanding contributions to philately.

Charles A. Fricke (1921-2017) was a longtime collector of postal stationery who received the 1981 APS Luff award for distinguished philatelic research, was inducted into the APS Writers Unit hall of fame in 1989, and was honored in 2016 with the APS Charles J. Peterson philatelic literature life achievement award.

Fricke conducted research and authored seminal works on the first postal card issues of the United States. His detailed study of the subject plates and master die proofs resulted in renumbering all the proofs (normal, trial color and trial color card proofs) listed by Brazer in the *Essay Proof Journal*.

Over many years Charles Fricke authored over 1,000 articles that appeared in many journals. These items focus on some aspect of postal card or postcard use including rates, auxiliary markings, routes, cancellations, interesting points of origin or destination, varieties, advertising cards, first day items, novelty cards, paid reply cards, earliest known use, and other stationery items like stamped envelopes and wrappers,

as well as many divergent subjects in the field of philately.

Fricke's articles have appeared in over 35 philatelic journals and publications and five newspapers including *Linn's Stamp News*, *Pennsylvania Postal Historian*, *Stamp Collector*, *American Philatelist*, *U.S. Stamp News*, *U.S. Stamps & Postal History*, *Scott Stamp Monthly*, *Postal Stationery*, *Airpost Journal*, *Philatelic Freemason*, *The Seebecker*, *American Philatelic Congress Book*, *New Jersey Postal History*, *North Carolina Postal History Society Newsletter*, *Collectors Club Philatelist*, *S.P.A. Journal*, *Chesstamp Review*, and *Mekeel's & Stamps* among others.

For decades – as attested to by his perennial ads in such publications as *The American Philatelist*, *Mekeel's*, *STAMPS Magazine*, *Weekly Philatelic Gossip* and *Chambers Stamp Journal* – **Max Ohlman** (1881-1957) maintained offices at 116 Nassau Street—in the famed Stamp Center building.

In March 1912, *Mekeel's* ran an editorial suggesting to the dealer community that a national organization of stamp dealers be formed. Finally, on December 15, 1914, the charter of the American Stamp Dealers Association was adopted. Max Ohlman was elected the first president of the Association – being sworn in at the beginning of 1915.

Ohlman was a close friend of Franklin Roosevelt and sponsored him for membership in the APS.

Jacques C. Schiff (1931-2017) was a pioneer in the realm of Error, Freak and Oddity philately; featuring this collecting area in his auctions since he began in the business in the

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1960s. Over 50 years, his nearly 340 auction catalogs are a virtual chronicle of what exists in U.S. EFOs. In addition, he wrote long-running columns on EFOs in the philatelic press, and was a frequent visitor to the security printing plants that produced U.S. stamps to assure that he knew the cause of errors and that they were genuine.

His firm made a specialty of bringing newly discovered errors to market, getting them certified, and making sure that, when justified, they got catalog listings. The \$1 Candleholder "CIA" Invert is a good example. He was a scholar in printing technology, and counted among his friends and contacts many principals in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the late George Brett. He served as a mentor to Steven Datz, John Hotchner, and Jim Kloetzel, among others.

For many years, Schiff was well-known on the show scene as a sometimes retail dealer, but more often a booth-holder to be available to current and potential customers, and as a popular lecturer on how auctions work, and "How to protect yourself from buying doctored stamps."

William R. Weiss (1943-2015) established Weiss Philatelics and Weiss Auctions in 1972, and later expanded into Weiss Expertizing Services. He was a 48-year American Philatelic Society member and a very well known exhibitor and author of several books including *The Foreign Mail Cancellations of New York City, 1870-1878*, *The United States 15c Stamp of 1870-1890*, *The Catalog of Union Civil War Patriotic Covers*, *Confederate States General Issue Stamps Used Adversity Covers, 1861-1865* and *Collecting United States Covers and Postal History*. Weiss authored numerous articles in various philatelic publications and served as an instructor for the APS Summer Seminar.

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Unique among the Washington area clubs, whose members are mostly specialist or intermediate to advanced general collectors, Mr. Beasley is composed primarily of novice collectors. She received an APS volunteer recognition award for local promotion and service in 2013 for this work.

As a director of the NAPEX stamp show from 2007 to 2009, Taylor created the INC (Important New Collectors) program. Novice collectors of all ages received free stamps, a specially-branded backpack, and an escorted tour of the exhibits. The INC program featured a youth table and Boy Scouts stamp collecting merit badge seminar. It continued at NAPEX for nearly 10 years.

From 2010 to 2016, Taylor was a member of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Council of Philatelists. Past Museum director Allen Kane stated that her appointment to the Council brought "much needed direction and energy in targeting youth and continuing to promote the hobby to new audiences. Taylor served on the Council's New Initiatives Committee, which developed and implemented several creative programs aimed at recruiting newcomers, including the YouTube Philatelic Video Competition and the Stamps Teach program. In 2013, Taylor was also appointed to the American First Day Cover Society's Youth Committee.

Dealer of the Year

Donald J. Sundman, president of Mystic Stamp Company, is a second-generation stamp dealer. He is a successful entrepreneurial business man, growing his business in an environment that has been shrinking. Most important is his recognition that in order to grow the hobby for the benefit of all participants it needs strong institutions like the American Philatelic Society and other organizations. His support has

helped provide the care and feeding necessary to keep the hobby attractive to collectors.

