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June 2026 Newsletter

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Commentary and updates: Happy 250th Anniversary America! I hope this July 4th was a great one. It was suggested we do an exhibit for our next show, which is going to be held September 25th and 26th, telling the story of our independence in stamps. We can begin with the 1847 Washington and Franklin stamps and hit the highlights of our history. It should make an interesting exhibit we can pitch to get media coverage.

Hopefully, several members can contribute. Most of us have 50 year old stamps from 1976 and, I'm sure, others may have issues going back further. We're hoping for multiple frames from different people that will attract more customers and potential members.

The officers met recently and decided to give everyone in the club a personalized $10 gift certificate which can be used exclusively at our stamp show. We're also giving everyone who attends the annual banquet a $10 credit. We've received so many donations of money and stamps, which we've auctioned, which makes it possible to give these discounts.

I talked with Alex Haimann while in Boston. He helped put the British exhibit together. He's trying to visit one stamp club in every state and Mick (Zais) says he's got us on his schedule.

If you have the urge to go to a stamp show before ours, CHARPEX, sponsored by the Charlotte club is having their show July 25th and 26th. There will be some dealers who do not attend our show. It's a short drive up I-77 with easy parking just northeast of uptown Charlotte.

GASPEX, the Georgia stamp, postcard and ephemera show is scheduled for August 21st and 22nd. There will be 25 dealers attending from several states and many will offer appraisals of your collections. You can explore stamps, postcards, books and old paper while there. There will also be a youth and Boy Scout table and the American Topical Association will also be there. There's free admission and free parking. Friday, from 10-5; Saturday from 10-4.

Fred McGary

The next meeting will be **Sunday, July 19**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.

A very Happy July Birthday to: Michael Taylor (6); O'Neil Tyler (7); Mark Postmus (8); Bob Wilson (8); Jim Sneed (11); Dale Carruth (20); John Dulaveris (26); John Withers (29); and David Anderson (31). Congratulations and many, many more.

SHOW AND TELL: BOSTON 2026

"This international stamp show was interesting and exciting," said Fred McGary. Also attending from the Columbia club was Mark Postmus, Mick Zais, Chuck Kneisley and Bob Anderson. McGary said there was a great exhibition in the honor hall of a bunch of patriotic covers of the Revolutionary War mailed from all over the world. "They had postal administrations where you could buy the new issues from 65 countries," he remembered.

"The Faroe Islands had a mail box, so I mailed my wife, Caroline, a postcard where they would take it home and mail it from the islands," he remarked.

"This is a view of the escalator going down," McGary said, "the hall had another section behind what you're seeing. At least one of them was the size of a football field." If you were looking for something special, McGary said, it was going to take some time to find unless you had a diagram of the place.

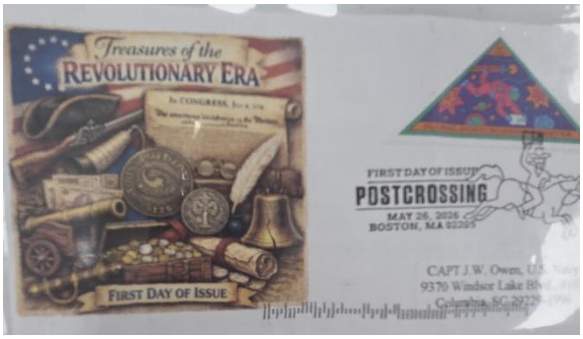
Last month's program was about the world's most expensive stamps. There were many of them for sale at Boston 2026.

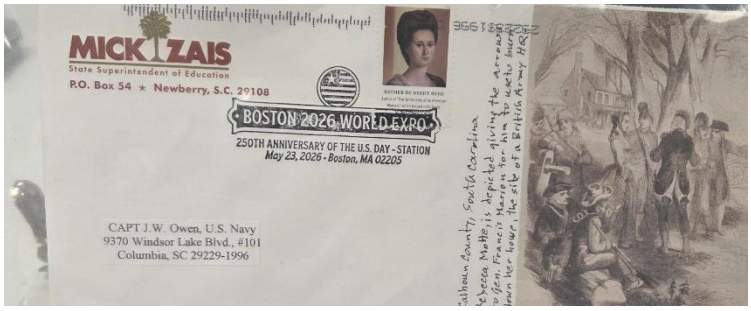
"For a paltry $3 million you could have bought the one penny stamp from Mauritius," McGary stated, "and there were many inverted Jenny's for sale as well. One was being offered for $395,000. Another was actually sold for $650,000 (position 76 of 100). "I made an offer on one of them. They're probably still laughing." He mentioned.

Fred McGary

The post office issued a number of stamps at Boston 2026.

"Mick (Zais) sent me these three issues," said John Owen. They include American Bison, postcrossings and a #10 envelope. From a book by Esther Berdt Reed:





Rebecca Motte agreed to have her house burned to the ground during the Revolutionary War because the British were using it as their headquarters. Mick cut out a picture of the event and put it on her first day of issue cover with a related stamp.

