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FIRST DAY CEREMONY HIGHLIGHTS MARCH PARTY '99

About 200 collectors and curious on-lookers attended a first day ceremony at the Masonic hall Saturday, March 13, at 1 PM at which a new 33¢ self-adhesive Classroom Flag stamp was unveiled. The ceremony marked the midpoint of a very successful March Party weekend.

The design of the new stamp follows a familiar theme with a U.S. flag and a piece of Americana. This time the background consisted of a schoolroom chalkboard displaying upper and lower case letters of the alphabet and the stamp's denomination.

In the photo above, we show three members of the Cleveland Postoffice staff who participated in the event: Tina Grabovez, local philatelic representative, Jordan Small, Cleveland Postmaster, and Victor Dubina, corporate relations and media rep for the region.

There was very little advance notice on this ceremony. The stamp was originally scheduled for introduction in April at another location but

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STOTTS WINS GRAND AWARD WITH MODERN STAMPS

In a story reminiscent of the "Local Boy Makes Good" theme, Jay Stotts finally achieved his goal of a Grand Award with his elegantly mounted "United States: The Fourth Bureau Issue, 1922 - 1938." This exhibit, the origins of which your editor first saw at a Euclid Club stamp show many years ago, has bloomed into full maturity and is a joy to view.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

We're still bothered by the fact that many of our regulars are ailing, but there has been improvement with some of them.

Dick Jones was handling his situation nicely until Sunday morning after the March Party awards banquet when he had a severe gall bladder attack. Wife Bobbie rushed him to the hospital (Cleveland Clinic) and on the following Tuesday he underwent laparoscopic surgery to remove the offending organ. Latest report is that he is recovering very well and hopes to rejoin our Friday meetings after the Easter holiday.

Reg Morris is doing pretty well and was able to monitor the youth table at the March Party for a couple of days over the weekend. He had some good help in the persons of Dick Jaeger, Dick Jones, Mark Hoff, Darlene Peters and others.

It was good to see **Millie Underwood** again. Although she wasn't strong enough to help with the Club's sales table, she did attend the wine and cheese party and the awards banquet.

Our famous associate member, **Dick Graham**, came in from Columbus and spent two days at the show, visiting with old friends and viewing the postal history exhibits.

Denise and Jay Stotts showed up early Thursday morning and helped with the set-up. I don't know what we would do without them!

And finally, **Betsy and Don Bianchi** made their regular pilgrimage from Chicagoland to attend the festivities. Once again, Don did the honors at the various social events with his trusty camera so we have a pictorial record of the weekend.

Late breaking news: At press-time we've learned that **Justin Underwood** checked into the Elyria Memorial Hospital Sunday, March 28, with what is diagnosed as kidney stones. He will be transferred to the Cleveland Clinic for surgery.

FIRST DAY, Concluded...

was moved to coincide with our show. The job of arranging a suitable event was assigned to the local postoffice which they did with some advice from G-P. Simple programs with the stamp and first day cancellations were passed out to attendees, but there was no formal autograph table as is common with a full-fledged first day program. In view of the hurried arrangements, it still came off rather well and Postmaster Small made some very complimentary statements about Garfield-Perry in his brief remarks.

MEETING PROGRAMS

Here is a list of the entertainment scheduled for our Friday night meetings for the next quarter. (Ed. note: *Dick Parker is always looking for new ideas. Call him if you have any.*)

- Apr 2 No meeting - Good Friday
Apr 9 **Dale Pulver** - "Adhesive labels promoting philatelic events & show souvenirs"
Apr 16 **Mark Hoff** - "Stamps and Covers of a Major U.S. Exposition"
Apr 23 **Bill Harris** - "Printed Circular Rates, 1845 - 1969"
Apr 30 **Stanley Fairchild** - "What's this Masked Stranger Covering My French Stamps?"
May 7 **Dick Jones** - "Registered Mail of Great Britain, 1952 - 1969"
May 14 **Jeannine Trainer** - "Great Lakes Expositions, Cleveland"
May 21 All members - Bourse night. A chance to trade or sell your duplicates.
May 28 No meeting - Memorial Day Weekend
Jun 4 APS Slides: - "French 3rd Republic, Siege of Paris, Emergency Issues, & Balloon Posts"
Jun 11 **Al Hart** - "Trip On A Great Lakes Freighter"
Jun 18 All Members - G-P Memorabilia Night
Jun 25 All members - The always popular and enlightening Other Hobby Night

**Don't forget to mark your calendars for STaMpsOW '99 - August 26 - 29, 1999
at the CLEVELAND CONVENTION CENTER**



THE EDITOR'S CORNER

We had another great March Party, in my humble view. After some scary, and unsettled weather at the beginning of the month it finally settled down and we were able to slip through the weekend without serious incident. In fact, it was just cold enough to discourage outdoor activities and may have helped attendance, at least the first two days.

Set-up day went smoothly, thanks to plenty of help from willing members. There were some minor problems with our new frames, but once erected, mounting the exhibits is a breeze. I really like the new frames from that standpoint, but I am not happy with the shoddy way they were manufactured. Hopefully, we can do something about that.

