

The Messenger



August 2026

Next Meeting

Saturday-August 1st
Room available 10:00AM
Meeting starts 2:00PM
See Details on pg 9

The Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area's Stamp Club

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Dear Members,

The Greater Kansas City Stamp Show is upon us. Some of you may not receive this until the show is in full swing. I leave it listed just in case you have forgotten.

The August meeting's program will be presented by Michael Keil. His program title is, "Drift Stations, Russia and The United States: A Philatelic Story". It should be a good program as all of Michael's programs are.

Philatelic Events in our area for August are as follows:

July 24-25

The Greater Kansas City Stamp Show
1st Presbyterian Church-Westminster Hall
Independence, MO
Friday 10am-5pm
Saturday 10am-3pm

August 8-9

StampFest
St. Peters Rec-Plex
5250 Mexico Road
St. Peters, MO
Saturday--Times not listed
Sunday--Times not listed

August 21-22

Wichita Show-Stamp & Coins
Cessna Activity Center
2744 George Washington Blvd
Wichita, KS
Friday Times not listed
Saturday Times not listed

At one time the Wichita Show was a really great show that was easy to get to. Unfortunately many of the dealers that use to make the show have either retired or passed away. I have not heard if more stamp dealers will be there this year. I hope so, as I always enjoyed going in the past. Talk with Scott Couch, as he has had a table at that show for years.

I list these shows so that you have the opportunity to find material outside of ebay and hipstamp. I find it a lot more fun to go to show and see it and touch it.

See you soon, Jim Mc

New Issues for August 2026:

Diagonal US Flag Envelope

Forever First Class Rate

Ten Formats

Issue Date August 7

First Day of Issue City:

Linthicum Heights, MD

Print Quantity—As ordered and filled



Bryan Duefrene designed the art and directed the project. It is a shame that they didn't carry over the Ralph Lauren flag design for this envelope. BORING design!

Sarah Orne Jewett

Forever Three Ounce Rate

One Design

Pane of 20

Issue Date August 21st

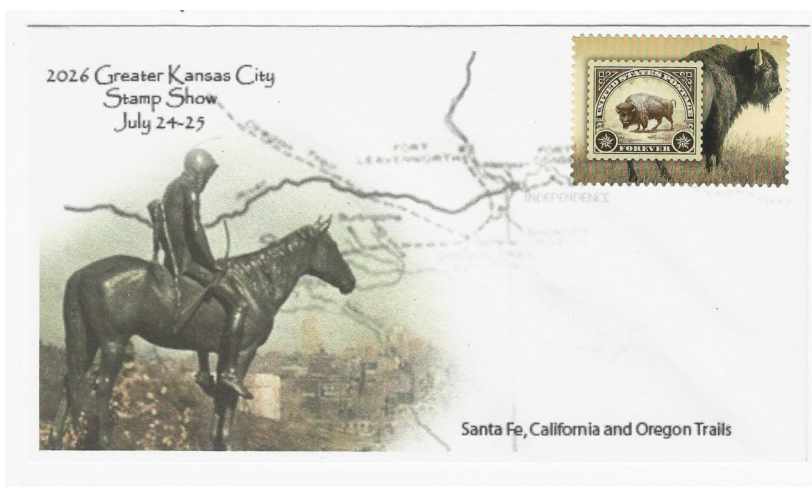
First Day of Issue City:

South Berwick, ME

Print Quantity-5,000,000



The 35th stamp in the Literary Arts series honors Sarah Orne Jewett (1849-1909), a lifelong resident of Maine and a foundational figure in American literary regionalism. Her strong female characters have led to a renewed interest in her work, which includes hundreds of short stories as well as novels, poetry and essays. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp using an original portrait of Jewett by Mark Summers, with the Maine coast as background, broken by a large ray of sunshine that evokes a scene from her best-known novel, "The Country of the Pointed Firs" (1896).



Show cover will be available at the Greater Kansas City Stamp show for only \$5 or 2 for \$7.

This year's stamp program is winding down. Several issues will come out in September and then a few more in October. Then that is it! It is an expensive endeavor to collect the new issues anymore. With the new price increase, it has become even more expensive to collect the new issues. I know I have said it before but this is it for me. After this year, no more. I will continue with issues that I like but I will no longer, get them all. On the left is the best design of the year, in my opinion. Be thinking about your favorite design and why. I'll publish everyone's thoughts in the December Messenger.

