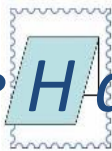




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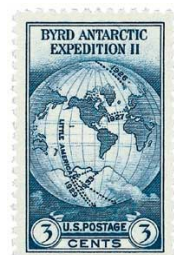
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Fall 2023

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Hamilton Township Public Library, 1 Justice Samuel A Alito Jr Way, (off of Whitehorse Mercerville Road), Hamilton, NJ 08619

September-November Meetings

Our September 19 meeting starts the 2023-2024 philatelic season. Our speaker will be Tom Geiger. Many of you will remember his talk several years ago about the Franklin one cent stamp from the Series of 1902. This is the second part of his presentation, focusing on the Private Perforations of that issue.



On October 17th, Hal Vogel and Robert Benninghoff will speak on "This Is Polar Philately". It will be an introduction to what is polar philately, reviewing its major areas, types of material and explaining how it differs (and is the same) as other areas of organized philately.

On November 21st, we are pleased to have Patricia Kaufmann return to give a presentation on "The Civil War, A postal system divided". Patricia is an expert in Civil War postal history and has written extensively on the subject.



We hope you will be able to join us for these interesting and informative presentations!

President's Message

As the HTPS celebrates its 48th anniversary, we look forward to one of the more interesting times in our history. Our primary goals remain the same – to promote philately in general and our Society's activities in particular.



We have some excellent speakers and presentations scheduled for this year and several community projects are in development.

To ensure the success of these events, we need more HTPS members to participate in the Society's activities. For example, we need someone to maintain the Event Calendar and another to assist in publicizing the HTPS and its programs.

While we still plan to have our meetings available on Zoom, I urge everyone who is able to make a special effort to attend our meetings in-person.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the September 19th meeting . . . Dennis.

Become a HTPS member today! **No dues for new members joining in 2023!** Contact us at email: info@HamiltonPhilatelic.org

The Perfect Haystack

At a recent stamp show, a gentleman sat down next to me and started to carefully examine a tub of world-wide stamps priced at 10c each. He would take a stamp from the bin, painstakingly examine it with his magnifier, and, on occasion, make a mark in a notebook and put the stamp aside. It did not seem to matter where the stamp was from or its condition, he never checked the perforations or watermarks, nor did he ever look the stamps up in a catalog. He didn't care if the stamp was large or small, definitive, or commemorative, regular issue or back of the book. Yet, he was very particular about which stamps he kept.

Needless to say, I was very perplexed by his behavior. At first, I thought he might have a topical collection and was looking for stamps with fish or mountain views. But no. Some of the stamps were boring issues with just numerals or a portrait of a monarch. What was he looking for?

Finally, curiosity got the better of me, and I asked him what he was collecting.

It was simple. He is trying to find a stamp postmarked every day in the twentieth century. That is 36,525 stamps. On the internet, you can print out a calendar for any month of any year – a total of 1,200 pages – and use it as an album page for your collection, filling each “space” with a stamp postmarked on that date. His notebook was simply a list of every day of the 20th century in which he would cross off an entry once he found a stamp for that date.

How was his collection going?

Well, some days are easier to find than others. Obviously, Sunday and holiday postmarks are less common than normal weekdays, but they can still be located. Since the collection is worldwide, it doesn't matter if there is a postal strike or a natural disaster in a particular country disrupting the mail service. The biggest problem is that most used stamps – he suggested 99.99% - do not have a legible date on them. Even if the postmark is clear, some countries just put the day and month on their

postmark and not the year. Japan uses the year of the reign of their emperor on their postmarks. Finding a clear date cancel is like looking for a needle in a haystack, and a bin of 10c stamps is the perfect haystack.

As the morning progressed, he would get calls from family members asking if he was ready to leave. “Not yet” he would reply as he was having a great time looking through the tub of stamps. Finally, around noontime, his family arrived to pick him up. It was Father's Day, and as a gift, they were taking him out to lunch. As he left, he turned to me and whispered, “I'd rather stay here and stamp!”

Stamp Identification

This month's stamp has a simple design and enough clues just from the text so no help given here. You are on your own!

\$1.00 in mint U.S. postage stamps is given to the first correct responder.



Stamp Collecting 101 – “Hot Iron Hinge Removal” (37th in our series of helpful hints and tricks)



To remove a hinge remnant from a stamp, one normally would soak the stamp in warm water. However, this is a messy job, and will often cause harm to a mint stamp.

