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## Got an extra \$1.5 million or so?

### First piece of mail sent using a pre-paid stamp up for auction

In case you're interested in bidding, a cover from Great Britain recorded as the earliest use of a pre-paid postage stamp will be auctioned Feb. 2 in New York.

Sotheby's will feature the first-use of a Penny Black that was affixed to a Mulready letter-sheet in its "The One" auction.

The sale traditionally features one-of-a-kind items that attract high-end collectors of art, books, manuscripts, coins, postal history, and other highly sought artifacts.

The cover is estimated at \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million.

It is postmarked May 2, 1840 in London and sent to William Blenkinsop Jr., an iron works manager in Dalson, Cumbria, 75 miles west of the city, according to a news release. The sender is unknown.

As we learned from the presentation by member Bill Ullom at January's meeting, the letter-sheet was the idea of William Mulready. It contained an ornate design and allowed a letter-writer to send a message pre-paid format.

The stamp and the letter-sheet went on sale May 1, 1840 with validity beginning May 6.

Bidding information is online at <https://www.sothebys.com>.



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The first mail piece using a pre-paid stamp, the Penny Black from May 2, 1840, will be auctioned on Feb. 2.

### Donations for beginners sought for March Party

In preparation for the March Party next month, member Bob Weygandt is looking to make the New Collector's Room as successful as last year.

Donations of materials "that have been gathering dust" are welcomed, he said.

Stamps, albums, collecting tools, covers, cover boxes, posters, books on collecting and souvenir pins are needed.

Donations can be dropped off during show set up the afternoon of March 14 or when the show opens March 15.

## From the president

We are fast approaching the 134th March Party. I hope that all of you reading this message have made plans to attend. If you can, please volunteer for the show; set up begins at noon March 14 and the show runs March 15-17.



Collecting season is in full swing and each of us should be attending various shows, as well as local stamp club meetings. I attended the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition in Florida the weekend of Jan. 19-21. I trust that, as usual, I will see several other GP members at the show.

The first thing I did upon entering the exhibition was to drop off March Party 2024 cards at the literature table. Publicity is important for every show. Dennis Sadowski has been doing a wonderful job with our March Party publicity.

For March Party 2025, he is seeking assistance with card distribution so he can focus on other outreach efforts. Please let us know if you can help. A system is already in place and it should fairly easy

to pick up on the schedule of shows and once-a-year club mailing.

We are fortunate that our club has continued its once-a-month meeting with 10 in-person meetings and two Zoom sessions. We also held our well-attended holiday dinner on a separate night. The meeting programs have been excellent. That said, if there is a meeting topic you would like to hear or present, please let Ray Beer or me know.

This is your club, and we are always open to discussing reasonable requests or changes. The topic that is first for this club will remain our annual March Party. We have been successful for 133 years and want the string to continue.

We have signed up several new members this last year. I challenge all of you to help bring in a new member during 2024. A strong membership is the backbone of a successful club.

Happy collecting. I look forward to seeing many of you at the March meeting and most of you at March Party 2024.

Philatelically Yours,  
*Howard S. Chapman*

## Obituaries

### Ernest C. Boaeuf

Member Ernest C. Boaeuf, 81, of Cleveland died peacefully Dec. 25. He had been a Garfield-Perry member for many years and often helped with the March Party.

A memorial service was held Jan. 11 at Craciun Berry Funeral Home in Cleveland. A private burial will be in the spring at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman.

Boaeuf is survived by his wife of 53 years, Kathy; children Dominique (Douglas) Fortney, Danielle (Francisco) Kraljevic and Charles (Tera); a grandson and

sister Stephanie (Roger Sorensen).

He served in the U.S. Army and retired from the Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel.

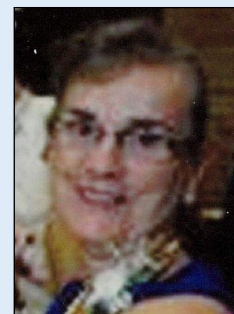
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests planting a tree or shrub this spring in his memory.

### Kathleen A. Heidenreich

Member Kathleen A. Heidenreich (nee O'Brodo), 75, of Akron died Dec. 30. She shared a membership in Garfield-Perry with Edward Waters, her years-long companion.

A memorial service was held Jan. 13 at the Campfield-Hickman-Collier Funeral Home in Barberton. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery in Cleveland.

Heidenreich was a long-time employee of her family's business, Sherman Provisions.



She was preceded in death by her husband, William Heidenreich, sister Josephine Williams and her parents, Mike and Sophie O'Brodo.

Survivors include her son, Carl Kaufman; stepchildren William (Karen) Heidenreich, Sharon (Doug) Smoller, Richard Heidenreich and James Heidenreich, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brothers Michael (Mauri) O'Brodo and David O'Brodo.

The family suggested that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Portage Lakes Kiwanis, P.O. Box 19186, Akron, Ohio 44319.

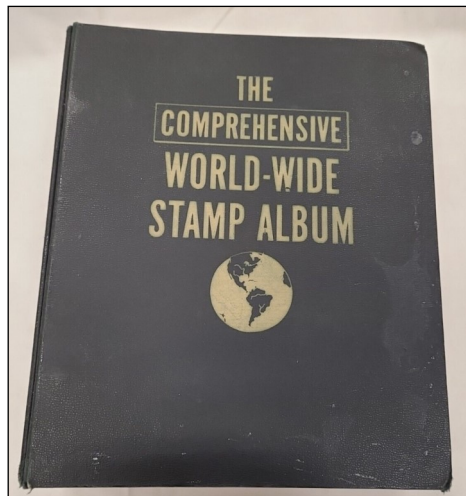
# Minkus album starts collecting venture

*Note: Member Ed Andros recalls his introduction into stamp collecting with a gift at a Christmas.*

For Christmas 1959 I was given a 1957 Minkus album probably bought from Higbee's or the May Co. I found one on eBay as my original is long gone.

