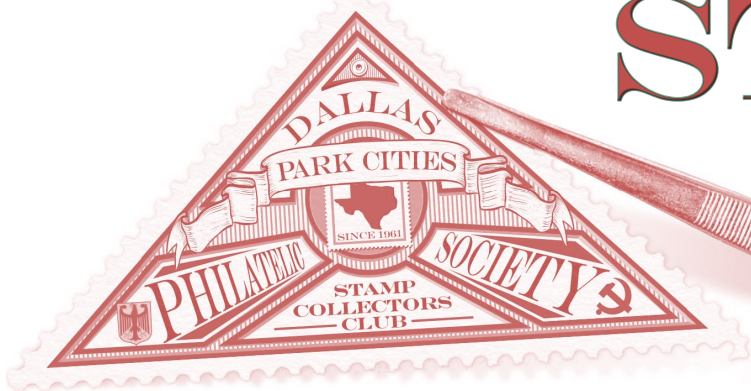


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USPS UNVEILS BETTY FORD STAMP

From the USPS Newsroom

On March 6, the U.S. Postal Service revealed the artwork of a commemorative Forever stamp celebrating the life and legacy of former First Lady Betty Ford.

The stamp design was unveiled at the White House by First Lady Jill Biden, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy and Susan Ford Bales, daughter of former President Gerald R. Ford and former First Lady Betty Ford.

The dedication ceremony for the Forever stamp will be held April 5 — three days before the 106th anniversary of her birth. The event will take place at the Annenberg Health Sciences Building located at Eisenhower Health in Rancho Mirage, CA.

“Betty Ford changed the role of

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CANADA POST CELEBRATES APRIL 8 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE WITH NEW STAMP

From Canada Post



On March 14, Canada Post issued a stamp commemorating the total solar eclipse crossing North America on April 8. It is the only time this century that the path of a total solar eclipse will cross parts of North America’s three largest countries – Mexico, the United States and Canada. As you know, the Dallas area is in the path of this eclipse.

The stamp was issued in a booklet of 10 Permanent™ domestic rate stamps. (Editor’s note: the FDC is sold out, but the booklet is still available from Canada Post.)

The main image on the stamp, created through a combination of photography and illustration, shows the sun at the moment of totality during a total solar eclipse.

Set against the backdrop of a darkened sky, the stamp image also features a metallic silver line depicting the path of the eclipse from its entrance point in southwestern Ontario to its exit point in eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Across the bottom of the stamp is a photomontage of land formations along the path of the totality, including Niagara Falls and the rocky shores of

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Club Auction!
April 24
Last Auction netted \$443.
Bring up to 10 lots to sell. Check eMail for Auction Forms.
Bring \$\$\$ and Want Lists

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 5-6** **DALLAS TSDA**, Doubletree Hotel, Bluebonnet Room, 1981 North Central Expressway (Hwy 75 & Campbell Rd), Richardson, TX 75080 (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
- April 10** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Camels on Stamps: Childhood Adventures in Africa Reflected Through Postal Collectibles*, presented by Geoff Owens
- April 24** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Quarterly Auction*, member participation.
- May 8** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Postal History of Saginaw, Michigan*, presented by Tim Wallaert
- May 22** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program *Errors*, presented by Al Dlhly
- June 12** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program *TBD*
- June 26** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program *TBD*
- June 28-29** **OKPEX**, Student Union of Rose State College, 1910 Hudiburg Drive, Midwest City, Okla

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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@sbc.global.net. For a membership application write to: Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, c/o Jerry Madden, 428 Valley Glen Dr, Richardson, TX 75080

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY FERNANDO TORRES

Dear Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society stamp club members,

As we journey through the exciting world of philately together, I'd like to take a moment to highlight some important matters and upcoming events for our esteemed club.

Firstly, a gentle reminder that the time has come for our annual club dues. Your contribution not only sustains the operations of our club but also ensures your active participation in all our engaging activities throughout the year. Remember, payment of dues is compulsory for access to all club events and opportunities.

Next on our agenda is the eagerly awaited Texas Stamp Dealers Association Stamp Show on April 5 and 6. This event promises to be a haven for collectors, offering a plethora of treasures to enhance your collections. I encourage each and every one of you to attend and seize the chance to fulfill your collecting needs.

Mark your calendars for April 10, as we convene for our club board meeting. This gathering holds particular significance as we delve into discussions about the introduction of family memberships and adjustments to our quarterly auctions. One concern raised is the uncertainty surrounding specific stamps during bidding. Let's explore solutions together to ensure a more transparent and fulfilling auction experience for all.

