

Happy Holiday Season

The joyous season was not always celebrated by U.S. postage stamps. The festive holiday is a recent image on stamp designs. The U.S. Post Office Department issued its first Christmas stamp in Pittsburgh, PA, on November 1, 1962. Customers had requested such a stamp for years.



The first Christmas U.S. postage stamp issued in 1962, the 4c Wreath and Candles sc#1205

It was the golden age of growth and peace in the years of Eisenhower and our youngest President, John F. Kennedy. The final decision to print a Christmas stamp generated some controversy. The various legal actions to bar the stamp were not successful. The major focus of criticism was the separation of church and state.

Despite other considerations, the stamp was printed by the millions, widely purchased and used. The Post Office found a money-making and popular issue. The issue contains some holiday icons but was not a blatant depiction of religious images.

Religious Freedom in America was issued in 1957, five years prior to the introduction of a specific Christmas



1957 3c Religious Freedom sc#1099

issue. Maybe Peace on Earth found its place in America also.

Perhaps the first Christmas stamp approaching a religious theme was the 1965 Angel. While it can be argued that it is not specific to any singular religion or group. It represents a common scene on numerous art pieces in museums throughout the world and many buildings.



1965 5c Angel sc# 1276.

The next year the question of religious connections or possibilities became even more vague. The Madonna and Child by Hans Memling was the Christmas issue for 1966. The painting by the Flemish artist was in the National Gallery of Art. The subject of the image was clearly a religious theme and it remained a popular Christmas issue.



1966 5c Madonna and Child sc# 1321

The next step was to move forward and combine new thoughts. The Post Office developed from a government function to a "quasi business" in 1971. No better time to open the Christmas season

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Meetings and Activities Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

WSC Free F'rall 2021

Dec 3 & 4 — Worthington Stamp Show & Free F'rall, Doubletree Hilton Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Ave, Columbus, OH. Sat. 10-6 & Sun 10-3. 15 Dealers, Covers, Postcards, Documents and Supplies will be available for purchase. Free Admission and Parking. It is Free and For All who are not experienced philatelic exhibitors. Prepare a one-frame (16 pages) of your collection passion with no competition, no judging, no awards, no green bean almondine and no fees. Can exhibit for one day or both but limited to 40 frames a day. Worthington Stamp Club www.worthingtonstampclub.com for more information on the website or 614-306-3701.

Dec 6 — 6:30 pm Holiday Dinner at Christ United Methodist Church (regular meeting location) Please bring side or dessert to share. Guests are invited, Club providing main dish and table service. Gather for a FUN Holiday time.

Dec 13 — 7pm Board Meeting

**Dec 20 — NO MEETING—
ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

2022

Mar 18-20 — Garfield-Perry Stamp Club 132nd March Party stamp exhibition held at Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville. Exhibitors's prospectus is available at garfieldperry.org. Interested exhibitors contact Greg Shoultz at coilcollector@hotmail.com. The March Party will host meetings of the Civil War Philatelic Society and the Society for Czechoslovak Philately

Aug 26-27 — Dayton Stamp Club hosts AIRPEX 2022 at IBEW Hall.

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**2022 Dayton Stamp Club
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**Dayton Stamp Club
 Life Memberships**

The Dayton Stamp Club Board of Directors is proud to offer LIFE Memberships to all its members. Instead of paying annual dues of \$15, members have the option of paying a one-time payment, based on a sliding scale by current age, so that they will remain members for life.

Get a LIFETIME membership!

The schedule is as follows:

Age	One-Time Payment For Life Membership
18-30	\$185.00
31-40	\$175.00
41-50	\$160.00
51-60	\$145.00
61-70	\$125.00
71-80	\$ 95.00
81 and over	\$75.00

**You can be a LIFE member of the
 Dayton Stamp Club**

Pay Dennis Rose, Treasurer
 any time during the year

Stolen Stamp Collection Alert!

Be careful if offered a great deal from someone you do not know.

A stamp collection was recently stolen consisting of about forty (40) stamp albums, both US and world-wide. Some of the albums were Scott albums. A lot of the material was from auctions with the invoices kept within the albums. In also included postal history items in the form of early US covers (such as US #2 on cover). It is reported that the person responsible is a woman and possibly from Mobile, AL. A large amount of cash was also stolen. If material found, contact the Jackson County (Mississippi) Sheriff's department at 228-875-6963. Also please let the owner know of the find via the Gulf Coast Stamp Club (email gulfcoaststampclub@gmail.com)

— continued from page 1—Happy Holiday with the issuing of both "traditional and a contemporary" sets of stamps.



