



Discover Topical Collecting

Malaria Topical Issues

By Douglas Files

Feverish Stamps: Malaria Topical Issues

Introduction

Many club members have seen malaria stamps; it is a common topic. The fight against this terrible affliction has united people and nations for decades. But did you know that you can join a society specifically for people who collect and exhibit malaria stamps? Collecting stamps about a disease can be more interesting than you expect. If you feel disease collecting is grisly, keep two things in mind: 1) The stamps celebrate the *struggle against malaria*, not the disease itself, and 2) It could be worse; the author once saw a morbid exhibit on murderers and their victims.

Malaria: the disease

According to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia malaria is caused by a parasite which lives in mosquitos. The female mosquito sucks the blood of an infected person and then injects the parasite into the blood of another person whom it bites. The illness does not spread from person to person, except through the mosquitos. That is, you can't catch malaria from sitting next to someone

with the disease.

The disease causes fever, chills, headaches and fatigue. In 2019 over two hundred million people contracted malaria and over 400,000 died. Most of these deaths occurred among African children in

poor families.

Each year two thousand cases of malaria are diagnosed in the U.S., mostly among people who have travelled from countries where malaria is common. This group includes vacationers and immigrants, as well as diplomats and military personnel on assignment. Mosquitos carrying malaria used to be much more common in the United States (see the 1880 map) but strong preventive measures have greatly reduced disease prevalence inside our borders.



Haiti Souvenir Sheet (Scott C190a)

1962 Czechoslovakia first day cover.

Malaria currently occurs in more than 100 countries and more than half the world's — **continued on Page 3**

**Meetings and Activities
begin at 7:00 pm**

**7:00 to 7:30 pm prior to meeting
Socializing and Silent Auctions. Program begins at 7:30 pm. All DSC Meetings are on ZOOM**

Feb 6 — 7:30 pm — **CLUB AUCTION #1**

Feb 13—7:00 pm Board Meeting

Feb 20—6:30 pm Pizza Party—Marion's Pizza Town & Country Shopping Center, 50 E. Stroop.

Feb 24-25—Toledo Stamp EXPO. Stamp Collectors club of Toledo, Graystone Banquet Hall, 29101 Hufford Rd. Perrysburg, email: clcampml@gmail.com.

Feb 27 — 6:30 pm Precancel Study Group at Christ Methodist Church

Mar 4-5—McKinley Stamp Club, Show, McKinley Stamp Club of Canton, St. George Serbian Orthodox Hall, 4667 Applegrove St. NW Canton, email: lincolnwayA1@sssn.net

Mar 6—7:00 Silent DSC Auction. 7:30 pm Collecting Precancels, Guest Speaker Precancel Society, TG Rehkop.

Mar 13—7:00 pm, Board Meeting

Mar 17-19 Garfield-Perry March Party, Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Best Western Plus, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, email: rocco,cazioni@gmail.com.

Mar 20 —7:30 Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, Team Stamp Quiz. Details to follow in newsletter.

Mar 27 — 6:30 pm Precancel Study Group at Christ Methodist Church

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Photographing the Mighty Mississippi—DSC Program January 23

Artist Jeff Smith grew up in Dayton, graduated from Wright State University and served his country in the Air Force for 24 years. Returning to Dayton with a camera pointed at sunsets, water shorelines and city landscapes. One day a couple years ago, USPS called to discuss an upcoming stamp issue and his photography.

Jeff Smith and his photographs were the January 23 Dayton Stamp Club meeting program. After the USPS issued the souvenir sheet in 2022, the Mighty Mississippi (Scott # 5698a) Smith was allowed to talk about his art and his involvement in the production of the Mighty Mississippi.



Dayton night skyline by local artist Jeff Smith

The Mississippi River is a major water highway stretching from a trickle at Lake Itasca to the delta in Louisiana after flowing over 2,300 miles and passing through 31 states.

Smith and several other photographers provided the artwork for the souvenir sheet. The sheet contains

10 US stamps and four scenic backgrounds in the selvage. Smith explained his work with the USPS personnel in its creation. He also reviewed his various techniques to produce dramatic photographic scenes. See: www.ArtofFrozenTime.com



Photo by Greg Brown

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population have potential exposures. Most cases occur in Africa, Southern Asia and South and Central America. The disease is worst in Africa because it is warm, their mosquito species are particularly likely to transmit the parasite and the type of parasite is the more virulent one. Also, developing nations face more challenges mounting effective campaigns to decrease transmission.