Since 1985 Sundman has been responsible for sponsoring several thousand new APS members through free distribution of APS promotional materials, complimentary space advertising, and direct referrals. He is the top recruiter for new APS members. Typically he sponsors more than 200 new members every year. In 2000 he was responsible for 8 percent of the total number of new APS members obtained during the year.

For many years Sundman and his firm, Mystic Stamp Company, loaned their famous 1-cent Z grill for promotional display at APS StampShow and also to World Stamp Expo in Anaheim, California. In addition, he has borne the costs of producing the information brochures distributed about the exhibit. This gem of philately is a treasure that served as a publicity device, attracting many visitors.

Sundman has served as a member of the National Postal Museum's Council of Philatelists. In 2004, he was elected by his peers to chair this Council. During his leadership, he restructured the Council into highly effective work groups that have supported the National Postal Museum's mission and strategic plan in the areas of museum exhibits, outreach, promotion and research.

Losses to the Hobby

The hobby lost two APS Luff Award winners on consecutive days in late April.

Thomas J. Alexander of Overland Park, Kansas, the 1985 winner for Distinguished Philatelic Research passed away on April 25, 2018. A veteran of World War II, an attorney who argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, Tom served as the president of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and as chair

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His research and publications included *Simpson's U.S. Postal Markings, 1851-1861*, the *U.S. Stampless Cover Catalog*, the *United States 1847 Cover Census*, and *The Travers Papers: United States Postal History and Postage Stamps: Official Records*. During his 68 years as a member Tom served on the ethics, insurance, and Luff Awards committees of the APS. In 2014 Tom donated 326 bankers boxes containing his library and research papers to the American Philatelic Research Library.

Ann M. Triggle, 2005 Luff Award winner for Outstanding Service to the Society passed away on April 26. Ann

was a professor at the University of Buffalo where she created and ran a pharmacy museum before retiring and moving to Florida. Ann served on the APS Board

of Vice Presidents from 2001-2003 and as an APS Director at Large from 1997-2001. Ann served on the board for the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, served on the committees of the Rochester, New York and Sarasota, Florida national exhibitions, chaired the APS Awards Committee and while on the board served as the liaison to all APS committees.

However, Ann was probably best known as a national and internationally accredited judge who chaired the Committee for Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges. She wrote chapters for two editions of *The Manual of Philatelic Judging* and helped broaden exhibiting to allow display, illustrated

and cinderella exhibits. Ann recruited many new judges, including myself, and her preparedness and attention to detail was legendary. While she represented the APS on the International Federation of Philately Thematic Commission, her prostitute tax stamp exhibit may have attracted more attention than any of her other exhibits.

Additional Losses

The hobby also recently lost two dealers. Just six months after the passing of his wife, Bonnie, **Roger Riga** also passed away. Roger and Bonnie were the "Source for Alternative Philately" offering cinderellas, poster stamps, and ephemera. For many years they sold at stamp shows but in more recent years they moved to an internet-based operation. They frequently visited our circuit sales division when their trips between shows or their Ohio home base brought them close to Central Pennsylvania.

Charyl S. Morginstin, from New



Ann M. Triggle

Jersey, late wife of Sid Morginstin, may have been better known for the home cooked treats she offered at the show booths of Negev Holyland Auctions/Button Stamp Company – her e-mail address began with "brownie" – but she had been an APS member for nearly 40 years.

Many collectors have a major impact in their local area although they may not well known nationally. Two recent losses fitting this description are **Edgar W. Jatho Jr.** and **Benjamin F. Howell Jr.** A marine veteran and financial consultant Ed was a dedicated member of the Crescent City Stamp Club of New Orleans and served as the auctioneer for their annual Philatelic Happening. For roughly 60 years **Ben Howell** was a mainstay of the State College, Pennsylvania Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society and its annual Scopex show. He passed away just shy of his 101st birthday and just shy of reaching 60 years APS membership.

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Michigan July 14

Bay de Noc Stamp & Coin Club Show Bay de Noc Stamp & Coin Club, Bay College Heirmann Bldg, Danforth Rd, Escanaba. ***B***
Contact: Mark Kuehn, 906-786-2103
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Minnesota July 20-22

Minnesota Stamp Expo Twin City Philatelic Society and Various Local Clubs, Crystal Community Ctr, 4800 Douglas Dr, N., Minneapolis. ***WSP***
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Website: www.stampsmnnesota.com/MN%20Stamp%20Expo.htm

Washington July 21-22

Evergreen Stamp Club Summer Exhibition Evergreen Stamp Club, Kent Commons Recreation Center, 525 4th Ave., N., Kent.
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Website: www.stamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club

Connecticut

Fourth Sunday Collectibles Show New Haven Philatelic Society, Annex YMA, 554 Woodward Ave., New Haven. ***B***
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Website: www.nhps1914.org

Ohio

July 22
Montrose Stamp Show Lincolnway Stamps, Holiday inn Akron, West 4073 Medina Road, Akron. ***B***
Contact: David G. Pool, 330-832-5992
Email: lincolnway@sssnnet.com

