

USPS Announced U.S. Stamp Encore Contest



WASHINGTON — Today, the U.S. Postal Service is excited to announce the Stamp Encore Contest. To celebrate the organization's 250th anniversary, and gear up to celebrate the country's 250th anniversary, the public is invited to select a stamp pane from the past for re-printing as part of the 2026 Stamp program.

The Postal Service chose 25 stamp panes from some of its bestselling and most popular stamp issuances of the recent past. **Voting is open through Sept. 30**, both online and by mail. You can view the official rules and vote online at stampsforever.com/vote, or print a paper ballot from the website and mail it in.

This is an open invitation — everyone is welcome, and you can vote as many times as you want.

The Postal Service plans to announce the winning stamp design in May 2026 at the Boston 2026 World Expo to coincide with America's 250th anniversary celebrations.

Until then, the results will be a secret. List of stamps:

Art of Disney: Magic (2007)
Bugs Bunny (1997)
Batman (2015)
Charles M. Schulz (2022)
DC Comics Super Heroes (2006)
Disney Villains (2017)
Flag Act of 1818 (2018)
Have a Ball! (2017)

Mail a Smile (2015)
Peanuts (2001)
Star Wars: Droids (2021)
Wonder Woman (2016)
Frozen Treats (2018)
Heritage Breeds (2021)
Message Monsters (2021)
Send a Hello (2011) Total
Eclipse of the Sun (2017)

Bioluminescent Life (2018)
Classics Forever (2016)
Emancipation Proclamation (2013)
Happy Birthday (2021)
Let's Celebrate (2020) Mister
Rogers (2018) Star Trek
(2016) Transcontinental Railroad (2019)

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.

SEPTEMBER

9/1 No Meeting Labor Day Holiday - Church Closed

9/8 DSC Board Meeting AIRPEX Review

9/13 TUSCOPEX 2025 Stamp Show. Tuscora Stamp Club Tuscora Park Pavilion, 161 Tuscora Ave NW, New Philadelphia.

9/15 **DSC AUCTION #5 - Regular Member Auction**

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

9/26-7 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 Meeting, 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 PREVIEW 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 Auction**

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.

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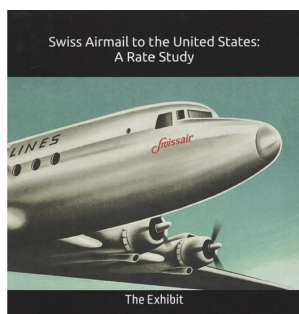


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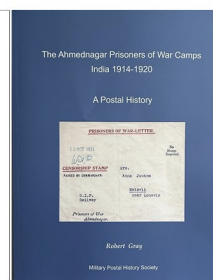
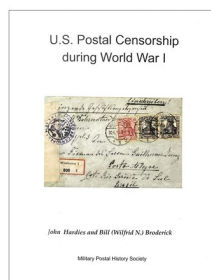


George Struble donated his latest book, "Swiss Airmail to the United States: A Rate Study." The Military Postal History Society recently released two new monographs written by their members. The first of these entitled "US Postal Censorship during World War I" was written by John Hardies and the late Bill Broderick. The second is a

postal history of "The Ahmednagar Prisoners of War

Camps India 1914-1920" by Robert Gray. The Ahmednagar camp in the Bombay Province was set up to hold German and Austrian prisoners interned in India at the start of the First War. The U.S. Consulates in India helped

the prisoners until 1917 when it entered the war, thereafter prisoners' interests were handled by the Swiss.



Source: Salem Stamp Society Newsletter, September 2025.



BOSTON 2026 WORLD EXPO

Boston 2026 General Volunteer Application Form

Are you passionate about history, culture, and the fascinating world of philately and postal history? The Boston 2026 World Expo is coming to Boston, MA from May 23 to May 30, 2026, and we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this global event a memorable experience for all. Whether you're a seasoned collector or simply curious about our philately, volunteering at this exposition is a unique chance to connect with people from around the world, learn from experts, and be part of a vibrant community celebrating this interesting hobby.

