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## FIRST DAYS OF ISSUE AT THE GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW

From the APS, USPS, UNPA, IGPC, Posta Faroe Islands

The Great American Stamp Show (GASS) 2023 took place August 10th to August 13th at the Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

Several First Days of Issue were celebrated at the show. They are described below.

### Life Magnified USPS

The Life Magnified sheet of 20 PSA Forever stamps was officially released on August 10.

The Life Magnified stamps explore life on Earth, as few have ever seen it. Twenty stamps feature different images taken with microscopes and highly specialized photographic techniques that capture details of life undetectable by the human eye. Each stamp includes the name of the specimen that is showcased.

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## QE II DEFINITIVES WITHOUT BARCODE NO LONGER VALID

From the Royal Mail

Queen Elizabeth II definitive stamps without a barcode are no longer valid for postage. Such a definitive *with* a barcode continues to be accepted for postage. An example is pictured below:



Commemorative stamps and Christmas stamps are not affected by this announcement and will continue to be accepted as postage.

Consumers can swap up non-barcoded stamps for new barcoded versions through the Royal Mail Stamp Swap Out scheme. Details can be found at <https://www.royalmail.com/sending/barcoded-stamps>.

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## Club Auction!

Bring up to 10 of your no-longer need stamps, supplies or philatelic literature to the next club meeting October 11, 2023.

Check the eMail from Rick Hosler for details.

# 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.

- October 11**      **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Quarterly Auction*. Member Participation.
- October 13-14**    **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).
- October 20-21**    **UNEXPO**, American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA.
- October 25**      **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Cinderellas: Collectibles or Clutter*, presented by Geoff Owens .
- November 3-4**    **HOUSTON TSDA**, Hilton Garden Inn – Energy Corridor, 12245 Katy Freeway (I-10 and Dairy Ashford Exit), Houston, TX 77079 (Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-4).
- November 8**      **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*.
- November 10-11** **MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB EXPO**, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas 76051.
- December 8-9**    **DALLAS TSDA**, Doubletree Hotel, Bluebonnet Room, 1981 North Central Expressway (Hwy 75 & Campbell Rd), Richardson, TX 75080 (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
- December 13**    **DPCPS Holiday Dinner**.

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL LAUPUS

Greetings to all,

Thank you to all our members who enthusiastically continue to support our club with their attendance and a special thank you to our board and those members that present programs. Welcome to our newest members, Jack Morris, Marilyn Morris Smith and David Schnetzer.

A board meeting was held on September 27th and the following issues were discussed:

- Geoff Owens presented a proposal to purchase a new projector and clip on microphone for club use (especially for presentation of programs). Geoff and Tim Wallaert were previously asked by the board to undertake this project and their proposal to purchase the equipment was unanimously approved by the board. Many thanks to Geoff and Tim.
- Rick Hosler and Al Dlhy discussed their plans for our next quarterly auction to take place on October 11th .
- The board reviewed plans for our annual Holiday Dinner the second Wednesday in December. Details will be sent to all members in early November.
- Plans were discussed for the collection of club dues for 2024.

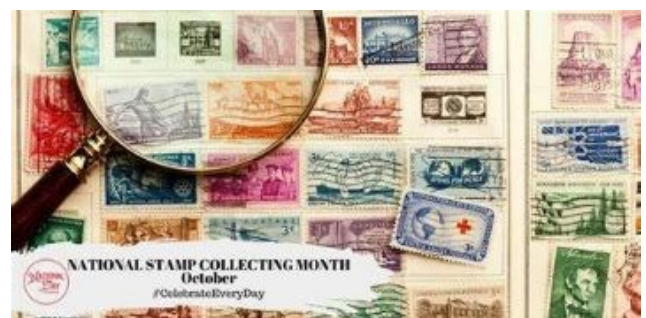
Many thanks to Rick Hosler, Joe Baker and Andy Lasko for presenting programs in August and September. The presentation by Andy was very special because Andy discussed his harrowing experiences as a child in Hungary during the Holocaust. Everyone was in awe of the courageous efforts made by Andy and his parents to survive.

