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It's March Party time!

Two national societies to meet, first day ceremony planned

Get ready for the 135th March Party.

Set for March 14-16, the three-day show will host the annual meetings of the Civil War Philatelic Society and the United States Stamp Society and be the site of the U.S. Postal Service release of five new post-card rate stamps.

"This year's show promises to be one of the most exciting and noteworthy philatelic events in the country. We are eager to welcome two of the most prominent societies in American philately," said Rocco Caponi, show co-chairman.

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

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday.

Major events kickoff at noon, Friday with the stamp release ceremony for the five Vibrant Leaves

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Showgoers hunt for new additions to their collections during March Party 2024. This year's show will feature 38 dealers, more than 170 frames of exhibits and special meetings and programs over three days.

Show highlights

Friday

12 p.m.: USPS Vibrant Leaves first day ceremony

1 p.m.: Postcrossing Meetup

4 p.m.: Alan Hanzl presentation on Art on Czechoslovakian Stamps

Saturday

9 a.m.: Civil War Philatelic Society membership meeting

10 a.m.: Trish Kaufmann Civil War presentation

1 p.m.: U.S. Stamp Society membership meeting

2 p.m.: Frank Crown Civil War presentation

7 p.m.: Awards banquet

Sunday

11 a.m.: "Philatelic Antique Road Show"

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Excited about attending a stamp show

Do you still get excited when you prepare to go to a stamp exhibition & bourse?



I do! Just thinking about visiting the bourse area, looking through boxes of covers, causes me to smile and rejoice. If I am fortunate

enough to find some covers and/or stamps for one of my collections makes me feel like I won the lottery.

I can remember more than once being told by a dealer, "I only have 1 or 2 items in your

field," and the item was something I desired for my collection.

Viewing exhibits at a show always amazes me. The talent of some collectors in telling a story or displaying their material is fascinating. Seeing how a collector may exhibit common items yet earn a gold medal is wonderful.

It is also exciting to view an exhibit of priceless stamps and covers and wonder how one person was able to amass such a collection. You must remember that very few exhibitors have unlimited funds, and even with the ability to spend big money, not all material is readily available.

Over the years I have talked with many people who call themselves former stamp collectors yet have no idea what happens at a club stamp show. Maybe if they had been introduced to a show such as our March Party they would still be collecting. The best thing each of us can do to expand the collector base is bring one or two friends to the March Party and introduce them to the excitement.

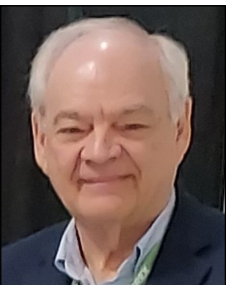
I must end this column now as I need to awaken at 4:30 a.m. to leave for the San Diego Stamp Show.

Philatelically yours,
Howard S. Chapman

News about GP members

Stotts receives USSS Walter Hopkinson literature award

Jay Stotts has been selected as the Walter W. Hopkinson Memorial Literature Award recipient for his series of articles on the Great



Americans stamp issue published in "The United States Specialist," journal of the U.S. Stamp Society.

Published under the heading

"The Great Americans Issue of 1980-1999," the seven-part series began in June and continued through December.

Stotts' articles explored in detail the development of the series that includes dozens of stamps,

looking at plate numbers, press positions and types, margin imprints and the variety of printings of many of the individual stamps that were released.

The award has been presented annually since 1954 in honor of Walter W. Hopkinson, plate number specialist and longtime USSS supporter.

Shoultz named commissioner For Boston 2026

Greg Shoultz, March Party exhibit chairman for the last 10 years, has been named one of three regional U.S. commissioners responsible for handling the transport and care of exhibits at Boston 2026 World Expo.

Widely known for his award-winning exhibits on the Washing-



ton-Franklin coils, Shoultz will be responsible for exhibits from the central U.S.

He was the U.S. commissioner at

CAPEX 2022, the international stamp show held in Toronto. Earlier He also was appointed to Brasilia 2013 in Rio de Janeiro.

