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135th March Party a hit

Hundreds help showcase the joy and fun of philately

By Dennis Sadowski

You could say young Mary Ostrowski stole the hearts of many March Party show-goers.

The 8-year-old from Mount Sterling, Ohio, not only got to go home with treasurers from the Beginners' Room, she led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the first day ceremony the show hosted this year.

For her efforts, Mary received a framed color print of the five Vibrant Leaves stamps to take home.

She attended the show with her parents, Maggie and Shane. Maggie said she has been using stamps to supplement her daughter's education to learn about the world.

The Ostrowskis were among 639 people who walked through the doors of the Best Western Plus hotel in Strongsville during the show's three-day run, March 14-16.

Show attendance increased 5.5% overall from 2024. Friday, the opening day, saw a 19.8% jump in attendance.

Visitors arrived from as far away as Arizona and Alabama, demonstrating the show's wide appeal to collectors.



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A March Party visitor, left, seeks an addition to his collection at the booth of Mark Reasoner. Below, Civil War history expert Trish Kaufmann discusses an exhibit to a WVIZ-TV producer for an upcoming segment on the "Applause program.

Chris Lazaroff, past president of the American First Day Cover Society, emceed the unveiling of the new stamps. Speakers at the ceremony included Jacshica Laster, U.S. Postal Service, manager of customer service operations, Ohio

District 1 in Cleveland; Shirley Goldberg of the Western Reserve Post Card Society; and Bill Brooker, a member of the Ohio Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

Dealers reported strong sales

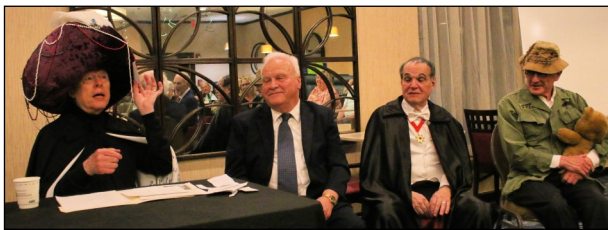
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GP welcomes new members

Welcome to the new Garfield-Perry members who joined during this year's March Party:

Wayne Farley, St. Clairsville;
Bob Gifford, Rocky River.



Clockwise from top: Unveiling of five Vibrant Leaves post card-rate stamps; Collector Ray Wysocki views a dealer's offerings; Ken Nilsestuen, as Johnny Carson's Carnac the Magnificent at the awards dinner with Alan Hanzl as Ed McMahon, Bill Ullom as Bela Lugosi's Count Dracula and Tom Bieniosek as Gary Burghoff's Radar O'Reilly in "M.A.S.H." — both of whom were stamp collectors; the Triple S Postal History booth; a young collector shows off the dinosaur stamps in the Beginners' Corner; and Mary Ostrowski of Mount Sterling, Ohio, shows her mother Maggie the Vibrant Leaves stamps at the U.S. Postal Service booth that she helped unveil. (Photos by Dennis Sadowski and Ken Srail/SrailPhotography.com)

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throughout the show. Visitors to the 38 booths were able to take home much sought after items and identify unexpected finds among the top-notch offerings.

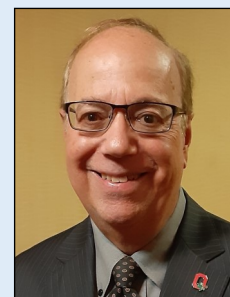
The annual meetings of the U.S. Stamp Society and the Civil War Philatelic Society helped boost attendance. Presentations by Civil War postal history experts highlighted some of the behind-the-scenes events of the long war in the 1860s.

At the awards dinner Saturday evening, the Garfield-Perry Players kept the audience laughing and rolling their eyes with a hilarious spoof of "The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson.

