



# Poway Stamp Club

## NEWSLETTER

*San Diego County's Best Stamp Collecting Club*



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### **Poway Stamp Club Goals**

To promote a closer social relationship among stamp collectors of Poway, San Diego, and vicinity, and to assist in spreading the knowledge of stamps and the pleasures derived from stamp collecting to those interested in philately.

### **Contact Us**

Poway Stamp Club  
12675 Danielson Ct #413,  
Poway, CA 92064

### **Club E-mail**

[PSCphilately@gmail.com](mailto:PSCphilately@gmail.com)

### **PSC Website:**

[Powaystampclub.com](http://Powaystampclub.com)



November 13th 2024

## **NEXT CLUB MEETINGS**

The Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>

***Richard Stern***  
***Second Bureau Issues***

The meeting will begin with our regular Club business followed by the member presentation and a “Club Voice Sale.” Following the meeting will be Member trading and socialization. Members are encouraged to bring in stamps and other items for sale or trade with other club members. This is an opportunity for all our members to sell or trade with one another their duplicate stamps.

There is **NO Second** meeting in November:





# Poway Stamp Club

## 2024-25 Club Meeting Schedule/Presentations:

The following is this year's meeting schedule; all events are proposed and subject to change as necessary to accommodate other events such as Auctions.

### 2024 Club Board:

**President:** Art Berg  
**V President** David Klauber  
**Treasurer:** Bill Kolb  
**Secretary:** Trice Klauber  
**Board (At Large)** David Waller  
**Board (At Large)** Jim Grundy  
**Prev. President** Thor Strom  
**Program Dir.** Bill Wacenske

### 2024 PSC Club Volunteers:

**Club Registrar:** Trice Klauber  
**Auctioneer:** Jim Grundy  
**Club Librarian** Scott Boyd  
**Newsletter Editor** David Klauber  
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 David Waller  
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### PSC Representatives:

**Federal Rep:** Bill O'Connor  
**S.D. Phil. Council:** Nick Soroka  
**Rep (Alternate)** Art Berg  
**Chapter 112097 APS Ambassador**  
 Trice Klauber  
**ATA Rep** Bob McArthur

November	Nov	13, 2024	<b>Richard Stern – 2<sup>nd</sup> Bureau</b>
	Nov	27, 2024	No Meeting
December	Dec	11, 2024	<b>Holiday Dinner</b>
	Dec	--	No Meeting
January	Jan	8, 2025	<b>PSC Elections</b>
	Jan	22, 2025	<b>Ron Couchot</b>
February	Feb	12, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	Feb	26, 2025	TBD – Presentation
March	Mar	12, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	Mar	26, 2025	TBD – Presentation
April	Apr	10, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	Apr	24, 2025	TBD – Presentation
May	May	8, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	May	22, 2025	TBD – Presentation
June	Jun	11, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	Jun	25, 2025	TBD – Presentation
July	Jul	9, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	Jul	23, 2025	TBD – Presentation
August	Aug	13, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	Aug	27, 2025	TBD – Presentation
September	Sept	10, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	Sept	24, 2025	TBD – Presentation
October	Oct	8, 2025	TBD – Presentation
	Oct	22, 2025	<b>Ugly Stamp Contest</b>





# Christmas Party

By: Trice Klauber

**The Holiday Party** – The Club has confirmed that we will be celebrating the holiday this year with a dinner/gathering. We will celebrate the holidays on **December 11th, 2024, at 6:00 pm**. A Map to the restaurant is included on the next page.



## Location:

**OLIVE GARDEN  
11555 CARMEL MOUNTAIN RD  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92128**

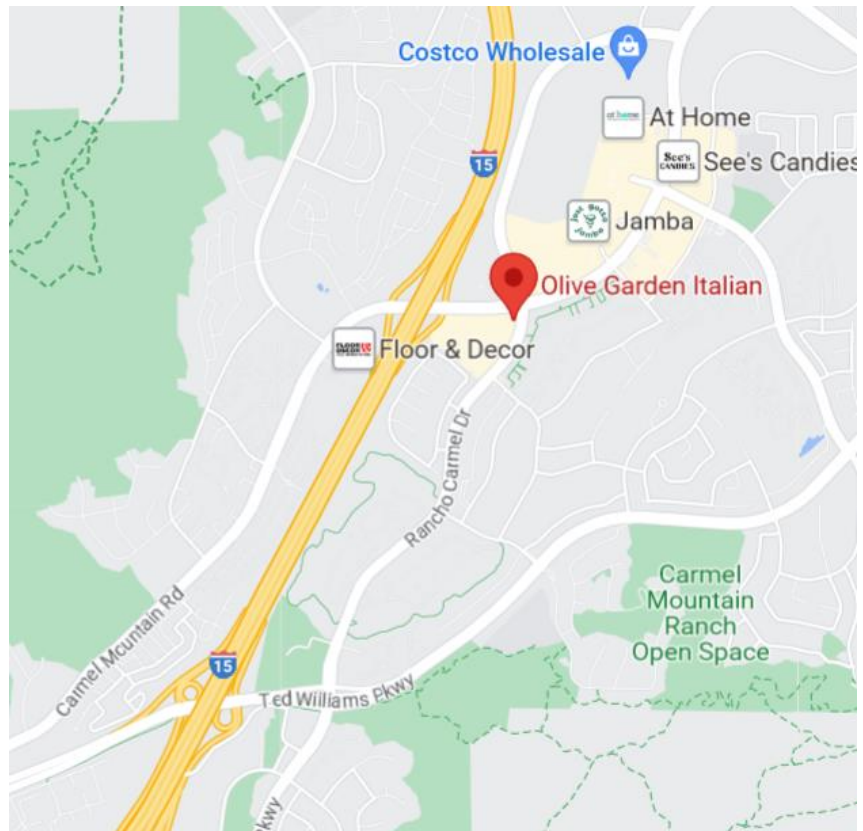
The club pays for members who are current as of this notice. Members are responsible for their guests' expenses. The cost for each additional guest is \$25.00 as well as any alcohol purchased. All Alcohol must be purchased at the bar. Please look at listed menu items below as these will be available for you to choose from our menu. All dinners include bread sticks, soup or salad, soft drinks. You may select from the following entrees:

