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Greater Houston Stamp Show 2013, the Philatelic Party of the Year

The Houston Philatelic Society is proud to present our annual stamp weekend, Greater Houston Stamp Show. The show is four days of fun activities and experiences that are shared with some of our best friends in the hobby right here in Houston.

The photos below from GHSS 2012 will give you a flavor for the events that took place last year and feature club members enjoying themselves.

The contents inside will give you details of the 2013 events that we have planned for the weekend of September 19-22.



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Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses

September 20-22, 2013

Greater Houston Stamp Show. Start preparing your exhibits now for the 2013 exhibition. The single frame competition will feature the color red. We expect a great turn-out, so go to the web site and download the exhibit prospectus, fill it in and mail it in.

The show will be held at the Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, TX. Hours are 10-6 on Friday and Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. We expect a 33 dealer Bourse and about 1200 pages of exhibits. Parking and admission are free.

September 27-28, 2013

Texas Precancel Club Fall Roundup. Fall auction and bourse of the Texas Precancel Club at the Comfort Inn, 301 Capital St., Grapevine, Texas. Auction on Saturday. For more information, contact Katherine Foster at khfoster@hotmail.com.

November 9-10, 2013

Mid-Cities Stamp EXPO. This is the 26th consecutive year for the show. The show will be held at the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 So. Main Street, Grapevine, Texas. Each year a theme is chosen for the exhibit competition. This year's theme is "Themes that Grow."

Show times are Saturday, 10am to 5pm and Sunday 10am to 4pm. The show will feature a 28-Dealer Bourse, exhibits, a Silent Auction, a giant Mixture Pick, special *Patriotism* cachet, cancel, and local post souvenir stamp, a Beginning Collectors Center, Chance Board, Club Sales books, and a U.S. Postal Service booth.

Admission and Parking are free. EXPO 2013 is sponsored by the Mid-Cities Stamp Club, P.O. Box 2158, Arlington, Texas 76004-2158. For Additional Information, please contact: Stanley Christmas at (817)-656-2925.

Houston Philatelic Web Site:
<http://www.houstonstampclub.org/>

Upcoming Meetings

July 15 ...

Belgian Congo Floors Issue

Ron Strawser will present comprehensive coverage of the Floors Issue from his extensive Belgian Congo collection.

August 5 ...

Called Floor Auction

Members and visitors are welcome to bring up to 5 lots for sale in our quarterly auction. You can sell duplicate or unwanted philatelic material or you can come with a fist full of cash and buy to your heart's content.

August 19 ...

Literature Night

Once a year members are invited to bring at item or two of philatelic literature to present to the attendees. This is a round table show-and-tell, so grab a book, or society journal from your shelf and bring it in.

September 2 ...

Indonesian Revenue Stamps

HPS member Bryant Korn will share details of one of his favorite collecting areas with us.

September 16 ...

GHSS Preparation Night

We will discuss last minute details and plans for the annual Greater Houston Stamp Show. This is our pep rally for the most significant philatelic event of the year in Houston.

October 7 ...

GHSS Wrap-Up Meeting

This is a round table discussion of the pros and cons of the show, the highlights and a show-and-tell for new purchases, so bring something new from the show.

October 21 ...

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Greater Houston Stamp Show 2013 Details:

Set-Up Day: On Thursday, there's a lot of activity that we need to do to get ready for the show opening on Friday morning. We would love to have anyone who's available to show up and help out. The tasks include setting up the frames for exhibits, mounting mail-in exhibits, making final room arrangements for the dealer bourse, helping out with dealer move-in and set-up and setting up the Beginners' Booth. The time frame is from about 1pm to 6pm. It's a great opportunity to meet some of our out-of-town visitors who will be exhibiting, judging or dealing.

Friday: The Show officially opens Friday morning at 10 am. We will need club members to assist at the reception table to greet and sign-in visitors and to work the Beginners' Booth. The judges will be busy reviewing the exhibits.

Exhibits: GHSS has an outstanding competitive exhibit where you'll see some rare and interesting material. We host both a very special single frame competition and a multi-frame competition. The single frame color completion is nationally renown.

