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## March Party 2023 approaches; volunteers welcome for a successful show

March Party 2023 is just around the corner.

Planning continues among show committee members to make Ohio's largest annual stamp show a success.

The committee invites GP members to join in the fun and volunteer at some point during the show's three-day run, March 17-19 at the Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville.

No one who volunteers will be turned away, Rocco Caponi, show chairman, said.



DENNIS SADOWSKI

GP members Carol Thatcher and Ray Beer welcome a visitor to the 2022 March Party.

"As they say, many hands make light work," Caponi said.

Volunteers can help with show set up; greeting and assisting dealers; mounting and unmounting exhibits; staffing the registration table; assisting with the beginners' room, which returns for the first time since 2020, and in a variety of other behind-the-scene tasks.

Show set up begins at noon, Thursday, March 16.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday

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## Martin to discuss philatelic estate planning in Elyria April 14

Ken Martin of the American Philatelic Society will be visiting Northeast Ohio to address the importance of philatelic estate planning.



Martin

The Black River Stamp Club in Elyria will host Martin, who has

countless collectors and their heirs during his long tenure with the APS.

Martin's presentation is set for 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 14 during the BRSC's regular monthly meeting. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Harvest Christian Church, 907 Eastern Heights Blvd.

The event is free and open to all, including family members and col-

lectors of items other than stamps, covers and postal history.

Philatelic estate planning is one of the most important actions any stamp collectors can take. Having a plan, however basic, will allow for you and your heirs to disperse your cherished collection through a trustworthy philatelic professional dealer or auctioneer.

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## From the president

The work our club has been performing all year will soon result in March Party 2023, GP's 133rd consecutive annual stamp exhibit and bourse. We have the greatest group of volunteers, led by Rocco Caponi and Ken Nilsestuen, show chairman and co-chairman, respectively, working to make the show a success.



We can always use volunteers to help set up, staff the registration table and work wherever needed to keep our March Party one of the country's finest shows.

While at the show, say hello to visitors, tell them you are a Garfield-Perry member and ask them to join our club. Remember, Garfield-Perry is one of the oldest stamp clubs in the world. Let this be the year we increase our membership to 100 strong.

I encourage you to attend March Party 2023. Be sure to stay for the Friday night wine and cheese party. Come to the hospitality room, enjoy a drink, and make our guests feel welcome.

I am pleased to remind all of you that Garfield-Perry Stamp Club is now a 501(c)(3) charitable entity under the IRS Code. Donations to the club for buildout of our room at the American Philatelic Society headquarters in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, may be tax deductible. Further, you may be able to make distributions from your IRA to the club and avoid taxes on the donation.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the March meeting and at the March Party.

-- *Howard S. Chapman*

## Party

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Visitors hunt for additions to their collections during March Party 2022. and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday.

The show will feature 38 dealers, 170 frames of exhibits, an awards banquet Saturday evening and a meeting of the Ohio Postal History Society.

Several club members will give presentations on topics as diverse as the French Congo 1900 pictorial

issue; partitioning of Czechoslovakia in 1938-1939; the centenary of the U.S. postal card; and Ohio fancy cancels of the Banknote Era.

This year's souvenir cover should prove to be popular. It will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the 1948 Cleveland Indians World Series championship -- the last time the baseball team brought home the honors in professional baseball. The U.S. Postal Service and the U.N. Postal Administration will be on hand.

The hotel is offering show 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.

With your help March Party 2023 can be a memorable collector experience.



Your carefully built collection is important to you. Having a philatelic estate plan will ensure that your holdings are properly dispersed when your album closes for the last time.

## Estate

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Expect Martin to discuss:

- Leaving understandable and clear instructions for heirs.
- The importance of having an inventory of your collection.
- Honestly evaluating your collection and what was spent on it.

-- Developing a plan for distribution of items.

-- How to choose a dependable philatelic administrator.

Please RSVP to blackriver.stampclub@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

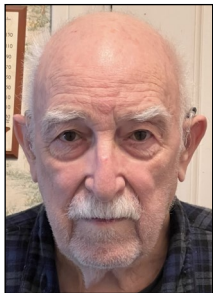


# Member's Story: Bob Collins

*Note: Longtime member Bob Collins shared the following reflection on his stamp collecting history.*

Like my friends when I was growing up in Lakewood, Ohio, I had a BB gun. Later when I was around 10, I got a .22-rifle like my friends also had.