There are several alternate methods. One way is to brush the hinge with a wet Q-tip or fine paint brush, careful not to wet the stamp itself. After a few minutes, you can try to remove the hinge. Another, moisture-free, method is to carefully rub the hinge with a spade type of stamp tong. Depending on the type of hinge, the heat caused by the friction of the tong will cause the hinge glue to soften. After about 15 seconds of rubbing, try to remove the hinge. You will be surprised have often this method works!

Upcoming Events

September 2023 . . .

- 9/1-3 – BALPEX, Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Rd., I-83 Exit 20 East, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030
<https://www.balpex.org/balpex.html>
- 9/02 Merchantville Saturday Stamp Bourse, Martin Luther Chapel, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08110 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
<https://www.merchantvillestampclub.org/>
- 9/09 Clifton Stamp Cover Postcard & Collectables Show, Clifton Community Recreation Center 1232 Main Avenue @ Washington Avenue Clifton, NJ 07011 – 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
<http://www.clifton-stamp-society.org/>
- 9/16 3rd Saturday Bourse – Burlington Masonic 2308 Mt Holly Rd, Burlington Township, NJ 08016 – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM – Call Ryan at 215-287-9326
- 9/17 Tri-State Monthly Stamp & Coin Show, Sheraton Bucks County, 400 Oxford Valley Rd, Langhorne, PA 19047 – 9:30 – 3:30.
- 9/19 HTPS MEETING – Hamilton Township Library – Hamilton, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting starts at 7:00 PM**
- 9/20 Merchantville Stamp Club Meeting – Temple Lutheran Church – 5600 Route 130 North (Merchantville Ave) – Pennsauken, NJ – Opens at 6:30 PM – Meeting at 8:00 PM
<https://www.merchantvillestampclub.org/>

October 2023...

NOJEX SHOW CANCELLED

Following the withdrawal of the ASDA, NOJEX has announced that they will not hold a 2023 show and will request a bye in their World Series of Philately status for 2023. NOJEX had been scheduled for October 6-8 at the Meadowlands Hilton hotel in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

www.nojex.org

- 10/07 Merchantville Saturday Stamp Bourse, Martin Luther Chapel, 4100 Terrace Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08110 – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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The objective of our Newsletter is to promote philately, educate and inform our members and the public, and to encourage other like-minded individuals to join the Hamilton Township Philatelic Society.

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----- **HTPS Meeting Program** -----

- ⇒ Sept. 19 – Tom Geiger – Private Perforations of the Benjamin Franklin One Cent Green
- ⇒ Oct. 17 – Hal Vogel & Robert Benninghoff - Polar Philately
- ⇒ Nov. 21 – Patricia Kaufmann - The Civil War, A postal system divided
- ⇒ Dec. 19 – Holiday Party / Show ‘n Tell
- ⇒ Jan. 16 – Rod Juell - Fourth Bureau Era

The First Vatican City Stamps



You might think the first stamps of the Vatican were in 1929 when it became an independent city-state. However, the first Italian States stamps of the Papal

State, also known as the Roman States, were actually issued in 1852. A total of 25 stamps were issued between 1852 and 1868, all of them featuring the “Keys of St. Peter” and the “Papal Crown”. The size of the Papal State, which once included much of central Italy, was greatly reduced during the Italian Wars of Independence (1848-1866). The Papal State was finally conquered in 1870 by King Victor Emmanuel. Any collector of stamps of the Papal States should be aware that they have been extensively counterfeited and reprinted, many with fake cancellations.

Newsletter Articles . . .

We welcome articles, ideas, or suggestions. Email us at hinge@HamiltonPhilatelic.org.

If you would like to be added to the Zoom invitation to our meetings, or have a suggestion for a future HTPS program, please email us at info@HamiltonPhilatelic.org



BOSTON 2026 WORLD EXPO

Every decade since the 1910s, the US has hosted an international philatelic exhibition. The 12th International Philatelic Exhibition of the US will take place in Boston from May 23-30, 2026. This will be an amazing event that every collector –from the beginning to the most advanced –will want to attend.

The exhibition committee is arranging special hotel rates, and a number of events for accompanying members. Mark your calendar now for the Boston 2026 World Stamp Expo. Check out their website, <https://boston2026.org/> for more information.