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 Laopus





## EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI

In this issue, Marshall Islands issued a couple of souvenir sheets commemorating the 100th anniversary of the “first” (cacheted) First Day Cover – for the 2c Warren Harding definitive on September 1, 1923. Of course, this is not the first U.S. FDC, but claims to be the first cacheted FDC. Not sure about this one; there are probably some handmade cachets for earlier issue. Furthermore, the “cachet” is very simple: printed text in the lower right corner: “In memorium; Warren G Harding; Twenty-Ninth President; Born November 2, 1865; Died August 23, 1923”. First of all “memorium” is not correct; the correct spelling is “memoriam” (the accusative case of the Latin memoria). There is no Latin word “memorium”. Admittedly the incorrect spelling has seen some use. Furthermore, the cachet is simple text, no illustration. I guess this is supposed to be the first commercially-prepared FDC, but I am not impressed.

Also, Great Britain announced the devaluation of certain QE II definitives (those without barcodes). To their credit, the Royal Mail is offering to exchange them for other stamps. Since the devalued stamps were common, there should be no real loss to their collecting value. Here in the U.S., postage stamps have been valid since August, 1861, at which time the US had invalidated its postage stamps for fear the value in currency would assist the Confederacy. There was a measly 6 day exchange program then, but only in the Union. I’ve often wondered if the USPS would offer a demonetization and exchange program for older US stamps. I know this would make my local post office happy, as I bring in a package plastered with low-denomination older stamps for mailing.

### NETHERLANDS ISSUES LEGO STAMP

#### From Linn’s, The Brick Post

On October 9, Netherlands Post will issue a semi-postal stamp commemorating the 90th anniversary of Lego Group, the toy manufacturer established in 1932.



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# UNEXPO 2023

A Special World Series of  
Philately Show

October 20-21, 2023

American Philatelic Center  
Bellefonte, PA

## Calling All UN Philatelists!

Mark your calendars and make your travel plans — UNEXPO 2023 is less than a month away!

A joint presentation of the APS and United Nations Philatelists, Inc. (UNPI), UNEXPO will take place on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21 at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, PA. With exhibits, talks, a dealers bourse, and more, this show has something for everyone — even if UN philately isn't your regular stamping ground.

The EXPO will present a special APS World Series of Philately exhibition devoted to United Nations (U.N.) philately.

The annual UNPI meeting is open to show attendees and includes special presentations by members and UNPI's sister organization in Germany, Internationalen Vereinigung für UNO Philatelie, has been invited.

Dealers with specialized United Nations material will assure a well rounded selection of United Nations stamps and postal history are available.

You are invited to attend this extraordinary show to explore United Nations philately at its best.

## Save the Date!

DPCPS Holiday Party

December 13, 2023

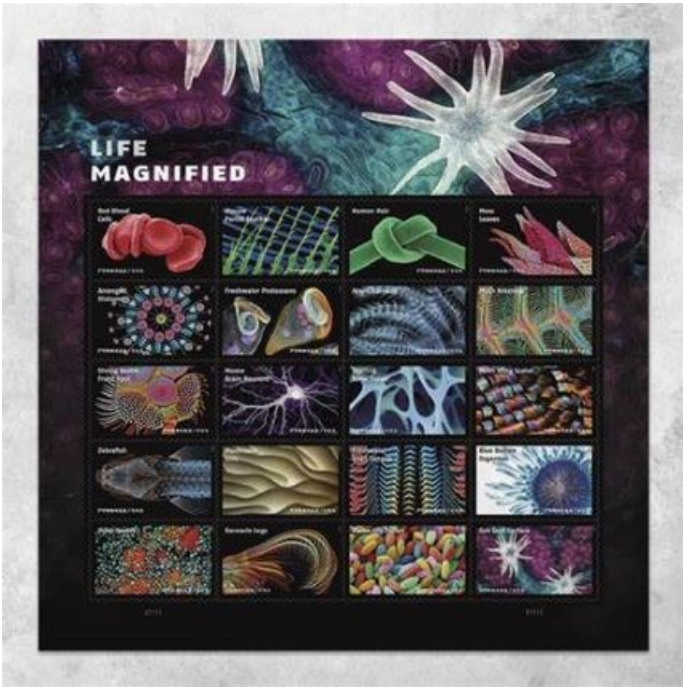
At the Edgemere

Details pending

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Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamps and the stamp pane using existing photographs.