- Spaghetti and Meatball
- Fettuccine Alfredo
- Shrimp Scampi
- Lasagna Classico
- Eggplant Parmigiana
- Chicken Alfredo
- Chicken Parmigiana
- Tour of Italy

A dessert will also be provided.

We have 100 seats, and Trice is now accepting RSVP's and collecting for Guest meals, your cooperation on guest pre-payments prior to the event is greatly appreciated. However, at-the-door guest payments will be accepted. A count of those planning to attend is needed by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

As we will have space limitations at this location, we will not have a prize raffle. We will enjoy our holiday dinner with our fellow Poway Stamp Club members.



**Map**  
***Olive Garden, Carmel Mountain Rd***

**Directions:** From Interstate-15, take the Carmel Mountain Road exit. Turn East.  
The restaurant is on the corner of Carmel Mountain Rd and Rancho Carmel Drive.

Regards, Trice **[Indysmama@gmail.com](mailto:Indysmama@gmail.com)**

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## **Elections!!**

Club Elections will be held during our first meeting in January, please contact Bill O'Connor to make any additional nominations.





### APS

Many of our PSC club members are also members of the American Philatelic Society. The PSC is also a member of the APS. If 33% of our members are also members of the APS the club receives a free year's membership.

### Meetings

Club meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of each month except November & December at:

Philatelic Library  
12675 Danielson Ct #413,  
Poway, CA 92064

### Participation

All Stamp Club members are strongly encouraged to provide input for the monthly Club newsletter. Your knowledge and expertise should be shared. Please submit items to the Club Secretary at:

[PSCphilately@gmail.com](mailto:PSCphilately@gmail.com)

### Club Website

[PowayStampClub.com](http://PowayStampClub.com)

You will find our activities and affiliations, interesting links, and contact information including this Newsletter's current and previous versions! Give it a try!

You can use the Web site to introduce others to our Club.



## Club Notes:

1. **Poway Stamp Club Meetings** - The Poway Stamp Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. It is so nice to see all our philatelic friends again.
2. **Ugly Stamp Contest Winner** - Maintaining his spot at the top of the contest entrants was again, Mr. Jim Grundy whose talents at serial telling of untruths were exceeded by no one else who entered. Congratulations to Jim on an interesting story and winning our annual Ugly Stamp Contest.

3. **Local Show** (New shows this year!)

## SANDIPEX 2024

### Show Schedule

November 10

December 8

**Free Admission! – Free Parking!**  
**Doors open from 10 am – 4 pm**

The show is located just 4 blocks to the north of the Philatelic Library on Poway Road. The show is held at the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge, 13219 Poway Road Poway, CA 92064. Ph# 714-476-3698 Email: [cbcstamp@aol.com](mailto:cbcstamp@aol.com)

4. **Club Participation** – All Club members are strongly encouraged to provide input for the bi-monthly newsletter. Join our Writers Guild which is Internationally recognized for our Newsletters. Your participation is critical to our success as a Club. Please submit items to the Club Secretary at [Indysmama@gmail.com](mailto:Indysmama@gmail.com).



## Bid/Book Board Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs) :

- You must be a paid member of PSC to buy or sell.
- You may join the PSC, contact [PSCPhilately@gmail.com](mailto:PSCPhilately@gmail.com)
- Ten percent of the sale price will go to support our club.
- Sellers may list ten items each session, Minimum bids must include local shipping.
- All unsold lots will automatically be relisted next session.
- The seller must notify us to remove a listing.
- Sellers must notify us to remove or change the listing price.
- Minimum prices of items must contain the cost to ship the item listed locally (i.e., San Diego County)
- Buyers outside of SD County are responsible for additional shipping charges.
- The Minimum prices listed on the Site are not updated, a list of the current bids will be posted "periodically" for buyers, this is not eBay.
- At the end of each session, Buyer-Sellers will be contacted and introduced via E-mail to allow the coordination of the payment and shipping.