DEAD COUNTRIES: (Stamp-issuing countries that no longer exist)

#37 Baden (1st in the German States series) by Neil Becker

In the year 1112, the Margraviate of Baden was created by authority of the Holy Roman Empire. It was located in what is now southwestern Germany near the east banks of the Rhine River. The Margrave Herman II controlled Baden and several non-contiguous territories nearby with a total area of less than 50 square miles. Throughout the following few centuries Baden acquired new territories, split into two territories (around the year 1200) and went through many other changes, finally reuniting in 1771, having grown to about 1300 sq. miles. During the French Revolution Baden acquired more territory and in 1806 became the Grand Duchy of Baden with over 5800 sq. miles, stretching from Hesse on the North and following the Rhine South to the Swiss border. It joined the German Confederation in 1815 and became part of the German Confederation in 1870.

Baden first began issuing imperforate postage stamps in 1851, using a design similar to Bavaria's first stamps – a frame around the outside with the name within the top frame and the denomination in a circle in the center. The first issue was four denominations, each in black on different colored paper. A second printing in 1852 used slightly different color papers. The first three denominations, 1kr, 3kr and 6kr were printed again in 1853 using entirely different paper colors and the 3kr came out again in 1858 on blue instead of green. Baden's coat-of-arms was the center feature of a new design in 1860-62, perf.13 ½ -- also in four denominations, all on white paper. The background within the frame of these stamps was in horizontal lines. In 1862 the background was changed to white on the 3kr perf.13 ½, but not on perf. 10 values (1kr, 6kr and 9kr), with all but the 1kr in new colors. The white background was used from 1862-65 on those four denominations and on 18kr and 30kr stamps. In all of the previous coat-of-arm issues, the denomination numeral was followed by "KREUZER" within the bottom frame. In 1868 1kr, 3kr and 7kr stamps showed "KR." following the denomination. Rural Postage Due stamps were printed in 3 denominations in 1862 to cover the extra cost of delivery to those towns having no post offices. In 1870 Baden joined the German Confederation and their postage stamps were valid only until Dec. 31, 1871.



#4a



#13



#22



#26



#LJ2

Drift Stations by Michael Keil

Soviet Icebreaker Artika became the first surface vessel to reach 90 degrees North on August 17, 1977. The ship's cancel was applied on that day. The cachet marking that historic event was destroyed at the pole after being applied to a limited number of covers and a document attesting to this was signed by all the members of the crew.

