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THREE DPCPS MEMBERS HONORED AT THE GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW

By Stan Bartnikowski

DPCPS Junior member Ellie Tate earned several awards for her Taylor Swift exhibit and Joe Baker and Tom Cunningham each received recognition for their 50 years as members of the American Philatelic Society (APS) at the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) in Schaumberg, Illinois last August.



Ellie Tate, with her father Josh Tate

Ellie received the Youth Prix d'Honneur from the APS and the following AAPE (American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors) Youth Champion of Champions awards for her exhibit "Swiftie Stamps: A Philatelic Tribute to the Eras of Taylor Swift":

- **Spirit Award**, for a youth participating in the championship for the first time, for an exhibit showing philatelic potential
- **Merit Award**, for participation in the 2025 Youth Champion of Champions
- **Creativity Award**

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PHILATELIC BUREAUS SUSPENDING DELIVERY OF STAMPS TO THE U.S.

By Stan Bartnikowski

I discovered a few foreign philatelic bureaus that either were not accepting philatelic orders from the U.S. or were holding orders already submitted—in reaction to the recent U.S. tariff changes. These include the philatelic bureaus from Aland, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Switzerland. I discovered this when I attempted to buy the joint issues for the recent United Nations "Dove of Peace" issue, illustrated below for the New York, Geneva and Vienna offices respectively.







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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.

October 8	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Club Auction.* All members.
October 22	**DPCPS BOARD MEETING** **DPCPS MEMBER MEETING**, Program: *TBA.*
Nov. 7-8	**MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB EXPO**, Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 Main St., Grapevine, TX 76051. Highway 114 at Main Street exit, just north of DFW Airport. (Friday 10 -5, Saturday 9-4)
Nov. 12	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBA.*
Dec. 10	**DPCPS MEETING:** *Holiday Dinner*
Dec. 12-13	**DALLAS TSDA**, Holiday Inn and Suites, 3220 Craig Drive, McKinney, TX 75070 - (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
Jan. 9-10, 2026	**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)
Jan. 14	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBA.*
Jan. 28	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBA.*

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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, check our website at ***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

Tariffs and the Changing Landscape of International Stamp Buying

As collectors, many of us have enjoyed the thrill of bidding in international auctions — finding that elusive issue from Europe, Asia, or beyond, and adding it to our albums. However, the recent news about new import tariffs on international goods, including collectibles such as stamps, has stirred concern across the philatelic community.

While the United States has long been one of the few major markets without significant tariffs on imported collectibles, this move brings us in line with policies that have existed for years in other countries. Many collectors abroad have already been paying added duties or value-added taxes on stamps purchased from outside their borders. In that sense, what's happening here is not entirely new — but it does mark a shift for American collectors who have been used to a more open international marketplace.

The immediate effect may be higher total costs for stamps bought from overseas auctions or dealers. It could also lead to changes in bidding behavior, with some collectors focusing more on domestic sources or on trades within the U.S. Still, philately has always been about connection across borders — and I'm confident our community will adapt, just as we have through other changes in postal and trade history.

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EDITOR'S MUSINGS

By Stan Bartnikowski

Last issue I griped about stamp catalogs. This issue I would like to comment on stamp albums. My first album was a Minkus Comprehensive (proximity to the Gimbels Department Store, which sold only Minkus products, drew me to the Minkus line). There may have been a looseleaf version, but mine was bound and thus couldn't be expanded to contain newer issues or issues for which there were no spaces. So I graduated to the Minkus Master Global Album. This album had a lot more spaces for my stamps, and was expandable: I could add supplements or blank pages. However, after a couple of years of supplements, I outgrew the original binder and bought a cheap springback for the later countries in the alphabet. The issue I have with this album and, in fact, for most of the commercial printed albums, is that while there are ample illustrations and information regarding the dates of issue and technical concerns such as perforations and watermarks, there is little, if any, information regarding the subject of the issue. I realize I can go to a catalog to find this but why can't a line be included containing the subject of the issue? Some albums also included color pictures of the stamps. I believe this

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SPOTLIGHT ON …

PERRY DENTON

Interviewed by Stan Bartnikowski

Perry Denton was born in Dallas and lived here all his life. Before retirement 2 years ago, he was an Electronic Technician working on blood analyzers and oil equipment.