This year's color is red. This annual competition has been so successful that it is copied by several other shows. For example, NAPEX in Washington, D.C. selects a letter from the alphabet each year and the Worthington, Ohio show this November will also host a Red single frame competition, a direct copy of our competition.

From the multi-frame open competition, the judges will select both our Grand Award and Reserve Grand Award winners.

Show visitors are invited to vote for their favorite exhibit by using the ballots that are available.

Dealer Bourse: We have possibly the strongest dealer bourse of any show from Florida to Phoenix and north to St. Louis. We are very proud of our dealer family and the show offers attendees the best shopping opportunity in the entire south central United States, so please patronize the bourse. A tentative dealer list is shown on page 4.

Food Concession: We have a great Food Concession which offers everything from coffee, sodas and snacks to complete box lunches, the ultimate in making a full day out of your stamp show visit. We will need a few club members to help man the booth throughout the day each day. We will be circulating a volunteer sign-up sheet at several upcoming Monday night meetings for this and many other needs.

Seminars and Meetings: We have a full complement of meetings and seminars scheduled for Saturday. The complete list will be presented in the show program, so consult it for planned meetings.

Show Auction: We have been very fortunate to have Bob Dumanie and his Sam Houston Philatelics organization host a high end auction in conjunction with the show for many years. Having the auction at the show venue make it convenient for show visitors. The Auction is traditionally at 1pm Saturday afternoon. Auction lots may be viewed at the Sam Houston Philatelics booth before the auction.

Awards Banquet: The highlight of the show is our annual Awards Banquet. The dinner is a catered barbeque buffet. Tickets can be purchased from Denise Stotts any time prior to the show, during setup day, or all day Friday.

After dinner the festivities start with a fun quiz with cash prizes. We'll give out \$100 for right answers and have a great time doing it. Next, we'll recognize our exhibit award winners including the Big Four: the Red single frame winner, the single frame Grand Award winner, the Reserve Grand Award winner and the Grand Award winner.

But that's not the end of the night. We'll have the annual crayon drawing ceremony where we pull out a crayon from the sacred tin can with the sacred tongs. That crayon will determine next year's single frame color.

Sunday: There's still plenty of shopping opportunities on Sunday at the bourse. Sunday is especially nice because it's a very relaxed day compared to the hectic pace of the previous three days. When the show closes at 4pm, we do need a good crew of volunteers to help with tear down. We remove the exhibits from the frame and disassemble the frames for shipment back to the storage facility.

Booth	Dealer	State	Specialties
SB1	Castle Stamp & Coin	Texas	U.S., Back of Book, Hawaii, Discount Postage
SB2	A & D Stamps & Coins	California	U.S. and Worldwide including Canada & Prov.
11	The Right Stamp Co.	Texas	U.S. & Foreign Stamps & Postal History, Texas
12	Harris Stamp Shop	Texas	Postal History, revenues, Collections
13	Crown Colony Stamps	Texas	British Commonwealth
14	Charles Deaton	Texas	U.S. & Worldwide Stamps, Postal History , Coll.
15	Oklahoma Stamps	Oklahoma	U.S., Picture Postcards
16	Byron S. Brandt	Texas	Worldwide Stamps
SB3	Sam Houston Philatelics	Texas	U.S., Duck Stamps, Auctions
SB4	A to Z Stamps & Coins	Arizona	Worldwide Classic to Modern, U.S.
23	Labron Harris	Maryland	U.S. and Worldwide Postal History
24	D.K. Enterprises	Wash.	U.S. & Worldwide Postal Hist., Revenues, Mil.
25	Cunningham Philatelics	Texas	U.S., Back of Book, Confederate, British, Can.
26	stampsuniversal.com	Texas	U.S., Scandinavia, Worldwide
27	The Stamp Connection	Texas	British Empire, Europe & Colonies, Worldwide
28	Topper Stamps & PH	Texas	U.S. & Worldwide Postal History
31	Melvin Edmonds	Texas	Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Topicals
32	Stamp Center of Texas	Texas	Worldwide Stamps & Postal History
33	Terry Kurzinski	Illinois	Air Mail, First Day Covers, Postal History
34	Hunt & Co.	Texas	U.S., British Commonwealth, Worldwide, Lots
35	James F. Taff	California	German Areas, Confederate States, U.S.
36	D & P Stamps	California	Portugal, France, Italy, British, Worldwide
37	Mary Janes Stamp Shop	Texas	Worldwide, Scandinavia, Topicals, Germany
38	Newport Harbor Stamp Co.	California	U.S. Classics, Plate Blocks, Errors
41	Douglas S. Weisz	Pa.	U.S. Postal History, First Day Covers, Navals
42	Paul W. Johnson	Texas	U.S. & Selected Foreign
42	Roberto's Marketing	Texas	Worldwide, Topicals, Postal History
43	George Watkins Stamps	Texas	Worldwide, Latin America, U.S.
44	Oceanview Stamp Co.	California	U.S., British Commonwealth, Worldwide
45	Double J Stamps	Illinois	Supplies, Worldwide & U.S. Stamps
46	Steve Crippe, Inc.	Texas	Quality United States
47	Queen City Coins & Stamps	Georgia	New Issues, U.S., Topicals, Worldwide
48	Postalhysteria	Texas	Twentieth Century Postal history