Ken Nilsestuen, March Party co-chair, played Carson in welcoming stamp collector guests Gary Burghoff who played Radar O'Reilly (portrayed by Tom Bieniosek) on the long-running "M.A.S.H." television series, and

FROM THE PRESIDENT March Party a great success

Thank you to all Garfield-Perry members and others who helped March Party 2025 be a great success. Once again co-chairs Rocco Caponi and Ken Nilsestuen did a wonderful job. Even the weather cooperated.



We hosted a first-day-of-issue ceremony for five U.S. postcard forever stamps on Friday and an awards banquet Saturday

evening with a performance by the G-P Players. A good time was had by all. Attendance was good throughout the weekend, and a few new members were signed up.

The new collectors' room continues to be a success. Much material was distributed, and even more material was donated to the club.

Philatelically yours,
Howard S. Chapman

Bela Lugosi as Count Dracula (portrayed by Bill Ullom). Alan Hanzl played Carson sidekick Ed McMahon while Jere Dutt, as band leader Doc Severinson, "directed" an orchestra during musical interludes.

Nilsestuen also resurrected Carnac the Magnificent, the sage prognosticator who provided humorous answers to questions in "hermetically sealed" envelopes -- some philatelic and some not.

Civil War, U.S. exhibits impress show-goers

Alfredo Frolich received the Grand Award and Large Gold for his multi-frame exhibit "United States of Colombia 1868-1881" at this year's March Party.

In the single-frame category, Mark Schwartz claimed the Grand Award and Large Gold for his exhibit "Carrier Service at Boston: 1821-1863."

Frolich's exhibit is eligible to enter the annual Champion of Champions competition during the Great American Stamp Show 2024, set for Aug. 14-17 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center in Schaumburg, Illinois.



March Party visitors view one of the 35 exhibits on display.

The exhibit also received the Dale Pulver Award for the Best Foreign Exhibit.

Meanwhile, Schwartz received two Garfield-Perry Awards: Best U.S. Exhibit and Best Post-History Exhibit.

The exhibit will be invited to the American Association of

Philatelic Exhibitors' annual Champion of Champions single-frame competition during Chicagopex 2025, set for Nov. 21-23.

The show featured 22 multi-frame and 13 single-frame exhibits that filled 172 frames.

Stotts receives U.S. Stamp Society's Walter Hopkinson literature award



GP member Jay Stotts received the Walter W. Hopkinson Memorial Literature Award from the U.S. Stamp Society at the March Party awards dinner.

Society president Roger Brody was on hand for

the society's annual meeting and made the presentation.

Stotts' was honored for a series of articles about the production of the Great Americans stamp issue published in "The United States Specialist," the society's journal.



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Mark Schwartz receives his Grand Award in the single-frame category from Ray Beer, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club vice president, at the March Party awards dinner.

The show jury included Charles J.G. Verge, Mark Banchik, Andrew Kelley, Daniel Knowles, Hal Vogel and Fred Lutt, apprentice.

One other award was presented as well.

Vogel received the Bernard A. Henning Award from American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.

He was honored for more than 40 years of service, judging excellence and mentorship to exhibitors. He is the 14th recipient of the award.

Show visitor has interest in Erie County postal history

We received the following query after the March Party.

I attended the show on Friday and thoroughly enjoyed the show and the exhibition panels.

I am a collector of Erie County, Ohio, postal history. Are there any members of GP who also collect Erie Co? A very long time ago, I corresponded with Dick Parker, who I know was club member

Looking for some fellow collectors to discuss our mutual collecting interest.

Mark Smith
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Upcoming events

April 12: Detroit Post Card Show, Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Michigan

April 12-13: WILKPEX, Wikinsburg Stamp Club, Holiday Park Fire Hall, 415 Old Abers Creek Rd., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

April 25-26: Western Reserve Post Card Society annual show, Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio

April 25-26: Plymouth area show, (not affiliated with the West Suburban Stamp Club) Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland, Michigan

May 23-24: Plymouth Show, West Suburban Stamp Club, Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Rd., Westland, Michigan

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:

April 3: March Party review.

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

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

July 3: TBD, Meeting takes place via Zoom



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