Perry started stamp collecting around 1968 when he was nine or ten years old. A German neighbor gave him some stamps, his father gave him a set of Scott International Albums, Volumes 1 to 7 and Perry took it from there. With some brief pauses, he has been collecting worldwide ever since. He maintains separate used and mint worldwide collections. Perry also collects U.S. and is particularly interested in proofs and scarce re-issues. He recently was about to purchase a set of the 1875 reprints of the 1857-1860 issue (Scott 40-47), catalog value about $20K, until he found out 4 of the 8 had flaws – not acceptable since the dealer was asking full catalog. He does boast owning the reissue of the 1869 pictorials, without grill (Scott 123-132).

Perry indicates his house is full of boxes of stamps and other stuff, and he is attempting to clear space for a large worldwide dealer lot he expects to acquire soon.

Perry acquires stamps for his collection mainly at the TSDA shows, from Byron Sandfield, and occasionally from the club.

If you attend the DPCPS meetings, you will see piles of Perry's red boxes containing stamps offered at 20% of Scott catalog value to club members.

Perry has been a member of the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society for well over 15 years and was also a member of the Dallas Philatelic Society in the mid-1970s. He has served as president of DPCPS and as a director on the board.

As Perry says, "I collect 'em like everyone else".

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This moment also offers an opportunity to reflect on the broader story: how world events, policies, and economics continue to shape our hobby. After all, every stamp tells a story — and sometimes, the story isn't just on the paper, but in how that little piece of history makes its way to us.

— *Fernando Torres,* President, DPCPS

SHOW 'N TELL

By Stan Bartnikowski

I purchased the two blocks below from a box of U.S. mint postage offered at 30% of face by Geoff Owens from a donation to the club. Both blocks are signed by the vignette (picture) engraver, J. Clarence Benzing. The Yosemite block is also signed by the overall stamp designer, Victor S. McCloskey. Not a bad find for less than 6 cents!



U.S. Scott 740 1c Yosemite Park from the 1934 National Parks Issue, Plate Block of 6, signed by the designer, Victor S. McCloskey, and the vignette engraver, J. Clarence Benzing.



U.S. Scott 772 3c Connecticut Tercentenary, signed by the vignette engraver, J. Clarence Benzing.

GASS AWARDS TO DPCPS MEMBERS

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Here are the commendations for Ellie from the AAPE judges:

- WOW! After receiving the information about your exhibit, I was really wondering how you would treat the exhibit. Terrific Job!
- At initial glance, I was wondering why all the different stamps and how were they all coordinated with Taylor Swift. The depths of stamps and research to find them, as they relate to the "era", shows great personal study.
- Your creative approach to this exhibit is noteworthy.

I understand Ellie's exhibit is travelling on to Cleveland and then to Ireland (sans Ellie).

Joe Baker and Tom Cunningham were each recognized for their 50 year membership in the APS at the APS General Membership Meeting on Saturday, August 16th at GASS. The medal is inscribed "American Philatelic Society—Sept. 14, 1886" around the perimeter and in the center displays a seated stamp collector in front of a globe over the designation "50 YRS".



Joe Baker proudly displaying his 50 year APS Membership Award



Tom Cunningham proudly displaying his 50 year APS Membership Award



50 Year APS Membership Award

PHILATELIC BUREAU SUSPENSIONS

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The "Dove of Peace" stamps feature an embroidered white dove carrying an olive branch outlined in blue symbolizing a shared commitment to promoting peace. These stamps, crafted from textiles, were embroidered and manufactured by the Austrian company Hämmerle & Vogel.

The United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) in conjunction with the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and 10 other postal organizations has jointly issued the "Dove of Peace" embroidered stamps to celebrate the International Day of Peace and promote the value of peace to people all around the world. In addition to the UN Postal Administration, the other postal organizations are Aland, Armenia, Austria, Barbados, Cyprus, Faroe Islands, Greenland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Switzerland.

Due to the restrictions resulting from the tariffs I am having to acquire most of these stamps from collectors or dealers on eBay or Hipstamp. Armenia is the only country whose philatelic bureau is sending me their "Dove of Peace" stamp.

Editor's note: I also tried to order some Polish kiloware from Nordfrim in Denmark, but their website says "Our shipping partners have temporarily suspended deliveries to the USA".

STAMPS NEEDED FOR KIDS

Don Wolman is seeking stamps from the following countries and areas for his geography with stamps program at the Dallas schools:

- Central America, except Mexico
- The Caribbean
- China (PRC or Republic)
- Russia (or USSR)

If you have any unneeded duplicates from these areas, please bring them to the club meeting. Don (and the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders) would appreciate them.

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is undesirable since it is difficult to distinguish mounted stamps from empty stamp places.