Chronicle Promotes Getting Started in Stamp Collecting

In a feature article in the June 10 (Monday) edition of the *Houston Chronicle*, the paper promoted stamp collecting for future generations. It is seldom that the popular media promotes our collecting specialty and even less common when the subject of introducing young people to stamp collecting is addressed.

The author, Alyson Ward started the article by introducing her readers to Austin Marks, a 17 year old Memorial High School senior and collector since age 10. Marks explained that "I might spend \$10 on 30 stamps. Not all stamps are that expensive."

Some historical background was included to stress to the audience that the collecting horizon has changed over the years. In the past, as the article laments in a quote from Amy Nicklaus, executive director of the American Stamp Dealers Association, "For a very long time, there was no need to bring awareness to it because it was just something that people passed on, generation to generation. It was a different time. Now people inherit their parents' or grandparents' collections and don't have a clue what the stamps are worth or what should be done with them."

The American Stamp Dealers Association has rolled out a campaign to promote stamp collecting on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Pinterest and other sites on the Internet where young people are likely to stumble across stamp collecting. The *Chronicle* provided an information box, shown here at the right, to help budding collectors get started.

A major part of the article's promotional content was the detailed information from experienced collector and stamp dealer Bob Dumaine. Bob, the owner of Sam Houston Duck Co. at 14780 Memorial and a great supporter of the Houston Philatelic Society, provided some personal information about his collecting experiences at age 10 and continued on with a couple of intriguing stories that should appeal to those just getting started in stamp collecting. Detail from the *Chronicle* photo of Bob is shown at the right.

The article ends with quotes from Marks about how much fun he is having with his collecting experience. He is a third generation collector, so he shares the hobby with his father and grandfather.

Thanks to the *Chronicle* for promoting the hobby.

Want to get started?

Here are tips from collectors:

Collect what you like. Do you like clocks? Cars? Flowers? The British royals? Whatever you like, you can build a stamp collection around it.