I'm delighted to report that our club meetings continue to attract a vibrant and enthusiastic turnout, with consistently over 20 members participating in person. Your dedication to our shared passion is truly commendable and serves as a testament to the thriving stamp community we've built.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to those members who have contributed to our outstanding programs this year. Your presentations have been both enriching and inspiring. I encourage each of you to consider sharing your expertise by preparing a program to further elevate the knowledge-sharing experience within our club.

As we move forward, let's continue to foster camaraderie, expand our collections, and deepen our appreciation for the art of stamp collecting.

Best Regards,

Fernando Torres, MD
President, DPCPS
Dallas, TX

FOR SALE ITEMS

Please use the stage at the meeting room to place items for sale. Be sure to include your name and asking price!

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI

Hopefully, you have noticed a new feature in this issue, "Spotlight on" wherein I describe one of our members and their collecting interests at some length. The member is randomly selected, so *you* could be the subject for the next issue.

Also, I've received only one entry for the "Show 'N' Tell" feature. Please send me an image of a recent find, with a description, including how you acquired it.

I was amazed at the number of specialties Jack Urish had, as he described at a recent meeting. One of these, collecting a cover from every country in the world, piqued my interest. I have just started the less ambitious but not easy task of collecting a stamp from every country. There are just shy of 800 such stamps and obtaining one from some countries is not cheap.

There are a couple of vehicles available to organize and house such a collection, aside from a DIY stockbook approach:

1. An album originally produced by The Smithsonian National Postal Museum and available from the APS: [Stamp-for-Every-Country.pdf \(stamps.org\)](#). This is a very attractive album, organizing the countries geographically by continent, but is already outdated (published in 2014) and is not updatable. You need a printer and quality paper to make use of this.
2. "A Stamp for Every Country—Comprehensive" by John Knudsen, available in hardback or softback from Amazon ([A Stamp For Every Country: Postage Stamp Album - Comprehensive: Knudsen, John C.: 9798727933930: Amazon.com: Books](#)). It is organized more alphabetically and includes more space for stamps, as well as flags, maps and statistics for each country. Being bound hardcopy, the advantage is that you don't need a computer and printer, the disadvantage is that is not updatable. However, the album is available as a pdf for printing ([Download Asfec.pdf \(AlbumEasy\) \(sourceforge.net\)](#)) or as an AlbumEasy file ([Download Asfec.zip \(AlbumEasy\) \(sourceforge.net\)](#)). Use of the AlbumEasy software to create stamp album pages is described in the July-August 2021 issue of this newsletter. (If you have any questions please contact the editor (me)).

My approach is to take the AlbumEasy source (2) and arrange the pages more geographically, as in the first option. We'll see.



SHOW 'N TELL

HITLER SKULL STAMPS BLOCK OF 4

By Al Dlhly

I recently acquired the illustrated block of 4 of the Hitler Skull Stamp, illustrated below.



In a Mental Floss blog (no longer available), a Rob Lammie wrote about Operation Cornflakes, a clandestine Office of Strategic Services (a CIA forerunner) propaganda operation that began toward the end of World War II. The goal was simple enough. The O.S.S. would influence German citizens by infiltrating the German postal system, sending them envelopes stuffed with anti-Nazi literature.

To get the mail to its final destination, the Allies would blow up German mail trains; in the confusing aftermath, German couriers would pick up and deliver all the loose mail, never really stopping to closely examine the forged stamps that the Allies created.

It was too conspicuous to buy scores of ordinary, 12-pfennig German stamps, so the O.S.S. created the Hitler Skull Stamp, a riff on the standard Nazi-era "Deutsches Reich" ("German Empire") stamp (Scott 513). Instead of a regal profile of Hitler, the illegal stamp sent a message, depicting Hitler's head as a sinister skull. Underneath, the words read "Futsches Reich," or "Lost Empire."

Note from the Editor: We earnestly solicit "Show 'n' Tell" items from our members. If you recently (or not) acquired a philatelic item of especial or unique interest, please submit an image of your item, along with a brief description, including how you acquired it, to the editor, Stan Bartnikowski, stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON ...

BILL DAVIS

Interviewed by Stan Bartnikowski

Meet Bill Davis, recently retired from project management in the installation of hospital information systems nationwide, a grandfather of 11 and a club member. Bill began stamp collecting as a youngster, encouraged by his mom who also had a collecting interest. As a youth he joined the Park Cities club, which met at Snyder Plaza. After a break from collecting during college, Bill resumed collecting after marriage and a couple of kids.