Louisiana

July 28-29
Bossier City Stamp & Coin Show Red River Stamp Society, Bossier City Civic Center, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City.
Contact: Tom Mueller, 318-218-0981
Email: starsavs@hotmail.com

Nevada

July 28-29
2018 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show Nevada Stamp Study Society, National Bowling Stadium Museum, 300 N. Center St., Reno.
Contact: John Walter, 775-232-4760
Email: show@renostamp.org
Website: www.renostamp.org

North Carolina

July 28-29
CHARPEX 2018 Charlotte Philatelic Society, Worrell Bldg, Central Piedmont Community College, 1228 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte.
Contact: Gene Zhiss, 704-553-8110
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Website: www.charpex.info/

New Jersey

August 3-4
MERPEX 2018 Merchantville Stamp Club, Marlton Middle School, 150 Tomlinson Mill Road, Marlton.
Contact: Carol Anne Visalli, 856-562-1389
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Georgia

August 3-5
AMERICOVER 2018 American First Day Cover Society, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners (Norcross). ***WSP***
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August 4
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Washington

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Strait Stamp Show Strait Stamp Society, Sequim Masonic Lodge, South 5th and Pine, Sequim. ***B***
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South Carolina

August 18-19
2018 Summer Stamp and Postcard Show Columbia Philatelic Society, Spring Valley High School, 120 Sparkleberry Lane, Columbia. ***B***
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Wyoming

August 18-19
WYPEX Cheyenne Philatelic Society, Radisson Hotel, 204 West Fox Farm Rd, Cheyenne. ***B***
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Pennsylvania

August 19
Erie Stamp Show Erie Stamp Club, Erepa Grotto, 3828 Washington Ave, Erie. ***B***
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Missouri

August 24-25
Greater Kansas City Stamp Show Gladstone Stamp Club, Gladstone Community Center, 6901 N. Holmes, Gladstone. ***B***
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Ohio

August 24-25
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Arkansas September 7-8

41st Annual Stamp & Coin Show Mountain Home Area Stamp Club, Ramada Inn Convention Center, 11127 Hwy 62, Mountain Home. *B*

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Michigan September 8

Fall Stamp Show & Bourse Pontiac Stamp Club, Waterford Park and Rec Center, 5740 Williams Lake Rd, Waterford. *B*

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Illinois September 8-9

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September 9

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Indiana

September 15-16

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Ohio

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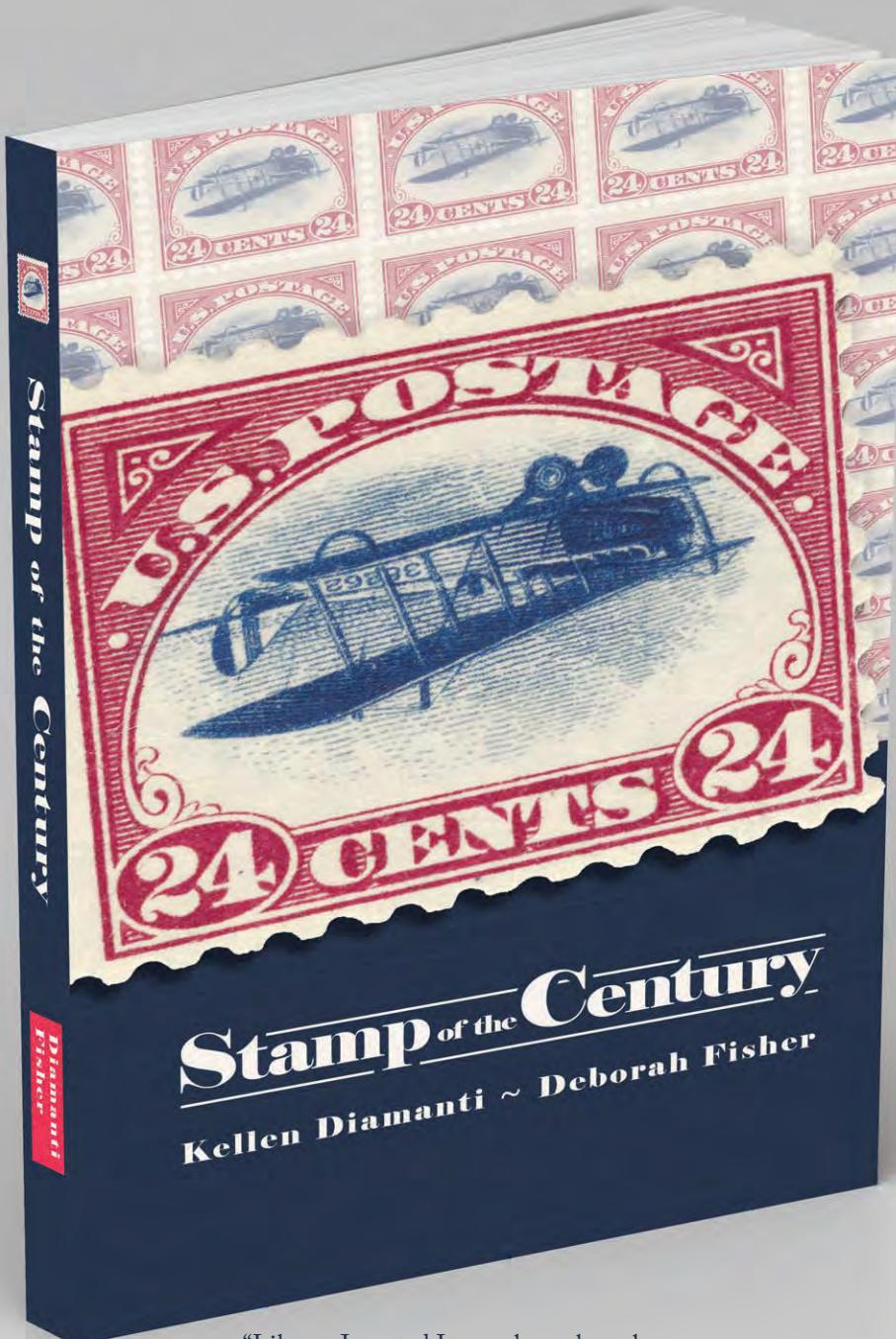
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Anilkumar, M. S. (228903)
Bangalore, India WHALES-FALKLAND ISLANDS-BIRDS-TONGA/TIN CAN MAIL; 48
Babiak-Vazquez, Adriana (229009)
Houston, TX POLAND-SPAIN-MEXICO-US COMMEMORATIVES-GREAT BRITAIN-IRELAND; Epidemiologist
Baco, Meagan (228964) **Baltimore, MD** ARCHITECTURE-US AIRMAILS, ERRORS/FREAKS/ODDITIES-STAMP DESIGN/DESIGNERS-OLYMPICS-WORLD FAIRS/EXPOSITIONS; 33; Historic Preservation