<https://powaystampclub.com/bid-board>

5. **Quality Shows** – Stephen Pattillo, *P.O. Box 604, Fullerton, CA 92836, Phone: 562-694-2828* email: [number1banana@hotmail.com](mailto:number1banana@hotmail.com)

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**The Van Nuys Stamp Show**  
9:30 am to 4 pm  
The Masonic Hall  
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405

**2024 Dates**  
January 7  
February 4  
March 10  
April 7  
May 5  
June 2  
July 7  
August 4  
September 1  
October 6  
November 3  
December 1

**The Anaheim Stamp Show**  
9:30 am to 4 pm  
Brookhurst Community Center  
2271 Crescent Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92801

**2024 Dates**  
January No Show  
February 11  
March 17  
April 14  
May 19  
June 9  
July 14  
August 11  
September 29  
October 20  
November 17  
December 22

**9:30 AM to 4 PM**  
**Free Admission, Parking & Appraisals**  
**Buying & Selling**

6. **World on Stamps** – Everything it seems, about our world has appeared on postage stamps, from a time before humankind walked the earth to our humble beginning and from those beginnings to our first tentative reach for the stars and everything one can imagine in between. – Datz
7. **CLUB DUES** - Dues for 2025 are due and payable to our Secretary. The dues are \$10 and may be paid by mail if you cannot attend the November meeting. Your dues must be up to date by February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (the final day) if you plan to attend the San Diego Stamp Show and participate in our Voucher programs. Make cheques out to "Poway Stamp Club." Please mail to Trice Klauber, P.O. Box 848 Julian Ca 92036-0848.
8. **New PSC Editor** – Starting in January 2025 the PSC Newsletter will have a new Editor, Mr. David Waller, I am certain the David is more than up to the task and he will make us all proud. It has been my pleasure to have been your Editor since 2017 but its time for new blood! (David K.)

## Upcoming Local Stamp Shows

### San Diego Stamp Show 2025

An APS World Series of  
Philately National Level  
Show

Friday, Feb 21 10 AM - 6  
PM

Sat, Feb 22 10 AM - 6 PM

Sun, Feb 23 10 AM - 3 PM

20+ Stamp Dealers -  
Nationwide Participation

150+ Competitive Exhibit  
Frames  
Free Admission

Location: **Hilton**  
San Diego Mission Valley  
901 Camino del Rio South,  
San Diego, CA 92108  
February 21 - 23, 2025

**Society of Israel  
Philatelists**

Contact:  
<https://sandiegostampshow.net>

9. **January Club Elections** – January 8 is election day for the Poway Stamp Club. Our current slate of candidates for 2025 stands as follows:

#### Officers

**President** Art Berg

**Vice President** David Klauber

**Secretary** Trice Klauber

**Treasurer** Bill Kolb

#### Board Members

**Past President** Thor Strom

**Member at Large** David Waller

**Member at Large** Jim Grundy

**Program Director** Bill Wacenske

Members may nominate from the floor at the meeting if they have permission from the person they are nominating in advance.



## Member Spotlight!

*By Newsletter Editor*

*The Poway Stamp Club  
Newsletter highlights its  
New members in each Issue.  
Today's spotlight is on our  
Newest Members Newest Members*



**Steve Elliott  
Phil Kumler**

We have had **2 new members** added since our last newsletter.

### **#600 Steve Elliott, Encinitas, Ca.**

Joined us at a Club meeting and was presented for membership by Karen Fraser and accepted. He is a new stamp collector looking for a focus welcome to the club Steve!

### **#601 Phil Kumler, Tualatin Oregon.**

Phil joined our Club after he applied for membership he was presented for membership by Art Berg. He has a collecting interest in China.

**This brings our total paid membership to 158. We look forward to getting together at PSC meetings with our new members**

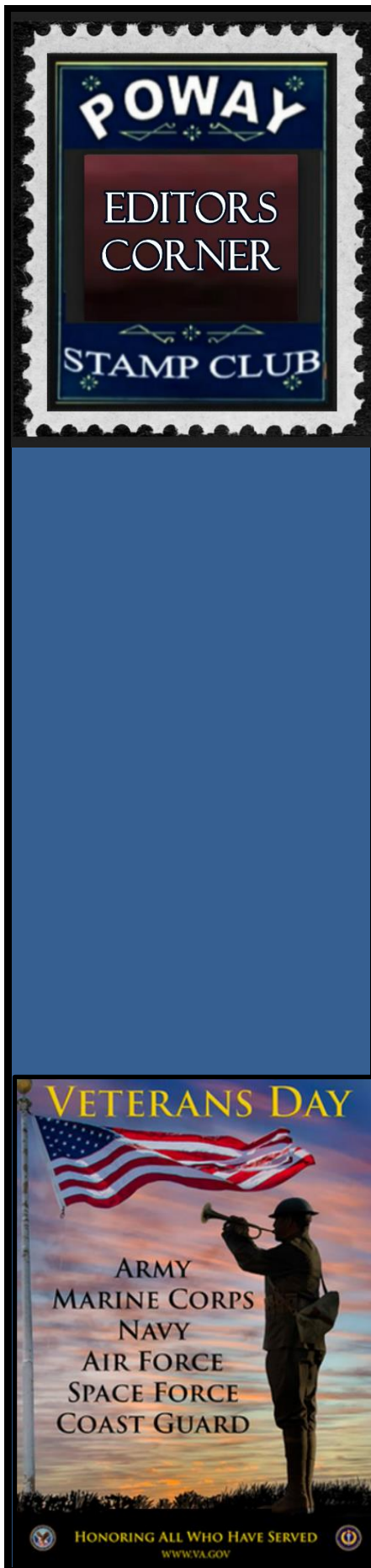


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## Editors Corner

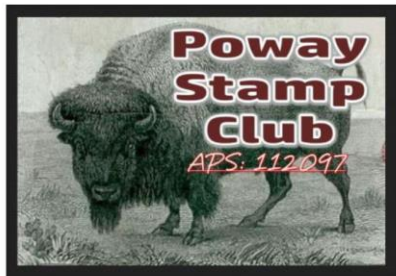
By David Klauber



The U.S. Postal Service and its predecessor, the U.S. Post Office Department, have issued quite a few stamps over the years commemorating the military history of the United States. These have included stamps about wars, battles, military leaders, heroes, medals, and weapons of war. They have also issued various stamps specifically honoring the men and women who have served in uniform. Here is a list of U.S. postage stamps honoring veterans:

Year	SC#	Topic
1945	929	U.S. Marines
1945	934	U.S. Army
1945	935	U.S. Navy
1945	936	U.S. Coast Guard
1946	940	Veterans of World War II (honorable discharge emblem)
<b>1949</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>Grand Army of the Republic veterans (Civil War Union vets)</b>
1951	918	Confederate veterans
1952	1013	Service Women
1953	1017	National Guard
1955	1055	Armed Forces Reserve
1969	1369	American Legion (a veteran's organization)
1974	1525	Veterans of Foreign Wars (another veteran's organization)
1975	1565	Continental Army
1976	1566	Continental Navy
1976	1567	Continental Marines
1976	1568	American Militia
<b>1979</b>	<b>1802</b>	<b>Vietnam Veterans</b>
1984	2103	Hispanic Americans (a Hispanic Medal of Honor winner is in the forefront)
<b>1984</b>	<b>2109</b>	<b>Vietnam Veterans Memorial</b>
1985	2152	Korean War Veterans
1985	2154	World War I Veterans
1997	2551	Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield
1995	2988j	Hometowns Honor World War II Vets (World War II series)
<b>2000</b>	<b>3186i</b>	<b>GI Bill (a post-World War II veterans education program) (Celebrate the Century)</b>
2003	3803	Korean War Veterans Memorial

[Collecting Search Tags: United States stamps, United States commemorative stamps, military theme stamps, military history, military uniforms, medals, memorials, architecture]



## 2024 Salute to our Military Veterans

This Veterans Day, the Poway Stamp Club, takes great pleasure in saluting those of its members and friends who have served in the armed forces of the United States. They are:

- Aviation Electricians Mate Second Class Charles Bigler, US Navy – Vietnam
- Captain Ron Couchot, US Navy (Retired)
- Captain Robert Cyboron, US Navy (Retired)
- Corp. Eric Chaulset, US Marine Corps – Vietnam
- Sgt. Peter Fink, Peter Fink, US Marine Corps, -Vietnam
- First Lieutenant James Grundy, US Army – Vietnam
- Stephen Gill, US Army Specialist 5 – Germany
- Captain Richard Gunderson, (Supply Corps), US Navy (Retired)
- Raymond Hacecky, US Navy (Retired)
- Sonar Technician (Surface) Third Class Anthony Harmon, US Navy – Vietnam
- Jim Humphrey, Specialist 4 US Army - Vietnam
- Captain Phil Kumler, US Navy – Desert Storm – Enduring Freedom
- Roy Lee Libby, LCpl USMC – WESTPAC
- Les Luckfeld, Sargent US Army - Vietnam
- Specialist Four Manuel Marti, US Army – Vietnam
- Lieutenant Commander Robert McArthur, US Navy (retired) – Vietnam
- First Lieutenant William O'Connor, US Army – Vietnam
- Hospital Corpsman First Class Larry Parlin, US Navy (retired) – Vietnam
- Aviation Electronics Technician First Class Teela Pongpakdee, US Navy (retired) Iraq, Afghanistan
- First Lieutenant Jon Schrag, US Army – Vietnam
- Machinist Mate Second Class William Wacenske, US Navy – Vietnam
- Captain Jack Wadlington, US Army - Vietnam
- Captain Nathaniel Ward, US Army (retired) – Vietnam
- Captain Leo Valley, US Airforce
- Captain Darby Walker, US Navy – Vietnam
- Colonel Thomas Young, US Air Force (retired) - Vietnam

Thank you for your service!



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Thank You Veterans



For Your Service

## POSTAL HISTORY



## Member Article

By Bill O'Connor

### A Brief Look at Some of the Joint issues of Ireland



Over the years numerous countries have issued postage stamps of similar designs in order to promote historical events and specific anniversaries that relate to shared interests. The French and British omnibus series come readily to mind. Specific joint issues of the modern era are normally between two countries with very similar designs, usually by the same artist. What follows are some examples of Irish joint issues, beginning in 1981, which shows stamps being issued for very specific events and timelines associated with the same anniversary and/or event that have bound two countries closely together.

The first joint issue that Ireland produced was with the United States. The architect for the White House happened to be born in Ireland. His name was James Hoban, and three stamps were actually issued. An 18-cent and a 20-cent stamp, the latter being issued due to a rate increase in America. These stamps were issued in 1981, and except for the country name and amount of postage, are identical.