US Life Magnified Pane of 20 showing 20 microscopic life forms

**Body, Mind, Soul *United Nations Postal Authority***

The United Nations Postal Authority issued a set of three souvenir sheets for "Body, Mind, and Soul", one for each



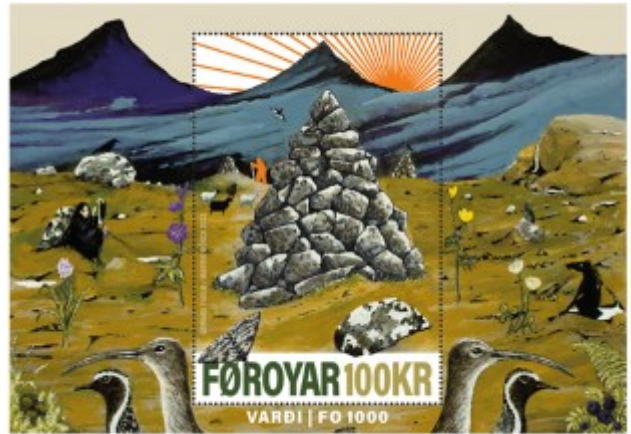
United Nations Souvenir Sheets, from left to right: 1) for the New York Office: Taijiquan, 2) for the Geneva office: Chinese calligraphy and 3) for the Vienna Office: Guqin and its music.

office of the UN (New York, Geneva and Vienna). The souvenir sheets are inspired by three UNESCO intangible cultural heritage traditions from China: the practices of Taijiquan (sometimes referred to as Tai Chi, Calligraphy and Guqin (Chinese zither).

**Faroe Islands 1000th Stamp - The Cairn**

*Posta Faroe Islands*

On August 10th, the 1000th stamp of the Faroe Islands was premiered at GASS. The stamp features a rock cairn against the Faroese landscape. Ingun N. Olsen, Posta Faroe Islands Director of Philately, explained the choice of the cairn as the focus of the 1000th stamp, saying the feature is a both a



Faroe Islands 1000th stamp on a souvenir sheet with a cairn motif in the center.

navigational aid and a national symbol which represents this historic milestone. Martin Mörck was the engraver. Please read on to the next First Day for another stamp by Martin Mörck.

**Martin Mörck's 1000th Stamp—Painting “Return from Fishing” by Emil A. Krause**

*Posta Faroe Islands*

On August 11th at GASS, Faroe Islands issued the 1000th stamp engraved by Martin Mörck. The only other stamp designer to engrave more than 1000 stamps was Czesław

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### Looking for philatelic news

☆☆ While I always welcome complete articles for  
 ☆☆ publication in the newsletter, I can also use  
 ☆☆ links or references to current, interesting  
 ☆☆ philatelic news or articles. For example rare  
 ☆☆ stamp or error finds, interesting new issues,  
 ☆☆ special stamp shows outside the area, etc. I  
 ☆☆ could look it up to add in the next newsletter.  
 ☆☆ If you see such an item, please drop me a line  
 ☆☆ at [stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com](mailto:stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com) with a link or  
 ☆☆ description. Thank you.

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# CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY FERNANDO TORRES

## July 26, 2023

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

There were 19 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

**Program VP**—Due to technical difficulties, the program will be re-scheduled.

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

**Treasurer** — No new update.

**Old Business** — None

**New Business** — None

**Announcements** — No new announcements

**Appraisals and Acquisitions** – None

**Program:** — Quarterly Material was available to the members.

### Jack's Albums

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

## August 9, 2023

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

There were x members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

**Program VP**—Sports on stamps

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

**Treasurer** — No new update.

**Old Business** — None

**New Business** — None

**Announcements** — No new announcements

**Appraisals and Acquisitions** – None

**Program:** — Sports on stamps

### Jack's Albums

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

## August 23, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Bill Laupus, President and presiding. There were 24 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center including 3 prospective members, Marilyn Morris-Smith, her father, and David Schnetzer.

### Officer Reports:

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

**Treasurer** — No report

### Program VP

**Aug 23** - The Postal History of Cuba, Presented by Rick Hosler

**Sep 13** - The German Empire, presented by Joe Baker

**Sep 27** - TBA

**Old Business** — None

**New Business** — Don Wolman summarized the status of the audio/video efforts to date, and sent it to the Board for their review and follow up.

**Announcements** — Dallas TSDA Stamp Show and Auction, Aug 25-26 at the Doubletree Hotel in Richardson, Texas.

The Greater Houston Stamp, Sep 15-17 at the Humble Civic Center.

**Program** — The Postal History of Cuba. Rick Hosler focused on the evolution of the Cuban postal system from its Spanish Origins to the Cuban Revolution and US Intervention, Cuban independence, culminating with the 1959 Castro takeover. He used stamps, postcards, and stories to illustrate each of these periods in Cuba's history.