Barnes, Michael J. (229008) **Bristol, CT** WORLDWIDE-US, FDC; 43
Bonislawski, Michael J. (228904)
Watertown, MA US, COMMEMORATIVES, 19TH & 20TH CENTURY, AIRMAILS; 68; Writer

Brady, Gregory J. (S-228997)
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Brown, Bruce N. (228909) **Lutz, FL**; 76
Burns, Richard (228972) **Etters, PA** BRITISH COLONIES-AFRICA-US COMMEMORATIVES; 48; Accountant
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Chamberlin, Christopher D. (228963) **Parsonsfield, ME** US CIVIL WAR COVERS, NC & VA POSTAL HISTORY, CONFEDERATE STATES-NC AND VA CIVIL WAR COVERS; 72
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Moreno Valley, CA US 19TH & 20TH CENTURY, AIRMAILS, CANCELS, BUREAU ISSUES, BLOCKS/GUIDELINE BLOCKS; 45
Ciappa, Mario (228918) **Mount Pleasant, SC**
Cool, Gregory (228957)
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Foster, Richard (228970) **Bayfield, CO**; 65
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Goodman, Ron (228929) **Auburn, WA** US COMMEMORATIVES; 67; Retired
Griswold, Eddie D. (228915)
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Huebner, Jason B. (228933)
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Kolarovic, Andrej (228936) **Trnava, Slovakia**; 43
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Overland Park, KS WAR COVERS/STAMPS-WORLD WAR II-ARCHITECTURE-BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY-SPORTS; 36
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New Members	103
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[2018 NEW STAMPS]

BY JEFF STAGE

New May Stamps Send Us Soaring

The U.S. Postal Service looked skyward to celebrate some big firsts with two new stamps in the month of May.

First, the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of official U.S. airmail service was celebrated with the first of two similar United States Air Mail stamps. Near the end of the month, another stamp was released to honor Sally Ride, America's first woman in space.

Here is a summary of the two stamps, which are both forever stamps paying the first-class domestic rate:

Air Mail Centennial

The U.S. Postal Service celebrated the centennial of official airmail service with release of this stamp in a ceremony at the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

Airmail service officially took off on May 15, 1918 with scheduled flights between Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as well as flights between Philadelphia and New York City.

The new blue-and-white United States Air Mail stamp features a drawing of the type of plane typically used in the early days of airmail, a Curtiss JN-4H biplane. The stamp is printed in intaglio — a design engraved into the stamp paper — and has been produced in panes of 20. A stamp in dark red with the same design will be released August 11 in College Park, Maryland.

The first-day ceremony, on May 1, was part of a day filled with events at the National Postal Museum, including the opening of a new airmail exhibit — “Postmen of the Skies” — and new book, *Stamp of the Century*, co-published by the NPM and American Philatelic Society.

Speaking at the ceremony were Bill Harris, deputy director, Department of the Air Force; Susan Brownell, vice president of supply management for the United States Postal Service; Elliot Gruber, director, and Nancy Pope, head curator, both of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.

After a series of experimental flights in previous years, the Post Office Department and U.S. Army worked cooperatively to launch official airmail service in 1918. Army planes and pilots were used to fly the first mail runs. The Post Office Department took charge of service later that summer, operating it from Aug. 12, 1918, through Sept. 1, 1927.

