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Summer 2024

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

Location: Sons of Utah Pioneers bldg.
3301 E. Louise Ave., Millcreek, UT 84109
First and third Thursdays of each month @ 7:00 pm
Club Website: www.utahphilatelic.org

Club Officers

President: Steve Baldrige
Vice-President: Craig Edwards
Secretary: Judy Maxfield
Treasurer: Dee Bird
Board Members: Rick Leimbach, Bill Long, Vladimir Makarov, Steve McLaughlin, Rick Hendricks
Newsletter Editor: Steve Baldrige (temporary)

Upcoming Events

STAMP SHOWS FOR 2024

February 9-10
May 17-18
October 11-12

The UPS Board is still looking for a Newsletter editor. The job is simple, but does require a basic understanding of Word. If you would like to fill this important role, please contact Steve Baldrige.



President's Corner Steve Baldrige

We recently had a board meeting, and several things arose that will be of interest to the club members.

For starters, we now have a new website. The address is the same—utahphilatelic.org, but the layout has been improved. Instead of having all the information on one page, the site has been divided into several categories, with tabs on the Home page that direct the viewer to specific pages. Be sure to check it out, and if you have feedback I'd like to hear it.

Also, as previously announced, we will be raising dues beginning in 2025. Both single and family dues will be raised by \$5 to \$25 and \$30, respectively. It should be noted that dues were last raised in 2010, so we are a little overdue at keeping current with rising expenses. We have costs which were not present while we met at the Sandy Senior Center, so we need to find ways to cover those costs. A board member suggested we revisit our dues payment every five years, instead of waiting for 14 years like before.

At our last stamp show in May, we asked for and received exhibits for display. These were judged by those in attendance, and prizes awarded. They went to 1st Place—Bill Long, for his display on the History of Aviation (including Space). 2nd Place went to Craig Edwards, for his exhibit on the Compass Rose. This is a little-known feature sometimes shown on compasses. 3rd Place was awarded to Don Marr, for his display on a history of the Statue of Liberty, as shown on stamps from various countries. Congratulations to the winners, who were awarded cash prizes, and we encourage all members to prepare an exhibit for upcoming shows.

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UPCOMING STAMP ISSUES

JEOPARDY!

Who doesn't like *Jeopardy!*? Started in 1964, the show has been through a number of hosts, the most famous of whom is Alex Trebek. Trebek hosted *Jeopardy!* for 37 years, until his death from pancreatic cancer in 2020. The USPS has just announced the issue of a Forever stamp honoring Trebek, which will be issued later this month in Culver City, California.

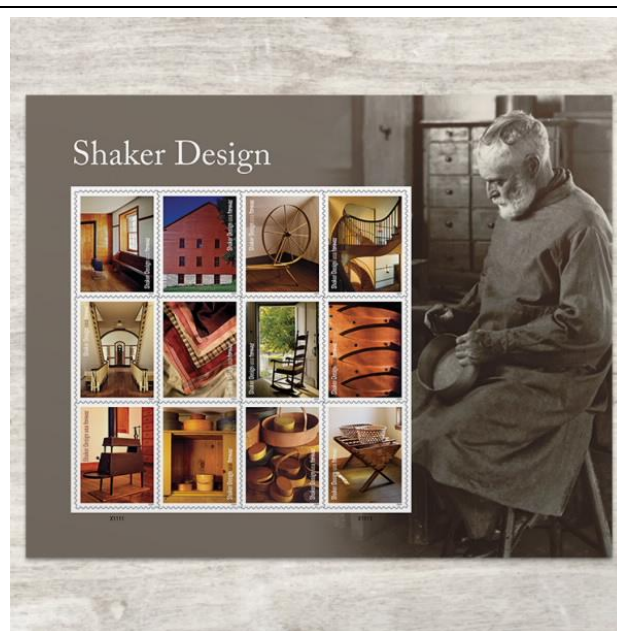


As a longtime *Jeopardy!* fan, I'm a little disappointed that there is not a greater variety of texts in the blue screens relating to Alex's life. Being a host for 37 years would certainly generate many points of interest that could fill the 20 stamps on the sheet. The USPS description indicates a print quantity of 30 million, although I don't know if that is the total number of stamps, or sheets.

SHAKER DESIGN

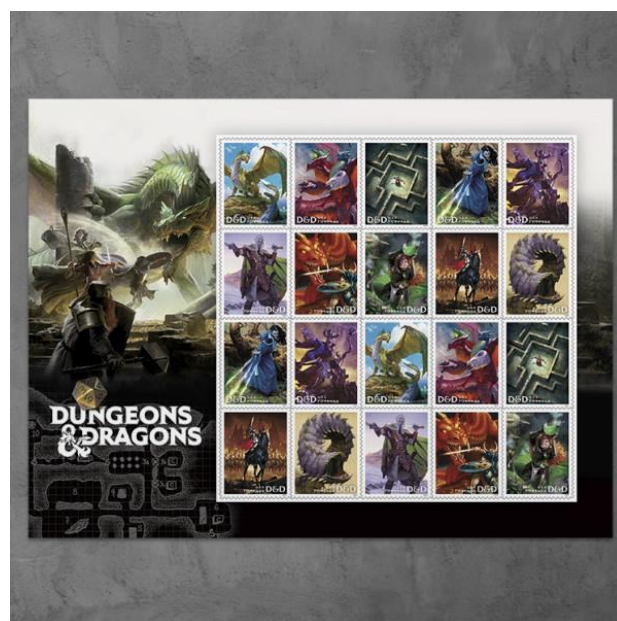
This sheet, issued on 20 June, honors the minimalist design of Shaker architecture, tools and household features. They are shown on 12 stamps from photographs taken in 1935.

Owing to the Shaker doctrine of absolute celibacy, membership has declined from a high number of 4,000-6,000 in the mid-19th Century, to just three living today. Many of their woodworking designs are considered collector's items today.



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

Coming August 1st is a sheet featuring the iconic role-playing game of Dungeons and Dragons, which has been around for 50 years. There are 10 different designs on the sheet of 20 stamps. The USPS has announced a print run of 45 million, although, again, it isn't clear if this refers to the number of stamps, or the number of sheets.



Given the large quantity printed, it is assumed that USPS anticipates a great interest for the stamp among D&D enthusiasts. Hopefully this might even spark a greater interest in philately. One can only hope.