Map of the United States showing the distribution of deaths from malaria in 1880 as compared with deaths from typhoid fever. *Courtesy of 1880 U.S. Deaths from Malaria, 1880. Flickr Commons by the British Library.*

Anti-Malarial Efforts

Non-profits and governmental organizations work together to prevent this devastating infection. For example, eradicating malaria is one of the top priorities for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Their studies have indicated that decreasing malaria cases is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve standard of living in developing nations. The World Health Organization also runs a “Global Malaria Programme” to coordinate efforts among governments and private organizations. Readers who wish to know more about the disease or these programs are encouraged to consult the websites listed in the reference section below.

Moreover, if you are travelling to a region where malaria is endemic, talk to your doctor about taking preventive medication. You should also wear shirts with long sleeves, long pants and consider using a bednet when you sleep. Insect repellent on skin and clothing may also prevent mosquitos from biting you.



1962 Anti-Malaria Overprint on a Stamp from Guatemala “The World United Against Malaria”

Dayton Stamp Club Precancel Study Group

Dayton Stamp Club Precancel Study Group will meet the last Monday of each month.



DSC Precancel Study Group

Meeting dates

January 30th

February 27th

March 27th

at 6:30pm at Christ Methodist Church.

Discussion about precancels, precancel catalogs, and select samples from collections donated to the DSC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Malaria Stamps



Republic of China (Taiwan) Anti-Malaria Stamps Scoot #1342-43.



A wealth of information is available about postage stamps which depict anti-malarial efforts. It is not only stamps themselves that commemorate the battle. Thousands of cancels and

cachets also celebrate eradication efforts. In one well-known campaign, over 100 nations issued stamps and used commemorative cancels to publicize anti-malarial efforts in 1962. Just this one event offers collectors copious varieties to verify and examples to examine.



Logo of Malaria Philatelists International www.malariastamps.com/mpi/index.asp

Malaria Philatelists International (MPI)

The Malaria Philatelists International organization currently boasts 102 members and a robust website containing dozens of articles about malaria stamps. Membership in the organization is free, and its website may be perused at <http://www.malariastamps.com/mpi/index.asp>. It publishes an on-line journal called Miasma once or twice a year and the group also runs small auctions featuring malaria stamps and covers. Extensive checklists and printable album pages are also available. Members of the MPI organization live all around the globe, with 64 based in the U.S. but significant numbers living in Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. The MPI is an affiliate of the APS and the ATA. (Our Day

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ton club is also affiliated with both these umbrella organizations).

Overview

Malaria has been one of the most common topical areas, with hundreds of worldwide stamps demonstrating the battle against the disease. Progress has been made but more effort is needed, so governments will likely continue to issue anti-malarial stamps. This topic has the added benefit that many of the available issues are commonly found in the philatelic marketplace and affordable for collectors on limited budgets. Also, did you note that joining Malaria Philatelists International is free? If malaria does not interest you, however, choose another of one of the myriad topics which are out there, and go wild.

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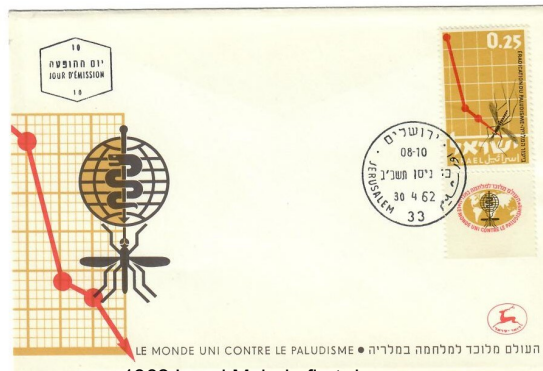
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Photographs of Stamp and Cover Examples are from author’s collection



1962 Israel Malaria first day cover



Exhibiting Picture Postcards

Mondays, 7 p.m. Eastern, February 6,13,20

There is great interest in exhibiting picture postcards, as this exhibiting has become well recognized in recent years. This three-part course will look at the steps in telling a story through postcards.

Session I: Why Postcards Matter

This session will show why picture postcards, especially those of the early 20th century are an important part of philately and worthy of our study.

When you register for the class, you are invited to send scans of one or two postcards that you may wish to use for an exhibit. We’ll share ideas that will help you think through the steps of developing an exhibit.