The stamp celebrates the courage of the pioneering air-mail carriers and the foresight of those who fostered the new service and made it a success. Airmail delivery, daily except Sundays, became part of the fabric of the American economy



and spurred the growth of the nation's aviation industry.

For airmail service to succeed in the early days of flight, the Post Office had to develop profitable routes, such as between New York and Chicago, and to establish the infrastructure for safely making night flights. The first east-west route (New York to Chicago) started December 18, 1918.

The Post Office Department set up lighted airfields and erected hundreds of airmail guide beacons between New York and San Francisco so that by 1924 regularly scheduled, transcontinental flying was possible, day and night.

Dan Gretta designed the stamp and typography while Greg Breeding was art director.

Gretta is an independent digital and print designer in Philadelphia with a focus on branding and packaging. Upon graduating from Philadelphia University in 2008, Gretta was awarded the Maurice Kanbar Award for having one of the Top 5 portfolios. He began his career in advertising, brand strategy, web and packaging and later narrowed his focus to branding and packaging for a variety of industries including cosmetics, wine, spirits, beer, cigars and other luxury goods.

Clients include Pottery Barn, Sony Pictures Classics, Turner Classic Movies, American Greetings, Temple University, Honda and Staples.



Questions and Answers with Greg Breeding, art director

When did you start working on this stamp?

I began working on the stamp design in the spring of 2016.

Did the assignment from the start include two stamps of the same design or did that come later?

The original brief was for a single design. The decision to print two versions, in blue and red, came later.

What are the official colors of the two stamps? (I have been reading “red” but it seems darker than a standard red.)

It is difficult to name the colors of each of the stamps, and that's because each one is custom. Because of the unique challenges of intaglio, we experimented with both the red and blue inks until we arrived at the final solution.

Is this the artist's first postage stamp project?

Yes, this is Daniel Gretta's first postage stamp project.

Did you have any initial concepts for the stamp?

Yes, when I was first assigned the project, we spent considerable time reviewing the many ways airmail stamps were designed in the past. We were particularly drawn to how the stamps were designed during the first decade of airmail, since this issuance commemorates the 100th anniversary of when airmail began. The most common element in airmail stamps are airplanes, quite naturally, but they are often depicted over landscapes and cityscapes and in a multitude of graphic forms.

Was a vintage look a MUST for this stamp?

We art directors are normally given a lot of latitude at the beginning of a project, so while it wasn't a must for the stamp design to reflect the period surrounding the origins of airmail, I did feel that it was the best solution. It's important to note that we're not commemorating a hundred years of airmail since airplanes have long been in use for even domestic mail delivery. But instead, we were trying to commemorate the beginning of airmail, so a stamp design that hearkened back to that era seemed appropriate.

Was a head-on view of the plane conceived from the start?

No, the ultimate direction of the plane came later in the process. In early sketches, we explored numerous ideas, including several of biplanes from the era. Ultimately, however, we wanted to create a stamp distinctive from the famous Inverted Jenny, so the "head-on-view" was favored for that reason.

Can you give examples of how the look of the stamp changed over time?

No, I'm afraid that is not possible.

Is there anything else interesting about the stamp or project you would like to share?

As the digital revolution continues to shape our culture, it seems that people are becoming more intrigued by artifacts, those kind of objects that can be held and have some sense of permanence. So the intaglio printing, itself very old, almost feels new and in ways that make the stamp even more interesting.



Sally Ride

Sally Ride, America's first woman in space, a pioneering astronaut, brilliant physicist and dedicated educator who inspired the nation, was commemorated with a first-class forever stamp.

The stamp was formally dedicated, May 23, in a ceremony at the Price Center, University of California at San Diego. Ride was professor of physics at the university, which also is home to *Sally Ride Science @ UC San Diego*, a non-profit organization she co-founded to inspire young people in science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) and to promote STEM literacy.



UNITED STATES AIR MAIL CENTENNIAL FOREVER STAMP

USPS Item Number: 477700

Format: Pane of 20, 120 stamps per

revolution

Issue Date and City: May 1, 2018, Washington, D.C.

Art Director: Greg Breeding, Charlottesville, Virginia

Designer: Dan Greta, Philadelphia, PA

Typographer: Dan Greta, Philadelphia PA

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Intaglio

Printer and Processor: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU), Williamsville, New York

Press Type: Stevens Vari-size Security Press

Print Quantity: 7.5 million stamps

Paper Type: Nonphosphored Type III, Block Tag

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Pantone 280C

Stamp Orientation: Horizontal

Stamp Sizes: 1.42 inches by 0.84 of an inch; 36.07 millimeter by 21.34mm (image area); 1.56 inches by 0.98 of an inch; 39.62mm by 24.89 mm (overall area); 7.25 inches by 7.25 inches; 184.15mm by 184.15mm (full pane size)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by one (1) single digit

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SALLY USA RIDE



"Sally Ride's history-making journey has made it easier for young girls to dream of one day being an astronaut, an engineer, a physicist or a mathematician," said U.S. Postal Service Chief Information Officer and Executive Vice President Kristin Seaver. "Today, girls don't just dream. Because of trailblazers like Sally Ride, they have been empowered to do!"