It was another year for top quality exhibits. As

you will note from the Winner's Circle, the judges seemed to sense something special about this group of collections. They awarded 18(!) gold medals, four vermeils and two each of silver and silver-bronze. There were no bronze awards.

This is the largest number of golds ever given at a March Party. The previous high was 15. On my quality point index I have been keeping since we became a national show in 1981, it registered 4.46, again the highest index ever. An index of 5.00 would be a perfect score — all exhibits receiving a gold.

Breakdown on Sunday went well. In fact, we had more volunteers than we could efficiently use until the exhibits were dismantled. This was the second year with the new frames and we find that it takes a little bit longer to clear everything away and stack in the storage room. Part of that is the complexity of the frame set-up and part, I guess, is the fact that some of us are beginning to slow down.

My personal thanks to all who helped with the hard work of setting up and tearing down. It would be impossible to stage our show without this assistance. DRP



**JAY STOTTS
PREVAILS IN A
STRONG FIELD
TO WIN GRAND**

MARCH PARTY 99 After a string of seven consecutive reserve grand awards, our Texas member **Jay Stotts** finally carried home the best of our show award with his "United States: The Fourth Bureau Issue, 1922 - 1938." Jay has been working on this study for almost 20 years and has it in a truly world class competitive state. In addition to the Grand Award, he received a gold medal, G-P's Best U.S. and Members awards, and the BIA Medal of Freedom. He will represent our Club in the Champion of Champions competition at Stampshow '99 in August.

The reserve grand award went to **Paul A. Larsen** for "Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands, 1890 - 1911." He also received the Donald Goertz Award for the best foreign exhibit.

Gold medals also went to: **Jonathan W. Rose** for "United States General Issues, 1847 - 1860, Inclusive"; **John L. Robertson, M.D.** for his "U.S. and B.N.A. Cross Border Mails, 1845 to U.P.U."; **Charles J. Ekstrom III** for "Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps," also the APS Medal of Excellence for 1940 - 1980; **G. Adolph Ackerman** who showed "For the Red Air Fleet - Soviet Air Fleet Semi-Official Stamps/Labels," also APS Research and AAPE Creativity awards; **Ronald E. Strawser** for "Postal Cards of the Belgian Congo"; **Joan M. Klimchik** for "Santa Claus: A Living Legend," also GP Award for best thematic; **William J. Ainsworth** for "Lincoln in Shades of Carmine and Black," also US Philatelic Classics Society medal; **Ann M. Trigg** for "British Guiana Postal Stationery"; **Murray A. Abramson** for "The US 1922 Definitive Series: A Study of Rates and Uses," also APS Medal of Excellence, 1900 - 1940; **James Kotanchik** for "US Post Office Seals, 1872 - 1970"; **Van Koppersmith**

for "Mobile, Alabama Postal History Outside of the Union"; **William H. Bauer** for "Colorado Territory, 1858 - 1876," also APS Medal of Excellence for pre-1900 material; **Kenneth Kutz** of "Untold Wealth - Canada's Mineral Heritage," and finally, **Alfred F. Kugel** for "Allied Intervention in Russia, 1918 - 1925."

Vermeil medals were awarded to: **Richard H. Parker** for "Ohio Postal History, 1790 to 1816"; **John W. Allen** for "Liberties: The US 1954 Definitive Series on Cover," also AAPE Gold Award of Honor; **William J. Hart** for "United States Single Postal Cards Used Internationally"; and **Lucian Joel** for "Syncopated Perforations of the Netherlands."

Silver medals were given to **Rocco Caponi** for his "2¢ Circular Die Envelope Issue of 1915" and to **Mary Turner** for her "Christmas Angels."

Silver-bronze medals went to: **Frederick E. Lutt** for his "Leeward Islands, King George VI Definitives" and **Charles J. Waterstradt** for "Christmas Around the World on Postal Materials."

In the One-Frame category there were three winners: **Phil Stager** took the first prize with "Dates - The Genus Phoenix"; second went to **Walter Krasowski** for "Varieties of the 1932 3¢ Overprint on the 2¢ Arch Issue of Canada"; and third place was won by **Dale Pulver** with "Mexico: Making the 2 Reales Rate, 1856 - 1868."

These awards and the special GP awards were painted terra cotta reproductions of Great Lakes lighthouses.

FOR SALE

1997 was the last year for our 12-page glass fitted frames. Henceforth we will use the 16 page aluminum frames that have become standard with most national shows. Our old ones are available to clubs, dealers or individuals who might use them for display purposes.

\$7.50 or \$5.00 each,
depending on condition
(Contact Editor or Club Officer)

MORE MARCH PARTY NEWS

TOM MAHON RECEIVES LA GANKE SERVICE AWARD



Tom Mahon was honored near the close of the Awards Banquet with the Nelson P. LaGanke Service Award. This award, named in memory of a beloved and tireless promoter of G-P is awarded, usually annually, to a member who has made and continues to make significant contributions to the Club in the way of service.

In the photo above, Tom receives this prestigious award from Dale Pulver, chairman of the award committee. In his informal citation, Dale noted the many projects Tom has accomplished since joining the Club in 1996. Among these are establishing and maintaining a web site for the Club, arranging the reprinting of our Club rules and regulations last year, and carrying the ball on behalf of G-P in the arrangements for the first day ceremony.

Two years ago Tom was elected to the Board and last December was chosen by his fellow Board members to be Club secretary. He was March Party Co-chairman this year and will be Chairman for March Party 2000.

Professionally, Tom is employed as a computer specialist and he has brought his considerable skills in this area to bear for the benefit of our Club. I know you will want to congratulate Tom for the honor and we wish him much success in the future.

MEMBERS ATTEND FROM FAR AND WIDE


A few of our out-of-town members attending this year's show were mentioned in the News of Members feature on page 2, but there were numerous others who traveled quite a distance to support our event. Here, in no particular order, are those your editor saw and recognized: Dealers **Kevin Kellermann (IL)**, **Wes Crozier (NJ)** and **Ed Hines (CA)**; **Tom Mazza (NYC)**, **Helen Mazza (PA)**, Tom's mother, **Ann Triggie (NY)**, **Dr. John Robertson (PA)**, **Rob Haessler (Sidney)**, **Carl Albrecht (Columbus)**, **Cliff Woodward (PA)** and **Dick Winter (NC)**. There were probably some others. I apologize for any oversights.

DID YOU GET ONE OF THESE?

First time dealer **Sam Houston Duck Co.** created the attractive souvenir sheetlet shown here as a tribute to our show. They were available at his table and can now be had by mail order to 13310 Westheimer #150, Houston, TX 77077. Price is \$0.50 each and with it you will receive a list of other sheets printed since they began in 1986.

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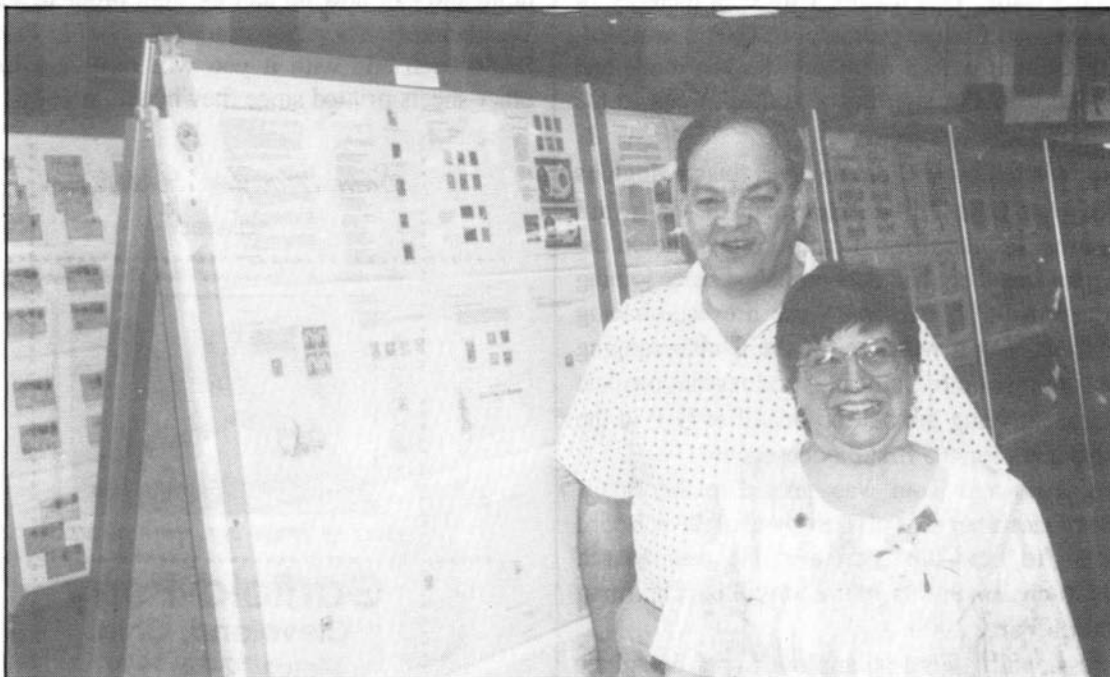


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SOME MARCH PARTY MOMENTS CAPTURED ON FILM



Here are 14 of the 18 Gold Award winners our photographer cornered at the awards banquet: Kneeling, Jim Kotanchik, John Robertson, Murray Abramson, and Van Koppersmith. Standing: Jon Rose, Ann Triggie, Bill Bauer, Charles Ekstrom III, Ken Kutz, Jay Stotts, Myron Hill Jr., Al Kugel, Ron Strawser and Joan Klimchalk.



Here's one very happy Grand Award winner! Jay and Denise Stotts share a moment of satisfaction in front of Jay's exhibit.

More SCENES FROM THE EXHIBITION FLOOR



Here Darlene Peters, and youth table chairman Reg Morris, strike a pose at their station..



Our two Postal Service sales ladies pose with Don and Betsy Bianchi. The USPS reported excellent sales on all three days of the show, and even ran out of certain popular items. The UN table did well, too and sales of books and supplies at the APS table approached record levels for a national show.

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