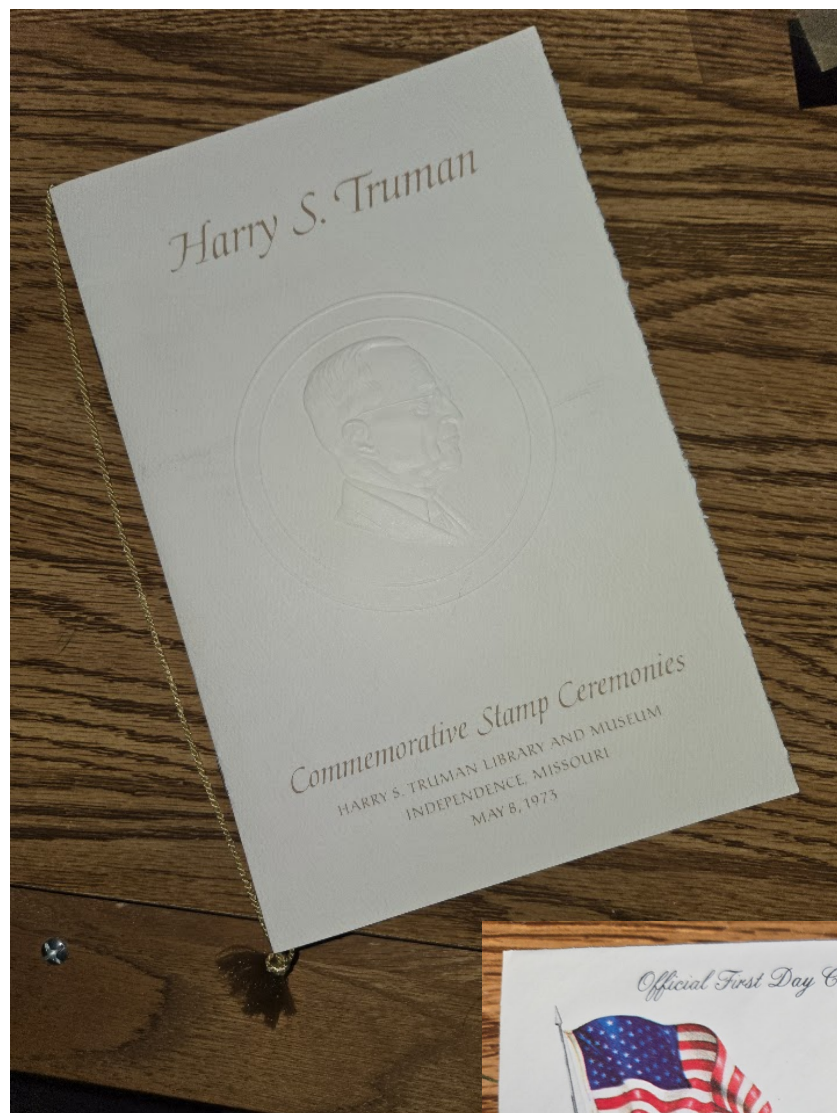


The stamp, Sc. No. 4084, issued May 20, 1974, was issued to honor Ernest E. T. Krenkel, one of the scientist who participated in the first Russian Drift Station, North Pole 1 (NP-1). NP-1 was established in 1937 and was the first drifting ice station ever established by any country.

A First Day Ceremony of the Past by Jim McKinzie:

On May 8, 1973 in Independence, Missouri the United States Postal Service held a First Day Ceremony for the issuance of the Harry S. Truman stamp. The former president had died that past December and May 8th was his birthday. The ceremony was held at the Truman Library. Recently, two different events came together that brought me to write an article about that day.

In a collection I recently purchased was an original program from the ceremony. The program is even signed by E.T. Klassen, Postmaster General of United States, who was in attendance. Klassen was the first postmaster to be named postmaster by the Board of Governors instead of the President under the new USPS.



Reading through the program, I learned several things. First and foremost, how much planning and the many people that were involved with the ceremony. So much more than most First Day Ceremonies of today. The local postmaster, Edgar Hinde, Jr. was the son of Truman's longtime friend. Hinde, Sr. was also a fellow officer in the 129th Field Artillery Regiment in WWI with Truman. Later, Mr. Hinde was postmaster in Independence. Dr. Zobrist who was the longtime director (1971-1996) of the Truman Library. I have known Rev. Duane Stephens for probably 35 years or more. Duane was the associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Independence for many years. That church is where Harry Truman met his future wife Bess, in Sunday school as a boy. Hallmark Cards was involved with the designing of the program and the official First Day Cover cachet. So a lot of work and thought was put into this simple ceremony.

It was not long after getting the program with the First Day Covers, that I got a picture from my good friend Ginzy Schaefer. In Ginzy's

early working career, she worked as a reporter/photographer for the Kansas City Star. She had been going through some old pictures or a scrapbook and came across a picture that a fellow reporter/photographer from the Star had taken at the Independence post office on the day of the first day ceremony. There she is taking notes while Postmaster Hinde is handing a



a fellow some of the new Harry S. Truman stamps. So who was the fellow with Ginzy and Postmaster Hinde. Well, according to Ginzy, it is Jerry Lewis! Yes, that Jerry Lewis of Martin & Lewis fame, the Nutty Professor himself. And to young people that may be reading this, Jerry was the Nutty Professor long before Eddie Murphy. Ginzy does not remember the ceremony and it is possible she was just at the aftermath at the Independence post office. But what is interesting to both of us, is what was Jerry Lewis doing there. I found an old schedule of his concert dates that year and nothing was in the KC area at the time. Of course, it doesn't mean that he would not be there as he was a big supporter of the Democratic party. Maybe he was a stamp collector. I have no idea. But it is wild.

Jerry Lewis wasn't the only person photographed that day at the post office. Margaret Truman Daniel is photographed with Postmaster Hinde handing her some stamps at the counter in the Post Office.