Joining Seaver at the ceremony were Pradeep K. Khosla, chancellor at UC San Diego; Becky Petitt, vice chancellor

for equity, diversity and inclusion at UC San Diego, who served as master of ceremonies; Billie Jean King, tennis legend, champion of social justice and Ride's friend; Ellen Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman in space, director of NASA's Johnson Space Center, and another friend of Ride; and Tam O'Shaughnessy, co-founder and executive director of Sally Ride Science @ UC San Diego and Ride's widower.

"Sally started collecting stamps when she was a girl, and she continued to do so her whole life — especially stamps of the Olympics and space exploration," said O'Shaughnessy. "Sally would be deeply honored to have her portrait on a U.S. stamp."

"I admired Sally for her intellect that she applied as a scientist, her focus and passion for STEM education, and her astounding competence in so many areas, including her critical contributions to NASA and the nation," said Ochoa. "As much in demand as she was, she always made time to meet with young women who dreamed of becoming astronauts. I am thrilled to be part of the Sally Ride Forever stamp dedication, continuing her legacy of inspiring people across the country, and indeed around the world."

The stamp, a semi-jumbo format printed in panes of 20, features a colorful portrait of Ride in her light blue space suit with a dramatic depiction of a space shuttle lifting off in the background. Sketched first in charcoal and then rendered in oil paint, artist Paul Salmon of Burke, Virginia, reflects her positivity and confident spirit, as well as the excitement and danger of space travel. Art director Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland, designed the stamp.

Kessler, Salmon and Bill Gicker, the creative director for the U.S. stamp program spoke about the creation of the stamp with the Collect Space website (www.collectspace.com/news-news-052218a-designing-sally-ride-stamp.html), which offered the following:

Working with NASA, the USPS initially researched Ride's career as an astronaut and poured through the photo-



SALLY RIDE FOREVER COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

USPS Item Number: 477300

Format: Pane of 20, 180 stamps per revolution

Issue Date and City: May 23, 2018, La Jolla, California

Art Director, Designer and Typographer: Ethel Kessler, Bethesda, Maryland

Artist: Paul Salmon, Burke, Virginia

Modeler: Joseph Sheeran

Manufacturing Process: Offset, Microprint

Printer and Processor: Ashton Potter (USA) Ltd. (APU), Williamsville, New York

Press Type: Muller A76

Print Quantity: 20 million

Paper Type: Nonphosphored Type III, Block Tag

Adhesive Type: Pressure-sensitive

Colors: Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, PMS 7687

Stamp Sizes: 1.085 inches by 1.42 inches; 27.56 millimeters by 36.07mm (image area); 1.225 inches by 1.56 inches; 31.12mm by 39.62 mm; 7.12 inches by 8.14 inches; 180.85mm by 206.76mm (full pane)

Plate Numbers: "P" followed by five digits

Marginal Markings: Front – Header: SALLY USA RIDE • Plate numbers in two corners; Back – ©2017 USPS, USPS logo, two barcodes (477300), Plate position diagram, Promotional text

graph archives from Ride's two space shuttle flights. But no one picture stood out as a strong candidate for the stamp. "There were a lot of pictures of Sally Ride, but there weren't necessarily any great photographs," Gicker said. "They may have captured her likeness well, but you also have to take into consideration the technical quality of the photograph." Kessler in turn knew immediately who she wanted to work with on its creation. "I looked at the photo research and then picked up the phone to call Paul Salmon," she recalled.

"Paul practically knows everything there is to know about aviation, he loves doing work in that arena, he's great and I hadn't worked with him for a long time. To me, it was a no brainer. Just call Paul," said Kessler.

Salmon, an award-winning illustrator, knows flight and space art. He has created a couple of previous flight-themed U.S. stamps, the 32-cent First Supersonic Flight of 1997 and the 55-cent Billy Mitchell of 1999. He also exhibited three paintings with the Smithsonian's traveling exhibition "The Artist and the Space Shuttle" and his work is part of the permanent collection at the Kennedy Space Center.

Salmon not only took on the assignment, but explained to collectspace.com how the stamp's artwork came about:

"The Postal Service had trouble coming up with a good photo of Ride to depict on the stamp," he told collectSPACE. "But I happened to have an autographed photo of the shuttle crew that flew on that mission. It was autographed to me."

"It depicts all of the astronauts that flew the STS-7 mission and that smiling face of Sally, which is on the stamp now, was in that group photograph," he said. "I worked from that photograph because she was smiling and I thought she looked very pleasant there."

Ride's Legacy

Ride (1951-2012) galvanized the country with her pioneering space flight and inspired generations of students as a physicist, astronaut and champion of science education.

After completing her doctorate in physics, Ride joined NASA's 1978 class of astronaut candidates for the agency's new space shuttle program (the Soviet Union had already sent two women into space). She was the first woman to serve as a capsule communicator for *Columbia*'s second flight in 1981, communicating from the ground with both the shuttle crew in space and the flight director at Mission Control. In spring 1982, NASA assigned her to her first flight crew as a mission specialist.

On June 18, 1983, at 7:33 a.m., Ride realized her ultimate adventure when she launched through Earth's atmosphere aboard space shuttle *Challenger*, becoming the first American woman to reach space. For six days, she worked closely with her four male crewmates, proving to the world below that women were as adept as men in the final frontier.