The "Nativity" by Lotto is the 1970 6c Christmas issue sc# 1414

If this was going to be the new ideas behind the issuing of Christmas stamp, might as well start at the beginning.

The traditional image for the Christmas stamp was the "Nativity" by Lorenzo Lotto. To represent the con-

temporary picture of Christmas a se-tenant issue of Christmas toys were issued. Nothing more reminiscent of Christmas than Children and their toys.



1970 6c Christmas Toys sc# 1415-1418

After years of refusing to issue a Hanukkah stamp, citing specific religious reference as the reason (while claiming the "Madonna & Child" stamps were merely art masterpiece reproductions), the Postal Service issued its first Hanukkah stamp in 1996.



1996 32c Hanukkah sc# 3118

The Festive of Lights was descriptive while not sounding specifically religious. Candles were used in many decorations and in numerous churches and synagogues.

In 1997, the Postal Service issued its first Kwanzaa stamp. It is the second issue in the Holiday Celebrations Series that was begun in 1996 to reflect a different cultural or ethnic holiday each year.



1997 32c Kwanzaa sc# 3175

Perhaps as a pause in the ever-increasing number of Christmas issues, to maintain all of them each year or to appease those not feeling a part of a particular faith, a clearly religious neutral stamp was issued a week prior to the release of the now regular Christmas issues. The issue de-

clared that Giving and Sharing were an American Tradition. Although it was not seen as a competitor or replacement to Christmas issues, it was not seen as a true "Christmas issue" either.



1998 32c Giving and Sharing sc# 3243

The first Eid stamp, with gold calligraphy against a blue background, followed the diversity representation concept in 2001. After 186 years of refraining from issuing the first specific Christmas stamp, the US Postage Service issued several for use by people of a variety of faiths and practices.



2001 34c Eid sc# 3532

The most recent addition to the Christmas time USPS issues is a stamp depicting a lighted bowl.



2016 Forever Diwali sc# 5142

It is one of the most popular festivals of Hinduism. It is the victory of light over darkness. A time for renewal, good over evil and knowledge or ignorance. The first stamp was issued in 2016. The faith generally celebrates the Holiday earlier than December but was issued in October with the other Christmas issues.

Any summary on any topic is going to miss the power and richness of the subject. The separation of church and state is an important issue and debates continue. In some years more fiercely than in others.

The United States is a nation of peoples from around the world. The notion of publicly noticing the differences in faith among people may be natural but it is also powerful. The question is how or do we value those differences. The images on stamps do not normally answer those questions. They are reflections of the themes and tones of the nation at that time just as any other work of art.

Happy Holidays to all. May the days be bright, safe and joyful.



DAYTON STAMP CLUB

HOLIDAY DINNER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

6:30 PM

PLEASE BRING SIDE OR DESSERT TO SHARE

CLUB IS PROVIDING MAIN DISH,
AND TABLE SERVICE



**DSC Member
CLASSIFIEDS**

Seeking Lindner T-blank Pages

Do you have Lindner T-Blank Album Pages that you are not using. Jim Guthrie might like to buy them. He is interested in any sizes or configurations. Please contact Jim.



Do you Collect First Issues as a Collecting Speciality?

Collectors of first issues of any country or postal issuing area join the First Issues Collectors Club (firstissues.org) The purpose of the APS affiliate club is to promote the collection of and research on the first postage stamp issued by any nation, province, city, army or other entity. The FICC documents all the first issues and catalog entries for further research and information.

The club publishes a quarterly journal and holds member auctions. A companion site helps identify genuine and forged first issues. Annual dues for US members is \$10.00.

Dayton Stamp Club November 1 Meeting: How to Evaluate (or research) a U.S. Cover

Dennis Callison and Doug Files, both long-time members of DSC, presented the program for the meeting. They had previously selected many covers depicting different slogans, cancels and other markings that added meaning (and value) to the cover.



DSC members Dennis Callison (seated) and Doug Files (standing) presented the club program "How to evaluate a U.S. Cover,"

Several times throughout the year, we take advantage of the strengths and knowledge areas of our members. The DSC mem-

bers prepare and present the program adding to the education and understanding of our members. Members suggest areas of interest which the Board of Directors place into the annual calendar. Presenters earn "DSC Stamp Bucks" and are rewarding with the appreciation and praise of other members.