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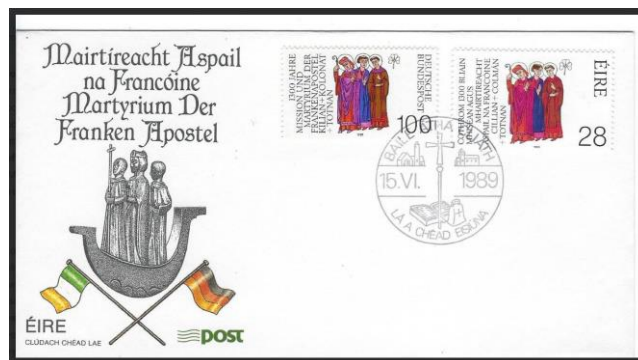


Illustrated is the Joint Issue produced by the Irish National Stamp Exhibition. This presentation pack is number 745 of a limited production of 2500. The next illustration is of a First Day Cover that includes all three stamps and the location and the day of issuance; that being Washington, D.C. for the American stamps, and Dublin for the Irish stamp. Getting all the stamps associated with the event on a single cover is considered the best way to collect these joint issues.

Another joint issue with America was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of John McCormack, born in 1884. John became an American citizen in 1919 and was considered one of the great operatic singers of his generation.



The next illustration depicts the two stamps issued, one cancelled in Dublin, and the other in Boston. I believe this to be one of the nicest illustrated covers; simple but inclusive and proportional. The other envelope has the same stamps but has added the Metropolitan Opera, American issue, thus showing the importance of John McCormack with the most celebrated Opera House in America.





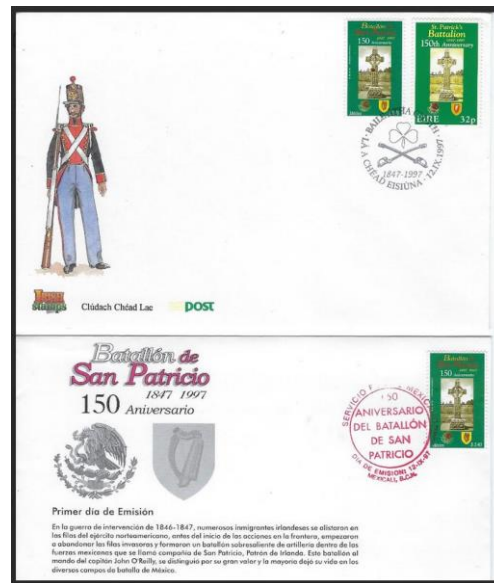
In 1989 Ireland issued a joint issue with Germany. This issue celebrates the 1300<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of the Martyrdom of St. Kilian and two other “Apostles”. These Irish religious travelers represent the Irish contribution of spreading Christianity throughout the western parts of Europe during the Medieval times.



I have only one example of the joint issue with the Irish version of Dublin and religious artifacts incorporated in the cancellation.

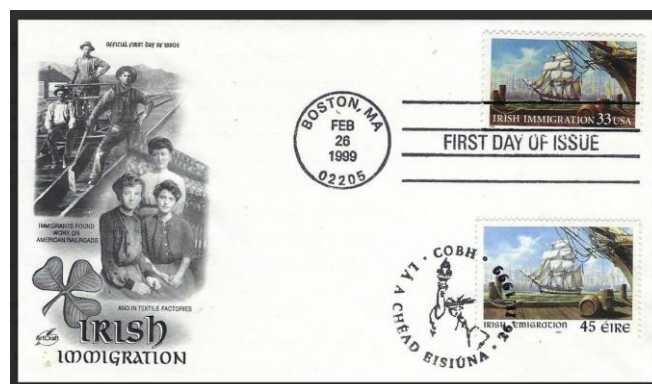
The 1994 Europa stamps of Iceland, the Faroe Islands, and Ireland focus on the legend of St. Brendan. This near mythical historical personage, according to some medieval manuscripts, voyaged to numerous locations, including America. Two stamps were issued per country as well as similar miniature sheets of the same denominations were printed.

The Irish Post Office issued this First Day Cover that has cancellations from the three countries included in this joint issue. Additionally, the Island miniature sheet shown is part of the entire series of three sheets included in this joint issue as part of the presentation pack, that includes all three sheets.



A 1997 joint issue with Mexico shows the 150<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the St. Patrick Battalion, which fought alongside of Mexico in the Mexican American War. Many of the soldiers that fought with the battalion had been immigrants to the United States and changed sides when they realized they were fighting members of their own Catholic faith. Many of those captured during the war were executed as deserters soon after their capture. Although the Irish stamp is larger than the Mexican stamp, the basic design holds for both stamps. The cover shown here includes both stamps cancelled in Dublin. The second cover is a FDC cancelled in Mexicali with just the Mexican stamp. It is number 78 of a limited issue from this Mexican city located south of the boarder in Baja, Mexico.

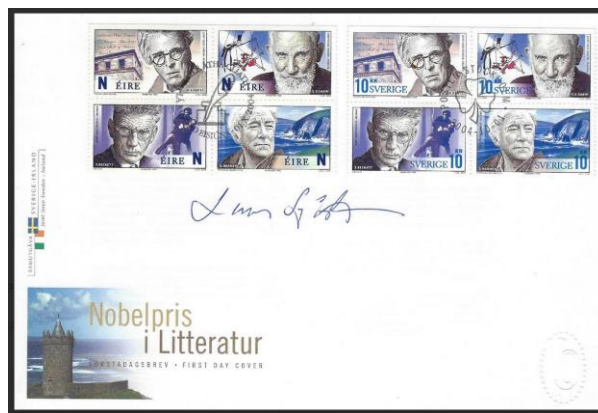
One of Ireland's most momentous events was the vast emigration of millions of its people to the four corners of the world, most notably America in the 1840s. In 1999 Ireland issued an emigration stamp while America issued an immigration one. The basic design is very similar, but the Irish stamp is somewhat larger than the American one.