Bill joined the Dallas Philatelic Society off Josey Lane. His job then required constant travel and he became a member of the Sunnyvale, California club (near San Jose). He also visited the Red River Stamp Society in Shreveport. After he ceased travelling, he joined the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society at Edgemere.

Bill's specialty is Fiume. His collection of the stamps is largely complete, but he is also interested in the various cancellations of the occupying powers. He also has a world-wide collection, mostly European, including a sizeable German collection. He enjoys purchasing Jack's albums, selecting what needs and selling the remainder (at a small profit).

He has a good Italian Colonies collection, which he obtained by trade with a dealer for a 1950s Italian stamp with odd perforations. Like many of us, he has a U.S. collection which does not grow for the lack of affordable stamps.

One of his favorite items is a cover addressed to General Greerson of the Buffalo Soldiers in Ft. Concho, but forwarded to Ft. Davis (Bill's last name). General Greerson was the only civil war general who maintained that rank and did not graduate from West Point.

Besides buying from Jack's Albums, Bill enjoys the club presentations: he always learns some little fact he didn't know.

Note from the Editor: Bill was selected at random from the DPCPS membership roster. For the next issue, I will randomly selected another club member and conduct an interview with, or submit a questionnaire to, that person. It could be you!

Call for articles for the DPCPS Newsletter

We are seeking philatelic articles for publication in the club newsletter. Please contact the editor, Stan Bartnikowski

CANADA ECLIPSE STAMP

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Newfoundland's east coast.

The shadow of the moon will turn daylight to darkness for millions of Canadians on April 8, as the path of a total solar eclipse crosses parts of North America's three largest countries – Mexico, the United States and Canada – for the first and only time this century.

In Canada, the awe-inspiring phenomenon – which won't be seen here again until 2044 – will trace a path of darkness, called the path of totality, from southwestern Ontario to eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

The 2024 total solar eclipse will begin over the South Pacific Ocean and pass through parts of Mexico and the contiguous United States before entering Canada in southwestern Ontario. It will pass through parts of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes before exiting North America on the eastern coast of Newfoundland and Labrador.

If the weather is clear, people will be able to see the total eclipse in Canadian locations such as the Niagara Region and Kingston in Ontario; Montréal and Sherbrooke in Quebec; Fredericton and Miramichi in New Brunswick; Meat Cove in Nova Scotia; Summerside and Cavendish in Prince Edward Island; and Gander and Bonavista in Newfoundland and Labrador..

WATERFALLS STAMPS VOTED OVERALL FAVORITE, BEST DESIGNED COMMEMORATIVE IN LINN'S 2023 U.S. STAMP POLL

From Linn's



The nondenominated (63¢) Waterfalls commemorative forever stamps pictured here was voted the overall favorite, and best-designed, in Linn's 2023 United States Stamp Popularity Poll.

STAMP SHOPS PROLIFIC IN ONE EUROPEAN CITY

By Arthur P. von Reyn

If you had to guess which major European city has the most stamp shops, what would it be? London, home of Stanley Gibbons? How about Berlin, Stockholm or Vienna, all northern European cities where long winters are more conducive to indoor activities? You may already have an inkling of the answer if you read my article in the December newsletter about the movie *Charade*. The number of stamp shops listed in Paris by Google Maps is almost three times the numbers of the closest competitors: Berlin, Madrid, Moscow, Rome and Vienna.

This should really be no surprise, since Paris is home to an outdoor stamp market as well, the Marché aux Timbres. In its heyday back in the mid-20th century, there were 40 to 50 vendors on the three days it was open, versus just a couple now.

During my visit to Paris this past fall, my only planned philatelic adventure was indeed the Marché aux Timbres. However, while at the hotel, I decided to look up stamp shops with Google Maps. The results were astounding. There were almost three dozen entries, and most of the shops were storefronts concentrated in one area within walking distance of the Louvre museum. So why not hit some philatelic venues after more than four hours of viewing masterpiece after masterpiece?

After reaching Rue Drouot, which is obviously not only the center not only of Paris philatelic activity, but France as well, my first stop was La Timbre Classique, an auction house. There I met the only English-speaking person on the premises, Christopher Niquel, whose business card lists him as president and director of the La Banque du Timbre, a nearby stamp store. He confirmed that the Marche aux Timbres was far past its salad days due to the Internet and mentioned there might

be a half dozen stamp shops along the Rue Drouot, but English would probably not be understood. He gave me a copy of a hefty La Timbre Classique auction catalogue that contained a cornucopia of material that would be of interest to the French specialist or postal historian.