Volunteers will play a vital role in welcoming guests, assisting with exhibits, supporting educational activities, and ensuring the smooth operation of the event. No prior experience is necessary—just a willingness to help and a friendly attitude! If you're interested in joining us for this exciting week in Boston, or if you'd like to learn more about the event and volunteer opportunities, please complete the form below. We will match volunteers with positions as we get closer to the expo. We can't wait to see you there!

For information contact: Boston2026@stamps.org





U.S.A. Potatoes

POTATO TAX STAMPS OF 1935

On August 24, 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Potato Control Law, which led to the creation of short-lived Potato stamps.

The Potato Control Act was an amendment of the Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA). The AAA had been passed in 1933 by President Roosevelt to help boost agricultural prices by decreasing surpluses.

The Potato Control Act was first brought before the House on June 15, 1935, by John M. Jones and was signed into law two months later. The goal of the law was to help the nation's 30,000 potato farmers. The law went into effect on December 1, 1935. Part of the law restricted potatoes from being exported, instead providing that they be supplied for relief to those in need. The act also included a crop-adjustment program of plowing under every fifth row of potatoes to prevent a surplus. Each farmer was given a quota of production and for any excess had to pay a $\frac{3}{4}$ cent per pound tax. All the potatoes that were sold under the allotments were tax-free and for this, a tax-exempt stamp was used.

Under this law, people and companies were not allowed to buy or offer to buy any potatoes that were not packed in containers approved by the Secretary of Agriculture and sealed with the official stamps. If anyone was found in violation of the law, they could be fined \$1,000 for their first offense and \$1,000 and a year in jail for their second offense.

Many saw the act as radical and unconstitutional because the federal government was directly involved in the economic affairs of potato growers. Many were outraged. A group in New Jersey issued a statement, "That we protest against and declare that we will not be bound by the 'Potato Control Law,' an unconstitutional measure recently enacted by the United States Congress. We shall produce on our own land such potatoes as we may wish to produce and will dispose of them in such manner as we may deem proper."

The outrage over the law brought it before the Supreme Court. On January 6, 1936, the US Supreme Court declared that the AAA was unconstitutional. And a month later, the Potato Act was repealed on February 10. Few farmers used the stamps because they were only on sale for less than two months. Potato stamps were the only US stamps valued in an edible commodity.



Source: Mystic Stamp Company

Tax Paid Potatoes Stamps Tax Exempt Potatoes Stamps
50 lb RI₁ 100 lb RI₉ 200 lb RI₁₀ 2 lb RI₁₄ 5 lb RI₁₅ 10 lb RI₁₆



Eritrea, officially the **State of Eritrea**, is a country in the Horn of Africa region of East Africa, with its capital and largest city being Asmara. It is bordered

by Ethiopia to the south, Sudan to the west, and Djibouti to the southeast. The northeastern and eastern parts of Eritrea have an extensive coastline along the Red Sea. The nation has a total area of approximately 117,600 km (45,406 sq mi), and includes the Dahlak Archipelago

and several of the Hanish Islands. Hominid remains found in Eritrea have been dated to 1 million years old and anthropological research indicates that the area may contain significant records related to the evolution of humans.

Eritrea is a member of the African Union, the United Nations, and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, and is an observer state in the Arab League alongside Brazil and Venezuela.



Flag



Emblem

DAYTON STAMP CLUB PROGRAMS



Joe Shearer



Bill Streisel



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Jeff Fisher



George Hummel

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In Memory

Sandra Ralph (May 29, 1941–August 9, 2025)



Sandy enjoyed roller skating, in which she competed professionally and riding motorcycles with her husband, Bill. Sandy was an avid stamp collector and member of the Dayton Philatelic Society and served as President. Sandy worked for the City of Dayton for 30 years. In her extended career,

she served as a Recreation Center Director at numerous recreation centers. She was responsible for many innovative and creative programs, including the River's Edge Skate Race, a Citywide Disco Dance Contest, a special needs summer camp, a cross-country ski program and a motorcycle safety program. She oversaw a Satellite Recreation Program in Dayton Public Schools and helped sustain Wesleyan Nature Center until it became part of the MetroParks system. Sandy was a devoted wife and mother with a zest for fun and adventure and love for her furry friends. Her friends were family and enjoyed outdoor volleyball games,

Meetings / Activities

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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 Filer5t23wa

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: 7/15/2025

Six Fun Facts about Labor Day!



