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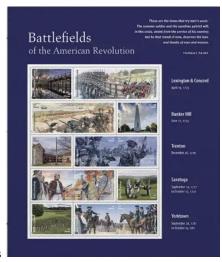
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Battlefields

of the Amercan Revolution

by Douglas Files

In April 2025 the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative pane honoring the Battlefields of the American Revolution. Although the name of the set seems to favor the places where the battles were fought, the designs of the stamps clearly honor the men and women who fought those battles. (If you thought it was only men, do some research on Deborah Sampson, Sybil Ludington, and Molly Pitcher). Specifically the new series features watercolors



of people fighting those battles. The stamps were issued on the 250 th anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, which ignited the fighting at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. USPS art director Derry Noyes designed the watercolor battlefield stamps, using illustrations by several artists.



The Minute Man 1925 #619; al Museum website.

Battles of Lexington and Concord

The Battle of Lexington took place on April 19th, 1775 in Massachusetts. After a decade of civilian unrest, British General Thomas Gage was authorized to seek out and destroy colonial military supplies which might be used against his troops. Accordingly 800 British redcoats set out from Boston, Image from the National Post- looking for weapons and ammunition said to be in Concord. On the night prior to the battle. Paul Re-

vere and William Dawes warned the countryside. When British redcoats reached Lexington they encountered a line of 70 colonial militia which had formed on Lexington Common to protect the military supplies. The British troops ordered the colonials to lay down their weapons and disperse. When the colonials took their firearms with them, the soldiers fired on the militia, and ten minutes of combat ensued. Eight Americans were killed and ten more were wounded. Leaving grief and anger in their wake the British continued marching toward Concord.

At Concord they encountered more armed resistance and they killed 49 more Americans. As the British retreated, the Americans fired on them in ambushes and pot-shots. More and more Americans arrived on the scene until the number of colonial militia may have exceeded 3000, well outnumbering the 800 British soldiers in the raiding party. As the pressure on them increased the British redcoats started running and leaving their equipment behind. Eventually most of the British reached safety, although 250 were injured or killed. This compares to 90 American casualties, showing that the guerrilla tactics of the Americans were effective.

In 1925 the U.S. Post Office Department issued stamps to commemorate the battles of Lexington and Concord (Scott #617-619). The 1-cent green stamp showed General Washington taking command of troops at Cambridge. The 2

Meetings / Activities

Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Mondays (adjusted for holidays) at Christ Church 3440 Shroyer Rd Kettering OH 45429

For the Zoom invitation and link, please email daytonstampclub@gmail.com

Member's Socializing and Silent Auctions begin at 7:00 PM - Club Meeting & Programs begin at 7:30 PM Board Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

JULY

7/7 German Influence on Airmail to South America DSC Member Speaker -Jeff Fisher

7/14 Board Meeting

7/21 6:30PM Picnic at Church Picnic Shelter

AUGUST

Aug 1&2—Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society Bourse CINPEX 2025, Friday and Saturday Hrs: noon to 6pm and 10am to 4pm. United Methodist Church in Monfort Heights, 3682 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati 45247.

8/4 My Other Hobby - Member Participation - 4-6 minutes

8/11 Board Meeting AIRPEX Preview 8/18 Panel of DSC Members Discuss What and Why They Collect Foreign Stamps by DSC Member Carol Costa Aug 22-23 (Fri-Sat) Dayton Stamp Club. AIRPEX 2025@ Bobel Banquet and Event

Center, 3119 Stop 8 Rd, Dayton Between Miller Lane and Dixie. HRS: F:12-6pm; Sa:10am-4pm**

SEPTEMBER

9/1 No Meeting Labor Day Holiday -Church Closed

9/6-7. MDSA Columbus Ohio Stamp Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. Westgater Park Shelterhouse, 3271 Wicklow Rd., Columbus.

9/8 DSC Board Meeting AIRPEX Review 9/13 TUSCOPEX 2025 Stamp Show. Tuscora Stamp Club Tuscora Park Pavillion, 161 Tuscora Ave NW, New Phila-

9/15 DSC AUCTION #5 - Regular Member Auction

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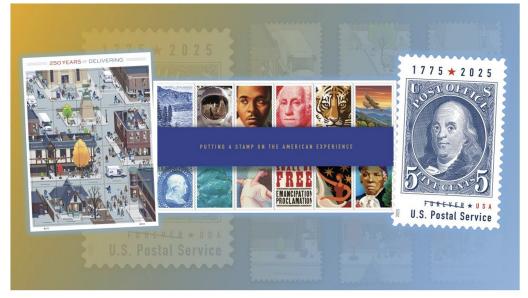
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'Putting a Stamp on the American Experience' prestige booklet

The U.S. Postal Service will release new stamps, one of which comes as part of a 32-page prestige booklet, to commemorate 250 years of service to the nation. The 32-page prestige booklet includes two self-adhesive sheets of a new Forever stamp available exclusively with this purchase. The stamps feature an exclusive reframed, modern interpretation of a 5-cent stamp depicting Benjamin Franklin, originally released in 1847. This booklet is exclusively available through the Postal Store, by calling 844-737-7826, or by mail through USA Philatelic.

The first-day-of-issue event is free and open to the public July 23, 2025 for the stamps and booklet. News regarding the stamps is being shared with the hashtags #250YearsofDelivering and #USP S250booklet.

> First-Day-of-Issue Ceremony is Wednesday, July 23, at noon ET

U.S. Postal Service headquarters 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20260

Attendees are encouraged to register at: usps.com/usps250years

-cent red stamp showed the Battle of Lexington. And the 5 -cent blue stamp showed the Concord minuteman statue.



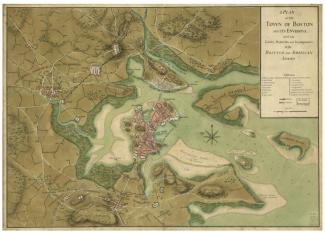
Battle of Bunker Hill stamps, Image in the public domain.
A century later the 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord stamps depict colonial militia taking a bridge from the British.

Battle of Bunker Hill

A couple of months after the raid on Lexington and Concord, the British assaulted American troops on Breed's Hill outside of Boston. The British eked out a "win" but 1000 American troops held out for a long time against a larger British army. The British suffered double the number of casualties as the American militia. As one general stated, if they had many more victories like this one and Lexington and Concord, their army would be unable to function. The Battle of Bunker Hill 2025 watercolor stamp shows Brit

1959 stamp showing the Bunker Hill monument, Image from the National Postal Museum website.

Bunker Hill 2025 watercolor stamp shows British troops attacking fortifications on Breed's Hill.



Washington's Continental Army at Boston in 1775, Image from the U.S. Library of Congress.

Battle of White Plains

General George Washington took command of the Army in Massachusetts in July 1775 per the instructions of the Continental Congress. The Declaration of Independence was signed in July and August 1776. At the end of October that year British forces attacked General Washington's army at White Plains, NY. Hessian contractors broke through Washington's right flank, causing the colonials to retreat from the battlefield. This and two other defeats left the Americans with little choice but to leave the state of New York.

Although White Plains was a defeat for the colonial army a 2-cent red stamp was issued for the 150th anniversary of

the battle. The design of the small commemorative derived from E. L. Ward's painting called "Alexander Hamilton's Battery". The stamp thus shows a cannon crew. The stamp was issued in panes of 400 and sold in sheets of 100. It was also issued in a souvenir sheet of 25 (Scott #630). In a special marketing program for collectors, the souvenir sheets were printed on a flat plate press at a 1926 stamp show. The Battle of White Plains was



1926 Battle of White Plains Stamp, Image from the National Postal Museum website.

not commemorated on a 2025 stamp, but it is discussed here because of the earlier stamp which remembered the battle and the American soldiers who fell there.

