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Spring 2023

### Club Meeting Location

**SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS**  
**3301 E LOUISE ST (2920 S)**  
**First and Third Thursday of each month**  
**7:00 pm until 8:45 pm**

### Club Officers

**President: Steve Baldridge**  
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### STAMP SHOWS for 2023

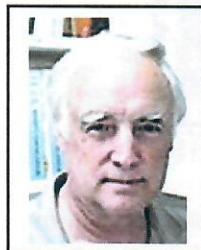
**MAY 19-20, 2023**  
**AUGUST 4-5, 2023**  
**OCTOBER 6-7, 2023**

### STAMP SHOW HOURS

**FRIDAY 10 am to 6 pm**  
**SATURDAY 10 am to 4 pm**

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### **The President's Corner**

**Steve Baldridge**

**Greetings Members!**

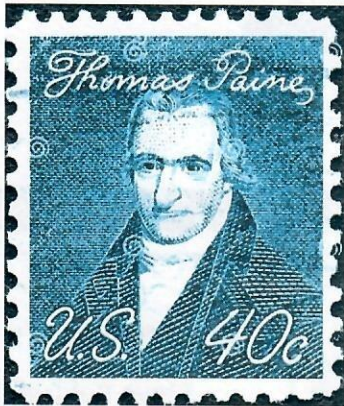
It seems like I've had a pretty full plate of issues to deal with lately and for this reason I've neglected getting to our quarterly newsletter as soon as I wanted. Hopefully this hasn't caused too much inconvenience to our membership – which, by the way, has been growing! We've recently added several new members, and we are happy to have them included in our numbers.

I recently made a visit to Hawaii and had the opportunity to visit the monthly meetings of the Hawaiian Philatelic Society. Several things stood out to me about that meeting. First of all, only five members were present—I was the sixth.

Apparently, many of their members actually reside on the mainland. The meeting was structured quite similar to ours, although the "presentation" had more the appearance of a business meeting, but they spoke of different activities that were coming up. I don't know how active the philatelic community is in Hawaii, when I lived there in the 1970's there was a stamp shop, but I don't know if it is still there. Following the discussion there was an auction, which was handled a little differently from ours. All of the items had been pre-submitted and printed on  
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## Our Founding Fathers in stamps



**Thomas Paine 1737-1809**

The United States issued a 40 cent postage stamp with the portrait of Thomas Paine on April 3, 1973.

Patriot, writer, politician, and the author of "Common Sense" (January 1776) and other pamphlets.

Thomas Paine was an English born American Founding Father. His claim to fame was his many pamphlets, *Common Sense*, is however, still by far, the most popular. In it he wrote his sentiments for independence in 1776, the same year the Declaration of Independence, was signed and adopted on January 10, 1776. It was published in Philadelphia anonymously. It was a quick success in only 3 months; the 48 paged pamphlet sold over 100,000 copies. It sold a total of 500,000 during the American Revolution. The pamphlet would be passed around when it came into circulation, the same month it was published, even being read aloud in taverns. This greatly contributed to the spreading concept of republicanism.

Enthusiasm for separation from the British crown grew even more, along with recruitment for the Continental Army. Paine's argument was convincing as the Americans were disgusted with threats of tyranny. *Common Sense* became the most widely read pamphlet in America during the Revolution. Essentially Paine was attacking King George III.

Paine made it clear that he believed it all to be the King's fault and responsibility.

*Common Sense* was written in a direct and lively style that captured the attention of the people. It denounced Europe's decaying despotisms and called hereditary monarchy absurd. -0-

## President Baldrige's Message continued

several sheets, with an identifying lot number. About half of the 45 items were of Hawaiian material, and that's when things really got interesting! Three of the members bid heavily on these items, with two of them spending what I would roughly guess was around \$2000 a piece. I was left gasping at the great interest shown in this material. In our club, anyone spending over \$30 is a big spender.

I presented the five members with some of our pictorial covers having a Utah theme, and then bid an "aloha oe" to what was an interesting experience. I decided, however, that (apart from the big spenders) their club has nothing on ours!

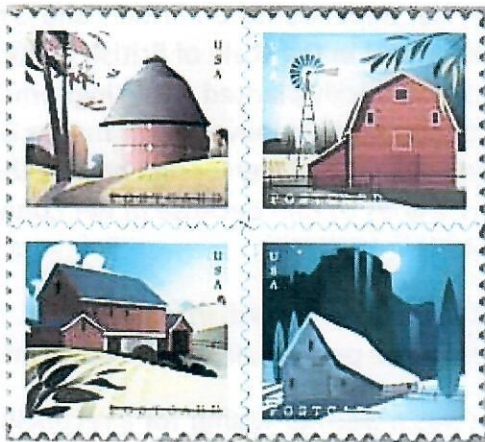
Part of my Hawaii visit included making a trip to WWII Pacific battle sites, which started in Honolulu and then went on to Guam, Saipan, Tinian and the crown jewel, Iwo Jima, which is open to foreign civilians only one day a year. All of these islands were the locations of some very fierce battles and seeing them was a sobering experience.