Happy Labor Day! Many of us will be enjoying this day off of work to celebrate the end of summer with family and friends at picnics, pool parties and BBQs. Here are some fun and interesting facts about Labor Day that might help you out in the next game of Trivial Pursuit!

Labor Day Facts

1. The first Labor Day was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882 in New York City, planned by the Central Labor Union. The Labor Day parade of about 10,000 workers took unpaid leave and marched from City Hall past Union Square uptown to 42nd street, and ended in endel's Elm Park at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue for a concert, speeches, and a picnic.
2. Oregon was the first to declare Labor Day an official holiday in 1887.
3. Labor Day is considered the 'unofficial NFL season kickoff.' 99.44 percent of the time, the NFL plays its first official season game the Thursday after Labor Day.
4. The first Waffle house opened on Labor Day. In 1955, in Avondale Estates, GA, the very first Waffle House opened its doors to the public.
5. What are we celebrating? The contributions and achievements of the 155 million men and women who are in the U.S. workforce.
6. On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.



1908-09 A New Design

When the 1902 series was issued, the Post Office Department received numerous complaints from collectors, as well as the public, concerning the stamps' poor designs. After public complaints about the previous issue's ornate designs, the Series of 1908-09 was designed with a cleaner, more modern look. Adopting the European custom of a single design of an existing monarch's head on many denominations – but having no monarch in the U.S., the U.S. Post Office chose two vignette designs, a Washington “head” and a Franklin “head.”

A simpler and more modern-looking border design was selected to be used on all denominations. The simplicity and uniformity of the new design greatly reduced production costs and extended the life of the steel printing plates. The first stamp in this new series,



the carmine 2¢ Washington, was issued on November 16, 1908. With a design based on

Houdon's bust of Washington, US #332 paid the domestic letter rate for a one-ounce letter.

When the Post Office Department issued the 1908 series, there were not enough different color inks for each denomination. Therefore, various shades of each color were used. For example, the 1¢ and 8¢ were both printed in green, and the 3¢ and 50¢ in purple, and the 5¢ and 15¢ in blue. Postal clerks complained that the stamps were too similar, making them difficult to distinguish, especially if they were in a hurry. In addition, the poor



Series of 1908-09, Scott #331-342

artificial lights hindered their ability to differentiate between the subtle shades.

Experiments were conducted using different inks printed on colored paper. These tests, however, determined this was not an effective solution to the problem. Finally, it was decided that the series should simply be split in half. The first seven stamps in the Series (1¢ – 7¢) carried the portrait of George Washington, except for the 1c which pictured our first postmaster Benjamin Franklin. The remaining stamps (8¢ – \$1) pictured President Washington.

The 1c (331) and 2c (332) stamps in the series were printed with denominations written out (“one” and “two”) with the remaining stamps indicating stamp's value numerically.

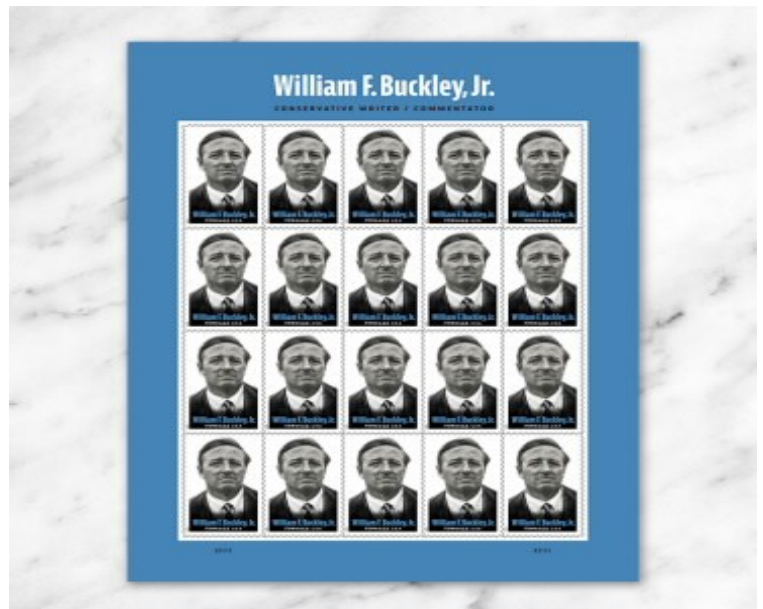
The first Washington–Franklin postage stamp to be released was a 2-cent stamp issued on November 16, 1908. Other denominations soon followed and would continue to appear through the first World War years, with the last Washington–Franklin postage stamp issued in 1923. The series thus survived for almost fifteen