Session II: Steps to Telling Your Story

We’ll discuss a non-philatelic story line, title, introduction and plan (how to organize your exhibit).

Session III: Resources for Collecting and Documenting your Postcards

Documentation of picture postcard history is not as organized or extensive as it is for other areas of philately. We’ll show resources you can use for information to provide descriptions of the postcards in your exhibit, and offer tips for making ob-

servations about the postcards you use.

Participants in this course will receive quick reference guides, a useful digital book on real photo postcards and an extensive bibliography.

For more information: www.americantopical.org

Future Dayton Stamp Club Programs

DSC February 6

Auction #1

7:00 pm—7:30 Social time and Preview of Auction Lots

7:30 Business Meeting and Program is Auction #1



DSC February 20

Presidents’ Day Holiday

Piazza Party 6:30 pm



Marion’s Piazza
Town & Country Shopping Center
50 E. Stroop Road

Removing Stamps from Paper Backing: the Continuing Saga

Erst: 74 Years Ago — 1949: The StampLift



You have a stamp that is stuck on paper? You ponder, “Should I get a bowl of warm water to soak it?” Well, up until 1949, that was the go-to answer for the problem of getting stamps off of

(un-stuck from) envelope paper. But then in 1949, the philatelic universe shifted and a new answer to an old problem came to the rescue. It was called “StampLift.” I have no doubt that just about any collector-of-a-certain-age owned one of these babies.

On May 5, 1949, the stamp was registered by the General Designing Service Company of San Francisco with the U.S. Trademark office. By 1953 the product was in wide enough use to be seen in Philatelic journal advertisements, as well as in a review of the product in Science Digest.

In truth, the StampLift was nothing more than a fanciful humidior (an airtight container for keeping cigars moist); nonetheless it did its job well. It was a green plastic box; its lid opened separating from its base. Inside the lid was a sponge-pad glued in place. On the base was a plastic grill, under which was another sponge-pad.

The directions indicated that the user was to “saturate pads in the cover and below grill with water. Shake out the excess water from the bottom pad, squeeze the water from the cover pad until there can’t be any dripping.”

So you take your stamp on paper, “place [it] on top of the grill... close cover tight... allow 25

minutes... Since stamps come out damp... separate them... and immediately press gum side to the bottom of the StampLift for a flat drying in just a few minutes.”

The StampLift after so many years of use by countless stamp collectors had its Trademark registration lapse in 1998. However the product still comes up for purchase or bid on eBay regularly. But what about...

Stamp Lift Fluid

You might note that a similarly named stamp removal fluid called “Stamp Lift Fluid” produced by Xingcolo has a similar name and purpose. This product is registered as “Stamp Lift” (two words) not to be traipsing on the then-Stamp-Lift registration.



This similarly named product serves a similar purpose: removing stamps from paper.

To remove a stamp from backing paper, “dip the included brush in fluid and coat the back of the paper, then wait several seconds and then peel the stamp off the paper.”

Stamp Lift fluid is basically distilled water with a drop of dish detergent. Mixing 16 oz. of distilled water to 1 drop of dish detergent, you can make your own. Please note, if you use Stamp Lift Fluid (or the homemade version it) on an unused stamp, you’ll damage the gum on the stamp.

Copied from Brandywine Valley Stamp Club, Fr. James Lentini, Newsletter Editor



“Mr. Zip” First Appears 59 Years Ago!

Mr. Zip made his debut in 1964!

In January 1964, the character known as Mr. Zip first appeared in the selva of a stamp sheet, which honored Texas Icon Sam Houston

Mr. Zip was created by Howard Wilcox, and the US Post Office Department acquired the rights to the character a little over a year after zip codes were introduced to the public.



1964 issue, Sam Houston, Scott US # 1242.

2023 U.S. New Issues



Feb. 16—Women’s Soccer (63c) Forever Pane of 20

Feb. 25—\$10 Floral Geometry definitive stamp. pane of 4



Black Heritage Series 1978 to present

Honoring 46 outstanding United State individuals, the Black Heritage Series is one of the longest running USPS series.

Starting in 1978, one person is honored each year. Artist, Authors, civil rights activist, business leaders and politicians are represented in the listing.

Harriet Tubman was the first person honored with a 13c commemorative issue starting the Black Heritage Series in 1978.



A popular and fantastic baseball player Jackie Robinson was the fifth hon-

ored person.

