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MARCH PARTY 2027

Get your exhibit ready

Prospectus being finalized for website

The prospectus for the 137th March Party is just about finished..

The guidelines for exhibiting during the 2027 show -- set for Friday, March 12 through Sunday, March 14 -- will soon be online at www.garfieldperry.org.

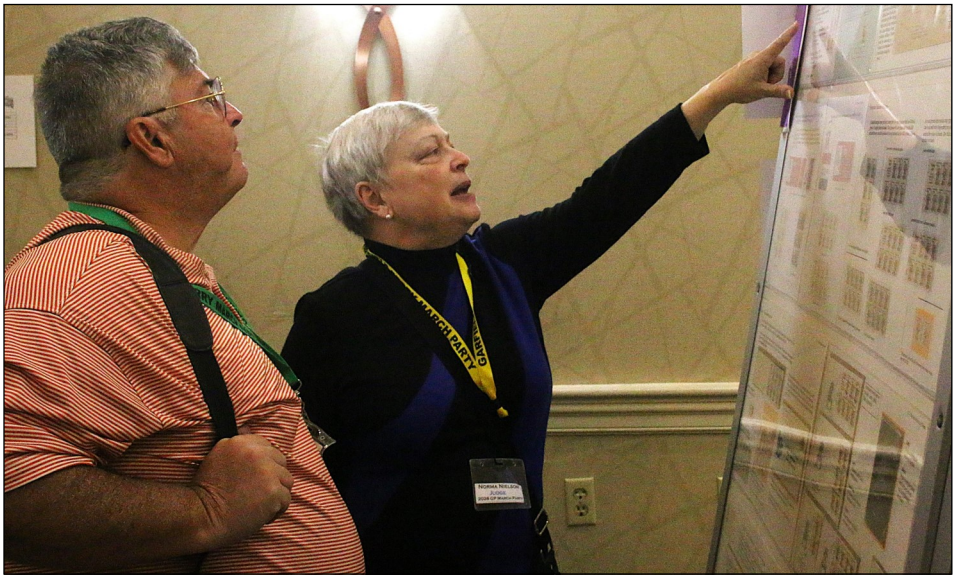
Interested parties also can contact Greg Shoults at coilcollector@hotmail.com.

Shoults advises those wanting to exhibit to complete their application as early as possible because the show tends to oversubscribe.

It's worth repeating that the three-day APS World Series of Philately show will host meetings of the Germany Philatelic Society, Society of Israel Philatelists and United Postal Stationery Society. Members of all three societies are expected to bring some of the best exhibits in their respective areas of expertise to the show.

Overall, Shoults expects the exhibits to fill about 170 frames.

Judging at this year's show is awaiting final approval to include an option for exhibitors interested in exhibiting internationally under Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP) rules. FIP-qualified judges are expected to be on the jury to review those exhibits.



DENNIS SADOWSKI

GP member Jere Dutt reviews an exhibit with judge Norma Neilson at March Party 2026.

The show is at the same location as in recent years: Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville.

The March Party will feature a 38-dealer bourse, the expected release of a stamp from the U.S. Postal Service, a Postcrossing meetup and an area for new col lectors of all ages to learn about stamp collecting. Educational programs also are being planned.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday.

March Party attendees can take advantage of a special show rate of

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Should summer meetings be in person?

Our season opening meeting on Sept. 3 was successful in that we had a large group of members present plus a couple of guests, leading to much open discussion.



A member suggested that July and August meetings be held in person.

What do you think?

Please let me know your thoughts of in-person versus Zoom meetings for July and August. The Board will be discussing this matter and will appreciate your thoughts.

A treasure rediscovered

One of the fun things about collecting stamps and covers is discovering something new or rediscovering an item you previously acquired. I often purchase items and then put them in a file or box hoping to find the time to properly add them to my collections. Many times I go through files and find an item I forgot about. I get very excited from this, as I am sure I did when I first purchased the item.

Years ago I acquired the new Israel issue for Polish violin virtuoso Bronislaw Huberman and Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini. The stamps were issued in setenant sheets of 12 stamps, 4 of which had a descriptive tab attached to the bottom row of stamps.

One of my collecting areas is printing and perforating errors on Israel stamps. Last week I was going through envelopes of material and found an error sheet of the Huberman and Toscanini stamps I had previously purchased.





A correctly printed and perforated pane of 12 stamps from Israel honoring Polish violin virtuoso Bronislaw Huberman and Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini, above, and an error pane with perforations shifted to the left and upward bottom.

The vertical perforations are misplaced approximately 17 millimeters to the left, while the horizontal perforations are misplaced approximately 12 millimeters up. The properly printed and error sheets are show nearby. Note the printing number and date are included in the top row of stamps. Two-thirds of the tab is printed in the bottom stamp row of the error pane.

Enjoy your collecting!

Philatelically yours,

Howard S. Chapman

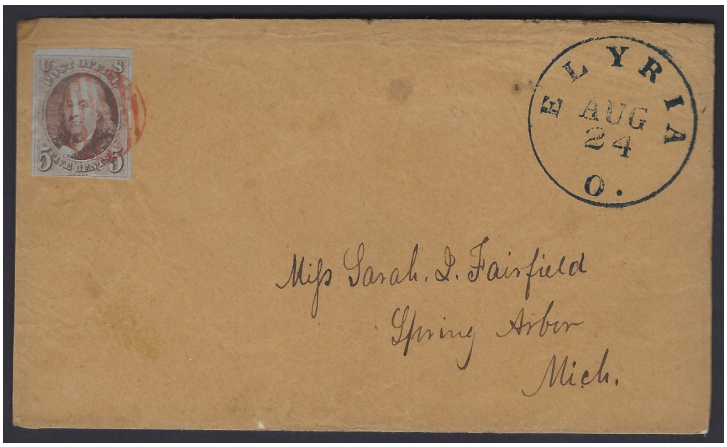
The Fairfield covers

Love over the miles from Ohio to Michigan

By Dennis Sadowski

As a follow up to my presentation on Elyria, Ohio, postal history at the September meeting, let's explore the backstory of a cover discussed.

The cover, shown here and from the collection of GP member David Wessely, is franked with a 5-cent Benjamin Franklin stamp (Scott 1) and postmarked in Elyria on August 24 with no year indicated. The recipient is Sarah Johns Fairfield (1825-1896) in Spring Arbor, Michigan.



DAVID WESSELY

One of a series of correspondences sent in 1850 to Sarah Jones Fairfield, likely from her fiancé Nathan Smith Burton.

The cover is one of 19 franked with Scott 1 sent to Fairfield, according to a census compiled by the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society. The total includes 11 from Hudson, six from Elyria, one from Middlebury (before incorporation into Akron), one from Cleveland.

Fairfield's father was the Rev. Michaiah Fairfield (1786-1858). Brothers were the Rev. Edmund Burke Fairfield (1821-1904), former president of Hillsdale College in Michigan and a lieutenant governor in the state, and the Rev. Minor Wynn Fairfield (1821-1901).

Records show she married Nathan Smith Burton (1821-1909) in October 1850. Burton arrived with his family in Middlebury at the age of 11 from New York.

The USPCS census shows images of most of the Fairfield covers; all of them with similar handwriting. They seem to follow the path of Burton, largely as he studied at Western Reserve College, then in Hudson, prior to his ordination in 1850 and before his marriage to Fairfield. The covers are postmarked from Feb. 23 through July 1.

Burton later ministered in elsewhere in Ohio, Michigan, Massachusetts and Iowa.

Of the seven covers franked with Scott 1 sent from Elyria six were sent to Fairfield from Aug. 2 to Oct. 1 after Burton took a pastorship there.

GP member Rocco Caponi has two covers in his collection also addressed to Fairchild, but postmarked in Hudson. One is stampless while the other is franked with Scott 1. That particular cover has an unreadable date, but has the notation of 1850. The handwriting on both is similar to that on the Elyria covers.

We can only imagine the messages of love and stories of daily life Burton sent to his bride-to-be.



KENNETH SRAIL

A showgoer views an exhibit at March Party 2026.

Prospectus

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$114 per night. Call the hotel at 440-238-8800 for reservations.

Exhibitors are invited to a complimentary luncheon in addition to other show events and the show's hospitality suite. The award dinner is set for Saturday evening.

As a World Series of Philately show, the top award winners will be eligible to enter prestigious competitions in 2027. The multi-frame and single-frame grand award winners, respectively, qualify for the APS Champion of Champions at the Great American Stamp Show, scheduled for Aug. 19-22 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Chicagopex 2027, set for Nov. 19-21 in Itasca, Illinois.

Upcoming events

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

Nov. 6-7: AAPEX 2026, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, Michigan

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

Nov. 14-15: PITTPEX 2026, Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, Fairview Sunset Room, 3326 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania

Nov. 20-22: CHICAGOPEX 2026, Chicago Philatelic Society, Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, Illinois

Nov. 21: 42nd Black River Stamp Club show, American Legion Post 12, 393 Ohio St., Elyria, 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:

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

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

Dec. 3: All About Postcrossing" Mary-Margaret Kohut

Club Officers

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The club is online at garfieldperry.org. and on Facebook.

You can collect stamps because they are beautiful, historically important, illustrate something that appeals to you, are a connection to the past or any other reason that strikes your fancy.

— Janet Klug

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