From L to R: Jerry Lewis, Postmaster Hinde & Ginzy Schaefer



Postmaster Hinde handing Margaret Truman Daniel a sheet of the Truman stamp.

Below is a clipping from the Star about the event that day in Independence that Ginzy has saved in her scrapbook. You just never know where one picture, a ceremony cover or a stamp will take you.



Excerpts from the ceremony program that day. Notice what group was acknowledged in the program.

PROGRAM

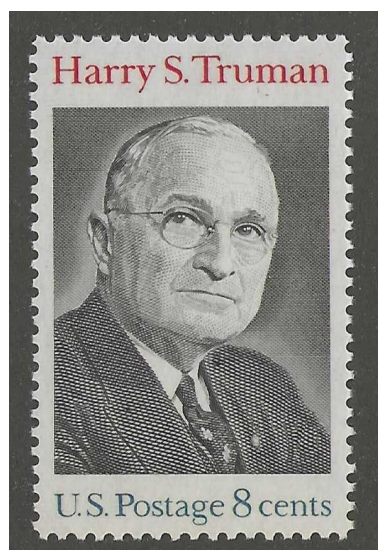
Concert	Truman High School Band
Master of Ceremonies	Edgar G. Hinde, Jr. Postmaster, Independence, Missouri
Presentation of Colors	William Chrisman High School Reserve Officer's Training Corps.
National Anthem	Truman High School A Cappella Choir
Invocation	The Reverend Duane Stevens President, Independence Ministerial Alliance
Introduction of Special Guests	Postmaster Hinde
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Benedict K. Zobrist Director, Harry S. Truman Library and Museum
Address and Presentation of Albums	E. T. Klassen Postmaster General of the United States
Benediction	The Reverend Henry T. Lewis Second Baptist Church of Independence

The Harry S. Truman Commemorative Postage Stamp is being issued on the 89th birthday anniversary of President Truman, who devoted much of the last twenty years of his life to the planning and development of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum. He chose the Courtyard of this institution as his final resting place. It is altogether fitting that the ceremonies for the stamp honoring him be held here where his works and memory are enshrined.

The vertical design of this commemorative was based on a photograph which President Truman selected as among his favorites. It was taken by Leo Stern, a Kansas City photographer. Bradbury Thompson, of Riverside, Connecticut, and a member of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, designed the stamp, and it was produced on the Giori press.

This program and the Official First Day Cover were designed by Hallmark Cards, Incorporated. Ron Raymer, Hallmark Cards engraver, created the embossed design of President Truman on the cover of the program, as well as the Official First Day Cover art work, to serve as a fitting souvenir of these ceremonies.

I was not in Independence at the time. I was still in high school in Tulsa, OK. But were any of you there at the ceremony that day. I would love to hear from you or at our next meeting, give a little show and tell.