It was at that same time that I got my first stamp album.



Collins

A man, who ran a bicycle shop was retiring and moving to Florida, gave it to me with his collection of used stamps from his everyday mail. I spent time with it especially when I was home sick. I even bought some worldwide used stamps, possibly from the back of a comic book ad, for a few cents.

When we moved to Westlake, Ohio, the stamp album and my .22-rifle and a shotgun I got when I was 12 went with me. Hunting pheasants and rabbits was the biggest thing back then in Westlake. I spent long hours hunting. We even were let out of school on opening day of pheasant and rabbit season.

I admit my collecting stopped when the hunting season came around. But when the season ended I returned to my different hobbies: stamp and cover collecting; hand-crank record players and thousands of records like cylinder, 78s, Edisons, LPs, and 45s; World War II collectables; and other items. These days I am only still active in stamps and covers.

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Eventually I began collecting stampless covers, which I enjoyed more than just plain stamps. The covers told a story while a plain stamp did not.

The thing I loved about stamp collecting is the varied collections one can form. While I had my U.S. stamp collection, I had also formed a super collection of early Alaska covers and developed an exhibit of same that appeared in the APS Champion of Champion competition. In addition, I formed the best collection and exhibit of Korean War covers known anywhere in the world. The section of extremely rare POW covers was a real eye opener!

After more than 50 years of collecting, I also have my collection of Westlake (Dover) covers along with examples from the surrounding towns that date



Figure 1

to the 1830s. Wow, examples hard to find and I spend years before finding something new.

And I have a collection and exhibit of postal items with a “Collins” connection. It contains rare and scarce postal examples.

Even so, other items have called to me.

As I was recently looking through an auction catalogue, I noticed an advertising cover with a picture of a Springer Spaniel on the front (Figure 1). It was postmarked May 5, 1919 Fulton, New York. The dog looked like the one I had when I was a teenager in the late 1940s.

The ad was for the Hunter Arms Co. and mentioned a L. C. Smith firearm. On the reverse it had a picture of a Smith shotgun. Advertising covers from Hunter Arms are a rare find -- and very expensive.

The same auction included an advertising cover for Remington Arms depicting a woman holding a rifle with the text “My Favorite is a Remington.” It is postmarked July 13, 1903 in Lowell, Massachusetts (Figure 2).

I sent my bids and won both covers much to my delight and surprise.

I don't plan to start a collection of firearms advertising covers because my other collections keep me plenty busy. They were something I got on the spur of the moment, when I saw the dog that looked like the one I had many years ago, I had to have it. Old memories.

Surely, I cannot afford everything I would like to have. But do go nuts once in a while, I guess.

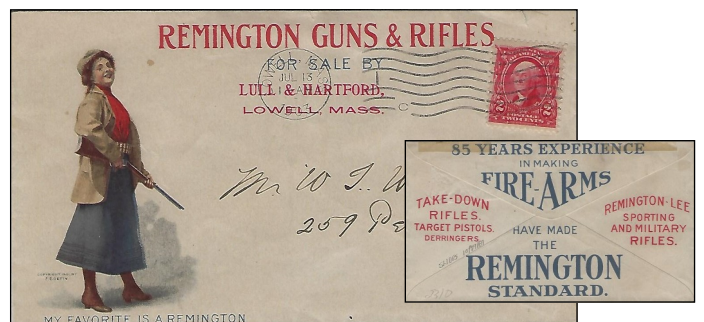


Figure 2

## Upcoming shows

**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

**April 1:** Spring Into Philately, Erie Stamp Club; New Hope Presbyterian Church, 5440 Washington Ave., Erie, Pennsylvania

**April 28-29:** Western Reserve Post Card Society show; Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio

## Of note

The American Philatelic Society has numerous books of wide-ranging interest for sale, many at discount prices for members. See what's available at [stamps.org/Publications](http://stamps.org/Publications).

## 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:

**March 2:** March Party final prep

**April 6:** March Party review

**May 4:** Ray Beer and Ken Nilsestuen, Varieties of the 1851 3-cent imperforate issues



## Club Officers

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