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Three's company March Party 2027 hosts trio of leading societies

Garfield-Perry will welcome not one, not two, but three societies to March Party 2027.

The United Postal Stationery Society, the Society of Israel Philatelists and the Germany Philatelic Society will convene at the show, set for March 12-14.

The UPSS had scheduled its visit a while back. Leaders of SIP and GPS met during Boston 2026 and settled on meeting at the 137th March Party.

"We are pleased to welcome a diverse prominent group of collectors to the March Party," Rocco Caponi, show co-chair, said. "Their presence points to our continued growth as one of the best shows in the country. It will be quite a party."

With such a trio of prominent societies on hand, the show promises to host great exhibits and plenty of guests. All three organizations are expected to host meetings and lead presentations to enlighten showgoers about interesting aspects of stamps and postal history in their area of specialty.

It may be tight at the show site, the Best Western Plus in Strongsville, but "we'll make it work,"



Caponi said.

If that's not enough, Caponi said GP is expecting to host another first-day ceremony for a yet undetermined stamp issue and a



KENNETH SRAIL

Scenes from March Party 2026. Expect much the same and more at Garfield-Perry's 137th show on March 12-14 in Strongsville as three leading societies will convene and other events are planned.

Postcrossing meetup.

The show prospectus will be available in mid-September on the club website at www.garfieldperry.org.

Make plans now to attend.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In-person meetings resume Sept. 3

Our Sept. 3 meeting starts the new collecting season and will be in-person. Please plan to attend.

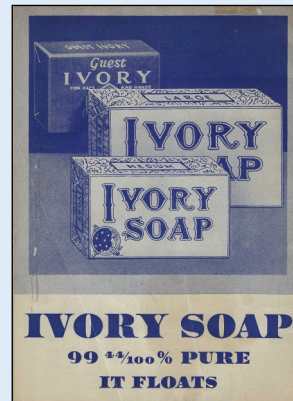
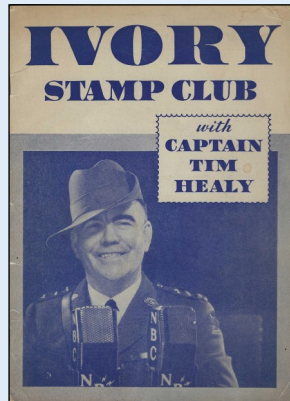


We hear many people say how philately is dying and collectors are disappearing. Methods of communicating are going digital and letters may

disappear. When I send emails to collect club dues, I receive a small percentage of payments. When I follow up with a written letter request for dues, the percentage collected increases substantially.

We hope that mail will continue into our future and for future generations. Certainly, package delivery is increasing. While we may not have the power to ensure the future of mail delivery, we can do our part to ensure the future of philately. The first step is to be optimistic and speak positively about the future of philately. Assist and encourage new collectors.

Stamp collecting was at or near its peak in 1935. We had prominent well-known collectors in President Franklin D. Roosevelt, King George V and President Herbert C. Hoover, along with



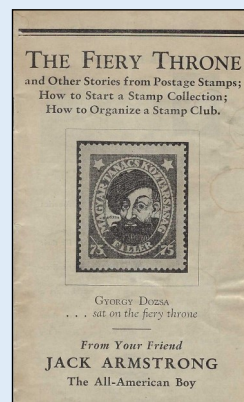
radio show on NBC with thrilling stamp stories. Ivory soap wrappers could be traded for stamp collecting packets. Nearby are the front and back covers of a stamp album published by H.E. Harris & Co. for Ivory Soap.

Harris & Co. also published a booklet,

"The Fiery Throne and Other Stories from Postage Stamps; How to Start a Stamp Collection; How to Organize a Stamp Club" from "your friend Jack Armstrong, The All-American Boy." Nearby is a picture of the front and back covers of this booklet sponsored by Wheaties Cereal.

I trust all of you are enjoying our great hobby of stamp and cover collecting and supporting your local philatelic club, especially the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. The following is a quote from Captain Tim, "For grown-ups, for children, collecting stamps is more fun, and more worth-while and educational, than any other pastime in the world!"

Philatelically yours,
Howard S. Chapman



many stamp stores and collector clubs. Pre-packaged stamps and covers were available at the local 5 & 10 cent store; articles appeared in local newspapers and large corporations spent advertising dollars recommending stamp collecting.

