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## Stamp Quiz



**Four stamp sleuths correctly guessed last month's stamp quiz. Congratulations to John Hamman, Valeriy Palubok, Bob Inderbitzen, and Jack Harwood for identifying the stamp as Spain Scott 820, the 40 centimos, rose violet, Franco definitive of 1955. Stay tuned for next month's quiz!**



## Jim Mazepa Receives 2024

### Lichtenstein Award

Press release from the Collectors Club (N.Y.)

The Collectors Club has named one of America's leading philatelists as the newest honoree with its Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Distinguished Service to Philately. He is **Dr. James P. Mazepa** of University Park, Fla. The award was announced at the club's annual meeting in New York on Jan. 10, 2024.

Larry Haber, the president of the Collectors Club, said Mazepa's selection by the award's nominating committee was unanimously endorsed by the club's 15 directors.

In forwarding its recommendation to the board, the committee noted:

"With his deep knowledge and experience, Dr. Mazepa has been for decades a mentor and advisor to scores of philatelists in the United States and overseas... his nomination for the Lichtenstein Award is frankly long overdue."

The naming of a single recipient marks a return to traditional practice by the club; last year it took the unusual step of naming three winners: Trish Kaufmann, Randy Neil and Charles Verge. In previous years it has always named one or, at most, two people.

His longtime focus has been on the philately of Poland and Ukraine, where his grandparents immigrated from, with particular interest in Poland's first issue of 1860 and the immediate post-World War I period. He has also expanded his interests to include Mexico, Guatemala and other Latin American areas. He also collects and has built an exhibit around the Poland commemorative of the U.S. 1942 "Overrun Countries" issue.

Over his lifetime, Mazepa has written extensively about philately, with over 200 articles and monographs under his belt, most recently an article on Poland's postal communications to Ukraine and Russia in the Jan.-Feb. 2024 issue of the *Collectors Club Philatelist*. He is also the editor of the *Polonus Bulletin*, both of which cover Polish philately.

Mazepa began collecting at the age of 9 when his mother bought him an album and 300 foreign stamps. He immediately got a roll of Scotch tape and put them in the album. Among the first stamps he bought, from the only stamp store in Gary, Indiana was a set of U.S. Overrun Countries for 99¢.

Mazepa recalls that he "grew up in the 'philatelic incubator' of the Collectors Club of Chicago and the Chicago Philatelic Society. Great mentors and philatelic greats: Bud Hennig, Les Winick, Jay Bard, Richard Canman, Bill Bauer, Charles Hann, Floyd Risvold, Harvey Karlen, Arthur Salm among others."

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## The Prez Sez ...

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The club just completed the 71st annual stamp show (That's 71 folks!!) - wow. Special thanks to all the members of our club and the Venice Club who helped out in some capacity. We had over 600 paid attendees. The show featured the debut of a booth devoted to "Stamps in your Attic" - superbly managed by Dick Murphy; it

offered advice and counsel to "clients" with collections they inherited or found. It was busy each and every day.

Also just completed (at the February meeting) was the annual Club Auction; it featured over 40 lots that were made up from material that had been donated to the club over the past year as well as lots offered by a number of club members. Frank Blum acted as auctioneer - capably assisted by Jack

### Next Meeting:

**Tuesday March 5th - 6:30PM -**

### Program

**Show and Tell: priority given to "finds" from lots purchased at the club auction or at the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition**

Harwood and Dan Walker who tracked the \$\$ and David Harper who acted as runner. I especially want to thank the "gang" who had the room already set up when I arrived "early" with the club lots and the crew who stayed to put everything away. The club lots netted over \$300. All in all a fun time.

Happy collecting, Pat

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## Jim Mazepa Receives 2024 Lichtenstein Award (*Continued*)

After a career as a professor of family psychology at the University of Chicago, he retired and enjoyed a second career as a financial planner. He won his first Champion of Champions award in 2000 for his exhibit "Mexico: The First Issues of 1856-61." He won the Champion of Champions again—one of very few philatelists to repeat that accomplishment—in 2017 for "Colonial Central America, 1630-1824." Meantime, he has also managed to win no fewer than 12 international gold or large gold awards for those and other exhibits.

Mazepa's resume of contributions includes serving on the organizing teams of U.S. international stamp shows as far back as Ameripex in 1986. He has served as president or chairman of a number of prominent societies; sat on the expert committees of the American Philatelic Society, the Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society and the Polonus Philatelic Society; chaired the A.P.S. International Committee for eight years; been a leading philatelic judge at both the national and international level and served as the U.S. commissioner for 13 overseas exhibitions. He has been the recipient of some of philately's highest awards, including being invited in 2015 to sign the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists, perhaps the hobby's greatest honor. The A.P.S. in 2010 bestowed its John N. Luff award on Mazepa, and in 2008 he became one of only three Americans elected to the Real Academia Hispánica de Filatelia e Historia Postal (Royal Spanish Academy of Philately and Postal History). He is also a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London. In 2023 the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors bestowed on him its Bud Hennig Award for excellence in judging.

