



## Utah Philatelic Society

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### News & Events

During the May 15, 2025, regular Society meeting, Dave Blackhurst was awarded Lifetime Membership in the Utah Philatelic Society for his incredible contributions to the Club and his tireless efforts to promote philately in Utah and across the country.



Dave is a staple at stamp shows nationwide. He has been a member of the Utah Philatelic Society for at least 50 years – no one really knows – and he's served on the Board and in numerous leadership roles.

Dave has been actively working to keep philately alive and thriving his whole life. Now he offers his vast inventory online at [StampsForLess.com](https://StampsForLess.com). This is a passion project that has been his dream for many years, and he is thrilled to be able to make his inventory accessible to all his stamp loving friends. Contact Dave directly at [dave@stampsforless.com](mailto:dave@stampsforless.com).



On May 9, the United States Postal Service announced proposed price increases for shipping services that would take effect **July 13**, the same day the price of a first-class letter will rise from 73¢ to 78¢.

The changes, which have been approved by the Postal Service's board of governors, must be reviewed by the Postal Regulatory Commission before they are scheduled to take effect.

### President's Corner

It is an absolute pleasure to announce the appointment of Jim DeGooyer as our new newsletter editor, hopefully for the next 30-40 years. (OK, I made that part up.) As an associate director of development for the University of Utah, Jim has extensive experience in public outreach. We are happy to have him on board as editor and as a club member.



Steve Baldridge

Another pleasure to announce: the UPS has awarded a Life Membership to Dave Blackhurst, who may be the longest-serving member of the club. Dave joined UPS sometime in the 1970s and recalls the days when membership was counted in single digits. He has seen the club rise and fall over the decades, and his leadership in most capacities has helped us to remain viable through some difficult times.

We had a bourse night on June 19, along with something else we don't see that often: a donation to the club of a truly premium U.S. stamp collection. Jack Wall generously offered to evaluate the collection, listing Scott catalog numbers and values and a suggested bid price as we present the collection for silent auction. We had zero bids for the first outing, so I'm really hoping things pick up at the next meeting. If we can sell everything provided, the potential is there to raise several thousand dollars.

This is an opportunity to upgrade your U.S. collection with high-caliber material which doesn't come along often. Our suggested bid price is about one-quarter to one-third of catalog value, for stamps which are mostly MNH. The auction for Vol. 1 of this collection will close on July 3, with subsequent volumes to follow.

We are saddened to announce the death of long-time member Ron Sphar, who passed away in late May. We haven't seen much of Ron in recent years due to his health issues, but when able he was always a constructive member of the club who enjoyed the hobby greatly.

Finally, I greatly appreciate your membership in UPS and especially your participation at our semi-monthly meetings. I hope we can continue to provide informative and entertaining meetings for you that will enrich your appreciation for this great hobby of philately.



## New Stamp Issue – Marine Corps

The U.S. Postal Service will release a special [Forever stamp](#) to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. The stamp was officially issued on May 16, 2025, in Washington, D.C. The stamp features the iconic [Eagle, Globe, and Anchor](#), and it is part of a set of three stamps celebrating the 250th anniversaries of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

Here's a more detailed look:

- **Issue Date:** May 16, 2025.
- **Design:** The stamp features the iconic Eagle, Globe, and Anchor.
- **Purpose:** To honor the 250th anniversary of the Marine Corps and its service to the nation.
- **Series:** Part of the series of three stamps celebrating the 250th anniversaries of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.
- **Design Details:**
  - Art Director and Designer: [Antonio Alcalá](#).
  - Modeler: Sandra Lane and [Michelle Finn](#).
  - Printed by: [Banknote Corporation of America](#).
  - Paper Type: Phosphor, Block Tag.



## Member Spotlight

Allan Anderson, 93, began collecting stamps when he was an adolescent in the 1940s.

He received his first stamp album as a Christmas gift when he was about eight years old. "As a kid, I collected lots of stuff," he recalls. "Stamps were a natural fit for me."



Allan was born on June 3, 1932, in Grafton, North Dakota, a small town just 35 miles from the Canadian border. When he was 18, he joined the Marine Corps and reported to MCRD San Diego for training. He completed his coursework at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and served in the Korean War from 1952-1955. He was stationed inside Korea nearly the whole time.

After his service, he got married and moved to Yakima, Wash. Life got busy, but he started collecting again so he could trade stamps with friends in foreign countries. By the time he moved to Utah, he had amassed a large collection. His wife also began collecting stamps and together they befriended stamp dealers in Orem, Provo, and Salt Lake and attended philately shows across the country, especially along the East coast.