Rue Drouot is only a quarter of a mile long, but nonetheless there were 12+ philatelic firms along the street in late 2023, with all but one having store fronts. Some more were clustered in a shopping arcade a block away, with others sprinkled in the general

It turned out there were more than a dozen philatelic firms lining Rue Drouot. As well as Le Timbre Classique, other auction firms were Behr and François Feldman. Both of them had retail storefronts, as did Yvert et Tellier, the publisher of the Yvert stamp catalogue. All the other philatelic activity was concentrated in small shops, none of which seemed to dabble in coins, unlike other European cities. There was even another cluster of philatelic purveyors in an arcade a block away and more sprinkled in close proximity that I didn't have time to visit.

Also on Rue Drouot is the famous Hôtel Drouot, an auction place housing 70 firms that sell fine art, antiquities, antiques and coins, and occasionally, stamps. Hôtel Drouot was founded in 1852, but gained notoriety during World War II for selling a large number of works from art collections that had been confiscated from deported



In two instances along Rue Drouot, there were stamp shops located next to each other. The words "Achat" and "Vente," meaning 'buying' and "selling," are commonly seen on collectibles shops throughout Paris.

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A Step Back in Time...

Caphila, located at 25 Rue Drouot in Paris, may look familiar to those of us who started collecting back in the mid-20th century and lived in a reasonably large city like Dallas, which had a half dozen stamp shops, the interiors of which all looked similar to this one.

The only visible modern touch are computers, which Caphila apparently uses for mail and internet auctions.

At bottom are close ups of the collections lying in the ledge of the left window. The inset shows a box of 20 gold foil U.S. first day covers with a price of €150 (about \$163). Good luck with that!



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Jews by the Nazi occupiers.

While I did not bring a stamp want list to France, I did remember there was set of French stamps that has eluded me in used condition, one of those end-of-WWII definitive sets that seems to be available only in mint condition on this side of the Atlantic. Concentrating on the “mom and pop” stamp shops in the area instead of the big firms, I hit five or six before finally landing the 1944 Gallic Cock and Marianne set in used condition. The proprietor took some scissors, cut a half page containing the set out of an old stamp album, and sold it for €14, half the Yvert catalogue value.

It was interesting to see what type philatelic material was selected for display in the storefront windows. There were stamp sets and stamp packets; apparently shop owners think the street has so much shade that they don't worry about stamps fading in the sun.

Other items in the windows included philatelic books, catalogues, philatelic tools and even collections still mounted in their original albums.

The interiors of a few shops were quite orderly while some others looked like ones I frequented in Dallas a half century ago, meaning piles of philatelic material on any surface that could handle the weight. As might be expected, the



Yvert & Tellier is the French version of Stanley Gibbons, offering stamp catalogues, albums and accessories plus operating a retail storefront where stamps are sold. Unlike Gibbons, the firm has numismatic offerings as well.

preponderance of the philatelic material was French, but I'm sure if you asked, you could find most anything you wanted somewhere in the area.

If you don't speak French, don't be deterred from visiting the stamp shops of Paris. Only one shop had no English speaking employees. If you take a want list, you should reference Yvert catalogue numbers—there are some internet

websites that cross reference from Scott numbers. I saw only Scott catalogues at only one shop, but the volumes were 20 years old!

By foot, Rue Drouot is about a mile north from the Louvre Museum, with most of the route from the museum being along Rue de Richelieu. However, the Richelieu-Drouot metro station is located at Rue Drouot's south end.



Most of the small stamp shops along Rue Drouot have displays of stamps and collections in their windows, like this one. While Rue Drouot is lined with the Parisian five to six floor buildings, providing shade for much of the day, stamps still don't like the sun, and on close inspection, some of the stamps here were curling from excessive light exposure.

BETTY FORD STAMP

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first lady,” said Postmaster General DeJoy. “She used the role not just as a platform to represent the nation and



advance and support her husband, she used it to speak openly and honestly about issues she cared about, and about personal issues she faced.”

Elizabeth Anne Bloomer Ford (1918–2011), wife of the 38th president, was first lady of the United States from 1974 to 1977. After the Watergate scandal forced the resignation of President Richard Nixon on Aug. 9, 1974, and an earlier scandal pushed out Vice President Spiro Agnew, Gerald Ford became the first U.S. president who had never been elected president or vice president. In her new role as first lady, Betty Ford, impressed the American public in interviews by showing humor and frankness about controversial issues facing the country.

