
Most Expensive Stamp in the Florida Show

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[Ed. Note: This item would have been presented last month except for the inevitable ‘technical difficulties.’ A broken scanner, but persistence on David’s part got me the illustration after April was ‘put to bed.’ This was slated to run with Jerry Hejduk’s note on page 50 of the April Bulletin and the “Florida Show” refers to the Florida Precancel Club’s February bourse in Orlando, Fla.]

The attached photo shows the stamp. For the uninitiated it looks like a common P56.15 Parke Davis perfin on a very rough condition precancelled stamp. This is an "E" rated perfin. The stamp has a tear, is a straight edge, and has a very heavy post cancel. However this particular stamp is Sc# 468 on

the Experimental Bureau Precancel (#468-32). In good condition this stamp catalogs at \$2,500.00.



In Color

It did sell for less than half the catalog price. It is the first copy of this denomination with this precancel type and this perfin pattern known to me.

It pays to look at both the perfin and the precancel!