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2024 dues reminder

Membership dues for 2024 can be paid in person at the January meeting or by mail.

The cost is \$15, with the newsletter emailed, or \$25 to have the newsletter delivered by the U.S. Postal Service.

Checks payable to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club can be sent to Ken Nilsestuen, 1000 Kingswood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44313-5921.

2024 promises to be another outstanding year for the club. Thanks for your continued support of GP!

United Nations planning first day ceremony at March Party

We've gotten word that the March Party 2024 will host another first day of issue ceremony, this one for the continuation of the United Nations flag series on the show's opening day, March 15.

The pane of 16 stamps will feature four stamps each depicting the flags of Lebanon, San Marino, Venezuela and Yemen.

Preliminary artwork shows each stamp denominated at \$1.55



for use at U.N. headquarters in New York City.

The Flag series began in 1980 and ran through 1989, showing the flags of member nations. The series resumed in 1997.

The most recent stamps in the series were released in 2020.

Details for the ceremony are being worked on among GP members, the U.N. Postal Administration and Jay Bigalke, editor-in-chief of Linn's Stamp News.

From the president

Another year has passed, and the Holiday Season is upon us. Our Garfield-Perry Stamp Club has held another successful Holiday dinner. We had 24 people who enjoyed good food, wine and comradery. If you didn't attend, I hope you will join us next year. See the photos on page 2 from member Ed Andros.

This past year was more successful because we were able to hold 12 meetings. We moved our holiday dinner to a night other than the first Thursday and continued the tradition of holding Zoom meetings during the summer.

The exhibits for March Party 2024 are filling. If

you intend to exhibit, you should send in your form now or risk being shut out.

We are always looking for new and unusual talks for meeting nights. Please volunteer to discuss your collecting interest with our members. Do you have a story on a new item acquired for your collection? Bring it in and share the story.

Be sure to mark your calendar for March Party 2024, March 15-17, 2024. Volunteer to help in some manner during the weekend. Sit at the registration table, talk to attendees about our club, and recruit them as members. In addition to the bourse and exhibits, attend the Friday wine and cheese party, the Saturday awards banquet, and the planned U.S. and U.N. first day ceremonies.

Howard S. Chapman



GP members celebrate the holidays in style

Garfield-Perry members and guests enjoyed a night of friendship and good cheer during the annual holiday party at Casa D'Angelo in Macedonia on Dec. 4. In all, 24 people attended the event to usher in the holiday season. Folks shared stories, had plenty of laughs and created fond memories that will be cherished for years.



EDWARD ANDROS

Priority, express mail rates also set to rise this month

Last month we told you about first class, post card and other postage rates set to rise on Jan. 21. Get set for other rate increases as well.

Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express rates also are expected to rise under a filing from the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors with the Postal Regulatory Commission.

For those of us who depend on such services in the buying and selling of stamps it will cost a bit more to mail items.

Priority Mail will increase by 20 cents to \$9.85. Priority Mail Express jumps about 6% from \$28.75 to \$30.45.

The new stamp marks the first time a U.S. postage stamp has topped the \$30 figure.

The stamps being issued in January for both services are striking. They show images from the James



U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

New Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express stamps feature images from the James Webb Space Telescope. The values of the stamps will be updated to reflect the new rates.

Webb Space Telescope.

The Priority Mail stamp shows Pillars of Creation within the Eagle Nebula. The express mail stamp features the Cosmic Cliffs in the Carina Nebula.

For space and astronomy collectors, the stamps will be nice addi-

tions to their holdings, even at their high denominations.

There's a natural tie-in between these issues and the forever James Webb Space Telescope stamp issued Sept. 8, 2022. The stamp remains available online at bit.ly/41r0fbF.

Collecting two at a time

Note: Member Ken Nilsestuen shared the following reflection on his venture into stamp collecting.

As I matured as a collector, I discovered that I was changing how I acquired items for my collection. Starting as a worldwide stamp collector, I focused on French African stamps when I bought a collection many years ago.



Then I discovered postal history and dropped worldwide stamps.

Within postal history I developed an interest in Algerian postal history after realizing how broad and interesting a subject that could be.

After I inherited my dad's stamp collection and sorted through all that it contained (seven shipping cartons), I returned to worldwide pre-1940 stamps, maintaining my interest in Algerian postal history.

Within my dad's collection were some interesting items related to the 1949 U.S. Minnesota Territorial Centennial stamp. As I found Algerian postal history more and more difficult to acquire, I started to collect that 1949 stamp and related covers.

Eventually my worldwide col-

The Minnesota territorial centennial stamp of 1949 from the United States and related items in his father's collection led Ken Nilsestuen to specialize in and develop an exhibit on the issue.



Mailed from Algeria to Newport, Rhode Island, this cover is franked with French stamps during the time the North African nation was part of France under the constitution of the French Second Republic beginning Nov. 4, 1848. Algeria achieved independence on July 5, 1962.

lection became more difficult to complete, mostly because the stamps I needed were not in dealer stocks. A friend approached me with a collection of French Congo 1900 pictorial issue stamps, much of which I had sold him years before. I bought that back and added French Congo to my interests.

Looking back at these collecting interests (and a few I have left out), you can see that at any given time I was collecting mainly two areas: worldwide and French Africa; French Africa and Algerian

postal history; Algerian postal history and back to worldwide, and so on.

I have asked myself how this happened and answered in this way: The hunt is fun, but I also want to spend my budget and not too much more.

How that has played out is the "two-at-a-time" focus. I add a new collecting interest when an older one no longer yields much from a hunt and the new interest does. It helps limit my budget -- if I successfully find items for every one of those collections, I will quickly reach my financial limits, but if only adding to two collections at a time, I can better stay within that limit.

It's been interesting to build and, in some cases, sell these collections. The process of acquiring interesting stamps and postal history has been fun for many reasons. My informal two-at-a-time limit also has been a great way to help keep within my budget over the years.

Upcoming shows

January 13: Winterpex '24, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, Michigan

February 3: Mid-winter Stamp and Coin Show, Mozelle Hall, Ashland County Fairgrounds, 2042 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio

February 16-17: Ferndale Stamp Show, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, Michigan

February 17-18: MSDA Fort Wayne Stamp Show, Franke Park Pavilion, 3411 Sherman Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana

February 23-24: Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo 100th annual exhibition, Graystone Banquet Hall and Conference Center, 29101 Hufford Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio

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 The Sanctuary Restaurant at the hotel.

Upcoming programs include:

January 4: "Little Horses to the Mulreadys," Bill Ullom.

February 1: March Party mailing.

March 7: Final preparations for March Party 2024.

April 4: Review of March Party 2024.



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