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U.S. POSTAL SERVICE RECOMMENDS NEW PRICES FOR JULY

From the USPS Newsroom

The U.S. Postal Service filed notice on April 9 with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect July 13. The new rates include a 5-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 73 cents to 78 cents.

The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 7.4 percent. If favorably reviewed by the commission, the price changes would include:

Product	Current prices	Planned prices
Letters (1 ounce)	73 cents	78 cents
Domestic postcards	56 cents	62 cents
International postcards	$1.65	$1.70
International letter (1 ounce)	$1.65	$1.70
Additional ounce for letters	28 cents	29 cents

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TSDA MOVE TO MCKINNEY

By Tom Cunningham

Texas Stamp Dealers Association, using Constant Contact, which is very costly, sends 640 e-mails twice before every show. This time, the e-mails were sent on March 24 and March 31, at 11:00 am on each day. The show dates were April 4 and 5.

On every e-mail sent is a list of dealers registered to participate at the show. Also on those e-mails were excellent directions to the Holiday Inn in McKinney. The street address has been communicated many times and in many places. In 2025, believe it or not, most people have cell phones that provide excellent GPS directions. Everyone receiving this has an e-mail address.

This time, we also obtained from APS mailing labels for all 39 NEW (joined in last three years since 1/1/2022) APS members who live in 75xxx and 76xxx zip codes (essentially all of North Texas). A letter and a TSDA schedule handout was mailed to the 34 new APS members (5 were already on our e-mail list).

Effective 1/1/2025, TSDA is no longer mailing postcards. This was a conscious decision made unanimously by the TSDA Board of Directors. At no TSDA show in any city in 2024 were more than 4 postcards returned. All of those people are exposed to announcements made at stamp clubs, etc.

The room at McKinney is 26% smaller than the room was at DoubleTree. We

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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.

June 11	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Interviews with newer members.*
June 13-14	**OKPEX 2025,** Student Union at Rose State College, 1910 Hudiburg Dr, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110 (Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-4). Sponsored by the Oklahoma City Stamp Club.
June 25	**DPCPS Board Meeting:** Board members.
June 25	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *History of Conclaves,* by Jerry Madden.
June 27-28	**DALLAS TSDA**, Holiday Inn and Suites, 3220 Craig Drive, McKinney, TX 75070 - (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4) .
July 9	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Quarterly auction.* Club members.
July 11-12	**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)
July 22	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Free France and the Levant* by Geoff Owens

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Fernando Torres

Over the past year, I've noticed a growing number of people inheriting stamp collections and not knowing what to do with them. Some are simply looking to find a good home for the stamps and are happy to donate the collection. Others, however, are interested in selling and seek advice on how to determine the collection's value.

While consulting a stamp dealer is often the most logical first step, I understand the hesitation and skepticism that many people feel—after all, a dealer is naturally inclined to offer the lowest price possible in order to turn a profit.

This leads many to try and determine the value of the collection on their own. In my view, this is a very difficult task. Most of us who are experienced collectors have spent years learning the nuances of philately, and even then, accurately valuing a collection can be challenging. It also assumes that the original collector knew what they were doing and selected valuable items with purpose.

Recently, I received an email from someone asking whether a computer program could help identify and value stamps—ideally by simply scanning them. I gave it some thought and did a bit of research. Sure enough, there are software tools that can assist with identification, but they often fall short when it comes to more advanced elements like perforations, watermarks, and other subtle features that are essential in distinguishing similar stamps.

Still, the search turned up some interesting options. There are a number of programs available—some free, some for purchase, and others by subscription. While I haven't personally used them, they could be valuable tools for newcomers trying to make sense of an inherited collection. Here are a few that stood out:

EzPerf (by SoftPro2010): A comprehensive tool for measuring perforations and aiding identification.

ePerforationGauge: A digital on-screen perforation gauge.

Perfomaster (by BuxSoft): A German program that uses scans on a dark background to determine a stamp's perforations.

Stamp Analyser (by Rakium Inc.): Helps identify and even grade stamps by analyzing centering and margins.

Digital Perforation Reader (DPR) (by Universal Philatelic Auctions): A mobile app that measures perforations, available by subscription as part of their services.

As time goes on, it's clear that technology will continue to enhance our ability to collect, catalog, and understand stamps. While nothing will replace the joy of hands-on collecting and the tactile pleasure of a physical album, these digital tools can help bridge the gap—especially for those just entering the world of philately.

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SPOTLIGHT ON …

STUART BARZUNE

Interviewed by Stan Bartnikowski

Stuart Barzune was born and raised in Dallas. Stuart has long been an entrepreneur, beginning at age 9 selling empty soda bottles he found, later expanding to selling the drinks at a profit. He began a small stamp store around 1965, mainly for the purpose of enhancing his own collection. After high school he developed packages of fragrances and incense which were on-sale at hundreds of 7-Elevens.



He got started in stamps at age 10 with the first US Christmas stamp (1962). His work with the printer Norman Cohen and the smell of ink got him further into stamp collecting. Norman gave him a half sheet of the Dag Hammarskjöld invert stamp. At age 13 he had joined the then Dallas Philatelic Society. He began specializing in U.S. and, being particularly interested in the Columbian issue, completed acquisition of the MNH set by age 15. He also collected plate blocks and first day covers. After high school, Stuart took a break from collecting to start his incense business and raise a family. In the late 70s and early 80s he renewed his passion in stamps, now in addition to U.S., selectively including world wide stamps that were aesthetically pleasing, including cinderellas. He sought stamps with beautiful printing and graphics. This has led him to acquire many collections and accumulations through which he spends hours sorting. Stuart still "complains" having too much stuff, citing the need to go through it and sell what he doesn't want, but is grateful for what he has.

Stuart moved to Minnesota in 1988 where he worked as a marketing contractor for several large companies and organizations. He was active in the Twin Cities Philatelic Society up there.

He returned to Dallas in 2006 to take care of his parents and promote his stamp business. In 2008 he rejoined the now Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society and also joined the American Philatelic Society in 2008. He spoke fondly of the dealer Charlie of Alpha-D Stamps, much of whose stock he acquired.

Stuart continues his passion and love of stamps and thoroughly enjoys the DPCPS meetings. I would like to close with his aphorism, "It' s not what I know about stamps, it's what I know because of stamps".

SHOW 'N TELL

By Stan Bartnikowski



As I have nearly completed my collection of Polish stamps, I have begun looking at ephemera such as "Poland sports on stamps. Poland's first medal at the Tokyo 1964 Olympics was awarded to Mieczysław Nowak, featherweight weightlifter, pictured to the right.

A card congratulating Nowak is shown below.



The card is stamped with Scott 1262, It is addressed to the Poland team at the Olympic Village and postmarked "Studzianki, Polish Army Day, October 12, 1964" with the inscription "Greetings from the Polish Army to the Polish Olympians fighting peacefully in Tokyo". October 12, 1964 is the date of Nowak's medal, but curiously Polish Army Day is on August 15 and marks the defeat of the Nazis by the joint Polish-Soviet forces at Studzianki on August 15, 1944..

Note the **new location** for the TSDA Stamp Shows!

Holiday Inn and Suites
3220 Craig Drive,
McKinney, TX 75070
(US 75, Exit 39A—El Dorado Pkwy)

The next show is June 27-28
(Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Denmark Dropping First-Class Mail Delivery

I read with great interest about the Danish post office, as far as letters are concerned.

As the Danes seem intent on this, I suggest that they plead with President Trump to dispatch his pal Mr. DeJoy, soon to be unemployed, to aid them in the total demolishment of their postal service, much as he did here with ours...then he can start on Greenland's, once he's finished in Denmark.

I'm just sayin....

Bill Wallace

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

USPS RECOMMENDS NEW PRICES FOR JULY

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The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for the Special Services products. Notably, the Postal Service will apply a price reduction of 12 percent for postal insurance when mailing an item.

As changes in the mailing and shipping marketplace continue, these price adjustments are needed to achieve the financial stability sought by the organization's "Delivering for America" 10-year plan. USPS prices remain among the most affordable in the world.

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now have a capacity of 22 dealer tables. Because four regular dealers were in Mississippi last weekend and another was moving, only 18 tables were in use. For the next three shows in McKinney, the room will be VERY crowded and some dealers who request two tables will have only ONE.

We realize that some collectors, for reasons of health or otherwise, are not able to attend TSDA shows. Some collectors are so specialized and interested in only Spain 1-11 and know they will find nothing of interest at a TSDA show.

On the weekend of April 4-5, despite the inclement weather, we had 62 collectors on Friday and 64 on Saturday. Many who attended stayed several hours and visited almost every dealer. Several were there both days. Most of the nine dealers reported they had very good financial results and that is appreciated by all.

When you have 12 dealers at a TSDA show (usually), you are seeing the best dealer stocks in Texas, all in one room.

I heard only two significant complaints. One collector complained about directions because he doesn't have a computer. I cannot fix that. Another complained about the lighting and insisted we find another place. I told him I had spent five months (February 2024 to August 2024) of my valuable time visiting over 25 possible venues including libraries and churches to find this Holiday Inn and Suites. Some considered were as distant as Lewisville and Coppell. We are damned lucky to find that space. The alternative was to have NO TSDA shows in the DFW area and we were very close to being there.

All of the "better" hotels along highway 75 believe they can book a wedding reception every Friday and Saturday evening where they'll have a $10,000 ticket for food and booze. And, they will not commit to four weekend dates a year in advance so that we can have advance publicity.

Both the postcard and coin shows charge admissions of $5 and more. TSDA hopes to continue our operating model of free admission because our dealers pay very expensive table rents to make that possible. Fernando is correct that TSDA dealers deserve your support if you want TSDA shows to continue beyond 2025. We need to begin making 2026 contracts in August 2025.

Best regards,
Tom Cunningham
TSDA Bourse Manager for DFW area.

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Let's continue to enjoy our wonderful, non-digital hobby… while embracing the tools that can make it even better.

—Fernando Torres
President,
Dallas Park Cities Philatelic Society

*Editor's note: another program to assist in the evaluation of a collection is **EZStamp** which contains a database of stamps, descriptions, catalog numbers and retail prices for various condition grades. With a couple of keystrokes, you enter each stamp in your collection—which can be quite tedious. However, there is a facility in which you select a range of catalog numbers and overall condition and the app will populate the database with all the stamps in that range and condition. A report can be generated of the total value—which can best be described as total replacement cost if purchased individually, not the expected value if selling your collection .*

USPS ISSUES COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS FOR 250TH ANNIVERSARIES OF ARMY, NAVY, AND MARINE CORPS

From the USPS Newsroom



The U.S. Postal Service issued three individual commemorative stamps honoring the 250th anniversaries of the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps on May 16. Each stamp pays tribute to a vital component of the nation's defense, recognizing their shared origins in the American Revolutionary War.

"These stamps serve as a powerful reminder of the enduring legacy and unwavering dedication of the women and men who have built and sustained the United States Army, Navy and Marine Corps for the past 250 years," said Jeffery Adams, USPS corporate communications vice president. "As we commemorate this significant milestone, we honor their courage, their commitment and their vital role in safeguarding the freedoms we hold dear."

Adams served as dedicating official at a May 16 ceremony held at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C. Joining him for the ceremony were master of ceremonies Lora McLucas, USPS Maryland district manager; Lt. Gen. Gregory Brady, inspector general, U.S. Army; Vice Adm. Mike Boyle, staff director, U.S. Navy; Lt. Gen. Paul Rock Jr., staff director, U.S. Marine Corps; and Martin Mieras, USPS military programs specialist and a retired U.S. Army command sergeant major.

News of the Armed Forces stamps is being shared with the hashtag #ArmedForces250Stamps. Followers of the Postal Service's Facebook page can view the ceremony at facebook.com/USPS. A video about the stamps was posted two hours after the ceremony on the Postal Service's Facebook and X pages at facebook/USPS and X.

Born from the necessity to secure American independence, the three branches trace their foundational roots to 1775. In this pivotal year, the Second Continental Congress recognized the urgent need for a unified military force and established the Continental Army on June 14, followed by the Continental Navy on Oct. 13, and the Continental Marines on Nov. 10, recognizing the urgent need for a unified military force. While the Continental forces were disbanded, the imperative need for a standing military led to the reestablishment of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps in subsequent years.

Today, these forces stand as powerful symbols of strength and resilience, embodying core values such as loyalty, duty, honor and courage.

The Postal Service released each stamp, featuring the respective symbols of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps against a white background, in panes of 20.

As Forever stamps, they will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

By Stan Bartnikowski

I can recall when my grandmother took me as an 8 or 10 year old to Nassau Street to visit a few of the many stamp dealers there. Now all of those shops are gone. Closer to my home, the Gimbel's Department Store in Hempstead (Long Island) had a stamp department. It wasn't as big as the stamp department at the 34th Street store (think the movie "Miracle on 34th Street") but it had lots of albums, stamp supplies and packets. The albums were all Minkus, and I started with the Minkus Comprehensive, then the Master Global. At the time you could find Minkus stamp departments at many large department stores throughout the U.S. Alas, these stamp departments are all gone. With the advent of indoor shopping malls came stamp collector kiosks. These are all gone. In Dallas, the last remaining storefront stamp store was Alpha-D Stamps on Midway Road, gone upon passing of its owner. While we have access to buying stamps on eBay, Hipstamp, APS and other sources, the only way to buy collectible stamps in person is at stamp shows, in particular for us in the Dallas area, the shows run by TSDA.

My point is that we should patronize the TSDA shows, lest they be gone too. You might argue that you can't items for your specialty at these shows. I don't find much of Poland that I need at these shows, but I enjoy the endless hours going through the $1 cover boxes, to find items that pique my interest, being of a topical nature such as music or Pope John Paul II or railroads.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

by Jerry Madden

March 26, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at the Edgemere Senior Living Facility at 7:33PM with 24 members present. The Secretary moved we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the motion was approved unanimously. There was no treasurer's report. It was announced that the next meeting date will have a board meeting at 6:30PM prior to the regular 7:30 meeting which will be our quarterly auction. We will have a very limited agenda for the board meeting. The Secretary reported we have 40 dues paying members and one new member application waiting the next meeting he will be in attendance for final approval of membership. Jack showed some overprints from Turkey that he passed around.

Rick had the presentation for the meeting which was about the International Malaria Campaign of April 1962. It was a time for the world united against malaria which had the participation of 80 countries. The World Health Organization had set April of 1962 as a date for working on the eradication of malaria. There are 2 types of malaria with one of the types more deadly than the other. About 80 countries issued stamps for the program. Great Britain only did cancellations while the Vatican issued 4 stamps. The purpose for all these issues was to reduce the cost of vaccination and also cost of treatment for malaria victims. There were many issues by countries in Africa, particularly French Colonies and in addition there were Portuguese. We heard that one of the best things that have come into existence to fight the mosquito carried malaria bug is mosquito netting. I know for instance that the US used it extensively in Vietnam and other areas of South East Asia. Rick talked about Ghana and about Guatemala overprints. The program got good results and there are at least 130 member countries in the malaria philatelic groupings. Rick got interested in the malaria issue and the stamps of the program quite a few years ago. Bill Wallace pointed out that many of the stamps issued for the project were semipostals. It was a good program. It was Jack who pointed out the use of mosquito nets. Rick pointed out his interest in part stemmed from the fact he was a biologist.

We took a five minute break to look at Jack's books and then proceeded with that part of the program. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Madden, Secretary.

April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM by President Torres. The first item discussed was the Dealer Show the previous weekend in McKinney. The show was well attended and the club members were encouraged to participate in the next show The general discussion was on how we could help the show in the future and about the general McKinney location We dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the prior meeting and the treasurer's report was given. Rick announced that the Declaration of Independence will be the subject of the net meeting with Bill Laupus as the presenter. Since we are now at the 250th Anniversary of some of the events that started the Revolutionary Was and the Independence of our Country this should be a very interesting subject. The 19th of April was the 250 Anniversary of Lexington and Concord and the 1st Continental Congress was meeting at that time.

The subject of the meeting was our quarterly auction. The auction was well received. The auction raised $692.50. We thank everyone for participating. The auction is always fun and well run by Al. We then had Jack's books. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41PM.

Respectfully submitted.
Jerry Madden Secretary.

April 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:39 PM at the Edgemere Senior Living Facility. Rick announced that Tim would give the next presentation for the club and that at the May 28 meeting we would discuss philatelic items of the letter E. The Secretary moved to suspense with the reading of the minutes and that was approved. Bill Wallace announced that he had special prices on many stamps including many U.S. items.

Bill Laupus gave the presentation on the American Revolution and the Declaration of Independence. He showed the Lexington and Concord stamps of 1925. He talked of Paul Revere and also Sybil Ludington and her ride in the Danbury Connecticut area in 1776 and how much farther it was to warn our troops. He also presented Declaration of Independence and the writings of Jefferson. Jerry Madden brought up how the Congress had deleted a lot of items from the Declaration to the disgust of Jefferson. Bill pointed our the 3 parts of the Declaration, the preamble which we all know, the body which listed the grievances of the American people, and the Conclusion which announced the colonies were now free and independent states. He then showed the Declaration Stamp of 1969. It was announced that the U.S. now had a new issue of the battlefields of the Revolution. There were several other items of the Revolution discussed. It was a very interesting presentation. We then had the auction and Jack's stamps. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Madden, Secretary.

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CLUB MEETING MINUTES, continued

May 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Geoff Owens the interim and past president of the club at 7:34 PM. In the absence of the President, Vice President and Secretary Geoff was the officer in charge. No reports were presented on future programs or past minutes. Rod Gabel treasurer was acting Secretary for these minutes and I thank him for the work on the minutes. He gave the treasurers report which showed the club with #13,766.88 in the treasury. Bill Wallace announced his sale of stamps on special discount. One of our members Bill Downs is on medical absence. Sam Phillippi mentioned he had a box of philatelic items available for the membership at no charge. Tim Wallaert gave the excellent presentation on the Postal History of Neutral Moresnet.

Geoff then went forward with the auction which brought in a total of $289 to the club treasury of which $275 was for stamps and $14 for Scott Catalogues from Tom Cunningham. Jack then proceeded with his albums. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Madden, Secretary.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 6:47 PM with a quorum of the Board present. The members present were Sam, Francisco, Jerry, Al and Tim. Rick and Paul attended the meeting but arrived after the meeting was called to order. We talked about ideas for the website and President Torres will set up a meeting time for the board to meet with Denise Voss on items for the website. There is a need for updating on some of the international items listings on the site. The President also has some other items and ideas for the website utilization.

The President also asked the Secretary to notify the individuals who had not rejoined for 2025 We have 40 paid members where last year we had 57 so the Secretary will be sending out requests for dues payments to the members who have not reupped for 2025. We also talked about the stamp show in McKinney last weekend and the fact many of out members did not attend. We want to improve the attendance at these shows. The host motel people were very accommodating for the show. We also had an update on the overall acceptance of the new site for the show and general comments about the show with both favorable and unfavorable comments about the location. We also talked about things that could be done to improve knowledge of the show and attendance in general. Particularly we discussed how the website could help get out information on the shows. We also discussed ways to let members and the general public know who would be the dealers at the show and their areas of sales interest t help advertise the shows.

We also discussed the last club meeting and the interest in the idea of working to identify stamps which we could not easily identify. This was one of the most interesting meetings and inspired more member participation than almost any meeting we have had. We all agreed to have another meeting with this subject and the opportunity for club members to help identify stamps that members were not able to identify We will probably schedule that for later in the summer or early fall. In addition we talked about other subjects for future meetings. One idea was to have the members give brief presentations on when they became interested in collecting, what areas they collect, and interesting items in their collection. This idea met with approval from the board. Details will be worked out on it but it is an item you will hear more about as we implement it. There were other ideas presented.

The Secretary mentioned that the US has a new issue coming out this week on the Battles of the American Revolutionary War and his feeling that this was a very well designed and good looking set of stamps. He would love to hear any comments on this or other new designs from the USPS. Also he notified the board that USPS is looking at increasing the price of stamps to 78 cents. the President notified the club that Denmark is no longer providing postal services and relying on private vendors to deliver items to mailing locations. We would love to get your comments on this bit of news.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13PM.
Respectfully submitted.
Jerry Madden Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Jerry Madden

Membership remains at 57.

NEW ZEALAND'S RAREST STAMP EXPECTED TO SELL FOR NZ $250,000

Courtesy Geoff Owns

Mowbray Collectables, New Zealand's leading philatelic auction house, is pleased to announce that New Zealand's rarest postage stamp, the unique 4d Lake Taupo with inverted center, will be going under the hammer at their next international auction on September 20, 2025 in Wellington, NZ.



2025 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

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

June 7 — **U.S. Flag.** Possibly four (73¢) forever definitive stamps; double-sided pane of 20, coils of 100, 3,000 and 10,000; Three Oaks, MI 49128. *Picture provided in the April issue.*

June 10 — **Barbara Bush.** Single (78¢) forever commemorative stamp; pane of 20; BCA; Kennebunkport, ME 04046. *See picture at right.*

June 27 — **Spectacled Eiders.** Two $25 federal migratory waterfowl hunting and conservation stamps issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior, pane of one and pane of 20; Stuttgart, AR 72160. *Picture provided in the April issue.*

July 18 — **Schooner.** One (62¢) postal card, one (62¢ +62¢) double postal reply card; Crystal, MN 55429. *See picture at far right.*

July — **Benjamin Franklin**. Single (78¢) forever commemorative stamp; prestige booklet of 20. *See picture at right.*

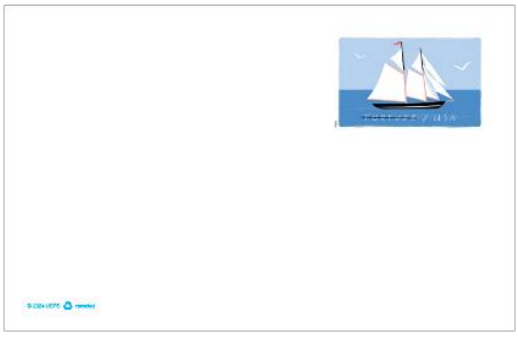
July — **250 Years of Delivering**. Twenty (78¢) forever commemorative stamps: post office loading dock, customers at post office entrance, equestrian statue, dogs and their walkers, coffee shop entrance, USPS driver waves, park bench, people and animals, carrier accesses blue curbside collection box, balloons at rooftop party, carrier at apartment cluster box, restaurant customers wave, carrier accesses green USPS relay box, Next Generation Delivery Vehicle in profile, bookstore entrance, USPS carrier checks her watch, carrier delivers to man at old house, winter tree, crowd of pedestrians in street, and carrier holds child at home; pane of 20. *See picture at right*

August 14 — **Boston 2026.** Two (78¢) forever commemorative stamps: Old North Church, midnight rider; pane of 20; Schaumburg, IL 60194. *See picture at right.*

August 16 — **Luna Moth.** One ($1.27) nonmachineable-surcharge rate definitive stamp, pane of 20; Schaumburg, IL 60194. *See picture at right.*



Barbara Bush stamp, to be issued June 10



Schooner postal card, to be issued July 18



Franklin stamp issued in July for 250th anniversary of postal delivery



Pane of 20 to be issued in July for 250th anniversary of postal delivery



Stamps to promote Boston 2026 philatelic exhibition, to be issued August 14



Luna Moth stamp for the nonmachineable 1 oz letter rate

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.