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NEW KING CHARLES III DEFINITIVE STAMPS



From the Royal Mail

The Royal Mail has revealed the new definitive stamps featuring King Charles III. The image of His Majesty the King is an adapted version of the portrait created by Martin Jennings for the obverse of the new Royal Mint coinage and shows the new monarch facing to the left. The use of the coin image is a continuation of a long tradition stretching back to the creation of the Penny Black in 1840.

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USPS WARNS THE PUBLIC ABOUT USE OF COUNTERFEIT POSTAGE

From the USPS Newsroom

In recent years, a surge in the use of counterfeit postage has been found in the mail stream. The intentional use, or sale, of counterfeit postage is a crime because it seeks to obtain services without payment. This activity reflects an intentional effort to defraud the Postal Service of the funds it needs to provide services to the public.

In response to this problem, the Postal Service is filing a federal register notice about changes to the Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, Domestic Mail Manual (DMM®), that will allow the Postal Service to treat items found in the mail stream bearing counterfeit postage as abandoned. “As the most trusted government agency in the nation, we will continue to work together with other law enforcement and government agencies to protect the sanctity of the mail,” said Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale.

The Postal Service’s proposed changes will provide the public notice of the handling of items bearing counterfeit postage. Under the revision to DMM 604.8.4, articles found in the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading.

- .April 7-8** **DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
- April 12** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Continuation of quarterly auction*
- April 26** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
- May 10** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
- May 12-13** **SAN ANTONIO TSDA**, Norris Conference Center, 618 Northwest Freeway Loop 410 (across San Pedro from NorthStar Mall), San Antonio, TX 78216 (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
- May 19-20** **HOUSTON TSDA** Hilton Garden Inn – Energy Corridor, 12245 Katy Freeway (I-10 and Dairy Ashford Exit), Houston, TX 77079. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
- May 24** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
- June 14** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
- June 23-24** **DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
- June 23-24** **OKPEX 2023**, Oklahoma City Stamp Club, Reed Center, 5800 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK 73110

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Membership in the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society is available to all persons of good character who are interested in philately. Dues are \$12 per year (higher for mailed newsletters). For more information, contact Fernando Torres (214) 663-7304 or fernando.torres@sbcglobal.net. For a membership application write to: Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, c/o Fernando Torres, 6191 Preston Haven Dr., Dallas, TX 75203.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL LAUPUS

I hope that everyone is enjoying our Spring season as our grass begins to grow and trees and flowers begin to bloom. Spring is also a great time to take a fresh look at our stamp collections and make decisions on how to improve our collections. One of the best ways to accomplish this is to attend our club meetings. The hobby of stamp collecting always provides an opportunity to learn something new and there are always stamps that are not in your collection.

The show and tell part of our meetings and the programs presented by members and guests are a tremendous opportunity to learn more about stamps, stamp collecting, world history and geography.

Stan Bartnikowski, our former president, and Al Dhly have recently undergone operations and we wish them a swift recovery. We also wish Jerry Madden much success with his continued recovery from heart surgery.

Thanks to Rick Hosler, Fernando Torres, my wife Susan and all who participated in our very successful auction on March 8th. Thanks to Tom Cunningham for a very informative program on "Value of stamp collections, A dealers perspective. We have scheduled an additional quarterly auction for April 12th. Procedures will be emailed soon. Please make a strong effort to participate.

Rick Hosler and Joe Patterson recently prepared our new Club Directory complete with photographs and personal information including collecting interests for each member. Directories were distributed at our January, February and March meetings. Please attend our next meeting to pick up your new directory if you do not have one.

Please consider presenting a program in the coming months. Our Vice President, Rick Hosler would greatly appreciate your cooperation in volunteering to present a program in 2023. Stan would also greatly appreciate members submitting articles for future newsletters. Participation in the program portion of our meeting is a great way to express your passion and knowledge of our hobby. Submitting articles for the newsletter is another awesome way to share your stamp collecting interests.

I repeat the following message in every newsletter because I feel it is that important.

Helping lead a volunteer organization can be tough and I never take our members who give their time on our behalf lightly. I'm thankful for all our members, no matter what your role is. Whether it is big or small, you matter, and we are proud to have you here and sincerely appreciate your membership. Dedicated, active club members are the essential element in the success of any club. We are blessed to have many outstanding stamp collectors in our club.

Bill Laupus

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NEW KING CHARLES III DEFINITIVES

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The colors for all four values are retained from the Machin definitive stamps that featured Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:

- 1st Class – Plum Purple
- 2nd Class – Holly Green
- 1st Class Large – Marine Turquoise
- 2nd Class Large – Dark Pine Green

To minimize the environmental and financial impact of the change of monarch, existing stocks of definitive stamps that feature Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be distributed and issued as planned and will remain valid for use in line with our recent transition to barcodes on definitive stamps.