While the Fords never intended to inhabit the White House, Betty Ford embraced the role, becoming the most politically outspoken first lady since Eleanor Roosevelt and helping mold the position’s modern role.

Throughout her husband’s political career, Mrs. Ford openly fought for women’s rights, often conflicting with the Republican Party’s stances. She campaigned tirelessly for the Equal Rights Amendment, which would have mandated constitutional equality for all Americans, regardless of gender.

After being diagnosed with breast cancer, Mrs. Ford underwent a

mastectomy on Sept. 28, 1974. While medical issues of previous first ladies weren’t always disclosed, Mrs. Ford chose to share the story of her treatment for the once-taboo medical condition.

In 1964, Mrs. Ford had begun taking prescription pain pills for a pinched nerve in her neck, developing a substance use disorder over time. In 1978, after an intervention, she entered the Naval Regional Medical Hospital in Long Beach, CA, for treatment. As with her breast cancer, she publicly acknowledged her substance use disorder, changing its perception and putting a face to the disease.

In 1982, Mrs. Ford and former ambassador and close family friend Leonard Firestone established the Betty Ford Center for substance dependency. She agreed to lend her name to the center, hoping to destigmatize substance use disorder treatment at a time when it wasn’t spoken about openly — especially by women — and options for treatment were scarce. Her work helped change the way treatment options and those seeking it are viewed by American society.

The Forever stamp honoring Betty Ford is being issued in panes of 20. News of the stamp will be shared with the hashtag [#BettyFordStamp](#).

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY JERRY MADDEN

January 24, 2024

Meeting was called to order for his first meeting as President by President Torres at 7:34 PM. Reading of minutes was dispensed with. Treasurers report was given and reminder made that dues are due. There was no old business. Bill Wallace announced that he had many souvenir sheets and US issues. No other new business. We had two prospective members Norm Ryan and Bernie France. There were 25 people in attendance. The program for the meeting was our quarterly auction and nearly \$500 was raised by members in the

auction. Auction ended after some lively bidding at 8:22 PM. Jack's albums were the next and last item of business, and the meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Madden, Secretary

February 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Torres. No treasurer's report. No old business. Under new business it was brought up that Scott had new catalogues out for 2024. It was discussed that the club needed new books. The cost for the set would be over \$700 and the discussion was whether we needed them or not. Have some discussion pro and con the motion was made that we purchase a new set for 2024. The motion carried by a vote of 10 to 7. President Torres indicated we would purchase the set.

The program was a presentation by Jerry Madden on his special project when we was a member of the Texas Legislature that dealt with stamps. We had sheets of stamps signed by every member of the Texas House of Representatives for 5 different sessions from 1994 thru 2002. The program lasted about 25 minutes. We then proceeded to Jack's albums.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Madden Secretary.

February 28, 2024

President Torres called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. Rick announced that Jack would present the next meeting and that it would be on how to start a specialized collection. We dispensed with the reading of the minutes for the previous meeting. The Treasurer was not present so there was no treasurer's report. Under old business it was stated there was no 3A Catalogue available but it was quickly commented that the member who had

CLUB MEETING MINUTES, continued

the book was not present for this meeting. There were 8 present at the meeting, 27 members and Jim Hoover as a visitor. Bill Wallace announced that he had some stamps to be looked at for sale from the Malay States. Also here were some stamps available from Sweden by Geoffrey Owens.

Stan Bartnikowski gave the program on Warsaw. He discussed postage from the 1700's to present with emphasis on post marks from Warsaw in the 1700's to 1860's. He gave a very interesting presentation of the various historical marking on stamp less envelopes of the period and then of the early Polish issue from the 1860 period. He also discussed issues during World War 1 of the occupation issues and of the first free Polish issues of the period right after WW1. And he ended talking about the visit of Pope John Paul the Second and the size of the crowd that greeted him in Warsaw. His whole presentation was excellent. He also showed many of the seals used on mail in the earlier periods and the inks used at that time to mark the envelopes.

After Stan's presentation we had Jack's books. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted. Jerry Madden Secretary.

March 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:31 PM. The reading of the minutes was not requested. There was no old or new business. There were 3 visitors and 22 members present. The visitors were Olivia Zuniga, Jeanine Powell and Bitsy Hudgall. No new dues payments were received although I received dues from Peter Elias later in the week.

