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## 2025 DPCPS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

At the Holiday Party on December 11, 2024, the following officers of the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society (DPCPS) were elected for 2025:

- President:** Fernando Torres
- Vice President:** Rick Hosler
- Secretary:** Jerry Madden
- Treasurer:** Rod Gabel

At the same meeting, the following 2024 **directors** were elected. Their remaining term of office is shown in parentheses.

- Al Dlhly (1 year)
- Tim Wallaert (2 years)
- Sam Phillippi (3 years)

Thanks to all the members for their participation and we look forward to an interesting philatelically exciting 2025.

## THREE MILLION STAMPS NEEDED!

By Thomas M. Fortunato, Boston 2026 Public Relations Chair

Boston 2026 World Expo calls on all collectors to donate off-paper stamps to build its inventory for use in welcome packets and the youth and beginners' areas during America's next international philatelic exhibition.

Coordinating the collection process is Michael Lawson, Boston 2026 Chief Financial Officer, in association with the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History. "World Stamp Show-NY 2016 collected roughly three million stamps for free giveaways in a variety of ways," said Lawson.

"We are again counting on the philatelic community to show their generosity and desire to promote the hobby by donating common, unwanted duplicates we all have an abundance of to our show."

It may be hard to grasp that many stamps, but artificial intelligence can help. Google's Gemini explained it this way. With an average thickness of 0.01 inches per stamp, a three million stamp stack would span 2,500 feet, nearly half a mile, or roughly the height of a 200-story building.

Donations of any quantity would be welcomed, mint and used, but all should be off-paper and sorted by US and non-US if possible. Any on-paper material is to be soaked before sending. Stamp clubs are especially encouraged to participate by holding a soaking/collection program with their members.

Dealer stock, including hundreds of the same stamp, may also be sent. Any glassines and tweezers, tongs sent are much appreciated. As a 501(c)3 organization, Boston 2026 donations may be tax-deductible to the donor.

Items are to be mailed to: Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History, Attn: Michael Lawson/Boston 2026, Regis College, 241 Wellesley Street Weston,

MA 02493. Please include a note with an email address to receive confirmation of receipt.

Boston 2026 World Expo takes place May 23-30, 2026, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Full show details may be found at [Boston2026.org](http://Boston2026.org) and on Twitter and Facebook.

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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.

- Feb. 12** DPCPS MEETING, Program: *Philatelic Adventures in Paris*, presented by Geoff Owens .
- Feb. 26** DPCPS MEETING, Program: *Philatelic Topics beginning with the letter "D"*, member participation.
- March 12** DPCPS MEETING, Program: *To be announced.*
- March 26** DPCPS MEETING, Program: *To be announced.*
- April 4-5** DALLAS TSDA, Holiday Inn and Suites, 3220 Craig Drive, McKinney, TX 75070 - (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4) . ***Note the new location!***
- April 9** DPCPS MEETING, Program: *To be announced.*
- April 23** DPCPS MEETING, Program: *To be announced.*
- May 14** DPCPS MEETING, Program: *To be announced.*
- May 28** DPCPS MEETING, Program: *To be announced.*

*Note from the Editor: We welcome Letters to the Editor. Please send your philatelic-related letter via eMail to Stan.Bartnikowski@gmail.com.*

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Secretary – Jerry Madden  
Treasurer – Rod Gabel  
Past President – Bill Laupus

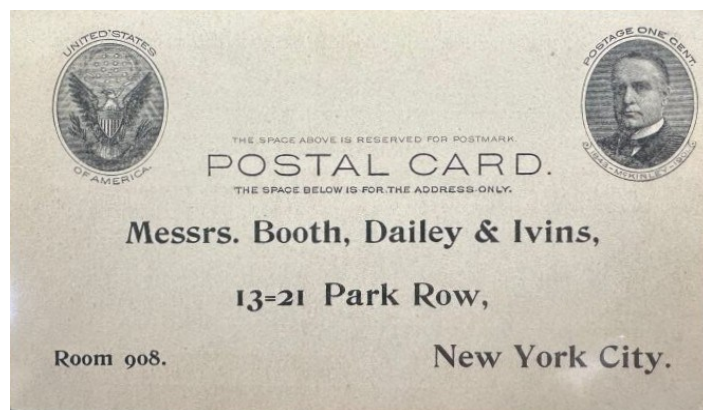
### DPCPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Al Dlhly • Sam Philippi • Tim Wallaert

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, check our website at [DallasStamps.org](http://DallasStamps.org) or contact: Fernando Torres (*president.dpcps@gmail.com*). For a membership application, visit the aforementioned website or write to: Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, c/o Jerry Madden, 428 Valley Glen Dr, Richardson, TX 75080.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Fernando Torres



U.S. Scott UX17 Postal Card

### Dear Fellow Stamp Enthusiasts,

Sometimes, you just have to take a chance...

