

Stamps & Tongs

The E-mail Newsletter of the
Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society



DPCPS Sponsors Texas Philatelic Association Contest

The Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society (DPCPS) will sponsor the 2008 Texas Philatelic Association (TPA) Youth Holiday Stamp Design Cover Contest. The purpose of the contest is to encourage youth to explore the great hobby of stamp collecting through artwork.

Youth ages 4 through 18 are encouraged to design a postage stamp featuring a winter holiday they celebrate. The artwork should include a country name and a denomination.

Every youth that enters the contest will receive a prize of stamps from the TPA and DPCPS. The overall winner of the contest will have their



The artwork of 11-year old Alyssa Vargas, of Winter Park, Florida, was featured on the cover of the 2007 Texas Philatelist.

artwork featured on the cover of the November/December 2008 *Texas Philatelist*, the official journal of the TPA. The cover contest winner will receive a brand new album and other philatelic prizes. Inside the journal in a feature article, first through third place entries in each age group will be recognized. Those winners will receive additional philatelic prize.

Every youth who enters the contest will have their stamp illustrated in a special PDF document which will be available as a download from the TPA website. **Entries to the contest need to be postmarked by October 1, 2008.** The official entry form is available on the TPA website, www.texasphilatelic.org. A copy of the entry is also available on page five of this newsletter. The judging of the entries will be by the members of the DPCPS at the first meeting in October. All members of the DPCPS are encouraged to let your child or grandchild (or great-grandchild) know about the contest and ask them to participate. • **Doug Moss**



New TPA Youth Holiday Stamp Design Contest Logo created by Sheena Bosworth.

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Stamp collecting videos on YouTube

A neat philatelic source you may not have thought about is YouTube! YouTube, the home of viral videos, music and carved cheese videos does have some philatelic inspired videos. Kenmore Stamp Company has posted four short videos that cover the topics of finding watermarks, hinging stamps, mounting stamps and how



to use a perforation gauge (see image above). Maybe Kenmore will make more philatelic videos. Searching under the keyword "philately" I found 36 videos. Using the keyword "stamp collecting", 401 results were returned. Have fun surfing the web!•Doug Moss

Metroplex Postal History of the Month



The feature cover this month is from the offices of the 1965 Dallas Cowboys. The main office was once located off of Mockingbird Lane and Central Expressway near Southern Methodist University. The cover is franked with a 5¢ Pitney Bowes meter stamp. The Cowboys would have their first non-losing season in 1965, going 7-7. Don Meredith was the starting quarterback, throwing 22 touchdowns. The leading rusher was Don Perkins with 690 yards. The 1965 draftees included Craig Morton and Jethro Pugh. The next year Coach Landry would take his team to the NFL Championship, losing to the Green Bay Packers 34-27 on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field.

The DPCPS meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month 7:30 pm. • The Edgemere, 8523 Thackery, Dallas, TX 75255



Notes from the Editor



I have decided to volunteer my services to be the editor of the *Stamps & Tongs* newsletter of the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society. A big thank you goes out to Dr. Frank Sloan and his efforts on reviving the newsletter. Those efforts have inspired me to step in and continue the newsletter.

A newsletter is an extremely important part of a stamp society. I cannot do this job alone. Your contributions to the newsletter are essential to its success. Before you say you are too busy to write an article, let me tell you what my schedule is: I am married with 3 children (ages 14, 7 and 5); I am a Quality Review Analyst with the Internal Revenue Service; first vice-president of the Texas Philatelic Association and editor of *The Texas Philatelist*; third-vice president (membership) of the Arapaho Classical Magnet PTA; coach of my 5-year old's soccer team (the Falcons); Thrivent Financial director at St. Luke's Lutheran Church; Secretary King Family Reunion.

So as you can see, I am extremely busy and need your help to make this a successful newsletter. Feel free to contact me at douglasmossmoss@sbcglobal.net or call me at 972-783-0958 if you would like to submit an article for future newsletters. If you would like to write a monthly article on a particular subject that would be great. If you write a one time article, that is fine. Remember that you alone know something about what you collect that nobody else knows. You can tell your story the better than anyone. Share that story with the rest of us. Take that leap and become a philatelic journalist, I know you will like it. Tell me what you want to see in the newsletter. Do you want a classified section? What do you want the newsletter to be? How will you contribute to its success? Let me know.

At the end of six months I will evaluate my performance as editor and your contributions to the newsletter. If I feel that the newsletter is not effective, I will turn over the job to someone else. I look forward to working with you and I hope you have a good month of adding stamps and covers to your collection. • Doug Moss

2008 Sept.-Oct. Philatelic Calendar

September 5-6 Texas Stamp Dealers Association Bourse, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson Civic Center. Hours are Friday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September 10 DPCPS meeting at the Edgemere, 7:30 p.m. The program speaker is Doug Moss on the topic of "Texas Refinery Covers."

September 19-21 Greater Houston Stamp Show, Humble, Texas.

September 24 DPCPS meeting at the Edgemere, 7:30 p.m. Philatelic Spotlight, Jim Meyers. Mini-Auction.

October 6 DPCPS board meeting at the Edgemere.

October 8 DPCPS meeting at the Edgemere, 7:30 p.m. TPA Youth Holiday Stamp Design Contest judging. Program TBA.

October 24 DPCPS meeting at the Edgemere, 7:30 p.m. Quarterly Auction.

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August Philatelic Spotlight: Sam Phillippi

Sam Phillippi was in the Philatelic Spotlight at the August 27 meeting of the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society. Sam was introduced to stamp collecting by his mother who thought he need to improve his social studies skills. Over forty years later, Sam is a social studies teacher at Sunset High School and has a massive worldwide collection collection in 30 Minkus albums. He collects worldwide, but his collection of US ended with the advent of the self-adhesive stamp. Part of his worldwide collection is an almost complete collection of Ireland. He has visited the Emerald Isles 28 times. He shared with us the first time he visited the Philatelic Bureau, which was outside around the back of the building through a newstand! Every year An Post, the postal service of Ireland, sends him a Christmas card thanking him for his purchases. Sam told the group he lacked about five of the most expensive Irish stamps to have a complete collection, but his wife told he he was not worth it! Sam also shared some of his experiences with stamp errors. Friends have come to him with imperforate stamps that he has helped them sell. He also has discovered a major U.S. error listed by Scott.



If you would like to volunteer to be in the Philatelic Spotlight, contact Harry Pedersen at harrypedersen@tx.rr.com.

2008 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo

21st Annual Exhibition & Bourse of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club

November 8 & 9, 2008

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Grapevine Convention Center
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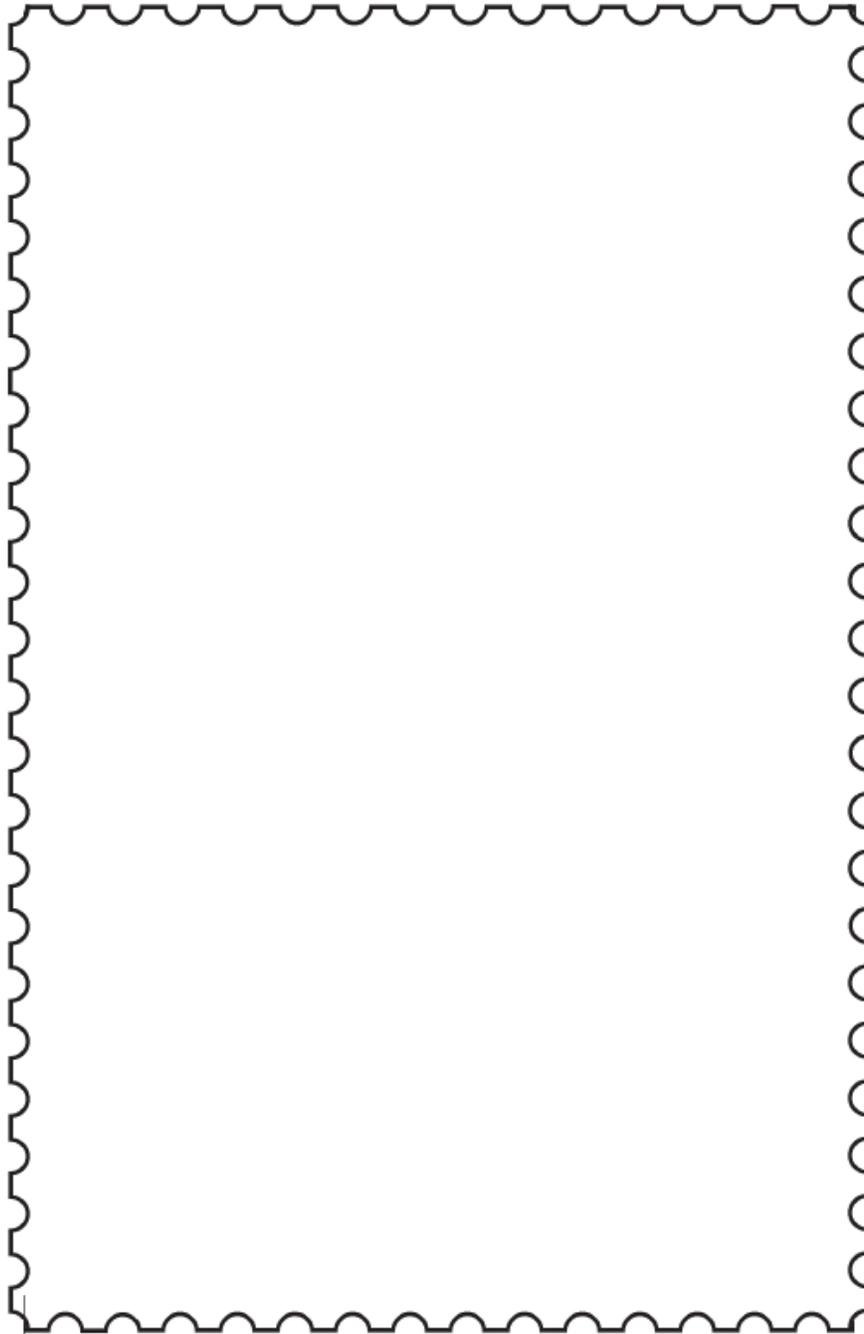


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- ★ Participate in TPA-OPS auctions.

JOIN US! Membership fees and dues are pro-rata based on the quarter an application is received: \$12 for January-March; \$9 for April-June; \$6 for July-September; \$13 for October-December (includes next full year). Membership may be applied for online at the TPA website, www.texasphilatelic.org, or an application may be obtained by writing to: Lyle Boardman, 3916 Wyldwood Rd., Austin, TX 78739-3005.

TPA Holiday Stamp Design Contest ~ Entry Form ~



1. Do your design on this form or white paper no larger than 8½ inches x 11 inches.
2. The design may be tall or wide and either in color or in black-and-white.
3. Artwork has to have a Christmas or other Holiday theme.
4. Include a denomination (cost of stamp) and name of the issuing country.
5. Include your name, address, age, collecting interest, and a brief explanation of your artwork.
6. Mail your entry no later than **October 1, 2008** to:
Jerold Plumb
TPA Holiday Stamp Design Contest
421 Daniel St.
Richardson, TX 75080-4507

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Collecting Interest _____
Brief Explanation of Artwork _____