A range of collectibles with all four new King Charles III stamps including a Presentation Pack and First Day Cover will be available to pre-order from 3 March. The stamps will go on general sale from 4 April. Please see [HM King Charles III Definitives - Special Stamp Issues \(royalmail.com\)](https://www.royalmail.com/uk/collectibles/king-charles-iii-definitives) for more details.

Also to be issued on April 4 is a stamp for the new international rate of £2.20 and featuring the new portrait of His Majesty King Charles III.



Following confirmation of the new international tariff for letters in 2023, only the new £2.20 rated stamps will be printed. To minimise environmental impact and cost, existing stock of the retained rates £3.25 and £4.20 with the late Queen's effigy will continue to circulate and be valid for postage.

Single-page exhibits needed for OKPEX

We are in need of 15 single-page exhibits to fill a frame (with table-of-contents) for the club at OKPEX, in Oklahoma City, in June.. Please consider snatching an album page, or creating a page—on a specific theme. Please check with Paul Witthoef (paulw106@flash.net). Thank you.

COUNTERFEIT POSTAGE

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mails with counterfeit postage will be considered abandoned and may be opened and disposed of at the Postal Service's discretion. The mission of the Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service is to ensure the safety, security, and integrity of the U.S. Mail. The implementation of these new regulations will continue to support and enhance this mission.

Counterfeit postage is any marking or indicia that has been made, printed, or otherwise created without authorization from the Postal Service that is printed or applied, or otherwise affixed, on an article placed in the mails that indicates or represents that valid postage has been paid to mail the article. Consumers purchasing online items may be surprised to find out that the vendor mailed their goods using counterfeit postage. Under the new regulations, such items will be considered abandoned and disposed of at the Postal Service's discretion. When this occurs, consumers will have to seek recourse from the vendor.

USPS ANNOUNCES OSIRIS-REX STAMP

From the USPS Newsroom



The Postal Service announced an additional stamp to its 2023 stamp program honoring NASA's OSIRIS-REx mission to deliver asteroid samples to Earth. OSIRIS-REx — a collaboration between NASA, the University of Arizona, and Lockheed Martin — exemplifies American ingenuity, perseverance, and teamwork. Details of the issue date and location are forthcoming.

With this new stamp, the U.S. Postal Service celebrates NASA's seven-year OSIRIS-REx mission to study and map the asteroid Bennu and deliver a sample of the surface to Earth in September 2023. The sample will help scientists learn how the solar system formed.

OSIRIS-REx is an acronym for the mission's goals: Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, and Security—Regolith Explorer. More simply, "Origins" refers to the study of the pristine carbon-rich material the spacecraft collected. "Spectral Interpretation" means measuring the composition of the asteroid. "Resource Identification" is assessing potential fuel, oxygen, water, and minerals on the asteroid. "Security" relates to scientists' calculating the odds that Bennu might collide with Earth. The final part of the mission's name, REx, is short for "Regolith Explorer," and it refers to studying the regolith—or layer of loose material on the asteroid's surface.

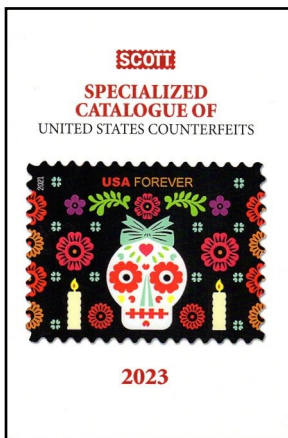
BOOK REVIEW

By Stan Bartnikowski

Scott 2023 Specialized Catalogue of United States Counterfeits.

In late 2022, Scott issued the first edition of its catalog of counterfeit U.S. stamps, used to defraud the postal service. The catalog begins with counterfeits of the 1894 BEP “triangle” 2c issue, continues with other first-class definitives, then a few other

denominated stamps, but ending with a plethora of counterfeits of “Forever” stamps issued or discovered in the last couple of years. Counterfeits were formerly described in the *Scott*



Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps and Covers. Because of the large number of fakes of recent non-denominated stamps, Scott decided to leave the denominated counterfeits in the Postal Counterfeits section of the *Scott Specialized*, and create a new catalog listing all postal counterfeits, including the non-denominated (“Forever” and “Global”) varieties.

Many of the latter counterfeits were untagged, enabling easy identification with the right equipment. However, recently counterfeit stamps have appeared with tagging, but with the wrong color or excessively bright. The catalog describes other identifying characteristics of the recent counterfeits, such as die-cut measurements and characteristics, microprinted “USPS” (where applicable), dot formation of the date, etc.

