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## March Party is here!

### APS Town Hall, two first day ceremonies on tap for the 134th show

By Dennis Sadowski

The 134th annual March Party is upon us.

The three-day stamp extravaganza features two first-day-of-issue ceremonies, an APS Town Hall meeting and the annual gathering of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society.

"Our club has been planning this year's March Party since last year's show closed. We're happy to welcome UKRAINEPEX 2024 as well as 172 frames of some of the best exhibits of foreign and U.S. material in the country," said Rocco Caponi, show chairman.

The March Party, traditionally Ohio's largest club-sponsored stamp show, will be at the Best Western Plus Hotel, 15471 Royalton Rd, in Strongsville.

This year's cover and postmark theme will be hummingbirds, spinning off of the unveiling of the Garden Delights stamps by the U.S. Postal Service during the show. The four stamps depict a ruby-throated hummingbird fluttering around brightly colored flowers and will be introduced Saturday.

Show covers with a commemorative cachet and pictorial post-



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Showgoers search for treasures at a dealer booth during March Party 2023.

mark will be available for \$3.

The United Nations Postal Administration will debut the latest edition of its long-running flag series. Four stamps showing the flags of Lebanon, San Marino, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Yemen will be introduced Friday.

In addition, this year will see the return of a commemorative "cinderella" souvenir sheet marking the long-running show.

The sheet, produced in a limited

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### Show highlights

#### Friday

12 p.m.: U.N. first day ceremony  
1-4 p.m.: Philatelic programs  
4 p.m.: APS Town Hall

#### Saturday

11 a.m.: USPS first day ceremony  
1 p.m.: Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society  
7 p.m.: Awards banquet

#### Sunday

11 a.m.: "Antique Road Show"

## From the president

IT'S SHOWTIME!

We have worked all year for our annual March Party. Final preparations for the 2024 event, our 134th, are being made.

Each of you can help by volunteering for an hour or two, or a day. Contact Rocco Caponi (rocco.caponi@gmail.com) or Ken Nilsestuen (nilsestuen@sbcglobal.net) to help with set up, take down or whatever else is needed. Contact Carol Thatcher (cthatch48@aol.com) to assist at the registration table. This work is important, though easy, and you can specify the hours you can help.

You can also help our club by attending the Friday Wine and Cheese Party and/or the Awards Banquet. Say hello to other attendees. Let them know that Garfield-Perry Stamp Club is a friendly



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Don't forget to attend our meeting on March 7. Bring a cover or stamp(s) to show the other members. We all collect different things, and it is fun to see what others collect. We will also be making final plans for the March Party.

Have you attended any recent shows or out-of-town stamp club meetings? Tell us about your experience. Perhaps there was something at another club that you enjoyed. Let our members and/or board know what and why you liked something from another club. It may be something we can include ourselves.

GP would like to finish remodeling the Garfield-Perry Room at the APS headquarters in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. To do this, we need to raise a lot of money. Consider a donation to the APS or APRL designated for the Garfield-Perry Room. If you have questions, feel free to ask Ken Nilsestuen.

Philatelically Yours,  
*Howard S. Chapman*

## Party

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run of 250, will feature four labels showing the GP logo. Text related to the club, the show and its location will be included in the sheet margins. It will sell for \$4. Proceeds benefit GP.

On Friday, the show also will host an APS Town Hall with Executive Director Scott English. The session will allow all collectors, whether they are APS members or not, to offer their views on the state of the hobby.

A series of presentations on various topics is set for Friday afternoon: "Thoughts on Numbering Varieties," "Washington & Franklin Flat Plate Coils 1908-1915," and "Introduction to the Offset-Lithographed Washington-Franklin Heads."

As a World Series of Philately



Matt Liebson, left, advises showgoers during the "Philatelic Road Show" at March Party 2023 while Chris Duston listens.

show, 172 frames of exhibits will be on display.

The multi-frame Grand Award recipient will be eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions at the Great American Stamp Show Aug. 15-18 in Hart-

ford, Connecticut.

The single-frame Grand Award winner will be eligible to join the annual Single Frame competition Nov. 22-24 at Chicagopec.

Awards will be presented at a banquet Saturday evening. Tickets are \$60 and will be available at the registration table.

Plus, 35 dealers will be on hand. The U.S. Postal Service and the U.N. Postal Administration will have booths.

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

Details are online at [www.garfieldperry.org](http://www.garfieldperry.org) or scan the QR code on page 4 with your smartphone.

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# A philatelic library is priceless for exhibiting

By Bob Collins

I have been collecting stamps and covers for more than 78 years and have learned a few things during that time. I tend to collect non-philatelic historical covers and want to mention the values of books for research while researching and developing an exhibit.

To aid me in exhibiting and learning about my collection, I have formed my own philatelic library and collection of nonfiction books written by people who were there.

If I had books on stamp collecting when I first started collecting stamps,

I would not have spent my newspaper route money on fake stamps. I had sent away for a stamp catalogue from a dealer advertising on the back of a comic book. I received a catalogue and bought mint stamps from 1909 and later including the blue paper varieties and imperfs of the Washington-Franklin series and a special delivery stamp.

The special delivery stamp was one of two that look alike except one was printed on watermarked paper. There was a big price difference and I bought the more expensive one.

After the stamp arrived I checked it with my new watermark tray and found the dealer had sent the cheaper stamp instead of the one I ordered. That's when I got a Scott catalogue and found the imperforate stamps had the perforations cut off. What I had bought were fakes.

But that did not deter me.

I later formed collections of several hundred stampless covers da-



ting to the 18th century. The collection included Ohio postmarks, rare Alaska covers dating to the period when the United States bought Alaska from Russia, Korean War covers (the best collection known worldwide), Collins postmarks, Westlake, Ohio, covers (Dover Township), and women in the military during World War II. The collections were turned into exhibits competing at national stamp shows and non-competitively at local shows.

Books were important in my research in learning what I had in various collections. My library includes books and resources such as: a stampless mail catalogue; territorial Alaska postmarks; Navy Alaska postmarks; trans-Atlantic mail; APO and FPO locations; 10 books (averaging 800 pages each) listing every U.S. Navy ship with locations and descriptions; more than 60 nonfiction books on the Korean War; more than 100 nonfiction books on early Alaska by people who were there; post office

books dating to 1898; government documents, including many that are now declassified, on the Korean War and POW mail, and books written by women who were in the military during World War II.

One of my exhibits appeared in the APS Champion of Champions competition while other received many high and reserve grand awards. I didn't get the top award in the APS competition as a millionaire television preacher took the honors. He flew around the country in his private jet buying stamp and cover collections. He hired a crew to research and mount his exhibits.

Afterward, I talked to his team leader and was told that my exhibit was the only one they were afraid of beating their exhibits. That proves that one does not have to be a very rich person to do well exhibiting nationally. With hard work and knowledge – gained by reading books – one can compete with anyone.

So give exhibiting a try.

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## Upcoming shows

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

**March 8-9:** MICHIPLEX 2024, Michigan Stamp Club, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, Michigan

**March 15-17:** 134th March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, Ohio

**March 23-24:** BUFPEX 2024, Buffalo Stamp Club, The Knights Event Center, 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga, New York

**April 6:** Erie Stamp Show, Erie Stamp Club, New Hope Presbyterian Church, 5440 Washington Ave., Erie, Pennsylvania

## 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:

**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.

**June 6:** To be announced.



## Club Officers

Howard Chapman, president

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