The FDC shown is very typical of those produced in America. It is an Artcraft example with Boston as the city chosen to host the first day ceremonies. The cancellation on the Irish stamp is Cobh, which is the Irish name for the town that was called Queenstown under the parliamentary rule from England. This part of Ireland, that includes Cork, was a major hub for the transportation of people from the United Kingdom and elsewhere to the Americas in days gone by.

The final example of a joint issue from Ireland includes depictions of four of Ireland's finest writers. This joint issue with Sweden includes the four Irish Nobel Prize winners up to 2004. Both countries show the four writers, W.B. Yeats, George Bernard Shaw, Samuel Becket, and Seamus Heaney. These blocks of four are almost identical except for the country name and the denomination. Booklets were also produced.

The example shown is of blocks of four from the booklets issued by both countries. The first day cancellations are from Dublin and Stockholm, and each country issued its own cancellation. The cover was issued by Sweden and signed by the Swedish engraver. I ordered this cover especially from Sweden.



## Bill

### Notes:

In 1995 two other joint issues were issued by Ireland. The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Fontenoy, now in present day Belgium, and the Centenary of the Radio, which includes similar designs from Ireland, Germany, Italy, San Marino, and Vatican City. I am still working on getting all the stramps associated with these anniversaries. In 1999 a joint issue with Australia in a miniature sheet showing the ship the Polly Woodside was issued.

In 2005 the biosphere stamps were issued with Canada.

In 2008 Spain issued a miniature sheet of similar design of Irish dances.

In 2010 a stamp designed by Czeslaw Slania issued by Ireland and Sweden; Irish role in Chilean Independence, stamps issued by both countries.

In 2014 the Isle of Man issued a set of six stamps and Ireland issued a set of two stamps: different dates

## Every Cover

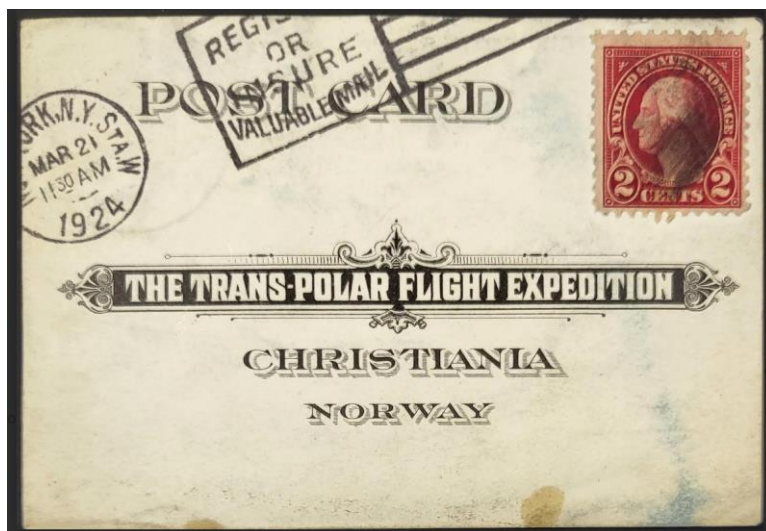


Tells A Story

## Member Article

By Jim Grundy

### Every Cover Tells a Story



This small, two-sided, postcard tells a story of a man's urge to explore the unknown and his fight to stay alive. The postcard was sent from New York City to The Trans Polar Flight Expedition in Christiania, Norway on March 24, 1924. On the other side of the postcard is a space for a return address and postage. There is an ominous disclaimer at the bottom that reads "DELIVERY SUBJECT TO ACCIDENTS BEYOND OUR CONTROL".





The Trans Polar Flight Expedition was the idea of Roald Amundson. Amundson was a Norwegian explorer with a great deal of knowledge of the North and South Poles. From 1903 to 1906, he led the first expedition to cross the Northwest Passage in a ship. On December 14, 1911, his team was the first to reach the South Pole. After reaching the South Pole, he was determined to get to the North Pole. After an attempt to reach the pole by boat failed in 1918, Amundson switched his means of transportation from ships to airplanes. In the early 1920's, several airplane crashes aborted his polar attempts and put him on the verge of bankruptcy. In 1924, Amundson came to the United States to lecture and to raise funds for his next flight to the North Pole.

While in the United States, Amundson renewed his friendship with Lincoln Ellsworth. Lincoln Ellsworth also had dreams of going to the North Pole. Their friendship was a great benefit to Amundson's money needs. Lincoln's father James was a wealthy coal executive and offered to provide \$100,000 for Amundson's 1925 expedition to the North Pole with the condition that his son Lincoln would go along.

With the expedition funded, Amundson and Ellsworth returned to Norway to organize their adventure. Two Italian seaplanes were ordered, built, test flown, disassembled, and shipped to Norway. Four other people were added to the crew to bring the total number to six crew members. The disassembled seaplanes, crew members, and their supplies were shipped to King's Bay. King's Bay is approximately 750 miles from the North Pole and is the northernmost settlement in the world located in Norway's Svalbard Island group. The ship was unloaded, the seaplanes assembled, and final preparations were made for their departure.