Last month, I found myself at home, feeling uninspired with no new philatelic material to explore. Having already gone through Jack's and Jim Meyer's albums, I was at a bit of a loss. With nothing else to do, I turned to my computer and began checking emails. That's when I came across a notification from the Stamp Auction Network—Sam Houston Philatelics' auction was ending soon.

It had been years since I last revisited my U.S. collection, but something caught my eye: a striking UX17 U.S. postal card. I quickly realized that this was a piece I had long been missing. The card itself is a rarity—only 500 were ever issued, featuring President McKinley's portrait. All of them were purchased by a single company, Messrs. Booth, Dailey & Ivins, which had been contracted by the city of New York to dispose of waste at sea. These cards were used by ship captains to document the proper disposal of trash.

The particular card I had found in the auction was a fascinating historical artifact—recording that "Dumper No. 19"

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## EDITOR'S MUSINGS

By Stan Bartnikowski

With the new U.S. Presidential Administration, several changes in the philatelic landscape are possible. For one, we may see a return of Canal Zone stamps, if the U.S. retakes the Panama Canal. For another, Palestinian Authority stamps may become valid only in the West Bank, if the U.S. takes over administration of the Gaza strip. Stamps issued by the U.S. Administration in Gaza would probably be used. Greenland could stop issuing its own stamps, if the U.S. takes over that country. Less likely is the disappearance of stamps from Canada, the "51st state". Stay tuned.

# SPOTLIGHT ON ...

## GEORGE CLAYTON

Interviewed by Stan Bartnikowski

George Clayton was born in Washington, D.C. and moved to Fort Worth at age 7. He had a career of 37 years at LTV, where he was a “rocket scientist”. His work included working with the Air Force and Navy where he worked at the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier. He also boasts being a catcher on a world-series winning softball team. After retirement from LTV, George was an usher at the Texas Ranger home games. George moved to the Edgemere in 2013, where he became a member of the Dallas -Park Cities Philatelic Society. As you know, George serves as the club’s liaison with Edgemere. So far he has done pretty well, allowing us to meet in the big room for free, despite frequent changes in Edgemere management.

Unlike most of us, George did not start collecting stamps as a youth, but in his early 40s collecting with his son. He began collecting in earnest about 10 years later when the baseball card industry went bonkers, resulting in his phasing out of that hobby and spending more time on stamps.

George specializes in stamps commemorating John F. Kennedy (7 albums) and U.S. presidents (another 7 albums). He also has a worldwide collection (4 albums) and a U.S. mint collection up to about 1976. However, he sees himself as primarily a topical collector and has less interest in the more “technical” aspects of philately.



# SHOW ‘N TELL

## FRENCH BAGUETTE STAMP

By Geoff Owens

On a recent trip to Paris I picked up this copy of a unique issue from La Poste. The stamp is printed with an ink containing “microcapsules” of the aroma of fresh baked baguettes. Yes, a scratch-n-sniff stamp!



Designed by illustrator Stephane Humbert-Basset they were introduced on May 16, 2024, in honor of Saint-Honoré, patron saint of bakers and pastry chefs, with general release on May 17. The stamps were printed in sheets of 15. The stamp shown is from the center position in the top row. Total quantity issued was reported to be 594,000. My understanding is that these are already sold out. I was unable to find what catalogue number Scott has assigned, or if they have yet.

Sources differ whether these were specifically issued for the Olympic Games - nothing on them implies that - but they do conveniently have the international rate for mailing postcards or standard letters back home for any foreign attendees at the games.

And, no, I have not scratched my example!

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## CLOSED ALBUM



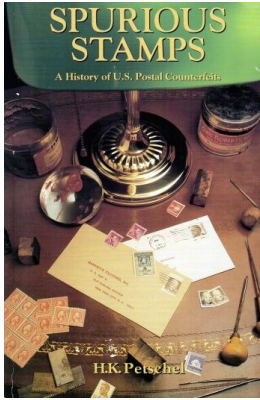
**Jim Dempsey**  
(1931-2025)

Stamp dealer Jim Dempsey, age 93, of Walnut Creek, California passed away on January 9, 2025. He founded and owned A&D Stamps, one of the few stamp dealers truly stocking the entire world. He brought his huge inventory to stamp shows and exhibitions all over the country, including, until a few years ago, TEXPEX and Mid-Cities Expo.