After a break in stamp collecting, I resumed my interest in collecting with U.S. stamps. Being budget-minded, I opted for the Harris Liberty Album. This album was different from my worldwide album in that the subject of each of the issues and commemoratives was identified and the names of the portrait on the regular issues were listed. But over the years the Harris line was sold to different outfits and the quality suffered: the pages were so thin that if I tried to print on them they would jam the printer. So, for recent years, I have gone to White Ace for U.S. and Scott for U.N.

On the market there are several opportunities for print-it-yourself album pages. Of course you need a computer and should have a printer that can print on heavy paper. Or, there is at least one service that can print these for you. Since the developers of many of these albums do not have copyrights to stamp images, so they are forced to include a description of the stamp subjects—which to me is wonderful. I am using these kind of pages for my Vatican City collection, so each issue has a heading indicating the purpose of the issue.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

by Jerry Madden

August 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:35 PM. Rick announced that the subject for our next meeting will be Plate Numbers on Coils and will be presented by President Torres. The Treasurer's report was given by Rod Gabel and showed no major changes in our balances. We dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The meeting was a continuation of one of the interesting programs we had about 3 months ago when we had the problem of identification of some stamps. We had 4 examples of items that needed identification for which we had some member or members who did know what country and what type of stamp they were. These items took up some interesting discussion and I am certain we help identify these items . After the presentation Geoff had several donated items for auction for the club. I bought two of the items and we raised about $100 for the club. The meeting closed with Jack' s books. and we adjourned at 8:32PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Madden, Secretary.

August 27, 2025

The meeting of the Dallas Park Cities Philatelic Society was called to order at the Edgemere Senior Living Facility by President Torres at 7:31 PM. We suspended with the reading of the minutes and there was no treasurer's report. Vice President Hosler announced that the next meeting would feature a presentation by Tom Cunningham on *The Importance of Condition to the Value of Stamps*. There was no old business and limited new business with Jack showing some Hungarian items. We had a discussion of microphones and George is to look into the problem initially and then we will decide if we need to make a separate purchase. Geoff will have the authority for the purchase if George cannot work out something with the facility.

We then proceeded to our program which was President Torres' discussing plate number coils. He showed how they started originally with numbered order and then went to random numbers. He talked about and showed various samples of tagging including long wave tagging. He discussed die cuts and various types of edging. He also discussed and showed examples of knolls and shallow valleys and other types of cuttings. He talked of other types of bridges and different perforations, such as 10x10 and 10x11. We had some discussion of individual collections.

We then had Geoff's auction where we raised $129 for the club. We had some active bidding on several of the auction items and we will have more this next meeting. After that we had Jack's books and closed the meeting at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Madden, Secretary.

September 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:31PM t the Edgemere Senior Living Facility in Dallas. The President told us about an Austin visit he had just had where the effects of tariffs on post office items was discussed. He indicated an 80 percent reduction in foreign revenues. Under old business we now have working microphones. We want to thank George, Geoff and any others who worked on this. There was no new business. The Secretary moved we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Rod presented the treasurer's report and that we have over $14,400 in the treasury.

Tom Cunningham was the master of ceremonies for our meeting presentation which was on the effects of conditions on the values of stamps. He showed that manuscript cancels are not desirable and have a negative effect on the value of a used stamp. He also showed Perfins and that there effect does effect the value of a stamp. Some are desirables and others are not. He told us to be careful of early U.S. stamps and that condition is everything in the value of these stamps. We had some discussion about stamp evaluations and he said they are usually right and should be believed in the evaluation of a stamp.

He also showed penny blacks and the effects of condition on the value of a number 1 or number 2 Great Britain stamp. The range of value is of course very great from the best rated stamps to

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2025-2026 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few months.

October 1 **Jimmy Carter.** Single (78¢) forever commemorative stamp; pane of 20; Atlanta, GA 30304 Single (78¢) forever commemorative stamp; pane of 20; Atlanta, GA 30304.



May 2026 Several stamps are anticipated in conjuction with the Boston World Expo

2026 A reissue of a previous stamp, per the results of the Stamp Encore Contest ending September 30, 2025.

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the lowest rated examples. He told us something I did not know and that U.S. Scott #77 was actually the first U.S. Commemorative since it was issued the year after Lincoln's assassination. Garfield #205 was also issued right after President was assassinated. We had some interesting discussions on evaluations. Particularly interesting was the discussion of high ratings from like 85 to 98.

Geoff then did his auction which raised almost $130 for the club. We then had Jack's books and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Madden Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Jerry Madden

We have a new member, actually a returning member after a long absence, Jeff Kaye. Please extend a warm welcome to Jeff. Paid membership was 46 and is now 47.

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., Carrolton, TX 75007-2828.

2025 Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO

38th Annual Exhibition & Bourse

November 7 & 8, 2025

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