

Ellen Weisz picked up her personal perforator and saw the Queen of England the same week

Perfins Club life member Ellen M. Weisz (34-L) caught the perfins collecting bug from her good friends Dave and Dorothy Stump. Dave was the Club's long time editor, secretary, and president.

Weisz and husband Bob, a stamp dealer, were scheduled to attend an international stamp show in London in 1980, so Ellen wrote ahead to Baddeley Brothers, ordered a perforator with her initials (EM/W), and asked them to have it ready when she arrived.

Ellen says one of the highlights of the London stamp show was a visit by Queen Elizabeth. Ellen couldn't get in a good position to see the arrival of the Queen so she gave up and went back to her husband's booth. Moments later, the Queen showed up directly in front of the booth and Ellen was able to get a picture as the Queen passed less than two feet away.

Husband Bob is semi-retired from the stamp business (he was the Stamp King in Arlington Heights, IL) and the two of them divide their time between their Arlington Heights home, a Florida condo, and a cabin in Canada. Bob still has a booth at stamp shows under his own name and helps run stamp shows around the country. Ellen admits she hasn't been very active with perfins collecting recently, but the interest is still there.

She's back in Illinois now and says she will be glad to perforate current U.S. stamps with her EM/W pattern for members who send along current stamps plus an SASE.

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