I prepared for the Iwo Jima visit by ordering a special cancel, showing the words, "Iwo Jima" in English and Japanese, with the date of our visit—25 March 2023. I brought a copy of the famous Rosenthal photograph of the flag raising with me, along with two stamps showing the same image. Then while standing on top of Mt. Suribachi, I attached the stamps to the picture and cancelled them. The picture is shown on next page:

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## Forever Stamps... Americana



### 2020 - FOREVER BARN POSTCARD STAMPS

This set of Barn Postage Stamps are self-adhesive POSTCARD stamps. One stamp per post card. You need to use two of these stamps to mail a standard 1 oz letter or it will be returned to sender.



### 2021 - MID-ATLANTIC LIGHT-HOUSE FOREVER STAMPS

- (1) Montauk Point Light House, est. 1797  
Stands Long Island, east of NYC
- (2) Navesink No. & So. Towers L/H, 1862.  
Aka Highlands L/H New Jersey Shore.
- (3) Erie Harbor Lighthouse 1867 Lake Erie.
- (4) Harbor of Refuge Lighthouse 1926  
Stands at Delaware Bay.

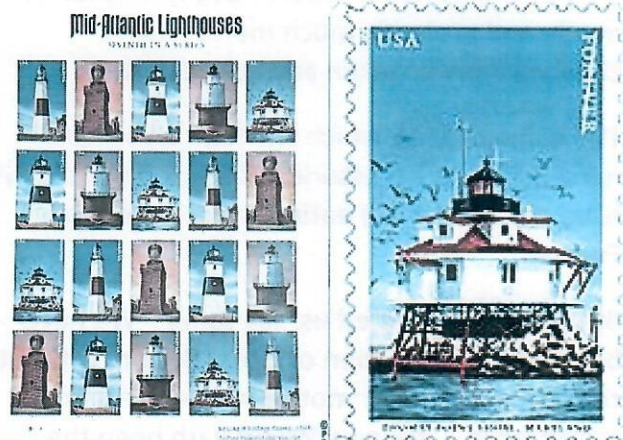
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## President Baldrige's Message continued:



"Finally, we have a stamp show scheduled for May 19 and 20, 2023. This will include an opportunity for you to mount an exhibit for three prizes as previously awarded. We encourage your attendance at the show so we can support our vendors.

If you would like to mount an exhibit, please contact Don Marr ASAP at 801-647-3016 so he can plan accordingly." Steve Baldrige



### 2021 - MID-ATLANTIC LIGHT-HOUSE FOREVER STAMPS

These stamps come in sheets of 20 with five different stamps.

They were issued August 7, 2021

- Illustrated by Howard Koslow
- (5) Thomas Point Shoal Light House, 1875  
Near Annapolis, Maryland



## Founders of our Country in stamps, back story

### Common Sense

By Thomas Paine

Note: We have been exploring many of our Founding Fathers in stamps. Thomas Paine was never a President of the United States, but he was a loyal founding father. He is known for his patriotic pamphlets. His most famous is "Common Sense". Have you ever wondered what was in it that was so impactful?

Here is a short excerpt:

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"1776 - In the following pages I offer nothing more than simple facts, plain arguments, and common sense.

I have heard it asserted by some, that as America has flourished under her former connection with Great Britain, the same connection is necessary towards her future happiness, and will always have the same effect.

Nothing can be more fallacious than this kind of argument. We may as well assert that because a child has thrived upon milk, that is never to have meat, or that the first twenty years of our lives is to become a precedent for the next twenty.

But even this is admitting more than is true; for I answer that America would have flourished as much, and probably much more, had no European power taken any notice of her.

The commerce by which she hath enriched herself are the necessities of life and will always have a market while eating is the custom of Europe.

But she has protected us, say some. We have boasted the protection of Great Britain, without considering that her motive was interest not attachment. This new World hath been the asylum for the persecuted lovers of civil and religious liberty from every part of Europe.

As Europe is our market for trade, we ought to form no partial connection with any part of it. It is the true interest of America to steer clear of European contentions, which she never can do,  
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## Founders of our Country in stamps, continued

while, by her dependence on Britain, she is made the makeweight in the scale of British politics. Europe is too thickly planted with Kingdoms to be long at peace, and whenever a war breaks out between England and any foreign power, the trade of America goes to ruin because of her connection with Britain.

There is something absurd, in supposing a Continent to be perpetually governed by an Island.

No man was a warmer wisher for a reconciliation than myself before the fatal nineteenth of April, 1775 [the day of the battles of Lexington and Concord], but the moment the event of that day was made known, I rejected the hardened, sullen-tempered Pharaoh of England forever; and distain the wretch, that with the pretended title of Father of his People can unfeelingly hear of their slaughter, and composedly sleep with their blood upon his soul

Where, say some, is the king of America? I'll tell you, Friend, he reigns above, and doth not make havoc of mankind like the royal brute of Great Britain. So far as we approve of monarchy, in America the law is king.

A government of our own is our natural right. Ye that oppose independence now, ye know not what ye do. Ye are opening the door to eternal tyranny. There are thousands and tens of thousands, who would think it glorious to expel from the Continent, that barbarous and hellish power which hath stirred up the Indians & the Negroes to destroy us.

O! ye that love mankind! Ye that dare oppose not only the tyranny but the tyrant, stand forth! Every spot of the old world is overrun with oppression.

Freedom hath been hunted round the Globe. Asia and Africa have long expelled her. Europe regards her like a stranger, and England hath given her warning to depart. O! receive the fugitive and prepare in time an asylum (refuge) for mankind!"

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