

The Messenger



September 2025

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club

Next Meeting

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September 6th
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
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What You Missed at Our August Meeting:

Members in Attendance:

Officer Reports:

President: None

1st Vice President: None

2nd Vice President: None

Treasurer: None

Historian: None

Librarian: Neil announced a donation of material from Rick Karlslyst. He is in the process of adding it to the library database.

Newsletter: Jim is requesting that all material be submitted prior to August 10th due to his attendance to the Great American Stamp Show later this month.

New Business: E & D Auctions is scheduled for August 17th.

Remember to pay Hans for the October MPS BBQ luncheon. Members price is \$10.

No Show and Tell due to the special presentation.

Program: "Adventures in Philately" by the team of David Beech, Alex & Winston Haimann.

Submitted for Perry Kilpatrick by Jeff Jaax

Join Us For the Annual October Luncheon:

Make your reservation by paying Hans, \$10 for a great BBQ lunch. The club picks up the rest of the tab. Your reservation guarantees you a spot. Everything is included except drink. Bring your own in a container, cup with lid, etc. Lunch will be served at Noon, October 4th. Enjoy great conversation that is FIRE!



Join us on
September 6, 2025 for Bill Johnson
"An Intro to Exhibiting-You Can Do It!"

Meeting Location and Time:

MEETING PLACE & TIME for Midwest Philatelic Society



MPS Meeting Schedule for Saturday, September 6th
Meeting is to be held at 1st Presbyterian Church-Westminster Hall
417 W Lexington Ave
Independence, MO 64050

10:00am—1pm Dealers and members, buy, sell and trade.
1:00pm— 2pm Auction Lots displayed and available to view.
2:00pm—5pm Business meeting, show-n-tell, program and club auction.

We must be out by 5pm, so be ready to bid, pay with cash and pickup your auction lots.

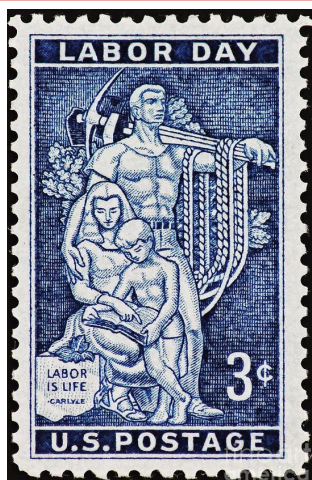
What you will find if you come early to the meeting:

Several members with material for sale. Bring your want lists. Let those members know what you are looking for ahead of the meeting. It is hard to bring it all.

Philatelic Happenings:

August 29-30
45th Annual Mountain Home Coin & Stamp Show
Ramada Inn
1127 Highway 62 East
Mountain Home, AR
Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-4pm
16 Dealers with 16 Tables

September 19-21
INDYPEX 2025
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Center
1900 E. Main St.
Danville, IN
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-3pm
27 Dealers scheduled



US #1082
Labor Day

*Relax this
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September 27-28
Omaha Stamp Show
Metropolitan Community College
South Omaha Campus
2709 Edward Babe Gomez Ave
Omaha, NE
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 10am-4pm
11 dealers scheduled

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is

www.midwestphilatelicssociety.com

Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

Philatelic Ramblings:

Our annual October luncheon is coming up fast. Bring your money and signup to attend. It is always good and a fun time!

If you failed to go to the Great American Stamp Show (G.A.S.S.) in Chicago, you missed a great time!

Ten of us from MPS made it to the show. Plus four of us were exhibitors and all four were rewarded for our efforts. (See pgs. 6-7) AND for those of you that think the hobby is dying, you could not tell it from the crowds of people. All the dealers I spoke with were very pleased with their sales. Yes, the hobby has changed and not always in the ways we old time collectors like, but it is evolving and I think much of it is good. New people are coming into the hobby, like two guys I talked with at a couple of



**Backrow: Tomas Griebing , Scott Couch & Rick Karlslyst
Front Row: Jim Allen, Dale Smith, Andrea Smith, Jim McKinzie, Bill Johnson,
Rick Pease & Jim Maxwell**

dealers tables. One was probably in his early 40's and the other closer to 50. They were both full of questions and having a great time spending money. That is encouraging. I have thought for some time that is where the growth in the hobby will come from, not kids.

