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134th March Party gets high marks Attendance up, visitors leave show enthusiastic for stamp hobby

By Dennis Sadowski

March Party 2024 drew rave reviews from visitors and dealers alike as attendance was strong throughout the 134th edition of Ohio's premier stamp show.



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A showgoer reviews the offerings of dealer Wayne Gehret.

Showgoers were able to feast on dealer offerings and complimented GP members on the relaxed and friendly show atmosphere.

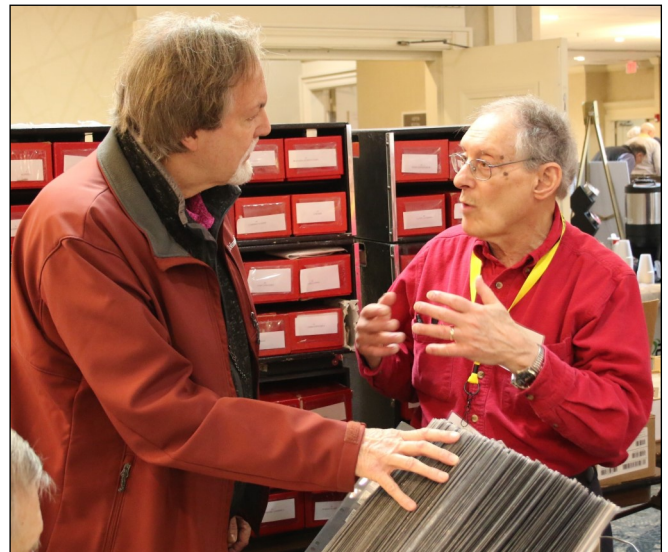
Visitors from as far away as Colorado, Oklahoma, Florida and Ontario helped boost attendance by 7.7% from 2023.

In addition to philatelic wares at dealer tables, two first day of issue ceremonies -- on by the United Nations Postal Administration and another by the U.S. Postal Service -- the annual meeting of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic society, 172 frames of world-class exhibits, an American Philatelic Society Town Hall and several seminars offered a variety of activities to satisfy collectors' interests.

Rocco Caponi, show co-chairman, offered deep gratitude to Charles Snee, senior editor of Linn's Stamp News, who served as master of ceremonies for both first day ceremonies on Friday and Saturday.

The Saturday event debuting the USPS's foursome of Garden

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Mike Homel of Arbor Stamps, right, talks stamps with a guest at his booth.

GP welcomes new members

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

Erik Billings, Sandusky; William Coates, Brunswick; Colonial Coin and Stamp, Cleveland; David Kemmis, Berea; David Lehmer, Mentor; Steven Oluic, Chardon; Mary Rozmarynowycz, Sheffield Lake; Ken Srail, Huron; Robert Walker, Cleveland.

From the president

What a great weekend! March Party 2024 was fantastic and enjoyed by all.

During the times I was at the registration table, several people leaving the show stopped to tell me how much they enjoyed the Show.



I thank Rocco Caponi and Ken Nilsestuen, show co-chairs, and all our members who volunteered to make March Party 2024 a large gold-medal event.

Our club was fortunate to sign up nine new members at the show. Let's keep up the momentum. You only have to ask someone to become a GP member. Please do your part and continue to recruit new members. Let's all work to keep Garfield-Perry Stamp Club one of the best in the country.

Now is a good time to plan your trip to the Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, Connecticut, August 15-18, 2024. I hope to see many of our members there.

Meanwhile, the next time you come to a meeting, bring a stamp or cover you recently acquired and share it with our members. We all love to learn and see what others collect.

Philatelically yours,
Howard S. Chapman



Photos by Dennis Sadowski; clockwise from top left:

Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society members examine a stamp.

Ray Beer, Bill Ullom, Tom Bieniosek and Jere Dutt play the roles of well-known philatelists during a game show skit at the awards dinner.

Jay Stotts takes a break from judging to shop.

Scott English, Tonya Ware, Charles Snee and Rocco Caponi reveal the Garden Delights stamps.

Dave Wessely of A-One Coverz meets with customers.

Party

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Delights stamps attracted a standing-room only crowd of about 85 people. Afterward attendees sought autographs from program speakers.

Scott English, APS executive director, took more than an hour to explain the steps the world's larg-

est collector organization is taking meet the changing needs for information and efforts to connect people who traditionally have not joined organized philately.

He called for innovative efforts and collaboration among the APS,

local clubs and specialty societies to grow the hobby and help keep it relevant to younger and more diverse collectors.

Mark your calendars now for the 135th March Party, set for March 14-16, 2025.

Krupnik, Cate claim top exhibiting honors



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GP member Alan Hanzl, right, discusses the fine points of exhibiting with member Jere Dutt during the March Party.

Jon Krupnik received the Grand Award for his multi-frame exhibit "Pan Am Clippers Conquer the Pacific: Development and Operations of Pan Am's Trans-Pacific Airmail Routes, August 1933 to December 31, 1941" at the 134th Garfield-Perry Stamp Club March Party, March 15-17.

In the single-frame category, James Cate claimed the Grand Award for his exhibit "General Banks Division."

Krupnik's exhibit is eligible to enter the annual Champion of Champions competition during the Great American Stamp Show 2024, set for Aug. 15-18 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.

The exhibit also received the Garfield-Perry Award for the best U.S. exhibit, the American Philatelic Society Research Award and the United States Stamp Society Statue of Freedom Medal.

In addition, Cate received the Military Postal History Society Award. The exhibit will be invited to the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' annual single-frame Champion of Champions competition during Chicagopex 2024, set for Nov. 22-24.



GP member Bill Hayward views an exhibit on duck stamps.

Inger Kuzych received the Reserve Grand Award for his multi-frame exhibit "The Western Ukrainian National Republic: November 1918-May 1919." He also received the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Excellence – Treatment, and the Dale Pulver Award for the Best Foreign exhibit.

The show jury included Jay Stotts, chief judge, Rob Henak, Steve McGill, Stephen Ross, Dan Walker and Michael Bloom, apprentice.

Walker receives Hennig Award for excellence in judging

Dan Walker became the 13th recipient of the Bernard A. Hennig Award from the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors at the March Party awards dinner.

Ken Nilsestuen, AAPE president and March Party co-chairman, presented the award to Walker, citing his long years of service and sustained excellence as a stamp show judge.

Two other recipients of the award also were in attendance: Jay Stotts and Patricia Walker.

The award is named for Hennig, who was a leader and innovator in developing the field of philatelic judging.



Dan Walker, left, reviews a single-frame exhibit with Mark Stelmakovich, a member of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society, during the March Party.

Upcoming shows

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

April 20-21: The Plymouth Show, West Suburban Stamp Club, Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland, Michigan

April 26-27: Western Reserve Post Card Society annual show, Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21012 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio

May 10-11: Butlerpex '24, Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Center, 10 Austin Ave., Lyndora, Pennsylvania

May 31-June 1: Colopex 2024, Columbus Philatelic Club, Doubletree Hilton Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Ave., Columbus, 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 are:

April 4: Review of March Party 2024 and planning for 2025.

May 2: Kent Johnson, "Mail from the Gold Rush."

June 6: Clint Many, "Stamps and Postal History from the Russian-controlled area of Germany post-World War II."



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