In her obituary, the *New York Times* noted that Ride was the only panelist reviewing the *Challenger* disaster who supported the testimony of an engineer who had warned about the dangers of the booster's seals, the O-rings, which could

fail in cold weather. The *Challenger* launched on a cold day in January 1986 when it exploded during takeoff.

As a professor, she used her experiences in space to explain complicated physics concepts. She also co-authored six children's books about science with O'Shaughnessy. In 2001, Ride and O'Shaughnessy joined three friends to start a science education company, Sally Ride Science, with the goal of narrowing the gender gap in science, technology, engineering and math.



Questions and answers with Ethel Kessler, stamp designer

When did you start working on this stamp?

At the end of 2015.

How did you decide to use artwork as opposed to photos?

The photos were not as informative as I would have liked, and with illustration, we can tell a much bigger story.

Did NASA provide photos for possible use for stamp artwork?

They mostly provided images for reference only.

Did Mr. Salmon use any particular photos for a source?

Yes, he did ... but he also referred to his experience being at the reentry at Cape Kennedy.

It had been several years since Mr. Salmon worked with the USPS. What prompted you to choose him for this project?

I love his work and his knowledge about aviation. I knew that over the years, he did work for NASA and the Air and Space Museum, and the U.S. stamps that we are familiar with.

Can you please describe the communication process between an art director and an illustrator? Do you start by suggesting anything – horizontal vs. vertical format? Please show Ms. Ride in full or portrait? Should she be shown inside the shuttle? Etc.

First, as art director, I look through as much reference as the researchers can provide. Then select the illustrator. Usually, I place one or two images in stamp format to see what's missing; or what might be working. In this case, with Paul's firsthand experience about the subject, there was little direction other than that. But we did start out thinking it would be a horizontal stamp, leaving enough room to show the portrait and the launch site. But when we looked at the image at stamp size, Sally Ride's head was very small. Both Paul and I wanted her, as the first female astronaut, to have a bigger presence. I changed the format, and the stamp art worked better, with several tweaks to make it work in the new format. And, as you know, there are many traditional stamp formats. Finally, the semi-jumbo worked the best, gave us the presence we were looking for to honor Sally Ride.

NEW WORLDWIDE STAMPS

A quick peek at stamps issued in May from ten different countries around the world.

SWITZERLAND

RAILWAY ANNIVERSARY

On May 9, Switzerland issued a single stamp to mark the 125th anniversary of the Stanserhorn Railway, which still operates today. The railway's clasp brakes were the first of their kind in the world. The original line had three sections. The second and third sections have been replaced by a cable car, in 1975, but the initial section remains on rails. The mountain reaches 6,227 feet above sea level.



CANADA

BEES

The rusty-patched bumblebee, considered endangered in North America, and the metallic green bee appear on a pair of se-tenant stamps issued May 1, by Canada Post. The Permanent rate stamps – created by designer Andrew Perro and illustrator Dave Murray – show the bees in a modernistic geometric style.



PORTUGAL

BRIDGES

On May 9, Portugal issued three stamps in the Europa series, which this year is featuring bridges. The stamps show bridges in Madeira, the Azores and the mainland. The Vasco da Gama Bridge in Lisbon, currently six lanes, was completed in 1998 and crosses the Tagus over a 7.6-mile stretch. Its length prompted engineers to consider the curvature of the planet to avoid a 31-inch deviation at the extremities.



CROATIA

PROFESSOR BALTAZAR

On May 3, Croatia issued a single stamp in pop art colors, showing Professor Baltazar, to mark the 50th anniversary of the beloved children's character who helped solve problems with the help of knowledge and a complex machine that produced magical drops.



FINLAND

FLOWERS

Finland, on May 9, issued five congratulatory stamps featuring flowers illustrated in watercolors by Minna Immonen. The stamps, meant to be sent with various greetings, show Immonen's paintings of a hydrangea, Veitch's peony, a poppy, a harebell and a daisy.



MALAYSIA

MEDICINAL PLANTS

Malaysia, on May 17, issued the fourth set in its current ongoing Medicinal Plants series. The new release features three single stamps in various denominations – including the dogfruit – and a souvenir sheet with a single stamp showing the bitter bean.

UNITED NATIONS

PEACE

On May 29, the U.N. issued a U.S.-denominated stamp called What Are You (R U) Doing 4 Peace? The stamp shows an aerial photo of U.N. headquarters in New York City that was meant to launch a global campaign showcasing U.N. careers. More than 1,000 U.N. staffers dressed in white to pose for the photo, taken in 2015.

COLOMBIA AND MEXICO

BUTTERFLIES

On May 9, Colombia and Mexico jointly issued a pair of se-tenant butterfly stamps produced in mini-sheets of four. The stamps show butterflies native to both nations, including the monarch.

GREAT BRITAIN

OWLS

On May 11, Royal Mail issued a set of 10 stamps featuring photographs of five species of owls as both juveniles and adults. Featured are the barn owl, little owl, tawny owl, and long-eared owl and the short-eared owl, one of the few owls that hunts in daylight. All are native to the U.K.