Programs at all the DSC meetings are presented live and via Zoom. Six members attended this meeting via zoom. Our Zoom equipment provided by our host church can be seen on the right. It includes computer, monitor, speaker and microphone. DSC members attending via Zoom were shown the same images members see at

the meeting as can be seen in the picture on the top right.

Members Callison and Files talked about the individual covers displayed on the screen for the live and Zoom audience. A particular franking combination was outlined in one. On another there were two cancel showing different cities and dates indication the travels of that cover.

Members offered an idea about a cover and a discussion was started. Rather than a sit and listen program it was a lively conversation about the attributes of a cover and other philatelic topics.

Members asked questions and in live time, the presenters responded to the question or indicated with of the reference books available in the DSC library might have an answer.

Member-presented programs provide opportunities for members to present their collecting interests and offer views into collecting areas some members wander. Such programs, also seems to attract club meeting attendance.



Numerous members listened to club program in person

"Reading" the Cover and the Markings

The purpose of the stamp is to move the letter along its way to the recipient. The markings and cancels assist in moving the mail. They also provide a story for the philatelic observer.

A recent Dayton Stamp Club program presented by members Dennis Callison and Doug Files. This is a follow-up with additional resources for those wanting research and understand the reason for and importance of the various marks.

The Auxiliary Markings Club assist in recognizing and "reading" the markings. The website is informative. Annual Membership is available.



For more information: postalmarkings.org.

Other sources: www.virtualstampclub.com is the online Virtual Stamp Club.

Stamp Smarter is an online research site www.stampsmarter.com.



Dayton Stamp Club Member Auctions 6 Meetings a Year

Throughout the year, the stamp sponsors member philatelic auctions. All the items are from the DSC members or purchased by the club for "Stamp Buck"

purchase. The auction is the program for that month and serves as a members' benefit as well as fun. Any competition is in the spirit of sharing stamps. There is cash monetary exchanges for the won items. The club earns 10% of the winning bid as the sponsor.

Auction items can be single items or collections. Some are loose and others are gathered in albums. The seller writes up an information statement which identifies the item(s) country and catalogue numbers if known. The seller establishes the minimum (starting) bid for the item(s) keeping in mind that the idea is to sale the items.



DSC member Eric Westby is the auctioneer and Joe Schearer and Joel Veldt (not pictured) were auction runners. All three earn stamps bucks for working the auction.

DSC members collect material from all over the world and many are long-time collectors. Generally, there are



DSC member Bruce Brumfeld and other members review the long tables full of auction materials for one of this year's member auctions. Members bring in unwanted material and determine a minimum bid. The auctions consist of US, UN and World Wide stamps and covers and any philatelic and related items. The club enters items for "Stamp Buck" dollars

more world wide items than US or UN. Covers, maxi-cards, cinderellas, complete albums, literature, post cards are some of the type of material. Anything related to philately is accepted for bid.

The DSC Board purchases stock books, bags of stamps, donated material and fun items for auction by "Stamp Bucks." Stamp Bucks are earned by members for attending the meetings and Board meetings, working at the August stamp show, being the auctioneer or runner and participating in the programs. This includes bringing in auction items or making 3-5 minute presentations at some meetings. Stamp Bucks have no "cash" value but are the currency for selected items.



USPS Announces January 9, 2022 Increase Costs for Shipping.

The United State Postal Service (USPS) is increasing shipping rates. The new rates will be effective January 9, 2022.

"The Governors believe these new rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with needed revenue." the USPS spokesperson said.

The change will increase the price of the small flat-rate boxes to \$9.45 from \$8.45. Medium box-

es will rise to \$16.10 from \$15.50 and large boxes will decrease to \$21.50 from \$21.90.

Prices for the flat-rate envelopes will rise to \$8.95 from \$7.95. Legal-size envelopes will increase to \$9.25 from \$8.25. Padded envelopes will increase to \$9.65 from \$8.55.



Martha Atwood Honored in Dayton & Toronto

Author of *Handmaid's Tale*, Martha Atwood was honored in Dayton 12th of November and honored in Toronto Canada on the 25th for the release of her Canada Post Commemorative Stamp



Margaret Eleanor Atwood is a Canadian poet, novelist, literary critic, essayist, teacher, environmental activist, and inventor. Since 1961, she has published 18 books of poetry, 18 novels, 11 books of non-fiction, nine collections of short fiction, eight children's books, two graphic novels, and numerous short pieces and essays.