Bessie Coleman is included in the series in 1995 on the 32c being honored as a female flying pioneer.



So far in its 46-year series, there are 28 males honored and a8 females.

The Black Heritage Series is a wonderful topic for a beginning stamp collector or a veteran constructing a philatelic exhibit.

United States Black Heritage commemorative stamp series (1978-present)

Scott No.	Description	Issue date
1744	13c Harriet Tubman	Feb. 1, 1978
1771	15c Martin Luther King Jr.	Jan. 13, 1979
1804	15c Benjamin Banneker	Feb. 15, 1980
1875	15c Whitney Moore Young	Jan. 30, 1981
2016	20c Jackie Robinson	Aug. 2, 1982
2044	20c Scott Joplin	June 9, 1983
2073	20c Carter G. Woodson	Feb. 1, 1984
2137	22c Mary McLeod Bethune	March 5, 1985
2203	22c Sojourner Truth	Feb. 4, 1986
2249	22c Jean B. Pointe du Sable	Feb. 20, 1987
2371	22c James Weldon Johnson	Feb. 2, 1988
2402	25c A. Philip Randolph	Feb. 3, 1989
2442	25c Ida B. Wells	Feb. 1, 1990
2567	29c Jan E. Matzeliger	Sept. 15, 1991
2617	29c W.E.B. Du Bois	Jan. 31, 1992
2746	29c Percy Lavon Julian	Jan. 29, 1993
2816	29c Allison Davis	Feb. 1, 1994
2956	32c Bessie Coleman	April 27, 1995
3058	32c Ernest E. Just	Feb. 1, 1996
3121	32c Benjamin O. Davis Sr.	Jan. 28, 1997
3181	32c Madam C.J. Walker	Jan. 28, 1998
3273	33c Malcolm X	Jan. 20, 1999
3371	33c Patricia Roberts Harris	Jan. 27, 2000
3501	34c Roy Wilkins	Jan. 24, 2001
3557	34c Langston Hughes	Feb. 1, 2002
3746	37c Thurgood Marshall	Jan. 7, 2003
3834	37c Paul Robeson	Jan. 20, 2004
3896	37c Marian Anderson	Jan. 27, 2005
3996	39c Hattie McDaniel	Jan. 25, 2006
4120	39c Ella Fitzgerald	Jan. 10, 2007
4222	41c Charles W. Chesnutt	Jan. 31, 2008
4408	44c Anna Julia Cooper	June 11, 2009
4464	44c Oscar Micheaux	June 22, 2010
4565	forever (44c) Barbara Jordan	Sept. 16, 2011
4624	forever (45c) John H. Johnson	Jan. 31, 2012
4803	forever (46c) Althea Gibson	Aug. 23, 2013
4856	forever (49c) Shirley Chisholm	Jan. 31, 2014
4958	forever (49c) Robert Robinson Taylor	Feb. 12, 2015
5056	forever (49c) Richard Allen	Feb. 2, 2016
5171	forever (49c) Dorothy Height	Feb. 1, 2017
5259	forever (50c) Lena Horne	Jan. 30, 2018
5349	forever (55c) Gregory Hines	Jan. 28, 2019
5432	forever (55c) Gwen Ifill	Jan. 30, 2020
5555	forever (55c) August Wilson	Jan. 28, 2021
5663	forever (58c) Edmonia Lewis	Jan. 26, 2022
to come	forever (63c) Ernest J. Gaines	Jan. 23, 2023

Linn's Stamp News, January 30, 2023, page 12.

Sweden's Famous 3-skilling Yellow Stamp

By Douglas Files

The treskilling yellow or 3-skilling yellow is a Swedish stamp error which is so rare that only one copy is known. Over the years a mys-



Image by sv:P.A. Sparre (1828-1921 Retrieved on 2 February 2012., Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=119997>

tique has grown up around it, as has occurred for other unique stamps. Some authors call the 3-skilling yellow the most valuable collectible in the world by weight, and other hyperbolic claims are made as well. No matter the specifics, when the famous yellow error has been auctioned off, it has

three times commanded record-high prices to be the most valuable single stamp in the world. It is probably worth several million dollars. The normal 3-skilling Swedish stamp was the first stamp issued by Sweden and it was green (see accompanying photo). The yellow stamp represents an error, at least as far as is known. It was the 8-skilling stamp from the 1855 series which was supposed to be yellow.

