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Winter 2018

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

Location: Sandy Senior Center
9310 So. 1300 East, Sandy
First and third Thursdays of each month
Socializing: 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Meeting: 6:00 pm until 7:55 pm

Club Officers

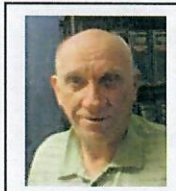
President: Joe Ferguson
Vice-President: Dave Blackhurst
Secretary/Treasurer: Linda Snyder
Board Members: Jerry Pitstick, Allan Anderson, Don Marr, Blaine Cox, Rick Huddleston, Joellen Dillard
Newsletter Editor: Ewald Kuefner

Upcoming Events

Next Stamp Show will be at the
Sons of Utah Pioneers building
February 9th and 10th, 2018
Friday 10 am to 6 pm
Saturday 10 am to 4 pm
3301 E. Louise St. (2920 So.)

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The President's Corner

Joe Ferguson

We are all dependent on the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalog. I think a good catalog should do two things: identify the stamps and price the stamps.

I don't think Scott does a very good job of either one. In pricing stamps, for example, they have established a minimum value per stamp at \$.25, but then they will list a pair or block of four as a single catalog number where the two or four individual stamps are less than \$.25 each, like Burundi 337 which is a block of four with one catalog number priced at \$.60 for a used copy, but 337a-d are \$.25 each.

Many times, they will price a souvenir sheet at less than the individual stamps in the sheet. In many Israel sets, they price the set with tabs at less than without tabs. So, let's all tear off the tabs from the Israel stamps or break up pairs and blocks to make our stamps more valuable. It just doesn't make sense.

My biggest complaint, however, is in the lack of detailed information identifying stamps. An example is Netherlands 7-12. There is a footnote that states "Two varieties of numerals in each value, differing chiefly in the thickness."

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The President's Corner ... continued

Every other catalog in the world lists both issues along with pictures to show the differences. I have to refer to those catalogs to get the information which Scott should provide. The list of omissions is endless, leaving out perforation differences, color varieties, paper differences and other valuable data needed to properly identify some stamps. On many issues they just leave it out completely.

I use several foreign catalogs to help me. The best are Stanley Gibbons and Michel. I use them so much that they are falling apart. I'll give an example of why I like to use foreign catalogs. I bought a worldwide collection a few months ago that had a souvenir sheet, Czechoslovakia 239, overprinted in red "Karlsbad 1.X.1938" and a swastika. No mention of it in Scott, not even in a footnote. I checked my Michel Germany Specialty catalog and found the stamp which listed for 2,400 Euros in 2003.



I have found hundreds of stamps in foreign catalogs, some which are very valuable, which are not listed in the Scott catalog. As you become more advanced in the hobby, I would recommend using other catalogs to help you identify varieties or unlisted stamps missing in the Scott catalog. We have some catalogs available from the club. You will probably be able to shop on eBay to find the one you need. ##

May Stamp Show, Special Club Activity

By Don Marr

So why write something about the May Stamp Show when we haven't even had the one in February yet? It is so we can all get started. We are having an exhibit contest! It is interesting that we have stamp shows three times each year, but have nothing to show. The word show implies there should be something to see.

Usually all there is to see is what the dealers have to sell. Thus, we are having an exhibit contest in the May Stamp Show. It is being announced at this time in order to get started and have as many exhibits as possible, so we can have some very special things to see.

Any member of the Utah Philatelic Society is eligible. The prizes are 1st place at \$50.00. 2nd place at \$30.00 and 3rd place at \$15.00. Each prize will be in the form of a gift certificate to be used in the Stamp Show with a dealer of the winner's choice.

Exhibit frames owned by the club are designed to hold 16 pages on each side for a total of 32 pages. Each side can show 8 1/2" x 11" pages in 4 rows. Presentations can be any length up to 32 pages. Two other ways to show stamps are: On the table-top in a book for browsing; Affixed pages on a foam core trifold that may be purchased wherever poster board is sold.

The first page of any entry must have exhibitor's name and the title of the exhibit. Club members may make up to 3 displays.

Exhibits may be submitted at the Sons of Utah Pioneers building on Thursday, the day before the show from 12 noon to 6 pm; or, on Friday the day of the show before 9 am.

Judging will be People's Choice. Anyone visiting the show may vote. Voters will not be able to see
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May Stamp Show Special Activity ... continued

the exhibitor's name. Judging will acknowledge the design, color, content, educational value, labeling, the overall effect of each presentation. Voting will take place all day Friday and will end at 11:30 am Saturday so the winners will be able to use their gift certificates in the afternoon.

If this event is successful it will be offered more frequently in the future. Let's make some nice exhibits, have fun, and learn from one another.

**If you have any questions, contact
Don Marr 801 561 4723 ##**

Club Members, Please Note: 2018 Club dues are due now. See Linda Snyder, Secretary/Treasurer.

Martin Luther King Jr Stamps

By, American Philatelic Society (Web blog of Americas Stamp Club.

In January Martin Luther King Jr Day is the 32nd year of the annual federal holiday first honoring the slain civil rights leader, who has appeared on more than 100 stamps worldwide.

King (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was a prime force in the civil rights who was awarded the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize and posthumously the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1977) and Congressional Gold Medal (2004).