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SUMMER SEPTEMBER 2025 USPS NEW ISSUES



September 13,
HOLIDAY CHEER, commemorative
 Forever first class one ounce mail rate,
 double side booklet of 20. Bouquet of
 three scarlet amaryllis flowers, a holi-
 day weath, topped with a red bow,
 winter fruit set against an evergreen
 branch and cardinals atop mistletoe.



September 9,
WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR. Commemorative,
 sheet of 20. The Forever-stamp will always be
 equal in value to the current First class, one
 ounce mail rate. Buckley was one of the most
 influential public intellectuals in modern. history.
 A leading voice in the conservative movement of
 the mid 20th century and played a defining role in
 shaping American political thought.



September 17
 Elie Wiesel (1928-2012) Honor humanitarian with
 Distinguished American Series commemorative
 two ounce Forever stamp in pane of 20 This
 stamp will always be valid for the printed rate



September 19
 Winter Landscapes Forever two-sided
 booklet depicting five different photo-
 graphed frozen scenes.

September Dayton Stamp Club Meetings

September 1 No Meeting Labor Day Holiday - Church Closed

September 8 Board Meeting All are WELCOME

September 15 **DSC AUCTION #5 - Regular Member Auction**

September 22 NO MEETING

September 29 DSC Meeting, Stamp/Cover That Illustrates an Item
on My Bucket List (or would, if I had a one)
Member Participation - 4-6 minutes



September 26 & 27

PRECANCEL STAMP SHOW

Ohio Precancel Club
(OPC) FALL Gathering

Eagles Aerie 2370,
5024 Monticello Ave NW,
Canton

Fr 9am-9p Sat 9am-3pm.

Dayton Stamp Club Members

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Series of stamps or

Exciting find?

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years, longer than any previous U.S. postage stamp series produced by a single printing organization

A simpler and more modern-looking border design was selected to be used on all denominations. The simplicity and uniformity of the new design greatly reduced production costs and extended the life of the steel printing plates. Due to lower international rates and higher weight limits per unit, the need for the \$2 and \$5 stamps diminished.

As the issue evolved through its seven series, Washington and Franklin replaced each other on



US 333

some values—marking the first time in United States postal history that two men had appeared on the same denomination in one issue. Indeed, both Washington and Franklin ultimately appeared on the 1-cent, 8-cent, 10-cent, 13-cent, 15-cent, 50-cent and 1-dollar values.

Shortly after the turn of the 19th–20th century the problem of improving stamps and production prompted debates in Congress and the Senate, debates into which President Theodore Roosevelt sometimes injected himself. For example, Roosevelt argued that in observance of the upcoming 100th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, Lincoln should be included in the new definitive 1908 issue then being planned. Lincoln, however, was omitted: instead he would be honored

with his own anniversary commemorative stamp in 1909. Many of the innovations employed in the production of the Washington–Franklin Issues were the result of this ongoing effort to improve on the production of U.S. Postage.

The Washington-Franklin stamps were meant to simplify postage but resulted in 220 major and 99 minor stamp varieties. These stamps utilize five different designs, two paper types, three printing methods, at least 14 perforations, several colors, and 20 denominations.

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