On May 25, 1925, after a five-week wait for the weather to improve, the two seaplanes, with three crew members on each, left King's Bay. After flying for eight hours, both planes landed in openings in the sea ice. However, they were miles apart and one of the seaplanes' hull was damaged so badly that it could not be flown again. It took five days for the three men on the damaged plane to reach the other plane. To prevent the good seaplane from being trapped in the ice, the six men had to pull it out of the water up onto the ice. The major problem that they had was how they were going to fly the surviving plane back to civilization. The only option was for them to make a long, smooth, runway on the pack ice. Over the next three and a half weeks, the men smoothed a section of the ice by using hand tools. They filled the gas tanks of the good seaplane with fuel from the damaged seaplane and removed all non-essential items to minimize weight. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, the six men boarded the plane and took off for home. After an eight-hour flight, they spotted an island and landed. They had returned to the Svalbard Islands but far from their starting point of Kay's Bay. But luck was with them, a passing seal hunting boat picked them up and return them to Kay's Bay. Their seaplane and its crew of six were reunited when they flew it into

Oslo harbor on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Even though Amundson and his crew had failed to reach the North Pole or make a trans-polar flight, the story of their survival and return made them national heroes. Fifty thousand people watched their parade through the streets of Oslo to the royal palace where there was a reception and dinner in their honor. If you look closely at the stamps on the back of the postcard, you will notice two Norwegian stamps. The one on the right shows a polar bear standing on an ice flow watching an airplane flying overhead. This stamp is one of a series of seven stamps issued by Norway in April of 1925 that honored Amundsons' attempt to reach the North Pole.

In 1926, Roald Amundson would achieve his goal of reaching the North Pole and making a trans-polar flight. He and fifteen other men were aboard the airship Norge when it departed Norway, crossed the North Pole, and later landed in Alaska. This flight made Amundson the first person to set foot on the North and South poles. In 1928, on a rescue mission into the Arctic, Amundson's seaplane disappeared and Amundson was never seen again.

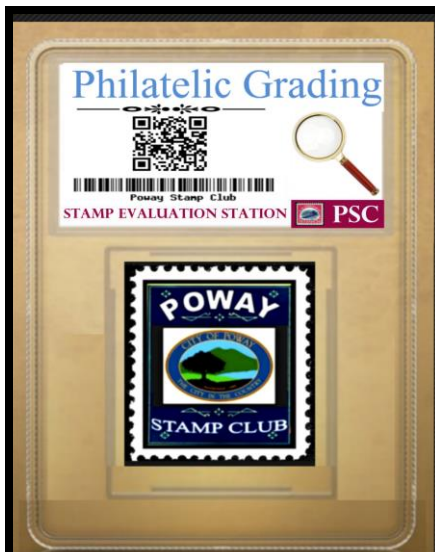
Lincoln Ellsworth continued to be interested in expeditions into the Arctic and Antarctic during the 1930's. In the coming months, I will tell the story of a cover sent from one of these expeditions.

**Jim**



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## Member Article

By David B. Waller

### What's that Old U.S. Collection Worth?



Recently, at a SANDICAL show, I witnessed something that probably happens often. A gentleman with a hand truck came into the building with a collection for sale. One of the dealers had him come to his table and began looking through the collection. This went on for about 15 minutes and when I was ready to leave, I began watching the dealer. What he appeared to be doing was informing the seller of items that had value and setting certain items aside for what I presume was for his purchase. I asked the seller if the collection was for sale and if it was from an estate because he did not seem aware of the stamps in the collection or their value. He responded that it was for sale, and it was from an estate that was being liquidated.

Under these circumstances, the seller is often at the mercy of the dealer regarding the value of the collection. Correspondingly, as collectors, we know that there are many more stamp albums that have little value than those containing rare and valuable stamps. Particularly, if the owner was not known to be a stamp collector. So, what do I look for when inspecting a collection to make a quick assessment as to its value. As many of you know, I collect U.S. stamps and specialize in early commemorative issues particularly those from 1893 through 1935. So, my comments on this subject should be viewed in this context.



**Figure 1:** A couple of stamps from 1847-1892, Scott #'s 1, 2 (Smithsonian, [Postalmuseum.si.edu](http://Postalmuseum.si.edu)) and 122 (Palmerstoredeals, EBAY Item no.: 135312195161)

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When I first open an album, I look for stamps occupying the first few pages (*i.e.*, the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century issues, 1847-1892, Scott #'s 1-229). Most of these are regular issues, except for the “pictorial issues”, which in my opinion should be considered commemoratives. If there are only a couple stamps, they will likely be the more common issues in used condition and have some value but not a significant amount. However, if there are several stamps on these pages, there is likely some value and the Scott numbers should be confirmed and condition assessed. If you find mint condition stamps, it is likely that the entire collection is of considerable value and should be highly scrutinized. As a rule, most of the stamps on these pages are of low publication number and usually in used condition. Because of this they will all likely have some value. The larger denomination and mint condition stamps having significantly more value than the others. While there are some stamps in this time frame that are particularly valuable, you would be lucky to find one in a collection due to their rarity.