Today, he continues to collect stamps from all around the world. Allan estimates he has 100 albums or more. He attends the Utah Philatelic Society's stamp shows and sometimes sits up front at the check-in table to greet visitors.

Allan keeps busy with the American Legion, and volunteers with about 100 funeral services and holidays per year, often folding and presenting U.S. flags to recipients. The recent Memorial Day holiday was especially busy for him.

His advice for young people: "Get a job that you enjoy, work hard, and enjoy life. Volunteer your time, stay busy, and help others."



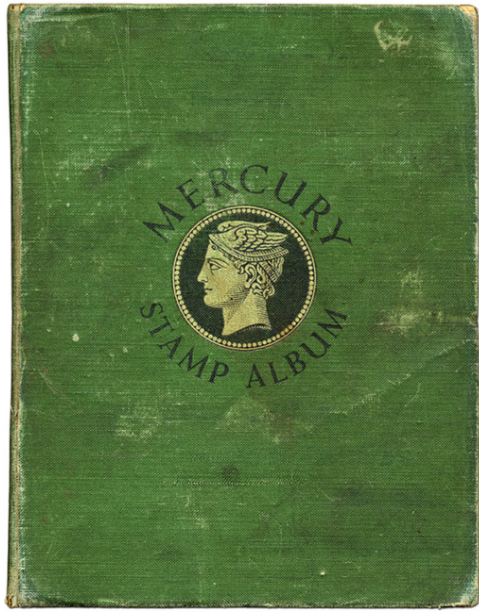
## “Phamous” Philatelists

This issue’s “famous” philatelist is musician and writer John Lennon.

Lennon, along with Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr achieved superstardom as the rock and roll band, The Beatles. But before Lennon travelled the globe playing music with The Beatles, this boy from Liverpool, England saw the world in a whole different way – through stamps.

Lennon’s older cousin, Stanley Parkes, inspired the future Beatle’s interest in stamp collecting and gave him a personal stamp album. Lennon replaced Parkes’ name and address on the album’s flyleaf with his own. He added his address at Mendips, the home he shared with his aunt Mary (“Mimi”) and her husband George Smith. Already a budding artist, Lennon sketched a beard, a mustache and a pipe on the likenesses of Queen Victoria and King George VI on the album’s title page. Lennon continued to collect and trade stamps for several years after receiving his cousin’s album.

An exhibition of Lennon’s collection was on view at the National Postal Museum from October 6, 2005 through April 10, 2006.



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## USPS Year in Review 2025

For 2025, the USPS announced plans to release a total of 39 stamps.

These stamps include themes like the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, Native American culture, dahlias, and more. As of this issue, in July, we’ve enjoyed about half of the new stamp issues. Here’s a brief look ahead through July and August 2025.



**\*July 18; Schooner.** One (62¢) postal card, one (62¢+62¢) double postal reply card; Crystal, MN 55429.

**\*July; Benjamin Franklin.** Single (78¢) forever commemorative stamp; prestige booklet of 20.

**\*July; 250 Years of Delivering.** Twenty (78¢) forever commemorative stamps: post office loading dock, customers at post office entrance, equestrian statue, dogs and their walkers, coffee shop entrance, USPS driver waves, park bench, people and animals, carrier accesses blue curbside collection box, balloons at rooftop party, carrier at apartment cluster box, restaurant customers wave, carrier accesses green USPS relay box, Next Generation Delivery Vehicle in profile, bookstore entrance, USPS carrier checks her watch, carrier delivers to man at old house, winter tree, crowd of pedestrians in street, and carrier holds child at home; pane of 20.

**\*Aug. 14, Boston 2026.** Two (78¢) forever commemorative stamps: Old North Church, midnight rider; Schaumburg, IL 60194.

**\*Aug. 16, Luna Moth.** One (\$1.27) nonmachinable-surcharge rate definitive stamp, pane of 20; Schaumburg, IL 60194.





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Since 1946

*Established in 1946, it is the purpose of the Utah Philatelic Society to:*

- Encourage, create and develop greater interest and activity in the field of philately.
  - Assist members to build bigger and better collections by providing greater opportunities to obtain philatelic material.
- Formulate and put into effect programs designed to increase philatelic knowledge.
- Cultivate and encourage tolerance, honesty, sportsmanship, generosity and good fellowship in all our associations.

### Club Meetings

Sons of Utah Pioneers Building  
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First and third Thursday of each month  
at 7 p.m.

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### Club Officers

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