Ivory Soap Co. sponsored the Ivory Stamp Club with Captain Tim Healy who hosted a regular

Ann Arbor show prospectus now available

Mike Homel of Arbor Stamps informs us that the prospectus for the Ann Arbor (Michigan) Stamp Club annual show, AAPEX 2026, is available.

The show, Michigan's largest annual stamp exhibition, is set for Nov. 6-7 at the Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr.,

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Exhibits will be judged and awards given. Frames hold 16 letter-sized pages. The fee is \$10 per frame.

The prospectus and application is available from Edward Arias, exhibits chairperson, at earias@sbcglobal.net. Deadline is Sept. 26.

The show, features about two dozen dealers, a new collectors area, and U.S. Postal Service and United Nations Postal Administration booths. The Peninsular State Philatelic Society also will meet.

More information is online at www.annarborstampclub.org, by email at arbor@provide.net or by phone at 734-761-5859.

Romanian postal cards honoring literary genius Melville featured work by Kent

By Anthony Bello

The U.S. had already done it on Aug. 1, 1984 with a single postage stamp to honor Herman Melville (Scott 2094) as part of its Literary Arts series.

But in 1991, the 100th anniversary of Melville's death, Romania decided to go one step further by issuing nine postal cards honoring the American author and his 1851 work. The postal cards featured illustrations by Rockwell Kent from the first edition of "Moby Dick" or "The Whale" published in 1930 by Lakeside Press of Chicago in a limited edition of only 1,000.



American artist Rockwell Kent's illustration for Herman Melville's classic work "Moby Dick" appeared on a 34-cent stamp that was part of the American Illustrators pane issued in 2001.

He was a painter, illustrator, writer, print-maker, adventurer and political activist. Kent was commissioned by Lakeside Press to create illus-

The book was a huge success and immediately sold out. It was quickly reprinted by Random House in New York and was another publishing success.

Kent (1882-1971) was born in Tarrytown, New York.

trations for Melville's famous work.

It took Kent four years to produce 300 drawings for the book using solely pen, brush and ink. Lakeside Press used only 280 of those drawings. Random House later used all 300 drawings.

Kent's production was endless. He created illustration for numerous books, magazines and newspapers. His paintings are displayed across the U.S. In 1937 he was among 10 artists commissioned by the U.S. Treasury Dept. to create two murals in a new Post Office Building in Washington, D.C. The two murals are titled "Mail Ser-

vice in the Arctic" and "Mail Service in the Tropics".

One of Kent's works from the book is reproduced on a 34-cent stamp issued in 2001 (Scott 3502q) in the pane honoring American Illustrators. The Romanian postal cards clearly indicate that the images appearing on them are illustrations by Rockwell Kent. The 2,000-lei indicia, the postal card rate at the time, are also illustrations from the Moby Dick book. Surprisingly, only 1,000 sets of nine cards were issued, a very limited edition matching the original number of books published by Lakeside Press.



Three of the nine postal cards issued by Romania in 1991 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Herman Melville. The cards featured illustrations by American artist Rockwell Kent.

Upcoming events

Sept. 5: The Big Erie Stamp Show, The Erie Stamp Club, New Hope Presbyterian Church, 5440 Washington Ave., Erie, Pennsylvania

Sept. 12: TUSCOPEX 2026, Tuscora Stamp Club, Tuscora Park Pavilion, 161 Tuscora Ave., NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio

Sept. 18-20: INDYPEX 2026, Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville, Indiana

Oct. 16-17: MOTOPEX 2026, Motor City Stamp Club, Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren Ave., Dearborn Heights, Michigan

Oct. 30-31: CUY-LORPEX 2026, Cuy-Lor Stamp Club, Rocky River Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio

Nov. 7: WOOPLEX 2026, Wooster Stamp Club, Ida Sue School, 266 Oldman Rd., Wooster, 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:

Sept. 3: "Elyria, Ohio: A Postal History Tour," Dennis Sadowski

Oct. 1: "Route 66: The Mother Road Through Photography," David Schwartz

Nov. 5: "Newspaper and Periodical Stamps, Part 2," Ken Nilsestuen



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Rare stamps are like fingerprints: You can trace them as they've traded in auctions back almost a hundred years.

— Bill Gross

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