Supporting shows, dealers and auctions will keep the hobby going. Unfortunately, rumors around the show floor was that several major long time dealers are calling it quits after the Boston show next May. Who will take their place? Speaking of shows, not much is happening very close to the KC area next month except Omaha. Mountain Home, AR is less than 5 hours away but it is Labor Day weekend. I did not find out until this last week. So sorry! Although, I could not find out how many of the dealers are stamp vs coin. INDYPEX, which is held in Danville, IN, just this side of Indianapolis, is around an 8 hour drive. I-70 nearly all the way. Lots of good dealers will be at that show including our own, Scott Couch of Tiger Collectibles. That would be a great fall getaway. I have always heard that it is a great show. The Omaha Show is only around three hours away. I have gone several times and always find a way to spend money. Several great dealers are there including Scott. Although if something should ever happen to Rick Karlslyst and myself, make sure to advertise our show better than Omaha. It is not listed with Linn's or on the APS Events calendar. I would not have realized their show was coming up if it had not been for Rick K. I think shows that only advertise a couple of weeks before make a grave mistake. They may get the locals to come out but not the out-of-towners that would need to make some plans to attend. Something to keep in mind if you are ever in charge of a show's advertising.



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You can make hotel reservations now. Multiple hotels have been secured for the big International Boston show. If you plan on going it is not too early to secure your room. Go to the following website to do so:

<https://web.cvent.com/event/bbbdc1d9-e50e-44dd-8bef-eb36c9d1251f/summary>

Several first day ceremonies were held at G.A.S.S., including two dedication ceremonies for the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the Post Office. The 250 Years of Delivering issue or as some of us have started calling it, the "Where's Waldo?" issue and the second dedication was for the prestige booklet honoring our first postmaster, Benjamin Franklin. The stamps in the booklet are engraved, which please us old collectors greatly. But it also makes it much harder for those stamps to be counterfeited because of the engraving. The artistic director of the U.S.P.S. was on hand and talked about the prestige booklet. She was as colorful



**Benjamin Franklin, First Postmaster issue unveiling
Lisa Bobb-Semple Director, Stamp Services &
Art Director Ethel Kessler at the right**



**Honor Gard for the opening of the show and
the FDC for the Boston 2026 issue.**



Unveiling of the Boston 2026 issue

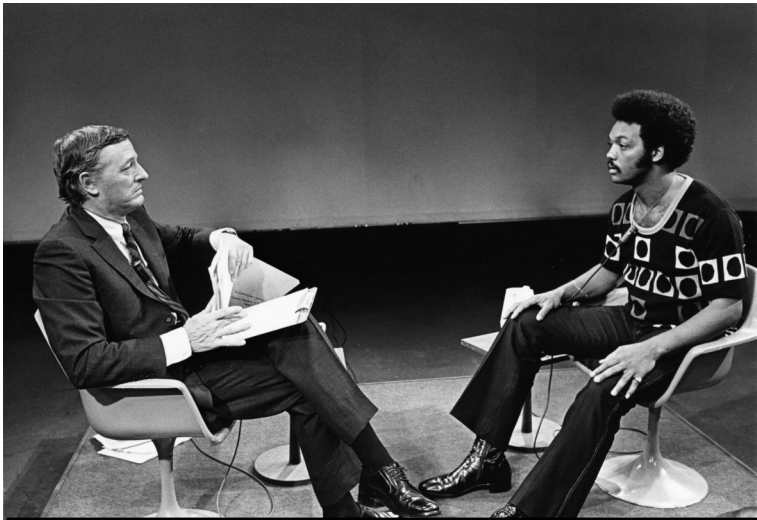


Luna Moth issue unveiling with creepy moth guy!