The story goes that in 1885 a schoolboy found the unique item among his late grandfather's papers. It had been cancelled in Nya Kopparberget, less than 100 miles from Uppsala. The boy, Georg Backman, sold the stamp for a small amount to Stockholm stamp dealer Heinrich Liechtenstein, who held onto it for eight years before selling it to a wealthy German count. It continued to change hands and in the 1940s King Carol of Romania owned the 3-skilling yellow.

Questions about the yellow error's authenticity have abounded, especially since no others of its kind have been found. But most experts have considered it real. Scientific analysis confirmed in the 1990s that the stamp was the same shade as the 8-skilling of the same set, so it is theorized that the wrong color ink was used one time to create the error.

Significant publicity was generated in 2001

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Apr 3—7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. **CLUB AUCTION #2**

Apr 10 —7:00 pm, Board Meeting

Apr 17 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. The new Digital Catalogue & How the Scott Catalogue is updated. DSC Member Speaker—Jay Bigalke, Editor-in-Chief of Linn's and Scott Catalogues

April 21-22—MSDAS Dayton Stamp Show, Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. IBEW Local 82 Hall, 6550 Poe Ave. Dayton. email:msdastampshow@gmail.com.

June 9-10-COLOPEX 2023, Columbus Philatelic Club, Doubletree Hilton Worthington, 175 Hutchinson Ave. Columbus, email: gpurington@homesteadcos.com.

May 1 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. US Covers and Postal History Part 2 — Presentation by DSC members Doug Files and Dennis Callison

May 8—7:00 pm, Board Meeting

May 15 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, **CLUB AUCTION #3.**

June 5—7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. Top 3 Reasons I Collect Stamps — Member Participation by everyone 1 -2 minutes. Tips in newsletter.

June 12 —7:00 pm, Board Meeting

June 19 — 6:30 pm Carry-in Picnic—at Church Picnic Shelter. Juneteenth Holiday—Church CLOSED (no restroom access in building).

June 26 —7:00 Silent DSC Auction. 7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. Discuss a patriotic item from your collection. Member Participation 4-6 minutes.

July 3—NO MEETING Church Closed.

July 10—7:00 pm, Board Meeting



July 17 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. **CLUB AUCTION #4.**

Aug 7—7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. Member Bourse—Buy, Sell & Trade.

Aug 10-13—Great American Stamp Show. APS ATA & FDCS. Huntington Convention Center. Westin Cleveland Downtown 300 Lakeside Ave, Cleveland email: stampshow@stamps.org.

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 when the stamp was exhibited at the Nordia
 2001 stamp show in Tucson, Arizona. Eleven



The 1855 non-error 3-skilling green stamp. Image in public domain by Postmuseum (Swedish Postal Museum) <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=80357138>

years later Baron Jean-Claude Andre' and his wife claimed they had stored a chest containing many 3-skilling yellows on cover at a particular bank. When they retrieved the chest the covers were missing. Upon investigation, the stories of the baron and other witnesses seemed implausible and their claim against the bank was rejected. The 3-skilling yellow was later featured in a fictional episode of the American TV drama White Collar as part of a heist planned by a group of thieves. In the television episode the FBI's expert forged a copy of the famous stamp.

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Aug 25-26 — AIRPEX 2023, IBEW Hall, 6550 Poe Ave. Dayton. F: 12-6 pm & Sa: 10 am-4 pm

Sept 4—NO MEETING—Labor Day

Sept 11 — 7:00 –pm Board Meeting, AIRPEX 2023 review/

Sept 18 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. **CLUB ACTION #5.**

Oct 2 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom. My Birthday in Philately—Member participation—Find a philatelic item related to your birth date—tips in newsletter.

Oct 9 — 7:00 –pm Board Meeting

Oct 16 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom., Silly Stamp Stories Games, Group Activity.

Nov 6 —7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, **CLUB AUCTION #6.**

Nov 13 — 7:00 pm Board Meeting, Set 2023 Colander & budget review.

Nov 20 —7:00 Silent DSC Auction. 7:30 pm Club Meeting & Program, In Person & Zoom, Elections & Gingerbread in Philately DSC Member Speaker, Vera Felts via Zoom

Dec 4 — 6:30 pm HolidayPEX Party starts at 6:30 pm at Christ Church

Dec 11 — 7:00 pm Board Meeting

Dec 18 — NO MEETING

Crankshaft