## BOOK REVIEW

*Spurious Stamps: A History of U.S. Postal Counterfeits* by H.K. Petschel

Review by Stan Bartnikowski



This book, written by DPCPS member Howard Petschel, describes the counterfeiting of U. S. postage stamps, other stamps and postal cards, beginning with

the 2 cent George Washington bureau issue of 1894 through the 1975 13 cent Liberty Bell definitive. Howard focuses on the individuals counterfeiting, why they counterfeited, how they counterfeited and distributed, as well as the authorities apprehending and prosecuting them.

Howard went to the Federal archives, the court case documents and philatelic and general news media to provide detailed accounts of the counterfeiting operations and the apprehension and conviction (in most cases) of the criminals. You will read about how the Secret Service outwitted attempts by one of the perpetrator's attorneys to avoid her extradition from Canada. You will see how legitimate engravers unwittingly contributed to the counterfeit McKinley postal card. And how the mob got involved with counterfeiting.

Howard includes a section listing the laws regarding possession of counterfeit and details arguments whether or not stamp collectors can retain counterfeit stamps for non-postal use.

By the way, Howard didn't originate use of the word "Spurious" to describe counterfeits, as in his title. This term was used to describe counterfeits at least as early as 1895 by the Chicago Tribune and the 3rd Assistant Postmaster General.

## CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY JERRY MADDEN

January 11, 2025

The meeting of the Society was called to order at the Edgemere Assisted Living Facility at 7:37 PM by President Torres. President Torres discussed the website and his desires for its use in the future. Jerry Madden moved that we suspend the reading of the minutes of the last meeting which was approved. Rod Gael gave the Treasurer's Report. 25 members were present at the meeting. Rick Hosler announced that the next meeting presentation will be by Don Wolman and will be about Costa Rica which is of great interest. The meeting was then turned over to Al Dhly for the quarterly auction. Many members had items to present and there was a great interest in the auction. There were 42 items presented and the auction raised \$669.50.

Upon completion of the auction we had Jack's albums. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY JERRY MADDEN

Membership remains at 57.

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## THREE MILLION STAMPS NEEDED FOR BOSTON 2026

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Sign up to be added to the Boston 2026 email list and receive updates when available.

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Boston 2026 Public Relations Chair  
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## 2025 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues already issued this year and those expected to debut in the next few months. Images are included for the stamps added since the December 2024 issue

**Jan 14 Year of the Snake.** Single (73¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; BCA; Lunar New Year series; Boston, MA 02205