"Bud Hennig got me into judging and was my mentor," Mazepa said. "One of the first exhibitions he and I judged was the Polpex exhibition of the Polonus society. He told me to first look at the exhibition catalog to review the exhibits... The exhibits were in two categories: Poland and Foreign! This is why receiving the AAPE Hennig award meant so much to me."

Mazepa and his wife, Jean, have been married for 53 years. His other interests include reading history books and biographies of U.S. statesmen, philatelic research and writing, and cooking.

Alfred F. Lichtenstein (1876-1947) was widely considered one of the greatest American philatelists of the first half of the 20th century. The award in his memory was established by the Collectors Club in 1952, and its first recipient was Lichtenstein's good friend and co-founder of the Philatelic Foundation, Theodore Steinway.

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## Jim Mazepa Receives 2024 Lichtenstein Award (Continued)

In addition to the Lichtenstein award, the club announced its award for Best Presentation of 2022 to Jean Wang for her Nov. 2 online talk, "Evolution of a Thematic Exhibit - Blood: A Modern Medicine"; and the Robert P. Odenweller Award for Best Article in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* to Steven Roth for his two-part "Mail by Stage Coach: The Carriage of Mail by Eastern Stage Lines before 1860," which appeared in Vol. 101 Nos. 3 and 4.

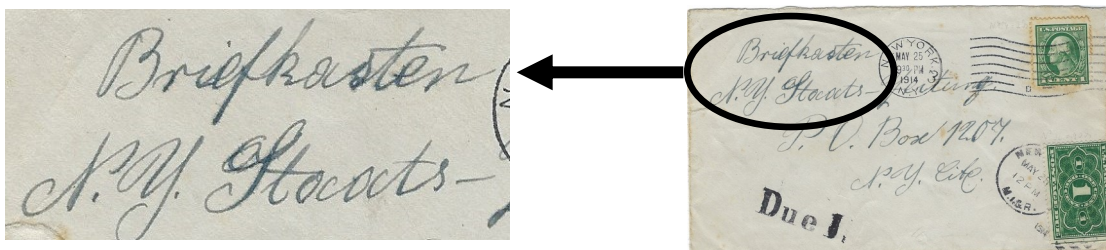
More information can be found at the club's web site, [www.collectorsclub.org](http://www.collectorsclub.org) (End News Release)

The Sarasota Philatelic Club wishes Jim Mazepa congratulations on a well-deserved award!

## Philatelic Pheedback and Letters to the Editor

Regarding last month's article, "Update on Cover with Parcel Post Postage Due Stamp," Gisela Weinland writes:

*Thanks for the newsletter and the interesting article. It does not say "BRIEFKARTEN" but "BRIEFKASTEN" meaning "mailbox"! It says: "Mailbox — N.Y. State's newspaper by mail" (letter newspaper). Also look at the "s" at the end of "Staats". It is not a letter "r". Sorry to disagree with the experts.*

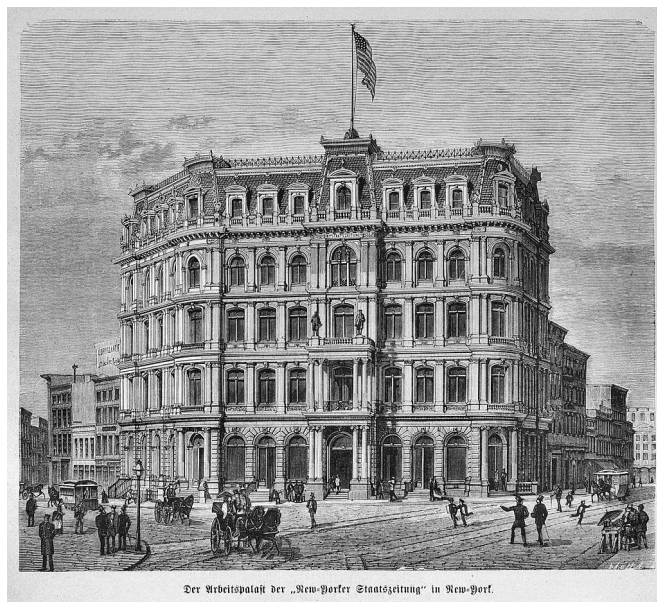


(Editor Responds) You're the expert on this matter, Gisela. We'll go with your assessment. Thanks for adding even more information about this interesting cover. The cover was still shortpaid, so how it ended up in the Mail Inspection and Ratings Department of the New York Post Office and received a parcel post postage due remains a mystery.

Gisela also provided the following information from Wikipedia:

*The New Yorker Staats-Zeitung, nicknamed, "The Staats", claims to be the leading German language weekly newspaper in the United States and is one of the oldest, having been published since the mid-1830s. In the late 19th century, it was one of New York City's major daily newspapers, exceeded in circulation only by the New York World and the New-York Tribune. Among other achievements, as of its sesquicentennial anniversary in 1984 it had never missed a publication date, thereby laying claim to the title of being continuously published longer than any other newspaper (of any language) in America.*

Wikipedia goes on to provide a tremendous amount of information about the weekly newspaper. Also, apparently the newspaper currently has its headquarters in... Sarasota, Florida. How's that for a connection? Talk about coming full circle!



**Staats-Zeitung Building (1873-1907), Printing House Square, New York City.**

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