Often, the catalog described characteristics common to both the genuine and counterfeit stamps. I would

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POLAND ISSUES FIRST CRYPTO STAMP

By Stan Bartnikowski

Several countries, beginning with Gibraltar in 2018, have issued crypto stamps, which consist of a postally valid postage stamp and a unique digital twin in a digital database called a blockchain. The digital twin is called a Non-Fungible Token, or NFT (“fungible” refers to an item that can be exchanged for other items of the same type). For additional information on crypto stamps, please see the February 20, 2023 issue of *Linn’s Stamp News*, p. 12.

Poland issued its first set of crypto stamps on February 7, 2023. The overall theme is “Poland in Space” and the stamps were issued in 4 designs, called categories. Each postal stamp has a face value of 3.90 zł (1 zł. equals 23 cents, at this writing).

Category 1 - Depicts EarthCARE, an Earth observation mission organized by the European Space Agency in cooperation with the Japan Aerospace Agency and the Japanese Institute of Information and Communication Technology. The sheetlet containing the postal stamp and NFT information is illustrated below. The left column contains a postally-valid stamp, the middle column contains public information to identify the crypto stamp and the right column contains a unique private QR (Quick Response) code and key for this particular stamp’s NFT.



The key consists of 12 English words. On the far right, reading vertically, is the expression “CryptoStamp—Poland in Spsee” in Polish. The code and key are blurred to protect the owner’s access. The sheetlet was issued in a quantity of 100,000 and priced at 18.50 zł.

Category 2 - Illustrates the BRITE-PL mission, a part of a Canadian-Austrisn-Polish project. The project has launched small (10 kg) satellites to observe massive hot stars and cold red stars. The sheetlet was issued in a quantity of 50,000 and priced at 30.80 zł.

Category 3 - Illustrates Proba-3, a scientific mission by the European Space Agency, consisting of two small satellites orbiting in formation to study the solsr corona. The sheetlet was issued in a quantity of 50,000 and priced at 61.50 zł.

Category 4-Depicts OPS-SAT, a mission of the European Satellite Operations Centre to test new standards of data exchange and the ground segment. The sheetlet was issued in a quantity of 5,000 and priced at 123.00 zł.

Call for articles for the DPCPS Newsletter

We are seeking philatelic articles for publication in the club newsletter. Please contact the editor, Stan Bartnikowski (stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com) Thank you.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY FERNANDO TORRES

January 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Richard Hosler, Vice President, and presiding.

There were 23 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports:

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — No new report

Program VP

Jan 25 — Bomber Warbirds of AF Plant #4, presented by Ray Cartier.

Feb 8 — How well you know your stamps, Geoff Owens

Membership — There are 55 members and one prospective member. We found the obituaries for two members: David Dunnigan and Gordon Cizon.

Old Business — Rick Hosler distributed the 2022 Membership Directory to members in the meeting.

New Business — Rick Hosler asked for any members interested on making presentations to contact him.

Announcements —

Jack's Albums

Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

February 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:3 p.m. by Bill Laupus, President, and presiding.

There were 30 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports:

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — Report is available from the treasurer, Rod Gabel.

Program VP

Feb 8 — How well you know your stamps, Geoff Owens

Old Business — There are a total of 54 members in the club. Members are encouraged to pay the annual dues.

New Business — none

Announcements — It was announced that we will have a board meeting on 2/15/23 at 6:30pm

Jack's Albums were distributed. Andy had items for sale to the club members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

February 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

There were 23 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports:

Program VP

Quarterly Auction will be held on March 8, 2023

Presentation next meeting: Tom Cunningham: "Collecting from a dealers perspective"

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — No new report

Old Business — Members were reminded not to park their cars on the ambulance/authorities parking spaces in front of the building. The cars will be towed in the future.

New Business — Paul Witthoef is requesting assistance for the single pages club exhibition for OPEC

Announcements — no new announcements

Show and Tell — none

Program: "A new Country", by Jack Urish

Jack's Albums — two albums were sold.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

March 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Bill

Minutes of the previous Meeting were not requested.

There were 18 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports:

Program VP

Presentation next meeting: Tom Cunningham: "Collecting from a dealers perspective"

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — At end of February 2023, the balance is in par with last years balance.

Old Business — None

New Business — We will plan on repeating the quarterly auction on April 2023 given the low members attendance on todays meeting.

Announcements — no new announcements

Show and Tell — none

Program: Quarterly Auction was started with Fernando Torres leading the auction.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY FERNANDO TORRES

Members present:

Bill Laupus, President
Rick Hosler, VP
Rod Gable, treasure
Fernando Torres, secretary
Sam Phillippi, at large

Meeting call to order: 6:45 PM at the Edgemere

Unpaid dues:

- 6 people have not paid dues.
- 49 members have paid dues

Inactive members who paid dues:

- Plan to activate them
- Engage them and see what hurdles are there for them to become active

Update on APS members

- There are benefits to the club the more APS members we have

Additional seating

- Discussed to have people assigned to get more sits available when all the sits are occupied.