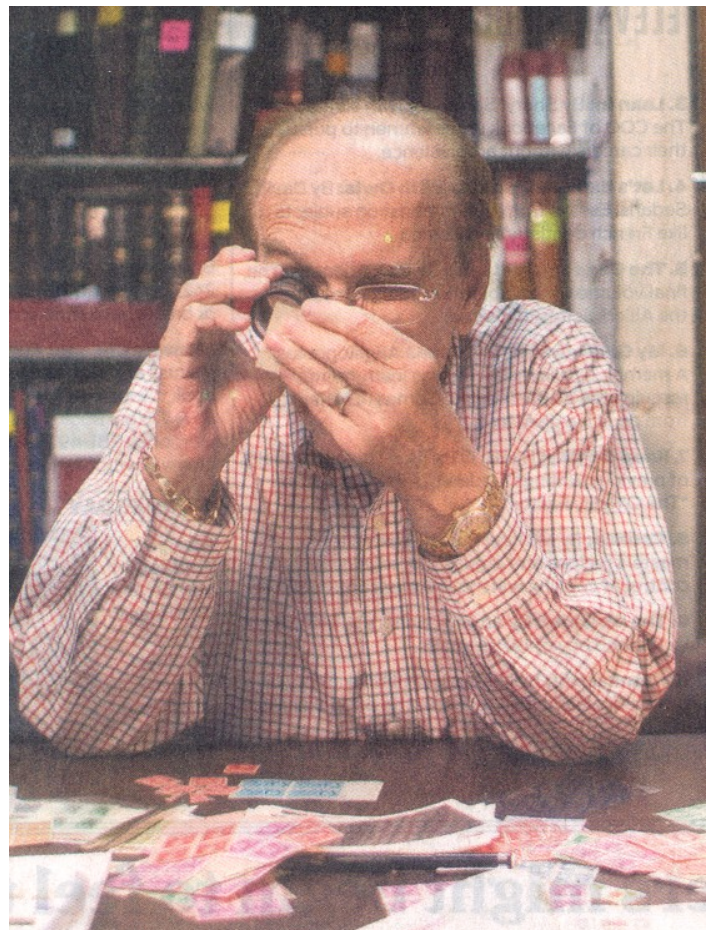
Start with inexpensive stamps. Go to a stamp shop or a show and say, "I like Disney characters. What do you have that's affordable?"

Unless you like them, don't bother with "this will be valuable someday" stamps, which can be a lot like Beanie Babies.

Remember the hoopla over the Elvis Presley stamp issued in '93? That Elvis stamp will never be valuable because the U.S. Postal Service sold so many of them.

Pick up a stamp catalog so you'll know what's out there. Austin Marks, who collects only American stamps, uses the "Scott U.S. Pocket Stamp Catalogue," which is updated every year and features stamp values and pictures.

Find out more about the Stamp Love campaign:
www.thestamplove.com.



Country Sections of the Scott Catalog

Recently, your editor purchased a country section of the Scott catalog from an Internet source and it turned out to be a great purchase. Rick and Karen at www.chiokmd.com have been purchasing multiple copies of each new volume of the Scott catalog as it is released.

They slice them apart, country by country and sell each section based on country listings. They are priced, apparently prorated based on the cost of each volume and the percentage of the volume involving the country. Countries with many pages are priced higher than countries with just a few pages.

There are several advantages to purchasing one of these "country catalogs" if you collect a country. You have full color illustrations, the latest prices and the newest issues cataloged.

I three-hole punched the Italy section that I purchased and put it in my Want List Binder. I went through and highlighted all the singles and sets I own and it took only an hour or so to do it. Effectively, I now have a full color want/have list with current pricing at my fingertips when I attend a show.

Here are some sample prices from their web site for 2014 catalog sections: US Confederate States (\$4.50), Canada (\$25), Colombia (\$4.50), Congo (\$3), Czechoslovakia (\$5.50), Greece (\$8) and Italy and States(\$8). I paid about \$2.50 postage for the Italy section to be mailed to me.

Award Winners ...

Editor's note: Please report your activities as an exhibitor and we'll give you the spotlight here in the Winners' column.

Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, Philadelphia, Pa., April 5-7, 2013

William Drummond - "*Foreign Air Mail Route 14: 1935-1941*" Gold medal, Ray Simrak Best Air Mail Award.

Ron Strawser - "*Mozambique Company Postal Stationery*" Gold medal.

Aripex, Mesa, Az., April 19-21, 2013

William Drummond - "*Foreign Air Mail Route 14: 1935-1941*" Gold medal, American Air Mail Society Gold Medal.

William Fort - "*Wartime Trans-Pacific Airmail Routes*" Vermeil medal, American Air Mail Society Vermeil Medal.

Jay Stotts - "*Early U.S. Commercial Air Mail*" Vermeil medal, American Air Mail Society Vermeil Medal, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Gold Award of Honor.

The Houston Philatelic Society....

Enjoy the fun of stamp collecting by sharing your interests with fellow collectors at an upcoming HOUSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY meeting.

When : **First and third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM**

Where : **West University United Methodist Church, 3611 University Blvd., Houston, TX**

Visitors and new stamp collectors are always welcome.

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