as her pink and purple outfit. It was also mentioned by the art director of the U.S.P.S. during the ceremony, that the new SpongeBob issue has an anti-counterfeiting measure. The clear raised substance over SpongeBob's eyes and other places on the pane was done so as a deterrent to counterfeiters. In counterfeiting, they tend to use the simplest and cheapest method of printing. The Boston 2026 issue is also engraved and was a big hit at the show. Then on Saturday morning the First Day Ceremony for the Luna Moth issue was held. It is the 7th (I believe) in the series. Did you know that if you buy an irregular sized greeting card, there will be a butterfly symbol in the upper right corner of the envelope? This is to let the customer know that they need the non-machinable rate to mail that card. At the ceremony there was this guy, dressed up as the moth flapping around the room. Kinda of creepy!

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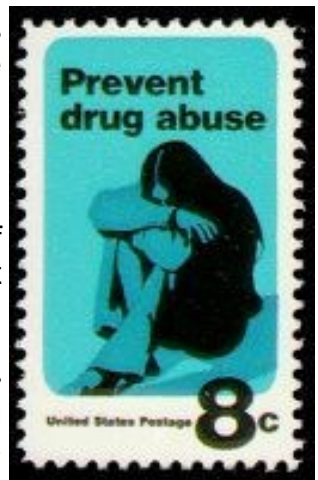
The last few months of this year's stamp program has had a number of what I consider, important issues. The Bill Buckley issue is one. Buckley was the leading voice in the conservative movement for many decades. He certainly shaped my political thoughts. Starting either late high school or early college, I watched "Firing Line". It is a shame there is nothing like it on television today. While he had many of the leading conservative voices on the show, he also would have many of the leading liberal thinkers and politicians as guests on the show. It was always informative and a nice give and take between Buckley and the guest. No shouting matches or talking over each other, like today. Democratic Senator Patrick Moynihan and economist John Kenneth Galbraith were frequent liberal guests. Some of you have complained about some of the "big" words I use in my writing. That comes from reading Buckley's National Review magazine and newspaper columns for years. In college I would have my dictionary handy while I was reading the columns or the magazine. So many words were added to my vocabulary. I did not always agree with Buckley's views, especially his stance on legalizing drugs. He felt that prohibition did not work and neither was the war on drugs. One whole issue of the magazine was devoted to different prominent peoples point of view on the legalization of drugs and the drug war. It is a shame he is not around to lead a roundtable discussion on the current trend to legalize marijuana.



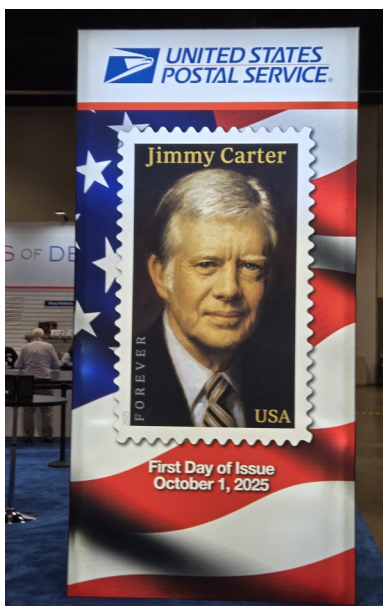
Bill Buckley with Jesse Jackson on Firing Line

All this plus an exhibit at G.A.S.S. reminded me of how the stamp program has sometimes been used to promote a social or political idea. The drug abuse stamp is one such stamp. I thought the exhibit on this issue was about boring as the design of the stamp.

The new two ounce rate stamp honoring Eisel Wiesel is another great stamp. I believe I first head him on "Firing Line". While I was already a student of WWII history, listening to Wiesel encouraged me to study the holocaust aspect of the war in greater detail.



**US #1438
Prevent Drug Abuse**



It appears the final stamp of the year will be the President Jimmy Carter stamp. There had been speculation that it would be issued October 1st (his birthday), it was not until the second day of G.A.S.S. that the U.S.P.S. had this digital image at their booth announcing the issue date. While President Carter had a troubled presidency, Iran hostage crisis, gas shortages and not getting along with his own party in Congress, he will go down as one of the few former presidents that had a great post presidency. How many of us knew anything about Habitat for Humanity before Jimmy took up a hammer!

The holiday issues round out the new issues for September. No Christmas issue though. It seems that religious Christmas issues are only coming out every other year.

If you can not go to Boston next year, try to plan on going to Albuquerque NM in 2027. You can learn a lot and have a lot of fun!!!

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MPS Members Exhibit and Win Awards at G.A.S.S.

The following members had exhibits and were rewarded for their efforts:

Tomas Griebling for *From Mark of Oppression to Symbol of Gay Pride-The Pink Triangle*
National Topical Stamp Show Multi-Frame Competition—Gold Medal



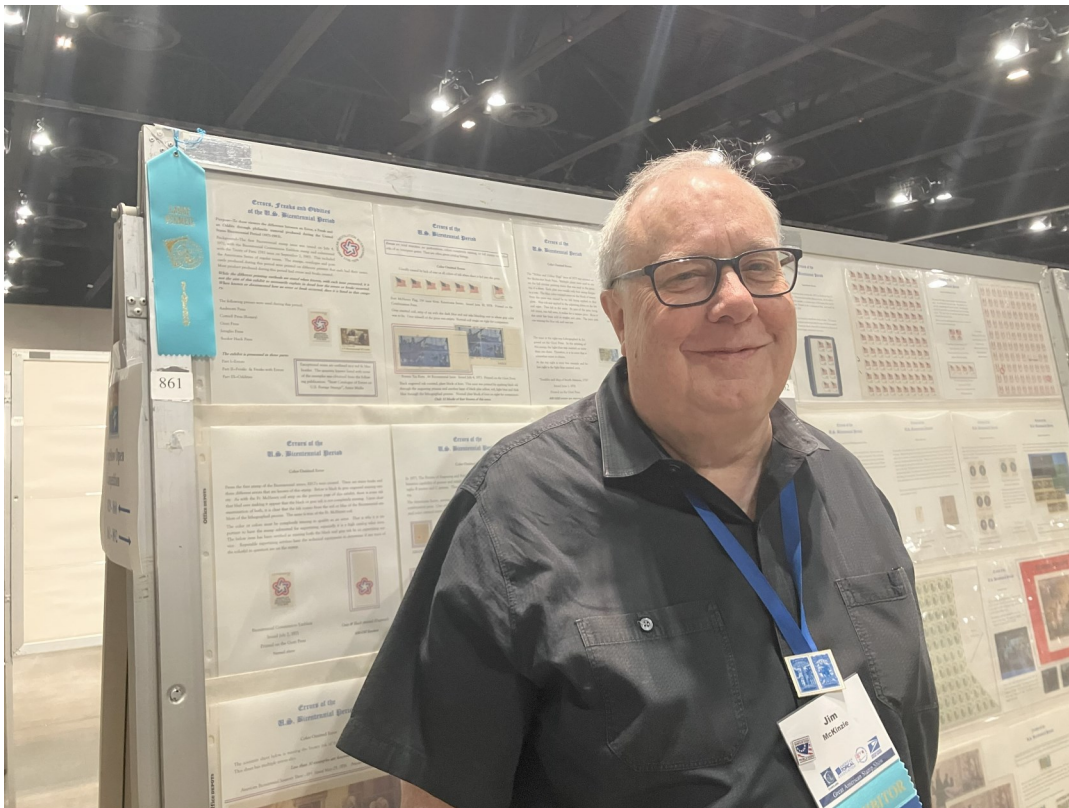
Bill Johnson for *James William Denver– The Man and His Times*
Was displayed in the Most Popular Prix d'honneur section.
National Topical Stamp Show—Jack Congrove Grand Award and Large Gold Medal



Jim Maxwell for *Imperial & Republic of China Official Postal Seals*
StampShow Multi-Frame Competition—Gold Medal



Jim McKinzie for *Errors, Freaks & Oddities of the U.S. Bicentennial Period*
StampShow Multi-Frame Competition—Large Vermeil Medal
Also received Plate Number Coil Collectors Club Certificate of Achievement



Let's have more MPS exhibitors in the future and be the club with the most representation.

More from G.A.S.S.-Chicago 2025



Unveiling with Chris Calle artist and creator of the last label issued for the Boston World Show.

Below: Post Office at G.A.S.S.



Dealer booths and society booths



Waiting for the seminar “Fundamentals in Postal History” to start.



Dealers and customers at the show

New issues for August 2025:

William F. Buckley, Jr

Forever First Class Rate

One Design

Pane of 20

Issue Date September 9th

First Day of Issue City:

New Haven, CT

Print Quantity—12,000,000

William F. Buckley Jr. was a defining figure in modern U.S. conservatism. As the founder of National Review and host of the public television series “Firing Line,” Buckley shaped the conservative movement into a formidable political force when liberalism was dominating U.S. politics.

Known for his eloquence, wit and ability to unite different conservative voices, his influence ranged from mid-20th century politics to the White House.



Holiday Cheer

Forever First Class Rate

Four Designs

Booklet pane of 20

Issue Date September 13th

First Day of Issue City:

Washington, D.C.

Print Quantity—500,000,000

The four designs depict a trio of amaryllis flowers, a holly wreath, an evergreen branch decorated with fruit and cardinals perched on mistletoe. The images were created using a collage technique with gouache and acrylic paint on background paper from a vintage gardening book. The shapes for each image were then cut out and pasted onto archival cotton board. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with original artwork by Denise Fiedler.



Elie Wiesel

Two Ounce Rate

One Design

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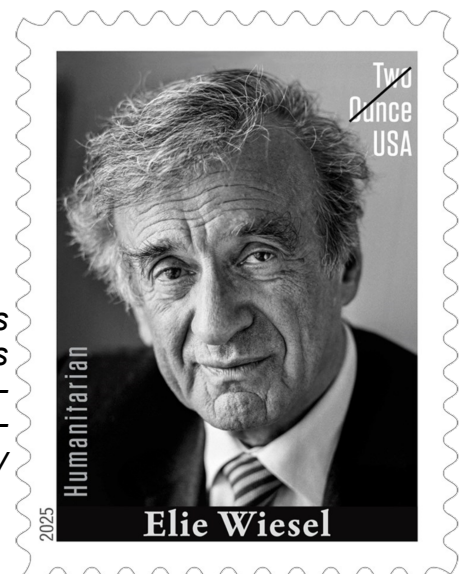
Issue Date September 17th

First Day of Issue City:

New York, NY

Print Quantity—8,000,000

This is the 18th stamp issued for the Distinguished Americans Series. He was a survivor of the Nazi concentration camps whose dozens of writings ensure future generations will bear witness to the Holocaust while his resilience and compassion continue to be a source of inspiration. A 1999 photograph by Sergey Bermeniev was used with Ethel Kessler designing the stamp.



New issues for 2025 continued:

Winter Landscapes

Forever First Class Rate

Five Designs

Double-Sided Booklet of 20

Issue Date September 19th

First Day of Issue City:

Danville, IN at INDYPEX

Print Quantity—240,000,000

The five stamps feature photographs of iconic winter landscapes from around the country. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps using images from various photographers.



Jimmy Carter

Forever First Class Rate

One Design

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Issue Date October 1st

First Day of Issue City:

Atlanta, GA

Print Quantity—20,000,000

Carter was inaugurated as the 39th president on January 20, 1977. During his term Carter would make humility and reconciliation recurring themes in his presidency. No other former president has lived to be 100 years of age. President Carter died on December 29, 2024.

The stamp art is a 1982 oil-on-linen painting as a life study by artist Herbert E. Abrams (1921-2003) in preparation for painting his official White House portrait. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp.