

# Stamps & Tongs

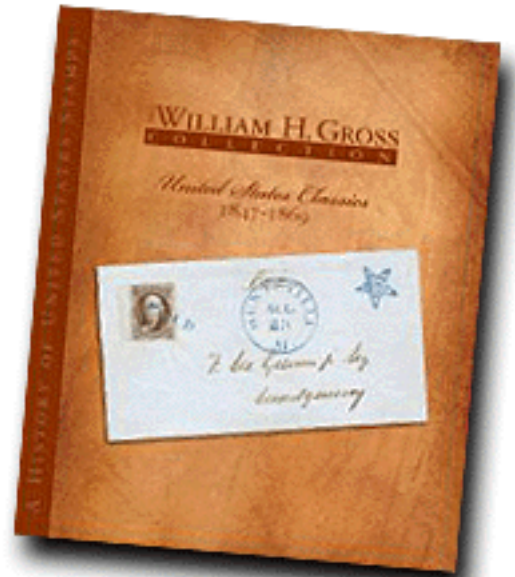
The E-mail Newsletter of the  
Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society



## Persistence Pays Off

Sometimes persistence pays off. One of the things I try and do when I ever get to my favorite bookstore, Half Price Books, is to look in the collectible section for philatelic books. Most of the time it is hit and miss. I have found albums reasonable priced and some very overpriced. Sometime you will find catalogs, most old and overpriced. Often, you will find nothing. Most of the time there will be more books about coin collecting, collecting dolls or collecting rugs! But I always look, just in case I find a great deal.

I found that great deal this past November (I will not tell you which Half Price Books I was at). While perusing the collectables section for stamp books, I thought I had found a great deal. My find were three hard bound copies of William H. Gross auction catalogs by Spinks-Shreve auctions. I was in heaven, what a great set of full color auction catalogs to add to my philatelic library! Two of the auction catalogs were from Mr. Gross' Great Britain collection that was sold to benefit Doctors Without Borders. The other auction catalog was from the Gross Scandinavia collection benefiting the Millennium Village Project for the Earth Institute. All three books were shrink wrapped, never ever opened. Each book was listed at \$7.95 each. A great deal because the catalogs usually go for \$20 a piece. As I gathered up my find, I saw the spine of a book that also had the name of William H. Gross. It was larger than the Auction catalogs. I pulled it out, and listed at \$12.95, I found a copy of the William H. Gross Collection of U.S. Classics, 1847-1869. Bingo! This was the same book that Charles Shreve gave away at his lecture in June. The same book that Harry Pedersen won! I added this book to my three other auction catalogs and made my way to the cash register! Later when I got home, I looked up the U.S. Classics book on the Collectors Club of New York website (. The book goes for \$80, postage paid. I sure found a bargain that evening at Half Price Books!



So the next time you go to a used book store, be on the lookout for a great bargain. You may get lucky, you may find nothing. I have found that persistence has paid off. -**Doug Moss**.



## AmeriStamp Expo/ TEXPEX

will be held February 20-22, 2009 at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, Texas 76011.

- approximately **90 dealers** from throughout the United States and abroad
- participation of important national collectors' societies, including annual meetings of the Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society International (MEPSI), the Texas Philatelic Association, and the Texas Postal History Society
- more than 6,000 pages of exhibits, including the annual single-frame Champion of Champions competition and Most Popular Exhibit competition



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# Notes from the Editor



While 2008 was a good year to be a member of the DPCPS, it was terrible for the US economy. And unfortunately it does not look any better for 2009. What a better time than now to spend some quality time with our great hobby as we wait and see what happens.

We still have our great hobby and our meetings to look forward to this year. We have a big show coming up in February with Ameristamp/TEXPEX. Even if you do not have a lot of money to spend, there will still be a lot to see. An Inverted Jenny will make a landing, along with other stamp rarities. There will be 6,000 pages of exhibits. There are also planned workshops, seminars and meetings. All of these events are free. Come by the Texas Philatelic Association table and put your name in the drawing for a free Scott catalog. **And if you do have money to spend, there will be 90 dealers at this show!**

Another thing to think about this year giving a presentation at one of our meetings. I have volunteered to give two. It is not hard to do. Just take a look at your collection and find something you are passionate about, and put into a presentation. It is not difficult and you will find it a rewarding experience. And your fellow DPCPS members will enjoy listening to you. If we have no presentation, we can always find a slide show from the APS about flyspecking presorted non-denominated second class self adhesives... Forget that, we rather hear from you! See you in 2009! **Doug Moss**

## Jan.-Feb. 2009 Philatelic Calendar

**January 12** DPCPS board meeting at the Edgemere.

**January 14** Open meeting, discussion of topics for calendar year.

**January 28** Quarterly Auction, no speaker.

**February 11** Program: Danish Bi-Color Issues, presented by Harry Pedersen.

**February 20-22 AmeriStamp Expo & TEXPEX**

**February 25** Mini Auction and Philatelic Spotlight: TBA.

**2009 Dues are due!** If you have paid your dues, thank you very much! If you are unable to make one of the January meetings, you can mail your dues (\$12) to Sam Phillippi, 2517 Ash Creek, Mesquite, TX 75181-4208.

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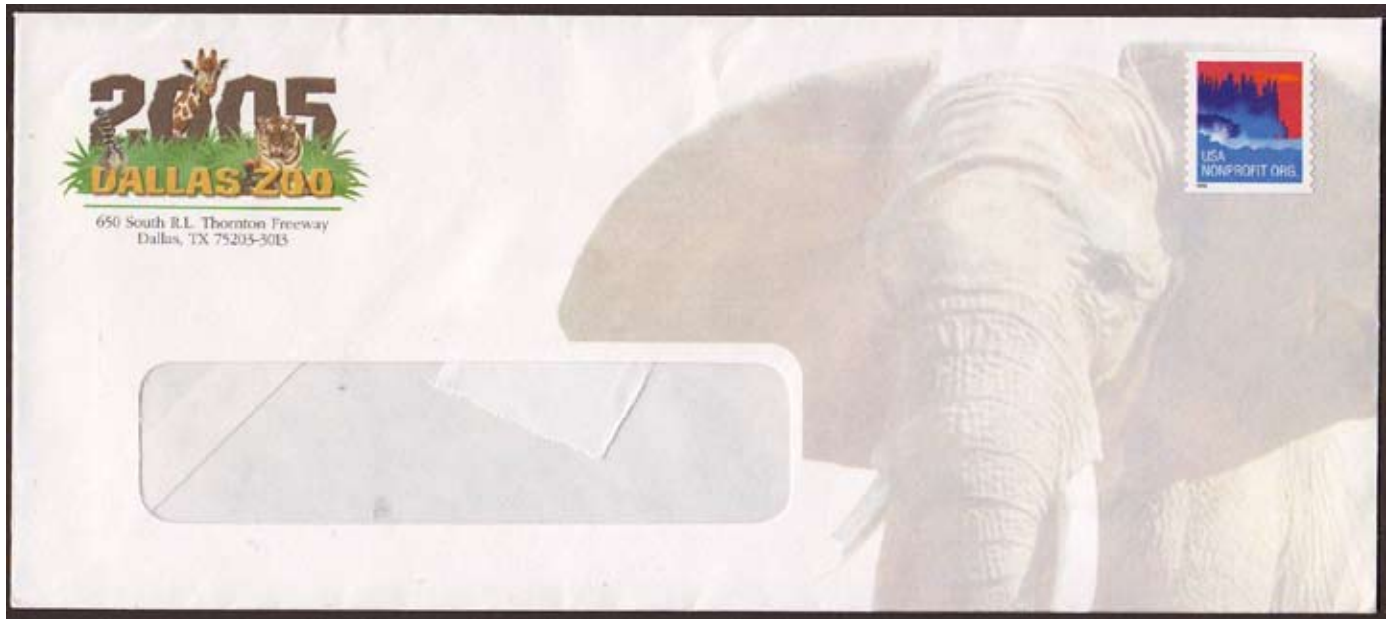
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# Metroplex Postal History of the Month



This is another example of a cover that did not cost anything because it came into my home through my everyday mail. What makes this a beautiful cover is the large elephant that covers most of the envelope and the Dallas Zoo return address. Keep an eye on that incoming mail, you might find something nice and it won't cost you a thing.

## Abraham Lincoln: 200th anniversary of his birth



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[www.texasphilatelic.org](http://www.texasphilatelic.org)

- ★ Support philately in the state of Texas.
- ★ Receive *The Texas Philatelist*, bi-monthly color journal.
- ★ Participate in Oklahoma Philatelic Society (OPS) stamp circuit.
- ★ 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](http://www.texasphilatelic.org), or an application may be obtained by writing to: Lyle Boardman, 3916 Wyldwood Rd., Austin, TX 78739-3005.





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