**Jan 17 Love.** Single (73¢) forever special stamp, pane of 20; BCA; Kutztown, PA 19530

**Jan 21 Spiral Galaxy.** Single \$10.10 Priority Mail definitive stamp, pane of four; BCA; Big Sky, MT 59716



**Jan 21 Star Cluster.** Single \$31.40 Priority Mail Express definitive stamp, pane of four; BCA; Big Sky, MT 59716



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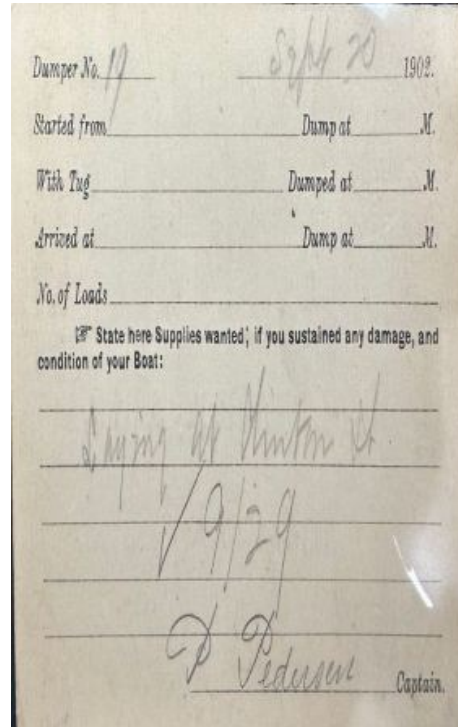
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- Jan 21** **1794 Compass Rose.** Single (\$1.65) global forever definitive stamp, pane of 10; AP; Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 .
- Jan 30** **Allen Toussaint.** Single (73¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Black Heritage series; BCA; New Orleans, LA 70113
- Feb 21** **American Vistas.** Two (10¢) presorted standard definitive coil stamps, coils of 3,000 and 10,000; AP; San Diego, CA 92199
- Feb 28** **The Appalachian Trail.** Fifteen (73¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 15: hiker, Maine, Tennessee, New Hampshire, Georgia, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, New Jersey and Connecticut; AP; Dawsonville, GA 30534
- March 13** **Freshwater Fishing Lures.** Five (73¢) forever commemorative stamps: crankbait, popper, spoon, spinner, wakebait; pane of 20; AP; Springfield, MO 65801; See image on the next page.
- March 14** **Vibrant Leaves.** Ten (56¢) postcard-rate definitive stamps (five designs): aspen, sassafras, oak, maple, and sweetgum; pane of 20 and coil of 100; AP; Strongsville, OH . See image on the next page.
- March 27** **Betty White.** Single (73¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Los Angeles, CA 90052
- TBD** **Battlefields of the American Revolution.** Fifteen (73¢) forever commemorative stamps, three each: Battles of Lexington & Concord, Battle of Bunker Hill, Battle of Trenton, Battles of Saratoga, and Battle of Yorktown; pane of 15. See image on the next page.
- TBD** **Powwows.** Four (73¢) forever commemorative stamps: Crow Hop, Women's Traditional, Women's Fancy Shawl, and Men's Hoop; pane of 20. See image on the next page.
- April 25** **Dahlia's.** Ten (73¢) forever definitive stamps; double-sided pane of 20, coils of 3,000 and 10,000; Burlingame, CA 94010 . See image on the next page.
- TBD** **U.S. Flag.** Possibly four (73¢) forever definitive stamps; double-sided pane of 20, coils of 100, 3,000 and 10,000.



Reverse side of UX17 postal card

had been disposed of at sea on September 20, 1902, under the command of Captain D. Pedersen. The uniqueness of this piece captivated me, and on a whim, I placed a bid.

Then, I promptly forgot all about it.

To my surprise, an email arrived last week informing me that I had won the bid! It was an unexpected delight, and now, I am thrilled to add this extraordinary card to my U.S. postcard collection.

This experience was a reminder that sometimes, taking a chance can lead to the most rewarding discoveries. So, never say never—embrace the unexpected, take risks, and, most importantly, enjoy the thrill of collecting!

**Happy Collecting!**

## 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.

### FOR SALE

**Traveling down under?** Australia coins \$34.75 face for U.S. \$17. New Zealand coins \$33.00 face for U.S. \$15. Contact Geoff Owens at gmoptx@verizon.net.

### FREE

**Set of new low value U.S. coils.** 1c Fringed Tulip, 2c Daffodils, 3c Peonies, 5c Red Tulips, 10c Poppies and Coneflowers. ONE set free to each DPCPS member (only). Send an SASE to Stan Bartnikowski, 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrollton, TX 75007.

## 2025 DUES are DUE!

**If you haven't paid your DPCPS membership dues for 2025, you are past due! If so, please bring your \$12 to the next meeting or send a check for \$12, payable to DPCPS, to our secretary:**

**Jerry Madden/428 Valley Glen Dr/Richardson, TX 75080**

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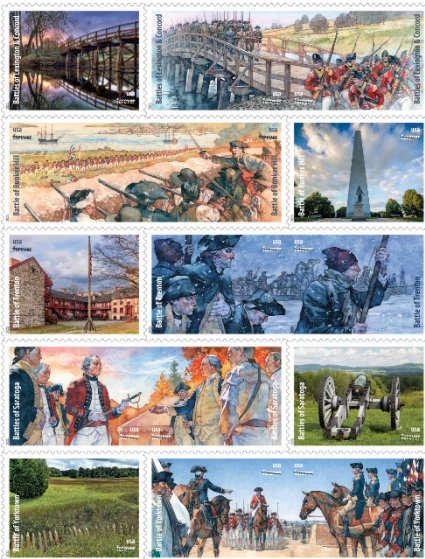
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Freshwater Fishing Lures 5 Forever Stamps to be issued March 13.



Vibrant leaves (five designs) postcard rate stamps to be issued March 14



Battlefields of the American Revolution. Fifteen forever commemorative stamps. Issue date TBD.



Powwows. Four forever commemorative stamps. Issue date TBD.



Dahlias—10 forever definitive stamps. Issue date April 25.