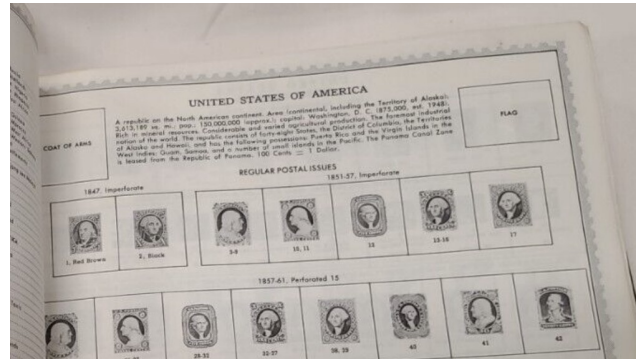


I'm pretty certain the salesperson showed my mother -- who did the Christmas shopping -- the page with Boy Scout merit badge requirements. I was keen on earning my First Class rank that winter. I wish I could remember who my counselor was -- even what he looked like -- but my mind has dropped that detail.

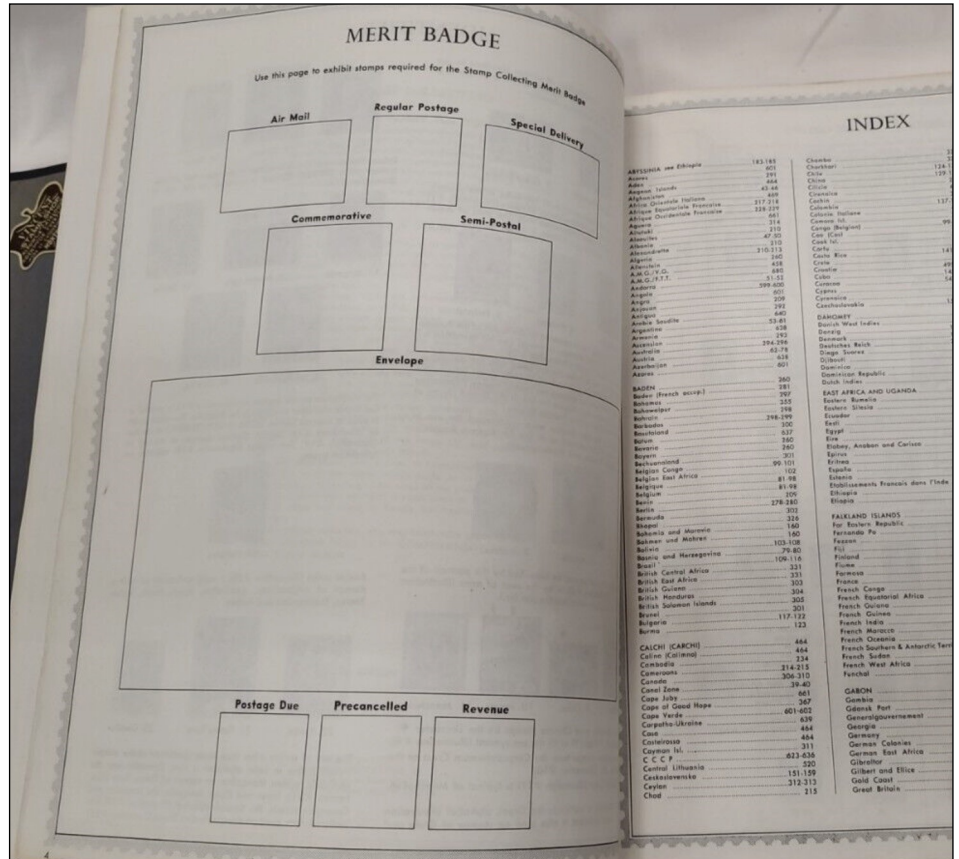


My favorite item in my collection is a largely intact U.S. Scott 10. It was canceled in Philadelphia on the date that would become my birth day in 1948.

Issued in 1851, the 3-cent stamp depicting George Washington is the oldest item in my U.S. collec-



A copy of U.S. Scott 10, left, from Ed Andros' collection bears a Philadelphia postmark dated April 5 in an unknown year in the 19th century, long before he was born on that day in 1948. As a child, it would have filled the space in the 1957 Minkus album, right, but he had to wait until he was an adult to purchase the stamp.



The 1957 Minkus album included a page that outlined the requirements for a Boy Scout merit badge in stamp collecting, which may have been the impetus for Andros's to purchase it as a gift.

tion as I decided I'd found a stamp at the right price (30% of catalog) with which to stop.

It would have occupied the fourth spot on the first page of the

U.S. section in the Minkus album, but I did not resume collecting until I turned 60, after which I had the means to buy something like that.

## Upcoming shows

**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 exhibition, Graystone Conference Center, 29101 Hufford Rd., Perrysburg, Ohio

**March 2-3:** 93rd McKinley show, McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegate St., NW, North Canton, 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:

**February 1:** March Party mailing.

**March 7:** Final preparations for March Party 2024.

**April 4:** Review of March Party 2024 and start planning for the 2025 show.

**May 2:** To be announced.



## Club Officers

Howard Chapman, president

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