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Perryscope returns

After a hiatus following the passing of member Roger Rhoades, Perryscope is back.

The plan is to publish the newsletter regularly to keep Garfield-Perry Stamp Club members, friends and supporters up to date on club activities, philatelic topics and local happenings in the stamp world.

Short articles about a stamp or cover also are welcomed.

This is your newsletter. Contributions of articles, news items, member information and anything you'd like the club to know about are welcome.

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133rd March Party set for March 17-19 in Strongsville

GP's annual March Party 2023 is almost here.

It promises to be one of Ohio's premier philatelic events of the year.

Set for March 17-19 at the Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, the March Party is preparing to welcome hundreds of guests, 38 dealers, 170 frames of exhibits and the Ohio Postal History Society for its annual

meeting.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday.

Next to the Great American Stamp Show on Aug. 10-13 in downtown Cleveland, March Party 2023 will be the largest show in Ohio this year.

Volunteers will be needed for show set up starting at noon,

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DENNIS SADOWSKI

A collector reviews the offerings of dealer Michael Mules of Fox River Stamps during the 2022 March Party.

Stamp for Lorain's Toni Morrison debuts March 7

Note: This article is excerpted from the Jan. 14, 2023 stamp collecting column in The Chronicle-Telegram by Dennis Sadowski.

Lorain native Toni Morrison, who became the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize in literature, will be featured on a U.S. stamp this year.

The stamp will be issued March 7 in Princeton, New Jersey.

The location was likely selected because Morrison became the Robert F. Goheen Professor in the Humanities at Princeton University in 1989.

While the stamp is welcomed by members of the Black River Stamp Club, they expressed disappointment that Lorain was not chosen for the stamp release.

The stamp design features a photographic portrait of Morrison taken in 2000 by Deborah Feingold.

Morrison died at age 88 on Aug. 5, 2019 in New York.

She was born Chloe Anthony



Wofford on Feb. 18, 1931 in Lorain to Ramah and George Wofford, a homemaker and welder, respectively.

As a teenager, Morrison was introduced to the classics while working at the main branch of the Lorain Public Library, now the home of the Lorain Historical Society's Carnegie Center.

Morrison's love of reading set her on a career path as a word-smith and storyteller rooted in the

African American experience.

Morrison changed her name to Toni while studying at Howard University in Washington, D.C., because, she explained in an interview, it was easier to remember. Morrison was the surname of her ex-husband, a Jamaican architect. The couple divorced in 1964 after six years of marriage.

In 1970 at age 39 Morrison published her first novel, "The Blue Eye." That was followed in 1973 by "Sula," her first work that received widespread acclaim.

Her 1987 book, "Beloved," is considered a masterpiece of storytelling. It follows Sethe, a woman who was enslaved and is literally haunted by the decisions she had to make when escaping slavery. The work earned Morrison the 1993 Nobel Prize.

In all, Morrison wrote eight major novels.

She also has appeared on stamps of Sweden (1993) and Palau (2000).

Party

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Thursday, March 16. to mount exhibits, move in dealers and prepare the registration table. The same holds for tear down after the show closes Sunday afternoon. Everyone is welcome to help.

Also, assistance is needed at the registration table throughout the show. Sign up for slots will take place at the February and March meetings.

Exhibit frames are filling quickly, reports Greg Shoultz, exhibit coordinator. So don't delay in sending your application if you intend to exhibit.

The prospectus and application are online at garfieldperry.org under the March Party 2023 tab.

The beginner's area is expected

to return thanks to member Michael Kohut. Please stop by to give him a hand.

This year's souvenir cover will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the 1948 Cleveland Indians World Series championship.

The U.S. Postal Service and the U.N. Postal Administration will be on hand as well.

The hotel is offering visitors a special rate of \$109 per night plus tax. Reserve your room by calling 440-238-8800.

As always, admission and parking are free. Food will be available on site. The hotel is accessible to people with disabilities.

While masks will not be mandatory, they will be available at



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Mark Schwartz and Greg Shoultz won the Grand Award and Reserve Grand Award, respectively, during March Party 2022.

the registration table.

We're looking forward to making March Party 2023 a memorable collector experience.

Cleveland, GP to host Great American Stamp Show August 10-13

You've probably heard that the Great American Stamp Show is coming to Cleveland this summer -- and Garfield-Perry members have been preparing for it for weeks.

Set for Aug. 10-13 at the Huntington Convention Center, the event is the country's largest annual show and exhibition and hosts the World Series of Philately.

Rocco Caponi heads up the local organizing committee for the show,

assisted by Dennis Sadowski. They are pledging to make this year's event a major success.

The last time the national show was in Cleveland was in 1999. Thousands of collectors and non-collectors participated in the show's four-day run then.

To help spread word about the show, a comprehensive plan to visit stamp shows and stamp clubs across northern Ohio has been developed. Caponi and Sadowski welcome GP members to join them on visits and calls to fellow stamp collectors in the region.

Reminder: The show will need plenty of volunteers both before, during and afterward. Tasks include dealer check-in, exhibit mounting and dismounting, exhibit packing, frame preparation, exhibit packing, jury/awards assistance, registration, Stamps by the Bucket and youth area.

Forms for volunteering will be available during GP meetings in the coming months. Your help will be appreciated.

GASS 2023 is an opportunity to demonstrate that the stamp collecting hobby is doing well across northern Ohio.

More information, including how to reserve a hotel room, is available at www.stamps.org/GASS. Additional information will be provided at meetings as well.



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Upcoming shows

Feb. 4: Mid-Winter Stamp & Coin Show, Ashland Stamp and Coin Club; Mozelle Hall, Ashland County Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio

Feb. 24-25: 99th Toledo Stamp Expo, Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo; Graystone Banquet Hall & Conference Center, 29101 Hufford Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio

March 4-5: 92nd McKinley show, McKinley Stamp Club; St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW, North Canton, Ohio

March 17-19: March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club; Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, Ohio

Of note

Lenny Pamin, 81, of North Royalton, a dealer known to many Northeast Ohio collectors, died Jan. 6 following a short illness. No funeral arrangements were announced by the family.

GP programs

The club meets the first Thursday of the month except July and August. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Doubletree Hotel, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence; (216-447-1300).

Club members are invited to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at Shula's Steak 2 at the hotel.

Upcoming programs include:

Feb. 2: Clint Many, Allied Military Government mail

March 2: Final prep for the March Party

April 6: March Party review



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