On a side note, I also look at how the stamps are mounted on the pages and condition of the album. Are they in mounts or affixed with hinges? Are they organized or placed haphazardly on the pages? I have found that individuals with expensive collections take great care in their presentation. The stamps are often properly identified, affixed in mounts, and placed neatly in their assigned locations on the album pages. These are also some quick indications that a collection may have value.



**Figure 2:** A couple of stamps from 1893-1901, Scott #'s 245 (momenstamps, Hipstamp.com ID No. 60483399), 293 (VolovskiRarities, Hipstamp.com ID no. 61107806) and 262 harvard-mba Hipstamp.com ID no. 59520812).

Next, I look at the stamps issued in the late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century stamps, from the years 1893-1901 (Scott #'s 230-299). If the stamps are used and of lower denominations, then they will not likely have significant value. If there are some of the higher denomination stamps in used condition, they may have some value, and their condition should be assessed. If there are mint condition stamps present, their centering and gum condition should be scrutinized before assigning a value. If there are higher denominations stamps in mint condition, they could have significant value and will trigger a more comprehensive review. In this case, the collection will likely have some value.





**Figure 3:** A couple of stamps from 1902 to 1919, Scott nos. 313 (USPila.com), 327 (Southwest Stamps, EBAY Item no. 395442651428) and 330.(clarkphilatelics, Hipstamp.com ID no. 61120327)

I then look for mint condition stamps from the early 20th century (*i.e.*, 1902 – 1919, Scott #'s 300-537 and C1-C3). There will likely be some stamps on these pages, usually lower denominations, but if they are not in mint condition and well centered without a hinge mark, they will probably not have significant value. However, higher denomination stamps in used condition might. I particularly look for mint condition Scott #'s 401 through 404 because they are easy to spot, and the 5 and 10 cent denominations often have significant value. If there are a large number of Washington and Franklin regular issues of varying denominations, then they should be scrutinized. Due of the large number of variations in these issues it is difficult, even for the experts, to quickly identify those of higher value.



**Figure 4:** Some stamps from 1920-1934, Scott no.s 573 (Stampczar, EBAY Item no. 226405609322), C15 (D. Waller collection) and 547 (NasrStampsInc Hipstamp.com ID no. 62299116).

The next group are the issues from 1920-1934 (Scott #'s 538-749 and C4-C19), just prior to the Farley issues. Because a greater number of these issues were printed, many collections will have these stamps in mint condition, so it is likely that a number of stamps will be present in this part of the album. Consequently, most stamps in used condition will have little value except for the higher denominations and many of the “2-cent reds” have little value unless they are mint, well centered and do not have a hinge mark.



**Figure 5:** James A. Farley 1888-1976, 50<sup>th</sup> Postmaster general of the United States March 1933- September 1940 (Pendergastkc.org) and some of the souvenir sheets issued during his administration (Mystic Stamp Company).

The Farley issues (1935, Scott #'s 750-771) were produced in large numbers and only have value in mint, no hinge, condition. Stamps issued from 1935-1958 (Scott #'s 772-1112), were also produced in large numbers and consequently do not command more than face value. Those stamps from 1959 to present can often be purchased for 75% of face value from dealers. See Table 1 for a summary.

	Potentially high value collection	Minimal value collection	Quick Assessment
Stamp Issues	Number or types of stamps present		What to look for
Mid to Late 19 <sup>th</sup> century	(15 or more) some of higher denomination	(15 or less common low denomination used stamps)	Higher denomination stamps in any condition (no faults*)
Late 19 <sup>th</sup> to early 20 <sup>th</sup> century	(15 or more some mint) some of higher denomination	(15 or less common low denomination used stamps)	Higher denomination stamps in used or unused condition (no faults*)
1902-1919 Issues	(25 or more most mint, some NH)	(25 or less low denominations used stamps)	Scott catalog recognized rarer Washington and/or Franklin issues
1920-1934 Issues	(25 or more most mint, NH)	(25 or less low denominations used stamps)	Graf Zeppelin Issues
1935 Farley Issues	(Sheets of 200 stamps present in good condition)	(25 or less used condition 1 or 2 souvenir panels of 6 or 25 stamps)	Farley sheets of 200
1935 (Non-Farley) - present	Must have some of the stamp issues of high value and relatively complete from 1936 forward.	Complete from 1935 to present, Face value (no error issues)	Scott catalog recognized error/rare variety stamps

\*Faults refers to tears, thins, creases, and/or discolorations not due to printing or cancellations.

**Table 1:** A quick guide to valuing a U.S. stamp collection album. Note, there are rare stamps (errors and/or varieties) in each of these categories that are not discussed here.

The size or volume of a collection is not always the key to value. Many collectors merely enjoy stamps and the process of collecting. Unless the album belongs, or belonged, to an avid stamp collector, it is unlikely that the collection will contain valuable stamps. However, there are those few rare stamps that we all look for in these collections “just-in-case”.

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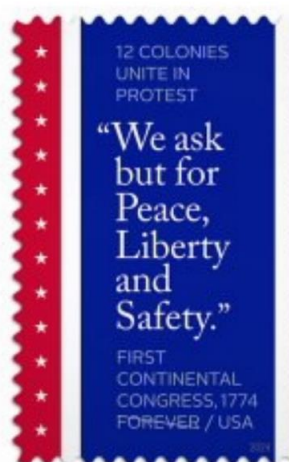


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