Battle of Trenton

The Battle of Trenton arose from an attempt by General Washington to surprise the enemy at Christmastime in 1776. The Americans had been defeated several times that year and Washington desperately needed a victory to improve morale. The surprise attack required troops to cross the Delaware River in freezing and blustery conditions. At 8:00 a.m. the day after Christmas Washington's men fought a winter storm to attack the Hessians, German mercenaries hired by the British. Hungover Germans were indeed surprised and they succumbed to the attacking troops before they could organize a defense. Twenty-two of the Hessians were killed outright and 92 were wounded. Of the rest, 918 were captured by the Americans, along with their muskets and cannons. This battle indeed provided the morale boost the American commanders were seeking.

On the 2025 stamps the Battle of Trenton is commemorated by drawings of the Old Barracks Museum and George Washington Crossing the Delaware River before the fighting commenced.

Battle of Brooklyn

In 1951 a purple commemorative was issued in honor of the Battle of Brooklyn, which had

the Battle of Brooklyn, which had occurred 175 years before. Its oblong design shows Continental soldiers sailing away from Brooklyn while General Washington watches from astride his horse. A line of text at the bottom of the stamp credits Washington with saving his army by retreating. This shows that retreating can be



Battle of Brooklyn #1003, Image from National Postal Museum website.

done smoothly, though no army wins a war by retreating. Over 100 million copies of this purple stamp were printed on a rotary press and it was issued in sheets of 50.

Battle of Saratoga

Unlike several other military actions remembered on U.S. stamps, the Battle of Saratoga represented a solid victory for the Americans. This 1777 win was so decisive that the battle turned the tide of the war and convinced foreign nations to support the colonials' efforts. British General John Burgoyne had attempted to control the Hudson River region of New York but at Saratoga he was solidly prevented from doing so. After repeated combat actions, General

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goyne #1728

Burgoyne surrendered to the Americans on October 17 th and this victory convinced French leaders to sign a treaty with the Americans. The money, weapons and French military forces gained through this treaty led 1977 Surrender of Bur- indirectly to the end of the war a few years later.

A 13-cent multicolor 1977 stamp commemorated the landmark character of the Battle of Saratoga. Its design was based on John Trumbull's painting in the Capitol Rotunda showing Burgoyne's surrender to American General Horatio Gates. The 2025 Battle of Saratoga stamps



Valley Forge souvenir sheet from a painting by Eilliam T. Trego, 1976 #1685; Image from the National Postal Museum website.



1931 Battle of Yorktown stamp #703, Image by Bureau of Engraving and print-

show this same scene and there is also a picture of a British howitzer.

Battle of Yorktown

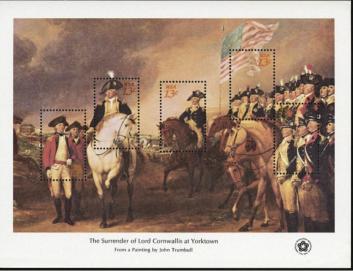
The Siege of Yorktown led to such a strong American victory that the British were unable to continue fighting the war, which had gone on for 6 years at that point. Combat actions extended

over three weeks in the autumn of 1781 in Yorktown, Vir-

ginia. General Washington commanded the American troops and he coordinated with French ground troops under Lieutenant General Rochambeau and Naval forces under Admiral de Grasse. Together 17,000



The Surrender of Lord Cornwallis by John Trumbull, Image from the U.S. Capitol Building, Architect of the Capitol.



The Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown by John Trubull, Image of the National Postal Museum website.

American and French troops laid siege to 8,000 British

forces under General Charles Cornwallis. The Allies first bombarded the British with heavy artillery and then followed up with a ground assault. When Cornwallis could not break through the American troops which encircled him he formally surrendered to Generals Washington and Rochambeau. Seven thou-



2025 Battle of Yorktown stamp

sand redcoats were taken prisoner. This was one of the signal military victories of the Americans over the British and it led indirectly to the signing of a peace treaty two years later. The surrender also led to the fall of Lord North's government in Great Britain

Several U.S. stamps have been dedicated to the victory of the American troops at Yorktown. A 1931 red and black commemorative honored the three Allied flag officers whose siege achieved such success. A 1976 souvenir sheet was based on a Trumbull painting and depicted the surrender itself. The painter's brother Jonathan Trumbull appeared in that stamp design because he was a colonel who was present at the surrender. The 2025 Battlefields of the American Revolution pane also contains stamps honoring the British surrender at Yorktown. They show British

defenses being taken by American troops and the surrender of the British on October 19th, 1781.