Quarterly auction March 8th:

- Auctioneer-volunteer
 - Rick Hosler in Al Dhly absence

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BOARD MINUTES

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- **Person to carry items to auctioneer**
 - Volunteer
- **Persons to record transactions and sort sold items –**
 - Susan and Bill

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICK HOSLER

Membership is now at 50 active members, including new member Tim Wallaert. Five members have moved or been dropped for non-payment of dues

CLOSED ALBUM

Sergio Sigismundo a globally respected stamp dealer, philatelic expertizer and prolific writer, died March 13 at the age of 80. Mr. Sigismundo helped launch the Scott Classic Specialized Catalogue of Stamps and Covers 1840-1940, first published in 1994.

2023 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the first few months of 2023. Forever stamps or other non-denominated stamps are listed with the current or anticipated value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

- Apr. 5** **Tulip Blossoms.** Ten (63¢) forever definitive stamps, double-sided pane of 20; Woodburn, OR 97071
- April 10** **Freedom U.S. Flag.** Possibly six (63¢) forever definitive stamps (one design), pane of 20 (BCA), double-sided pane of 20 (BCA, AP), coils of 100 (BCA, AP), 3,000 and 10,000 (BCA); Freedom, ME 04941
- Apr. 24** **Roy Lichtenstein.** Five (63¢) forever special stamps, pane of 20; Standing Explosion (Red), 1965; Modern Painting I, 1966; Still Life with Crystal Bowl, 1972; Still Life with Goldfish, 1972; and Portrait of a Woman, 1979; New York, NY 10199

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- April 24** **Roy Lichtenstein.** Five (63¢) forever special stamps, pane of 20; Standing Explosion (Red), 1965; Modern Painting I, 1966; Still Life with Crystal Bowl, 1972; Still Life with Goldfish, 1972; and Portrait of a Woman, 1979; New York, NY 10199

- May 5** **Tomie dePaola.** One (63¢) forever commemorative stamp; Manchester, NH 03103
- May 12** **Chief Standing Bear.** Single (63¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Lincoln, NE 68501
- May 19** **Endangered Species.** Twenty (63¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; Laysan teal, black-footed ferret, Roanoke logperch, thick-billed parrot; candy darter, Florida panther, masked bobwhite quail, Key Largo cotton mouse, Lower Keys marsh rabbit, Wyoming toad, Vancouver Island marmot, golden-cheeked warbler, Guam Micronesian kingfisher, San Francisco garter snake, Mexican gray wolf, Attwater's prairie chicken, Nashville crayfish, piping plover, desert bighorn sheep and Mississippi sandhill crane; Wall, SD 57790

- June 13** **Waterfalls.** Twelve (63¢) forever special stamps, pane of 12; Arizona (Deer Creek Falls), California (Nevada Fall), Pennsylvania (Harrison Wright Falls), Wyoming (Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River), Hawaii (Waimoku Falls), Utah (Stewart Falls), New York (Niagara Falls), Virginia (Dark Hollow Falls), Tennessee (Grotto Falls), Washington (Sunbeam Falls), Illinois (LaSalle Canyon Waterfall) and North Carolina (Upper Falls); Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

- June 23** **Tundra Swans.** \$25 federal migratory waterfowl hunting and conservation stamp issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior, pane of one and pane of 20.

- July 9** **Northern Cardinal.** One (63¢) definitive stamped envelope in multiple formats; Bird City, KS 67731

- July 21** **John Lewis.** One (63¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 15; Atlanta, GA 30304

- Aug. 10** **Life Magnified.** Twenty (63¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; red blood cells, Macaw parrot feather, human hair, moss leaves, arranged diatoms, freshwater protozoans, acorn barnacle, moth antenna, diving beetle front foot, mouse brain neurons, starling bone tissue, moth wing scales, zebrafish, mushroom gills, freshwater snail tongue, blue button organism, mold spores, barnacle legs, flame lily pollen, and oak leaf surface; Cleveland, OH 44101.
- Aug. 11** **Thinking of You.** Five (63¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; Cleveland, OH 44101.

CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com or mailed to 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrollton, TX 75007-2828.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI

It appears that the Postal Service wants to crack down on the use of counterfeit postage. I'm wondering how they are going to do that efficiently. They could check the presence of luminous tagging, but then the more recent counterfeits are tagged, albeit of different intensity and color. Are they going to be checking for the absence of microprinting for certain stamps?

BOOK REVIEW

Scott Catalog of US Counterfeits

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rather they focus on just the differences.

While I found this a comprehensive guide to modern counterfeits, I found myself needing to go back to the *Specialized* (or actually, recent issues of the *Scott Monthly*) for the description of the genuine stamp, especially the die-cut measurements (only those of the counterfeit stamps are included in the *Counterfeits* catalog).