LUXEMBOURG

COMICS FESTIVAL

On May 15, Luxembourg issued a single stamp commemorating the 25th anniversary of a comic book festival, in Contern. The stamp features six comic book characters and the festival logo.

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WORLDWIDE IN A NUTSHELL

BY BOB LAMB

NEW CALEDONIA

Status: Special Overseas Collectivity of France

Population: 279,070 (2017 est.)

Area: 7,172 sq. miles

Currency: 1 CFP Franc = 1¢ U.S.

New Caledonia is an archipelago consisting of the large island of Grand Terre, the Loyalty Islands and a number of smaller islands in the southwestern Pacific. Captain Cook discovered it in 1774 and named it after his father's Scotland. Two decades later French navigator Antoine de Bruni visited the island. But it was the violence-riden sandalwood trade of the 1840s that brought the first European settlers to the island. They were followed by missionaries; serious European settlement did not begin until the 1870s.

France claimed New Caledonia and the neighboring Isle of Pines in 1853. The latter was included because it was one of the few sources of ship timbers in the South Pacific not under British control. Initially, the settlements were administered from French Oceania, but in 1860 New Caledonia became a colony in its own right. In 1864, France turned New Caledonia into a penal colony and annexed the nearby Loyalty Islands. That same year nickel was discovered and mining eventually made New Caledonia a wealthy colony. New Caledonia has 25 percent of the world's nickel reserves.

The French desire to attract settlers to New Caledonia led them to take land without regard for native claims. This led to several major revolts up to World War I. In the inter-war years, the local administration took advantage of high metal prices to advance local economic and social development. During World War II, New Caledonia expelled the Vichy governor and joined the Free French. Noumea became the headquarters for the U.S. forces in the southern Pacific.

In 1946, the French colonial administration was restructured. New Caledonia became a French Overseas Territory, but the sentiment for independence intensified. A 1988 agreement increased power of the local government. Local pressure led to a new agreement in 1998 which made New Caledonia

a special French collectivity, granting it further local control and agreeing to a later referendum on independence. This law transferred responsibility for the Post and Telecommunications Office to Noumea.

The first postal service in New Caledonia was established on August 4, 1859 to transport mail from Port de France (Noumea) to Napoléonville (Kanala). A marine sergeant named Trinquerat, who ran the post office, personally pin engraved a stone of 50 designs of a 10-cent stamp with the image of Napoleon III. Because each image was engraved by hand, all 50 designs are different. These stamps were only valid for local use. All foreign mail was franked with stamps from New South Wales and routed through Sydney, Australia.

On September 17, 1862, New Caledonia started using French colonies stamps. They were replaced in 1881 with stamps overprinted "NCE" (for Nouvelle-Caledonie établissements).

In 1892, the French Navigation and Commerce issue was released with the inscription "Nouvelle-Caledonie et Dépendances." That inscription was used until 1988, when it became simply

"Nouvelle-Caledonie." Stamps of New Caledonia were used in the New Hebrides until 1908 and in Wallis and Futuna until 1920.

New Caledonia used the French franc until December 1945 when the CFP franc was established for use in the French Pacific colonies. The CFP was created to buffer the colonies from the impact of a dramatic devaluation of the French franc as a result of the Bretton Woods agreement. Initially, the CFP had a fixed exchange rate against the U.S. dollar. In 1949, the CFP was fixed against the franc. The introduction of the CFP resulted in an issue of surcharged stamps in 1945-46, but there was no other philatelic consequence of the new currency.



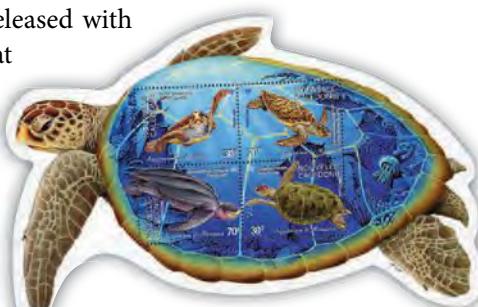
When New Caledonia broke from the Nazi-supported Vichy government, stamps of the 1928 to 1940 series were overprinted "France Libre" to support the Free French government, Scott 222.



This fake stamp shows a typical design of the first stamps of New Caledonia. In 1859, a soldier pin engraved a stone of 50 designs of a 10-cent stamp with the image of Napoleon III.



France overprinted its own stamps for some colonies, including several for New Caledonia (Scott 2-39) between 1881 and 1893, Scott 3.



This turtle-shaped souvenir sheet of four, issued in 2002, shows four native turtles that can be found at the Noumea Aquarium, Scott 899.

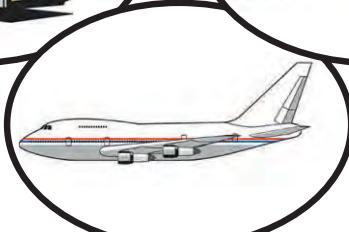
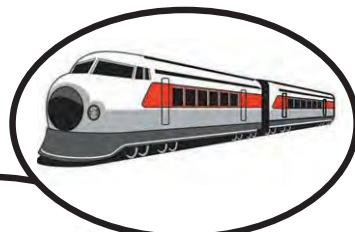
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