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GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY each month at the WYNDHAM INDEPENDENCE, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence, at 7 p.m.

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## March Party judges named



DENNIS SADOWSKI

Visitors take in one of the exhibits at March Party 2025

Six judges have been selected to review the 170 frames of exhibits at this year's March Party.

As a World Series of Philately, the show is expected to see some of the best exhibits assembled during the current cycle.

The judges are:

**Christopher Dahle**, a member of the Cedar Rapids Stamp Club in Iowa and chair of CERAPEX, the club's annual show. He also is an officer of the United Nations Philatelists, the Biology Unit of the American Topical Association and on the board of the **Scandinavian Collectors Club**.

**William Fort III**, a specialist in stamps of the Americas and transoceanic airmail and an exhibitor of the U.S. Fourth Bureau postal history, trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific airmail during World War II, and Mexican revenues.

**Mike Ley**, past president of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and secretary of the Burma (Myanmar) Philatelic Study Circle.

**James Mazepa**, chairman of the American Philatelic Society International Committee and one of six philatelists to win the Champion of Champions twice. He also has received the Luff Award for service to philately.

**Norma Nielson**, a longtime exhibitor of topical and thematic subjects, has a World Series of Philatelic Grand Award to her credit. She also has authored numerous philatelic articles.

**Dzintars Grinfelds** specializes in Eastern European philately and postal history. He is the only three-time AAPE Youth Champion of Champions. Currently he serves as a Federation of International Philately commissioner and is deputy commissioner general for Boston 2026 World Stamp Expo.

## Something different to start the New Year

Your wish is the club's command.

After several requests from members the Jan. 8 meeting will feature a sell/buy/swap night.

Traditionally we've had programs on various stamp topics. Program chairman Ray Beer has agreed to a "program" involving members who want to sell, swap and even buy materials to build their collections.

If it goes well, expect to see such nights to be scheduled occasionally.

# Encourage a fellow collector to join us

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club holiday dinner was a fantastic event. All who attended had a wonderful evening.



Thanks go to Rocco Caponi for coordinating this year's dinner, Ken Nilsestuen for handling the financial end,

and all who attended for making the evening successful. Let's increase our numbers even more next year.

This is a good time to invite a friend and/or fellow collector to join the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. If you enjoy the club, its meetings and the annual March Party, so will other collectors. Help us increase our membership numbers to properly represent a club that is soon to be 136 years

old.

Do you have a collecting specialty or interest that you enjoy? Why not volunteer to give an in-person presentation or a Zoom presentation to our membership? Please let Ray Beer know, and he will add you to our schedule. We all enjoy seeing what others collect in this fascinating hobby.

With this column is a picture of

a United States first day cover of the "G" nondenominated (32 cents) stamp postmarked in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 13, 1994. I found this to be a fun item with many different varieties of G stamps.

Enjoy your collecting!

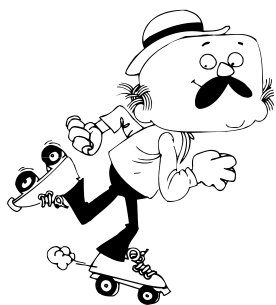
Philatelically yours,

*Howard S. Chapman*



A first day cover of the many "G" nondenominated (32 cents) stamps postmarked in the nation's capital on Dec. 13, 1994.

## GP members on the go



Two GP members competed in the recent one-frame team competition at Chicagopex on Nov 22.

**Greg**

**Shouts**, who is handling exhibits for the March Party, was part of a team that claimed first place in the competition.

Individually, his exhibit "Washington & Franklin Coils: 1914 Rotary Press Issues" received a gold award.

Meanwhile, **Alan Hanzl** captained a team from the **Society for Czechoslovak Philately** that finished fifth out of six teams.

His "Praga 1978 World Philatelic Exhibition: Showcasing Czechoslovak History and Culture" received a silver award.

For the record, the team was known as The Czechslovak Exhibitionists. Hmmm.

**Rocco Caponi** was the third GP member to exhibit. His multi-frame "Century of Progress Akron Dispatch" received a silver award.

It's not too late to form your team for next year's competition.

**Dennis Sadowski's** exhibit "Elyria, Ohio: A Postal History Tour" was voted the most popular by attendees of the Black River

Stamp Club show on Nov. 22. He is looking to update the exhibit and enter it at other shows in 2026.

**Bob Weygandt** reminds club members that he is collecting donations of materials for the **Beginners Room** at the March Party, set for March 13-15.

Stamps, both on and off paper, covers, supplies and albums will be accepted at upcoming club meetings as well as during set up on March 12 at the Best Western Plus in Strongsville.

Last year members contributed a large volume of material that got into the hands of young and beginning collectors who attended the show.

It's a great way to promote the hobby for generations to come.



# A puzzling journey through time for a first day cover from Romania

By Anthony Bello

At a first look, the illustrated cover seems simply a normal first day cover.

It is a registered letter from Romania to Bellevue, Washington. It bears a 10-lei souvenir sheet (Scott 3048) commemorating the 1982 World Cup in Spain, issued on Dec. 28, 1981.

The sheet is part of a set that includes six additional stamps (Scott 3042-3047). The souvenir



A first day cover, top, with a souvenir sheet commemorating the 1982 World Cup in Spain was sent to Bellevue, Washington. Nine years later it was remailed to Romania, as the back of the cover shows, bottom.

sheet also exists in imperforate condition.

The intriguing and mysterious aspect is when we look at the back of this cover, we find that it was re-mailed to another person, most likely a stamp collector, from Romania to Romania in 1990 with a full set of 8 Romanian stamps (Scott 3713-3720) issued to commemorate the Olympic Winter Games in Calgary, Alberta, Cana-

da in 1988. This set along with a 75-lei souvenir sheet was issued in Dec. 28, 1987.

How did this cover got back to Romania, as it certainly arrived in the U.S. as confirmed by the U.S. Customs marking on the bottom center? What were the creative intentions of the second sender of this mailing? Why nine years apart?

We shall never know.

## 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:

**Jan. 8:** Mini-bourse for members; sell/buy/trade philatelic treasures

**Feb. 5:** March Party mailing

### March 5: March Party planning

## April 2: March Party review and planning for 2027



## Club Officers

The club is online at [garfieldperry.org](http://garfieldperry.org).

- Preserving tradition has become a nice hobby, like stamp collecting. — *Mason Cooley, American aphorist*

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