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## Philately gets 'Applause'

### Public TV program showcases the joy of collecting

The stamp collecting hobby and the March Party made it to TV this year.

"Applause," the arts and culture program on WVIZ-TV/Ideastream Public Media in Cleveland, showcased the joys of philately during a 7-minute segment broadcast on April 11.

Jean-Marie Papoi, a digital producer for the station, spent much



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GP member Jay Stotts discusses his exhibit on downtown Cleveland at the turn of the 20th century for a segment on the Ideastream Public Media program "Applause" during the opening day of this year's March Party.

### Promoting March Party 2026

It's not too early to start promoting March Party 2026.

We can use your help in distributing cards at shows especially throughout the summer and fall.

If you plan to attend an out-of-town show let us know. We can give you a stack of 25 cards to put on the literature table at the show you attend.

Having members take cards with them is far better than mailing cards and hoping show organizers will remember to put them out.

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of the opening day of this year's March Party at the show on March 14.

She said she found the hobby fascinating and the people she interviewed enjoyable to work with.

"I didn't know there was so much to the hobby," she said.

The segment shared a positive light on the hobby and the still widespread nature of collecting, refuting that it is a hobby for "old people."

At the show Papoi interviewed GP president Howard Chapman,

treasurer Ken Nilsestuen, member Jay Stotts, Civil War philately expert Trish Kaufmann and dealer Telah Smith.

The segment also explored how individuals started collecting, various postal history exhibits that were on display, how the hobby expands a person's view of the world and how philately opens the door to exploring geography, history, the arts and more.

If you missed it, the segment remains archived at the show website at [bit.ly/4lvd3aF](http://bit.ly/4lvd3aF).

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# 'Fun' collections spark collecting

Our 135 March Party was a great success. I want to thank all those people who volunteered to help make the show successful.



I continue going to shows and have trouble finding material for my Jewish National Fund exhibit. Therefore, I look for

items for my "fun" collections, first day covers of United States Judaica stamps

Among the way to collect this material is to save one FDC of each stamp or a particular cachet designer for each stamp or all cachet makers for each stamp. I try to collect as many different cachets for each stamp as I can find.

In 1996 the United States and Israel issued a joint issue Hanukkah stamp. The cover pictured nearby is an Olde Well cachet with the United States 32 cent stamp and the Israel joint-issue postmarked in Washington, D.C.

and Jerusalem, Israel, on Oct. 22, 1996. The Israeli cancellation features American and Israeli flags flanking an amphora, an ancient vessel for holding oil. Oil is a central aspect of the holiday of Hanukkah.

Shown nearby is the Collins cachet for the 41-cent Hanukkah issue of 2007. The cachet cap-

tures the spirit of the holiday with a grandfather lighting the Hanukkah candles with his grandchildren.

Fred Collins of Allentown, New Jersey, started creating cachets in 1978. He now specializes in full-cover brightly colored cachets.

The 2004 Collins cachet for the 39-cent Hanukkah stamp shows its usual attention to detail. There is a hanukkiah (9 branches), a dreidel, jelly donuts potatoes for making latkes, sweet apples for making apple sauce, gifts and Hanukkah gelt (money). All of these items are associated with the holiday. The Collins artist (JEP) centers the design around two curious children.

Enjoy your collection!

Philatelically  
yours,

*Howard S. Chapman*



## Obituary

### David G. Pool

Longtime stamp dealer David G. Pool, 86, died April 3.

Pool owned Lincolnway Stamps of Massillon with his wife Ginny and was a fixture for many years at stamps shows throughout Ohio including the March Party.

He was born on Oct. 13, 1938, in Akron to the late Mack and Mary (Lasson) Pool.

Prior to starting his stamp busi-

ness he owned a packaging company.



In addition, Pool supported local philately through memberships in the McKinley, Stark County, Tuscora, and Cuy-Lor stamp clubs.

Survivors include his wife

Ginny, to whom he was married for 34 years; daughters Elaine (Jim) Fippin, Charmaine (Jason) McHugh, Sara (Matt) Klink, and Jennifer (Mike) Petrick; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A celebration of life is being planned for a future date. Donations in Pool's memory can be made to the Stark County Humane Society or the Stark Wilderness Center, 9877 Alabama Ave., SW, Wilmot, Ohio 44689.



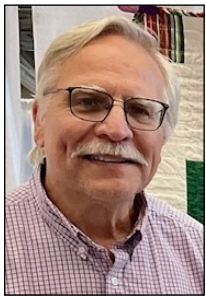
# Stamps on display

## GP member promotes collecting and history at two post offices with positive results

By Dennis Sadowski

Like most collectors, GP member Jim Balog of Painesville likes to share his hobby with others.

His way though is through local post offices.



Jim Balog

For about 20 years Balog has been putting up displays on topical interests tied to current events.

From Christmas to the Olympics, Balog regularly features

stamps and covers to showcase the diversity of topics portrayed on stamps.

He recently took down a display on Women's History Month, observed in March. In April he developed a display featuring Native Americans, connecting with the April 25 release of a set of U.S. stamps depicting Powwows.

"It's just a pleasure putting these up sharing my collection. I have all this stuff on hand sitting in a binder and nobody's looking at it. People might as well as enjoy it," said Balog, who is secretary/treasurer of the Christmas Philatelic Club.

His first started at the Fairport Harbor post office in Lake County, where his wife was a clerk before retiring. He has since added Geneva in Ashtabula County.

"I get positive feedback from it," he said. "People enjoy it."

From top, some of the post office displays Jim Balog has developed include Women's History Month earlier this year, Christmas, Valentine's Day and the 2024 Olympics.



## Upcoming events

**May 3:** Norwalk Post Card Show, Eagles Hall, 151 Cline St., Norwalk, Ohio

**May 16-18:** MSDA Springtime Chicagoland North-Skokie Stamp Show, Oakton Collie - Skokie Campus, 7701 Lincoln Ave., Skokie, Illinois

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

**June 6-8:** NAPEX, McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, Virginia

**June 13-14:** Dearborn Stamp Club Show and Bourse, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Rd., Dearborn, Michigan

**June 20-21:** Colopex 2025, Madison County Fairgrounds, 205 Elm St., London, 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:

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

**June 5:** Chris Fortunato, "The Blessed Virgin Mary on Stamps."

**July 3:** Member Show and Tell; Meeting takes place via Zoom.



## Club Officers

Howard Chapman, president

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In a world where conversations have evolved from sending postcards to sending emails or text messages, there is still a way to collect stamps -- as a way to preserve history. — **Mike Frechette**

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