Scott #1499

HARRY S. TRUMAN COMMEMORATIVE STAMP COMMITTEE

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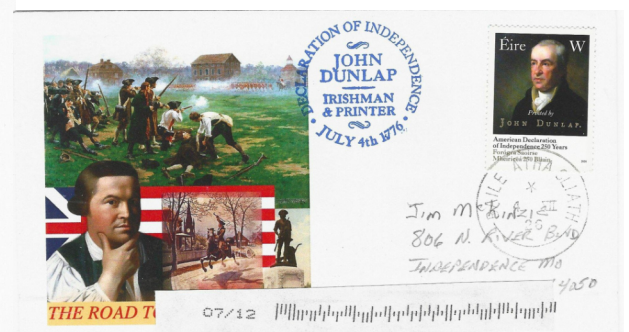
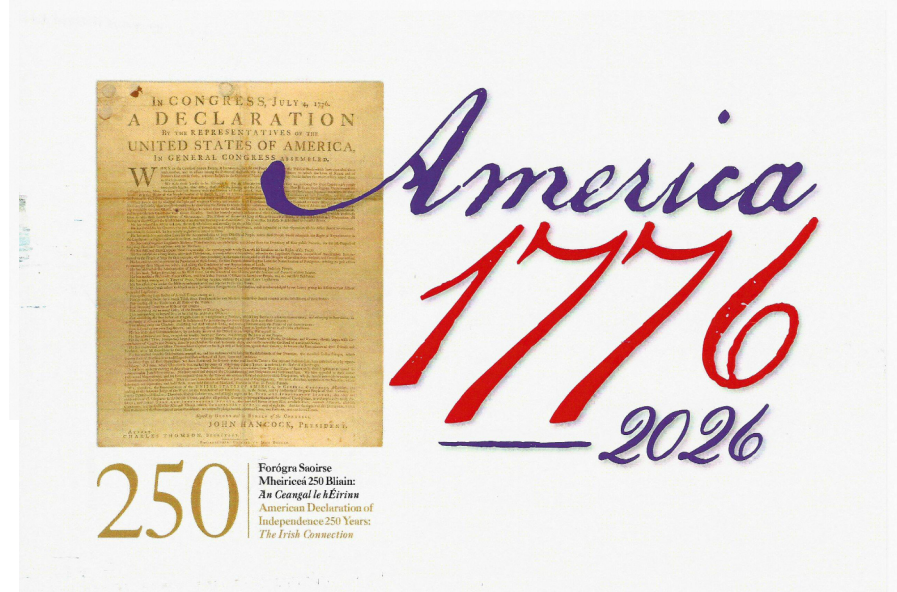
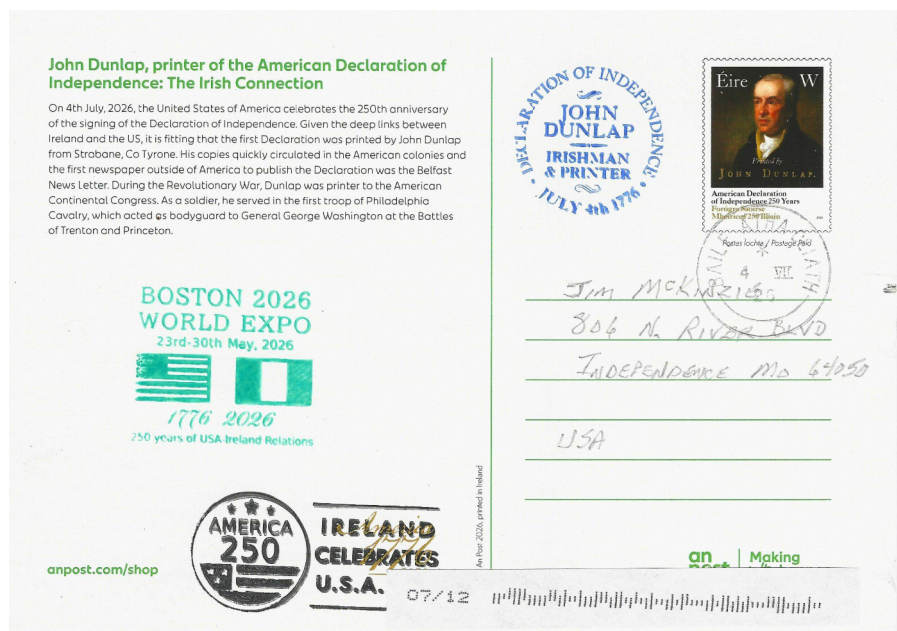
The Committee gratefully acknowledges special assistance provided for the ceremonies by the following: Hallmark Cards Incorporated; Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge East; Independence Chamber of Commerce; Central Missouri State University, Jackson County Residence Center; Midwest Philatelic Society, Kansas City, Missouri; and the General Services Administration.

John Dunlap, Irishman & Printer by Jim McKinzie

At last month's meeting I gave a program on the failure of the USPS to adequately celebrate this country's 250th birthday. There was also a lack of other countries celebrating our birthday unlike during the Bicentennial. I attribute that to what countries feel they can sell to collectors today over what sold in the past. It probably explains the USPS decision to reprint Mr. Rodgers, have postcrossing stamps and more flowers & birds over an adequate celebration of our 250th in the stamp program.

I did share one country that celebrated with us and that was Ireland. Many countries who produced Bicentennial issues did so with how it connected with their own country. Ireland did so with a new issue this year about a man named John Dunlap. Dunlap was an Irishman who lived in the colonies. By trade, he was a printer. Dunlap printed the first copies of the Declaration of Independence that got circulated around the American colonies.