The internationally famous "Handmaid's Tale" (1985) has earned numerous honors, was made into a film and a TV series. Atwood is a feminist making women's lives and experiences under patriarchy central to her work. She is published in over 45 different

countries.

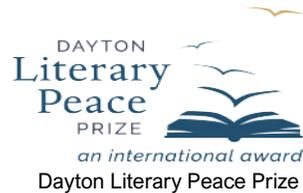
Atwood was in Dayton to be honored by the Dayton Literary Peace Prize (DLPP). The Prize, established in 2006, recognizes the power of the written word to promote peace. The DLPP awards authors in both fiction and nonfiction categories.

The Holbrooke Award was established to pay annual tribute to the peace process and that peace can be forged with words. Martha Atwood was recipient of the Holbrooke Award for 2020. No ceremonies were held last year, and the awards were announced in November of 2021. Atwood attended the award ceremony this year.

Thursday, November 25, Canada Post unveiled the Martha Atwood commemorative stamp in To-



Martha Atwood and the unveiling of the Atwood stamp in Toronto, Canada



Attend a Dayton Stamp Club In-Person or Zoom Meeting for Chance To WIN a year's Philatelic Memberships

Each month, at the first meeting of the month, the President will draw a member's name. **IF that member is present at that meeting**, the club will pay for a **one-year philatelic organization membership** for that individual of his/



her choice from the list.

Some of the organizations on the list are: the American First Day Cover Society; the American Philatelic Society; the American Revenue Association; the American Stamp Dealers Association; La Posta (postal history); Linn's Stamp News; the Precancel Society; and the United Postal Stationery Society. Other organizations may be considered, subject to approval of DSC board of directors.

ronto, Canada.

"It's a great honour to find oneself on a stamp, especially if one has been a small child given to fishing his envelopes out of wastepaper baskets in order to remove the stamps from them," Atwood said as a childhood collector.

Atwood quipped in a speech at the event. She added that the first phone call she received, "was from a friend of my age who exclaimed with a shocked



horror that was only partly jocular, 'But you're not even dead yet!' To which the only possible reply is 'How can you tell?' Martha Atwood Canada Post Commemorative Stamp and First Day of Issue Cover Issue format is permanent domestic rate in booklet of 10

DAYTON STAMP CLUB

2022 MEETING AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Meetings are held at Christ Church 3440 Shroyer Rd Kettering OH 45429

Jan 3	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Open House - DSC Club Lots for Sale
Jan 10	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Jan 17	6:30 PM	Pizza Party - Marion's Piazza Town & Country Shopping Center 50 E Stroop	MLK Day Holiday - Church Closed
Feb 7	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #1
Feb 14	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Feb 21	6:30 PM	Pizza Party - Marion's Piazza Town & Country Shopping Center 50 E Stroop	President's Day Holiday - Church Closed
Mar 7	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	How do you organize your stamps? Member Participation 4-6 minutes
Mar 14	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Mar 21	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Lincoln on Stamps by Steven Solomon
Apr 4	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #2
Apr 11	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Apr 18	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Member Bourse - Buy, Sell, Trade
May 2	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Baseball Philately by Joe Shearer
May 9	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
May 16	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #3
Jun 6	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Stamp Quiz - Open Book Bring Your Scott Specialized Catalog
Jun 13	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Jun 20	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Red, White, and Blue Item Member Participation 4-6 minutes
Jul 4	Independence Day	Holiday / No Meeting	
Jul 11	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Jul 18	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #4
Aug 1	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Guest or Member Speaker
Aug 8	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	AIRPEX Review
Aug 15	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	\$5,000 Philatelic Shopping Spree - what would you buy??? All members participate
Aug 26-27 (Fri-Sat)		**AIRPEX @ IBEW Hall (F:12-6pm; Sa:10am-4pm)**	
Sep 5	Labor Day	Holiday / No Meeting	
Sep 12	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	AIRPEX Review
Sep 19	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	CLUB AUCTION #5
Oct 3	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Member Bourse - Buy, Sell, Trade
Oct 10	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	
Oct 17	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Member Speaker - Carol Costa
Nov 7	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Your Most Unusual Item in Your Collection Member Participation 4-6 minutes
Nov 14	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	Set 2023 calendar & budget review
Nov 21	7:30 PM	Club Meeting & Program - In Person & Zoom	Elections - CLUB AUCTION #6
Dec 5	6:30 PM	Club Holiday Event	Dinner Party - location TBD
Dec 12	7:00 PM	Board Meeting	