Jack presented the program. The subject was specialty collections. It was a very broad subject and Jack had several good suggests on types of collections and decisions one could make while starting a specialty collection. He passed around

several interesting examples of specialty items. Among his many suggestions for subjects were trains, butterflies and many others. One interesting suggestion to put a limit on the collection was to start one on a dead country since there was a definite boundary on the items to be collected. Other areas suggested included revenue stamps, cancellations, and specimens. Jack had suggestions on where to obtain items including starter collections such as various auctions, auction catalogues and specialty vendors although they are growing scarcer. Jack also discussed forgeries and other interesting stories. He also pointed out various societies including Hungarian and Polish that still exist to help specialty collectors in those countries. He said we could learn from these organizations.

We then moved to Jack's books. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted. Jerry Madden Secretary.

May 15

Ansel Adams. Sixteen (68¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 16, row by row, left to right in the image on the next page:

1. *Half Dome, Merced River, Winter, Yosemite National Park, CA* (1938);
2. *Oak Tree, Sunset City, Sierra Foothills, CA* (1962);
3. *Thundercloud, Ellery Lake, High Sierra, Sierra Nevada, CA* (1934);
4. *Denali and Wonder Lake, Denali National Park, AK* (1947)
5. *The Golden Gate and Bridge from Baker Beach, San Francisco, CA* (c.1953);
6. *Road and Fog, Del Monte Forest, Pebble Beach, CA* (1964);
7. *Rock and Grass, Moraine Lake, Sequoia National Park, CA* (1936);
8. *Leaves, Mount Rainier National Park, WA* (c.1942);
9. *Monument Valley, AZ* (1958);
10. *Tetons and Snake River, Grand Teton National Park, WY* (1942);
11. *Jeffrey Pine, Sentinel Dome, Yosemite National Park, CA* (1940);
12. *Mirror Lake, Mount Watkins, Spring, Yosemite National Park, CA* (1935);
13. *Maroon Bells, near Aspen, CO* (1951);
14. *Aspens, Dawn, Autumn, Dolores River Canyon, CO* (1937)
15. *Road After Rain, Northern California* (1960);
16. *Dunes, Oceano, CA* (1963);

Issued at Yosemite National Park, CA 95389.

2024 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.

Mar. 27 Save Manatees. Single (68¢) forever stamp; double-sided pane of 20; BCA; Silver Springs, FL 34488

Apr. 5 Betty Ford. Single (68¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; BCA; Rancho Mirage, CA 92270; Please the article on page 1, "USPS Unveils Betty Ford Stamp" for more information.

Apr. 26 Floral Geometry. Single \$1 stamp, pane of 10; Burlingame, CA 94010

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY JERRY MADDEN

Membership was previously 53 members and is now 52 members: one new member, Bernie Falk, and two members who chose not to renew. Welcome Bernie!

CLASSIFIED

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.

FOR SALE

Worldwide 1840-1979, 25-33% OF Scott, over \$1,500,000 inventory. Especially strong in British, Dutch, French & Italian colonies, U.S. 1840-1930, Japan, Liechtenstein, Portugal, Russia, Venezuela, & Souvenir sheets. Many hard-to-find-items. Price list available at www.BillsStamps.com or call Bill Wallace, 214-213-8066. doctoryes007@aol.com. Money-back satisfaction guaranteed.

WANTED

Poland B49-B52 Tuberculosis stamps with tabs. These stamps were each issued with 10 different tabs. I have about half of these and am seeking to complete my collection. Mint or postally used preferred, but will take CTO. Stan Bartnikowski, stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.

2024 DUES ARE DUE!

If you haven't paid your DPCPS membership dues for 2024, you are way past due! If so, please bring your \$12 dues to the next meeting or send a check for \$12 payable to DPCPS and sent to our new secretary

Jerry Madden
428 Valley Glen Dr
Richardson, TX 75080



Ansel Adams sheet of commemoratives for one of the most renowned and influential artists of the 20th century. Ansel Adams (1902-1984) made thousands of awe-inspiring photographs that collectively create a rich visual portrait of the American landscape. A masterful photographer and dedicated environmentalist, Adams sought to imbue each of his black-and-white prints with the power and wonder he felt in the presence of nature. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps.



June 6 Carnival Nights, a pane of 20 stamps containing 10 stamps, celebrates one of America's favorite pastimes. The stomach-twisting thrill rides, the indulgent snacks and sweets and the general spirit of lighthearted fun make the nation's carnivals and fairs a place for visitors of any age to enjoy. The stamps feature photographs that convey the energy and color of a summer carnival at night. Issued in Biloxi, MS 39530.