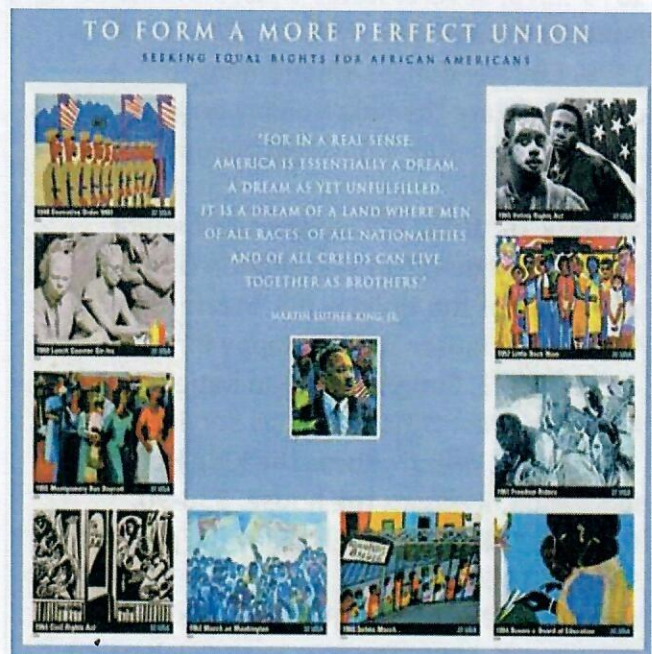
Martin Luther King Jr Day was established in 1983 and first celebrated in 1986. It is annually on the third Monday of January to coincide with his actual birthday, January 15, of the slain civil rights leader. King has been honored on two U.S. stamps and his image is used as the central focal point on a 10-stamp pane dedicated to the civil rights movement.

King was first honored on a U.S. stamp as the second subject of the then-new Black Heritage series (Scott 1771). His stamp, a year after a Harriet Tubman Commemorative, was issued January 13, 1979. (Continued next column)

Martin Luther King Jr Stamps... continued



King and his "I Have a Dream Speech" are honored on the top-left stamp (Scott 3188a) of the 15-stamp Celebrate the Century 1960's pane of 15, issued September 17, 1999. The dynamic speech, delivered August 28, 1963 from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., is considered a masterpiece by many. Like the U.S. in 1999, Belgium included an image of King with text from the speech in the background (Scott 1779f).

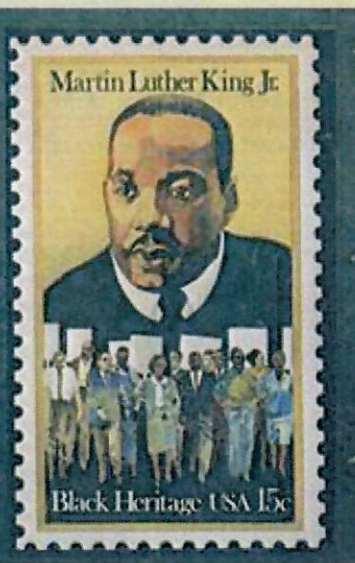


New This Month

The second stamp in the Black Heritage USA series was on sale in Atlanta, Ga., on January 11. The stamp, which is pictured at right, honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and is issued in celebration with his birthday, Jan. 15. It goes on sale nationwide on that date and will be available in short form only, 50 stamps to a sheet. The stamp bears the 15-cent denomination.

Designed by Jerry J. Pickney of Geneva, an artist in Atlanta, Ga., there will be 150 million stamps issued. Collectors of coins, who don't make arrangements for first-day issuance, can do so by sending \$1.00 to the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History in Washington, D.C. The address there is 1401 14th St., S.W., Washington, D.C., 20005.

This is the second in the Black Heritage series. The first stamp bore a likeness of Harriet Tubman, and was issued on Feb. 1, 1978. That stamp had a 13-cent denomination.



Clipping from an unidentified newspaper or magazine describing the issuance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., U.S. postage stamp \$.15 denomination.

Timeline

April 4, 1968, assassinated in Memphis, TN.

April 8, 1968, Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) introduces legislation to establish a federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.
1971, Congress receives more than 6 million signatures in support of the federal holiday, but no legislative action is taken, yet.

1973-1979, Several states enact statewide King holidays including ILL, MA, CT, NJ.

1979, CBC denounces amendment to commemorate the King Holiday on a Sunday. Anything less than a full legal holiday is unacceptable.

January 15, 1981, CBC supports a benefit concert and march in Washington DC to gain attention for the Holiday Bill. Stevie Wonder is the event sponsor singing Happy Birthday.

August 1983, Congresswoman Katie B Hall (D-IN) House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, re-introduces the King Holiday legislation. It passes the house. 338-90.

October 1983, the King Holiday Bill passes the Senate, 78-22.

November 1983, Pres. Reagan signs the bill

January 20, 1986, The first Nat'l Celebration.

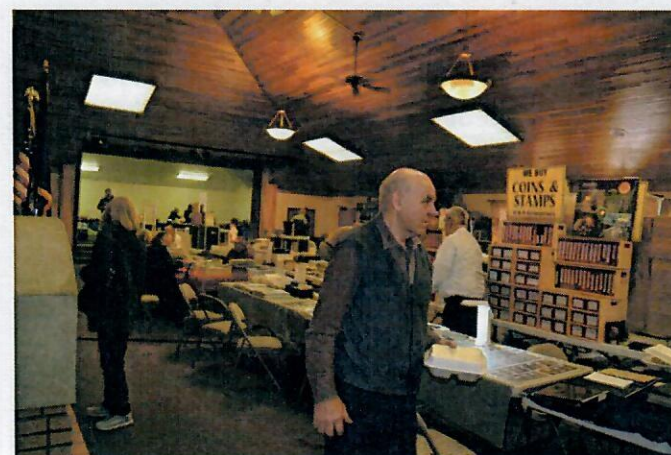
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Club Officers voted in again this year of 2018 for a 2-year term



Our Stamp Club meetings



Stamp Show at the Sons of Utah Pioneers' building exhibit hall

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr