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## March Party shows collecting thrives in Northeast Ohio

With hundreds of stamp collectors in attendance during its three-day run, March Party 2023 showed again why it is Ohio's premier annual philatelic event.

From newcomers such as Michael Brewer of Berea, who was attending his first stamp show, to John Hotchner, one of the country's best-known philatelists, collectors converged on the Best Western Plus in Strongsville March 17-19 to see long-time friends, make new ones, view top-of-the-line exhibits, and add to their collections at the 37-dealer bourse.

Attendance paralleled that of the 2022 show. Guests arrived as much as an hour before the show's Friday opening with steady attendance throughout including much of Sunday.

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DENNIS SADOWSKI

March Party guests sought out treasures March 18 to add to their collections at the booth of Telah Smith. Attendance at this year's show paralleled that of 2022 with visitors from throughout Ohio, 14 states, the District of Columbia and Ontario, Canada.

## 'Garfield-Perry Players' debut to applause at March Party

Carol Thatcher and Chris Duston, portraying stamp expertizers, review a purported copy of a missing Inverted Jenny stamp that a collector, played by Chris Fortunato, purchased. At left is Cindi Verbelun, Fortunato's friend.



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Broadway has nothing on these thespians.

The so-called "Garfield-Perry Players" kept people at the March Party awards dinner in stitches during a skit that poked fun at stamp collectors and the trouble they find with their flabbergasted spouses over their purchases.

The skit took the place of the

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Clockwise from right:

Dave Wessely visits with Randall Chet of Match and Medicine and More.

Judges deliberate at the frames.

Denise Stotts discusses the show cover to a visitor.

GP member Bob Collins and Rocco Caponi, show chairman, share stamp stories.

Browsing at Double J Stamps.



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## Party

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The show featured 23 multi-frame and 11 single-frame exhibits that filled 170 frames.

James Hering received the Grand Award for his multi-frame exhibit "The Two Cent Hardings."

In the single-frame category, John Hotchner claimed the Grand Award for his exhibit "The Mid-19th Century Start of Perforating in Great Britain and the United States." (Details on page 3)

Show chairman Rocco Caponi congratulated club members who were on hand throughout for mak-

ing sure guests, dealers and exhibitors felt at home.

Committee members also were involved in seeking input from visitors on how to make Ohio's largest annual stamp show even better in 2024 and beyond.

Members Bob Weygant and Mike Kohut reopened the beginners' room this year. They reported that several children and adults visited, taking home stamps, first day covers and albums with which to build on their interest.

In addition, the March Party

hosted the annual meeting of the Ohio Postal History Society.

Club members Alan Hanzl, Ken Nilsestuen, Dennis Sadowski and Caponi gave presentations on their areas of expertise, which covered a wide array of topics for showgoers.

Mark your calendar now for the 134th March Party, set for March 15-17, 2024.

Keep up on the latest happenings of the club at its website, [www.garfieldperry.org](http://www.garfieldperry.org), as well as on the club's reactivated Facebook page.



## Hering, Hotchner garner top March Party awards



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James Hering, top, took home top honors in the multi-frame category for his exhibit on the 2-cent Harding Memorial Issue of 1923. Meanwhile, John Hotchner, bottom, received the Grand Award winner in the single-frame competition for his exhibit on the development of stamp perforating in 19th-century Great Britain.

James Hering received the Grand Award for his multi-frame exhibit "The Two Cent Hardings" at the March Party.

In the single-frame category John Hotchner claimed the Grand Award for his exhibit "The Mid-19th Century Start of Perforating in Great Britain and the United States."

Hering said his exhibit has taken years to complete. He chose the topic, he explained, because he is from Marion, Ohio, Harding's home town.

The exhibit will return to Cleveland later this year as part of the annual Champion of Champions World Series of Philately competition during the Great American Stamp Show Aug. 10-13.

The exhibit also received the Garfield-Perry Award for the best U.S. Exhibit and the American First Day Cover Society Award.

Hotchner will be invited to enter his exhibit into the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' annual single-frame Champion of Champions competition during Chicagopex 2023, set for Nov. 17-19.

Emory Toops received the Reserve Grand Award for his multi-frame exhibit "The Development and Use of the Provisional Issues of South Vietnam."

He also received the APS Medal of Excellence for 1940-1980, the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Excellence – Treatment, and the Dale Pulver Award for the Best Foreign exhibit.

The exhibition jury – Elizabeth Hisey, chief judge, Guy Purington, Mark Schwartz, Stephen Suffet, Ken Trettin and Gregg Redner, apprentice – awarded 11 large gold awards, demonstrating the quality of the exhibits on hand this year.

The palmares listing the awards for the 23 multi-frame and 11 single-frame exhibitors is on the Garfield-Perry website, [www.garfieldperry.org](http://www.garfieldperry.org).

### Club welcomes new members

Welcome to the new Garfield-Perry members who joined during the March Party:

Kathleen Heidenreich and Ed Waters, Akron, Ohio; James King, Akron, Ohio; Richard Malmgren, Honolulu, Hawaii; and Albert Rodland, Getzville, New York.

### Players

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awards dinner speaker.

Ken Nilsestuen came up with the idea after seeing a news item in *The American Philatelist* on the 1936 annual show of Akron's Rubber City Stamp Club.

Those involved kept the skit a secret, going as far as including the name of "Dr. Nancy Lincoln" as the dinner speaker addressing

"The Psychology of Collecting" in the show program.

The budding actors were Ray and Helene Beer, Chris Duston, Chris Fortunato and Cindi Verbelun, Steve and Judy Grundfast, Carol Thatcher, Bill Ullom and Nilsestuen.

See the skit online at: [bit.ly/3ZdfNwY](http://bit.ly/3ZdfNwY).

## Upcoming shows

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

**April 14-15:** WILKPEX '23, Holiday Park Fire Dept., 415 Old Albers Creek Rd., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**April 21-22:** MSDA Dayton Stamp Show, IBEW Local 82 Hall, 6550 Poe Ave., Dayton, Ohio

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

**April 29-30:** Plymouth Show, Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland, Michigan

## 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:

**April 6:** March Party review

**May: 4:** Ray Beer and Ken Nilsestuen, Why imperf varieties get listed in the Scott catalogue

**June 1:** Kent Johnson, Pre-treaty U.S.-French mail

**July and August:** Meetings on Zoom; details forthcoming



## Club Officers

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