Overview

Since the American Revolution was the signal event in the founding of the UnitedStates, it

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U.S. Postal Service's National Dog Bite Awareness Campaign launched June 1

BY LINN'S STAFF

The United States Postal Service's monthlong National Dog Bite Awareness Campaign began June 1.

"Incidents involving dog attacks on Postal Service employees rose to more than

6,000 cases last year," the Postal Service said in a May 29 press release.

The theme of this year's campaign is "Secure Your Dog, Keep Deliveries on Track," according to the Postal Service.

"The best way to keep safe from dog attacks is to recognize and promote the responsibility of pet ownership, such as teaching your dog appropriate behavior and commands and not allowing your dog to roam freely," said Leeann Theriault, manager of USPS employee safety and health awareness. "The most important message for our customers to remember during the 2025 USPS National Dog Bite Awareness Capaign is keep your dog secured and away from the carrier as the mail is being delivered."

"When a postal employee suffers an injury from a dog attack, it can cost the dog owner thousands of dollars because they could be responsible for medical bills, lost wages, uniform replacement costs, and pain and suffering for the employee," the Postal Service said.

According to the USPS, mail carriers are trained to observe areas where dogs may be present. They are taught to recognize possibly dangerous conditions and to respect a dog's territory. Mail service can be stopped if a mail carrier feels unsafe. "If a dangerous dog issue is not resolved, owners can be re-

quired to rent a Post Office box to receive mail," the USPS said.

According to data from the Postal Service, the top three cities with the greatest number of dog bite incidents in 2024 are Los Ange-



les, Calif. (77 incidents); Houston, Texas (65); and Chicago, III. (57). The top three states with the greatest number of dog bite incidents in 2024 are California (701 incidents), Texas (438) and Ohio (350).

— for your safety and that of your furry friends, reprinted from Linn's Stamp News

Meetings / Activities

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9/19-21 INDYPEX. Indiana Stamp Club. Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Exhibition Center. 1900 E. Main St. Danville. website: Indianastampclub.org.

9/26-7 3 Ohio Precancel Club (OPC) FALL Gathering. McKinley Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2370, 5024 Monticello Ave NW, Canton HRS: Fr9am-9p Sat9am-3pm. Bill Latchie 740-260-2891 or Marty Adams 9/29*DSC 5th Monday Stamp/Cover That Illustrates an Item on My Bucket List (or would, if I had a one) Member Participation - 4-6 minutes OCTOBER

10/6 >>Club CASH Auction PRE-VIEW 7:00-7:25PM<< Mineral & Fossil Stamps DSC ember Speaker -Greg Brown and Pat Westby 10/13 DSC Board Meeting 10/20 DSC AUCTION #6 - Club CASH Aution

NOVEMBER

11/1 WOOPEX. Wooster Stamp Club 2025 Annual Stamp Show. Exhibits, Multiple dealers, USPS Reps, Silent Auction & FREE admission. Ida Sue School, 266 Oldman Rd, Wooster OH. HRS: 9am-5pm. 11/3 ***SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:20PM*** Round-Table Discussions on Buying & Selling via APS, eBay, & HipStamp

11/10 DSC Board Meeting Set 2025 calendar & budget review 11/17 Club Election for 2025 & How to Evaluate (or Research) a US Cover DSC Member Speakers - Dennis Callison & Doug File

DECEMBER

12/1 DSC HolidayPEX Party Starts at 6:30 pm at Church Dinner Party at Church

12/8** 2nd Monday AUCTION #7 -Auction - Type TBD

12/15** 3rd Monday Board Meeting

Revised: 3/1/2025

PICNIC
Monday

JULY 21-6:30 pm

Church Shelter



July 2025 USPS Postage Rate Increases

The following rates go into effect on July 13, 2025.

Mail Class	New Rates	Old Rates
First-Class Letter Stamp 1 oz. or less; Per piece Each additional oz - \$0.29	\$0.78 \$0.74 (Meter/Non-PRSRT Indicia)	\$0.73 \$0.69
First-Class Postcard Stamp Max size 4.25" x 6", max thickness 0.016"	\$0.61	\$0.56

Request for Philatelc Help!

Dear Fellow Philatelists.

I am a crazy collector specializing in FDC's of #2032-35, the 1983 Balloon issue. (Yes, I am also a crazy Balloon Pilot.) I have toyed for years with a couple of stray covers issued by the Euclid Stamp Club to commemorate the 125 Anniversary Balloon Mail John Wise in Jupiter (Balloon), for EUPEX '84. I am currently missing only #2034! to complete a full set of the 4 stamps. (Attached).

To add another brush of irony to the story, an add-on cover artist friend, Don Ashley (through buying his balloon covers) referred me to a fellow club member of his, who also collects Balloon covers, Dick Odum.

Well Dick and I did some swapping of Balloon covers and one day I asked him about EUPEX '84... and he had one! Would have completed my set thru a whole link of crazy collectors... but here it comes... Dick mailed it out - weeks later I

got the remnants of my address on an envelope, in a USPS "Sorry we destroyed your mail" packet.

So here I am. Apparently, there is no longer a EU-PEX event, and the Euclid Club lists no email.

So here I am -- writing to you at the Dayton, Cuyahoga Falls and Toledo Clubs, because you were of the few who listed an email address in Linn's!

Do you know of anyone who may have a stash of these '84 covers, to complete my set? I hope you stayed with me... LOL Another Collecting story for Club nights! Thanks VERY MUCH! In advance! Best Regards.

Jim Main in TX, 713-471-1101, jballoony@att.net







Get Ready: Revamped Stamps.org to Launch June 30!

It's official: the revamped and reformulated APS website will launch for the public on Monday, June 30! We're excited to share this long-awaited update to our system (and all the ways it will help us serve our members better) with you!

We'll be including updates, sneak peeks, and more right here in the weekly newsletter throughout the month of June and beyond — so stay tuned!

Dayton Stamp Club

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Hello Fellow Stamp Club Member:

The Dayton Stamp Club Annual Membership for the 2025-2026 Season is due by July 1, 2025.

The membership runs from July 1st of the current year to June 31st of the following year.



Dues are ONLY \$15 per year, and are payable by cash or check to: The Dayton Stamp Club. If you with to mail in your dues, the address is: The Dayton Stamp Club, P.O. Box 1574, Dayton, Ohio 45401.

You are always welcome to pay your dues of ONLY \$15 at any of our club meetings. Please see our treasurer Dennis Rose at that time. We accept cash or check.

What does \$15 buy you?

It buys you access to a great philatelic library that is housed onsite at our meeting place at Christ Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd., Kettering, Ohio.

A new addition to the library is a digital watermark gauge. And remember, any item in the library can be borrowed to do your own home research! Just see our librarian Jack Matheney.

It buys you bidding rights at any of our club auctions.

It buys you access to all of our meetings, both club and board meetings.

It buys you access to all of the great club presentations by members and invited guest speakers. It buys you the ability to accumulate your own "Stamp Bucks" currency, usable as real money at most of our auctions.

Most of all, it provides you with the fraternal and social benefits of interacting with your fellow club members.

And that's worth a whole lot more then ONLY \$15!

Frank Miller, Membership Chairperson

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July Dayton Stamp Club Meetings

July 7 — German Influence on Airmail to South America DSC Member Speaker - Jeff Fisher

July 14 — Board Meeting

July 21 — 6:30PM Picnic at Church Picnic Shelter



CHICAGO COLLECTORS CLUB

Formerly available only in print - the new eBook is Philatelic Invention to Prevent Stamp Use in the United States 1861-1881

This book is an illustrated history of inventions that took place in the United States between 1861 and 1881 in the search of a method of printing stamps that could not be reused.

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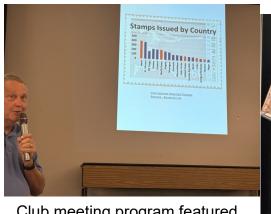




Precancel Stamp Society (PSS).