Joining Shoultz as commissioners are Chris Lazaroff for the eastern region and Vesma Grinfelds for the western region. Both have served in similar capacities for international shows in recent years.

Boston 2026 World Expo takes place May 23-30, 2026. Information is online at Boston2026.org.



Chad Snee of Linn's Stamp News signs a first day ceremony program following a stamp release during March Party 2024.

March Party

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stamps. The "forever" stamps feature colorful leaves on trees in the U.S. as seen in the fall: maple, oak, sassafras, aspen and sweetgum. The current post card rate is 56 cents.

Jay Bigalke, editor-in-chief of Linn's Stamp News, is helping plan the ceremony.

Following the stamp release, Bigalke will host a Postcrossing Meetup beginning at 1 p.m.

Gatherings of Postcrossing enthusiasts bring together members of the primarily online community to send post cards randomly to other members in far-away places. In turn, they also receive stamped cards at random for each card sent.

Postcrossing was founded by people who like to receive real mail, not the bulk mail and advertising broadsheets that dominate mail delivery these days.

At 4 p.m., Friday, Garfield-Perry member Alan Hanzl will present "Art on Czechoslovakian Stamps."

On Saturday, the Civil War Stamp Society will hold a series of meetings and programs. The day

opens with a general membership meeting at 9 a.m. Civil War philately expert Trish Kaufmann will present "The Springfield Facsimiles of Confederate Postage Stamps plus a brief TASCO History" at 10 a.m.

Frank Crown will discuss "How the Augusta, Georgia, Post Office opened under Federal Control in 1864 and 1865" at 2 p.m. Following his presentation, as time permits, society members will share some of their prized possessions on screen.

The United States Stamp Society programs include an Executive Committee meeting at 3 p.m., Friday; its board meeting at 11 a.m., Saturday followed by the general membership meeting at 1 p.m.

GP plans to have a special cover with a commemorative cachet and pictorial postmark featuring the Vibrant Leaves theme. They will be available for \$3 throughout the the show and by mail to P.O. Box 30338, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 44130. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Club members also will host the New Collectors Room on the show floor where anyone -- children or adults -- can pick up free stamps and covers as well as gain information about stamp collecting as a hobby.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, the club will host a "Philatelic Antique Road Show," offering reviews of stamp holdings people may have inherited or been gifted and are unsure of what to do with them.

More than 170 frames of exhibits will feature rarities of U.S. and Civil War philately as well as foreign material.

The show is one of about 25 across the country that is part of the American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately. The show's Grand Award winner will be eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions at the Great American Stamp Show August 14-17 in Schaumburg, Illinois, outside of Chicago.

The single-frame Grand Award winner will be eligible to join the annual Single Frame competition Nov. 21-23 at Chicagopex.

All awards from the March Party will be presented at a banquet Saturday evening at the hotel. Tickets are \$65 and will be available at the registration desk.

In addition, 38 dealers will be on hand offering stamps, covers, post cards, supplies and ephemera.

The U.S. Postal Service and the U.N. Postal Administration will have booths as well, offering new stamp and postal stationery issues.

The hotel show rate is \$114 plus tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 440-238-8800.

Upcoming events

March 1-2: 94th McKinley show, McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW, North Canton, Ohio

March 7-8: MICHIPLEX 2025, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, Michigan

March 14-16: 135th March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, Ohio

March 22-23: BUFPEX 2025, Buffalo Stamp Club, The Knights Hall, 2735 Union Rd., Cheektoga, New York

March 29-30: MSDA Columbus Stamp Show, Westgate Park Shelterhouse, 3271 Wicklow Rd., Columbus, Ohio

GP programs

The club meets the first Thursday of the month except July and August. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at Wyndham Independence, 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:

March 6: March Party planning and final arrangements.

April 3: March Party review.

May 1: Kent Johnston, "Transatlantic Treaty Mail, Part 2."

June 5: Dennis Sadowski, "Lost Post Offices of Lorain County."



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No real collector ever sells their stamps in their lifetime --unless it is to buy more stamps. — CLAUDE STANUSH

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