### Jack's Albums

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

## September 13, 2023

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

There were 27 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

**Program VP**—"German collection" by Joe Baker

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

**Treasurer** — Please see the treasurer, Rod Gabel, for status of the club funds.

**Old Business** — None

**New Business** — None

**Announcements** —

David Schnetzer as new member of the club passed with 100% approval

Marilyn Morris-Smith as new member of the club passed with 100% approval

Jack Morris (father of Marilyn Morris-Smith) as new member of the club passed with 100% approval.

**Appraisals and Acquisitions** – None

**Program:** Collecting German stamps Imperial Period. Joe Baker presented a beautiful German collection which included multiple variety of colors of the pfennig stamps.

### Jack's Albums

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY FERNANDO TORRES

Membership was previously 50 active members. Three new members have been added (Marilyn Morris-Smith, Jack Smith and David Schnetzer), bringing the current total to 53 members.

## 2023 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few months. Items are forever stamps with the current or anticipated value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

- Oct. 2** **Ruth Bader Ginsburg.** Single (66¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Washington, DC 20066.
- Oct. 10** **Winter Woodland Animals.** Four (66¢) forever special stamps, double-sided pane of 20; deer, rabbit, owl and fox; Woodland, MI 48897.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

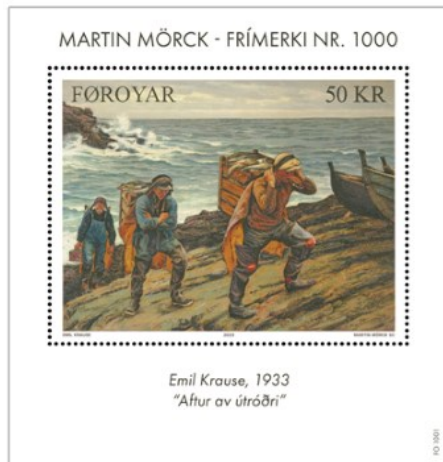
One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then.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

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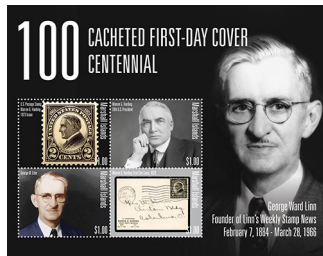
The painting “Return from fishing” by the Danish painter Emil A. Krause depicts a scene on the Faroe Islands seashore.



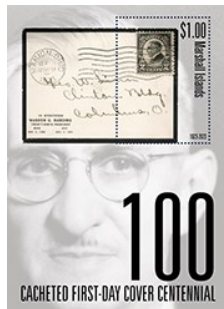
Faore Islands: Martin Mörck's 1000th Stamp—a souvenir sheet showing the painting “Return from Fishing” by Emil A. Krause

## 100th Anniversary of the First Cacheted First Day Cover Marshall Islands/IGPC

On August 10th at GASS, Marshall Islands issued two souvenir sheets celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the first cacheted First-Day Cover. The historic FDC was created by George Linn for the 2c Warren G. Harding issue of 1923.



Marshall Islands souvenir sheet commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first cachet First Day Cover. The sheet includes portraits of Warren



Another Marshall Islands souvenir sheet commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first cachet First Day Cover. This sheet includes a copy of the first First Day Cover.

### Thinking of You United States Postal Service

On August 11th, USPS issued a set of five Forever stamps in panes of 20. The pane features five unique designs filled with a variety of whimsical images, including flowers, balloons, cute animals, sweet treats and symbols of good luck. Capturing the excitement and delight of receiving a card in the mail meant just for you, each digital illustration uses a cohesive color palette to bring together the disparate icons in the designs. Words of encouragement

and thoughtful affirmations surround the stamps on the pane in the same tones. Each greeting is die-cut and self-adhesive.



US Thinking of You Pane of 20

## LEGO STAMP

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The new souvenir sheet of five is the latest Child Welfare semipostal issue. The Netherlands began issuing Child Welfare semipostal stamps in 1924, and schoolchildren started selling them door-to-door in 1948.

The bottom left stamp features two Lego characters sledding, and the bottom right stamp illustrates a Lego girl character holding the hand of a nervous ice skater.

A blue bird, two squirrels, a cat and a seagull are shown in the selvage of the souvenir sheet.

## CLOSED ALBUM

### Arthur H. Morowitz (1943-2023)

Stamp dealer Arthur H. Morowitz, age 80, of Short Hills, New Jersey passed away on Monday, September 11, 2023. He owned the Champion Stamp Company, the sole remaining street-level stamp store in New York City.