At the Boston show, I was able to buy the stamps plus you could buy and self-address a cover and/or a postcard that the Irish group would send to Ireland and have postmarked on July 4th. So I bought both and received the both on the 15th of July. I would say, that is not bad coming all the way from Ireland. Below are the cover and postcard. How many did they sell? Who knows, these might be worth something in 50 years. Of course, I will be long gone!



Meeting Location and Time:

MEETING PLACE & TIME for Midwest Philatelic Society

MPS Meeting Schedule for August 1st

**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.

Meeting Dates for the Remainder of the Year:

August Date--Saturday, August 1st
September Date--Saturday, August 29th **CHANGE OF DATE**
October Date--Saturday, October 3rd
November Date--Saturday, November 7th
December Date--Saturday, December 5th

The September date has been changed due to Labor Day Weekend and the event that is held each year on the Independence Square. Santa-Cali-Gon causes severe traffic jams around the square all weekend. The church rents out the parking lots to festival attendees. This precludes us from using Westminster Hall that weekend. Mark your calendars accordingly.

Jim will be taking pictures for the membership directory. Please attend, if unable, send a jpg. of your headshot to jimmckinzie1@att.net so that you will be included in the next membership directory. And if you did not fill out a new membership application, please send to the same email address your collecting interests. The membership directory is a great way for us to keep in touch between meetings but it is only useful with current information that you provide.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website is

www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com

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

What You Missed at the July Meeting:

Attendance – 37 members attended.

There were no minutes submitted for the July meeting since Perry was not in attendance. And no one took or submitted any minutes. Under our by-laws we are required to publish in this newsletter the minutes to the meeting. As editor of this newsletter, it is my responsibility to edit and publish the minutes. It is NOT my responsibility to take the minutes. I find no fault with our current secretary for not being able to attend the meetings as he has had family issues to deal with. I do feel it is the responsibility of the officers and the board to rectify this problem.
--The Editor

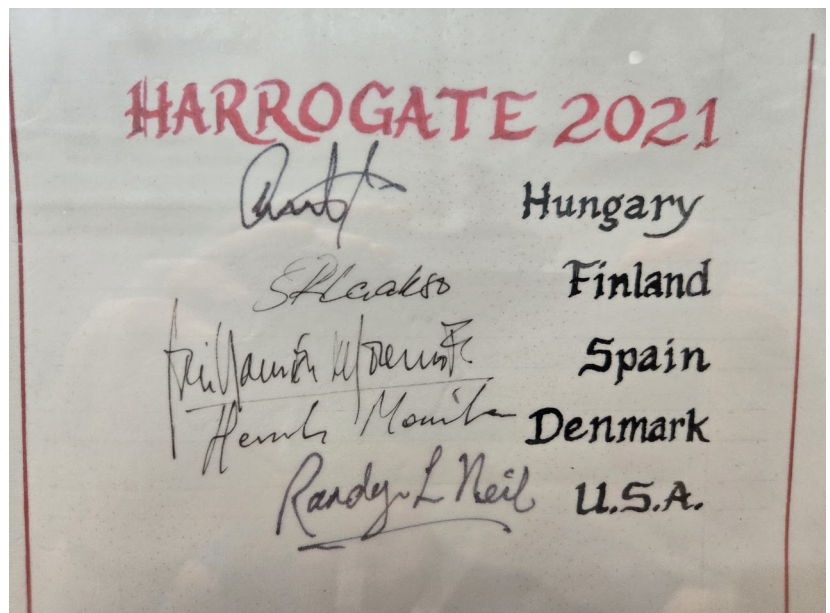
It would be helpful if someone would take on the task of being the "photographer" for the Greater KC Stamp Show. It is difficult for me to do so since I will have a table and hope to sell that weekend. I think it is important for the history of the organization to document when we do these things. I don't think anyone took any pictures last year. Please let me know if you are willing to do so, so that we can talk about it.

Thanks,

Jim

Editor

This is a picture of the document our past MPS member Randy Neil signed when he was honored as a "Distinguished Philatelist" in London. It was on display at the Boston Show this year.



Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Michael K. & Neil B. for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the September issue will be August 10th.** Happy stamping! *Jim McKinzie*