104th PSS Convention: Albuquerque, NM Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel adjacent to the Albuquerque Airport August 4-9, 2025

Dayton Stamp Club Programs



Club meeting program featured baseball international stamps, supplies, and catalogs during June meeting presented by Dayton Stamp Club member Joe Schearer.



DSC Photographer Greg Brown

250 Years of Mail Delivery



With this issue, the Postal People celebrate 250 years of operation, from the many years as the Post Office Department starting on July 26, 1775, and since July 1, 1971 as the United States Postal Service,

This prestige booklet commemorates the 250th anniversary of our nation's postal system and celebrates the enduring influence of stamps on our shared heritage.





Benjamin Franklin, single (78c) booklet of 20 commemorative forever stamps; 2 panes of 10 stamps, sold ONLY with this booklet. 250 years of Delivering the Mail, pane of 20 interconnected stamps, (78c) forever commemorative

This issue recognizes the appointment of Benjamin Franklin as the first postmaster general after the Second Continental Congress established a postal system for the United Colonies.

The Ben Franklin stamps will only be available in a 32-page booklet, titled "Putting a Stamp on the American Experience". There is no charge for the booklet; there will be two panes of 10 in each booklet, and the cost of the booklet is that of the then-current face value of the 20 stamps when the booklet is issued.

The pane of 20 commemorative (78c) forever stamps invites the public to spot a fun array of familiar postal items and icons while following a mail carrier on her rounds through four seasons of the year. From top to bottom on the pane, the horizontal strips go from Spring through Summer, Fall and then Winter.

The liner, or backing, of the "Delivering" pane describes the journey of the carrier, along with 'treasure hunt' images on the pane. Both "Delivering the Mail" stamps with be first-day-of-issue July 23,2025.



Schooner (Stamped Postal Card ([62c+62c]) July 18

New stamped-card designs are issued every few years for customers who want to send postcards with postage already included. The latest features an illustration of a two-masted sea vessel based on a photo of a 2014 replica of the 1923 schooner Columbia.

Newly Published Book on Chinese Zodiac Stamp Collecting

Newly published, *China Shengxiao Philately* is a remarkable addition to Chinese philately researched by Dingguo Dai. Published by the All-China Philatelic Federation the book includes the study and collection of Chinese zodiac stamps. The book contains numerous illustrations covering 10 chapters, 51 sections, and nearly 600,000 words over 936 pages. Shengxiao refers to the Chinese zodiac, a traditional cultural system



based on a 12-year cycle, each represented by a different animal sign. Each chapter is introduced in English and U.S, stamp images for reference. An excellent addition to the Chinese philatelic library. Readers interested in the book should email Dingguo Dai at dgdai@yahoo.com for additional information

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has been honored with many stamps over the 250-year history of our nation.

The soldiers who fought have been venerated, including in the new Battlefields of the American Revolution pane which was issued in April 2025. Since the 1920s most of the Revolutionary War stamps have leaned toward commemorating the people who fought the war, including both generals and common soldiers. This article has only touched the surface of the history involved in this conflict and there exist other U.S. Revolutionary War stamps and postal stationery if you are contemplating starting a topical collection. This is not even to mention all the foreign stamps which have also commemorated this war. Improve your knowledge of history and start your topical collection today.

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Stamp Collectors Club of Toledo

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Fellow Philatelist,

I would like you to know about the Toledo Stamp Expo 2026, our 102nd philatelic show and bourse. This two-day show will be held at the Greystone Banquet Hall in Perrysburg, Ohio on February 27-28, 2026. We expect seventeen dealers, and we have fifty frames for exhibits. As some local and national shows are closing, we continue to thrive.

This year we are expanding our invitation for more exhibitors to participate. There will be APS accredited judges to evaluate the entries, as well as awards. We will be accepting one to ten frame exhibits. As this is a local show, it is an excellent opportunity for both beginners and experienced exhibitors to show and hone their exhibiting skills.

I invite you to exhibit and experience the Toledo Stamp Expo 2026. For a prospectus and more information about exhibiting or the expo, please contact me at the email address listed below.

Kind Regards,

Charles Schafstall Toledo Stamp Expo 2026 Chairperson cschafstall82@gmail.com