John Owen

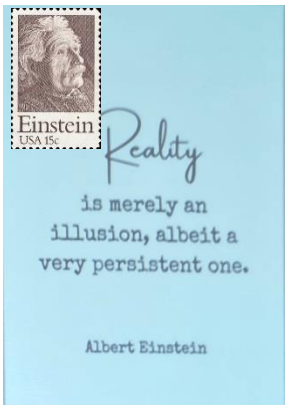
PROGRAM:

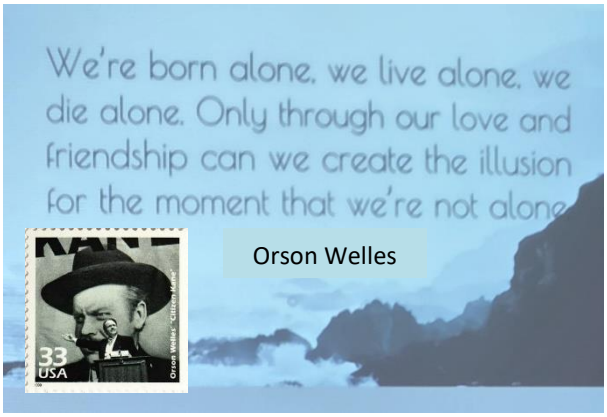
"I don't know if I'm a collector, but I do envelope art," said Hannah Tvedten. In 2018 she started documenting her outgoing mail, so she could avoid duplicates to any of her recipients. In art school she was sending envelopes in velvet and some that were embroidered.

"When I find a combination I like, I'll use the same design for multiple recipients and the stamps are either going with the color scheme of the envelope or they're specific to the person," Tvedten said.

Many times, she said, she maximizes the number of stamps she uses, making sure she has the right postage, "but I don't mind paying a little extra," she explained.

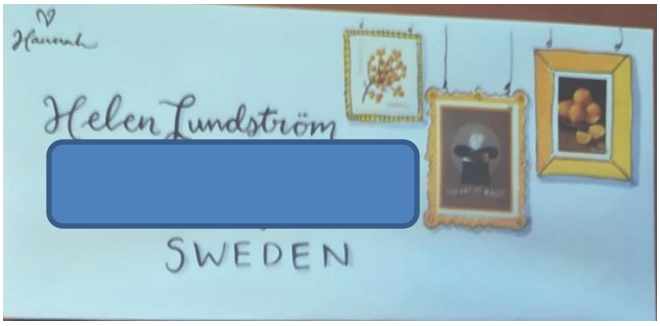
"Sometimes the stamps are going to have a relationship to the conversation we're having," she mentioned, "as in discussing these two people."

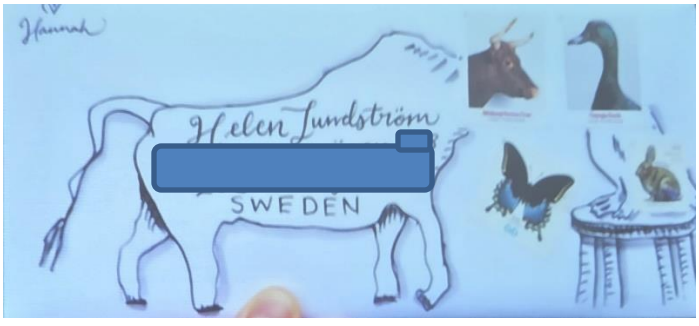




"I have this little rabbit here to push the idea of using that animal in an illustration which led to creating a look," Tvedten said, "there's a narrative here, the goat looking down at the frog and that works really well with the 2021 Heritage Breed stamp." So far, Tvedten says, "all this stuff has been delivered."

"This dark envelope mailed to Audrey in Canada features Canadian stamps from 1957 landscapes. I've framed the stamp to accentuate it," Tvedten mentioned. "The envelope on the right has an obvious theme," she added. Some of the stamps inspire a whimsical illustration as the goat and frog above and the cow and duck here. (Note the rabbit) "Framing Audrey's stamp led to framing the stamps below to showcase a little artwork," Tvedten noted.





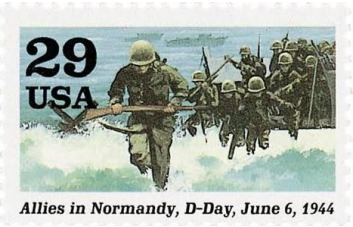
Editor's note: Hanna is an elementary school art teacher

Hannah Tvedten

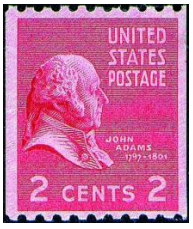
HISTORY IN POSTAGE STAMPS:

"There are a number of historical events that happened in June," said Rick Miller, "and here are the highlights."

Allies free Rome, June 4; Paris, Aug. 25, 1944



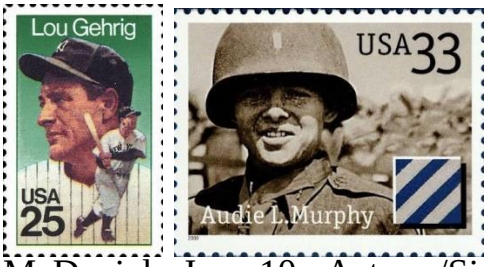
Allies in Normandy, D-Day, June 6, 1944



June 4, 1944: Rome was liberated by the U.S. Fifth Army led by Gen. Mark Clark; **June 8, 1872:** Pioneering feminist Susan B. Anthony was fined for voting in a presidential election. She eventually prevailed when the 19th amendment was added to the Constitution on June 4, 1920; **June 6, 1944:** Nearly 160,000 allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the invasion.; **June 14, 1775:** The continental Army was established by the Second Continental Congress; **June 14, 1777:** John Adams introduced a resolution before Congress mandating a United States flag. The event is celebrated each year on Flag Day; **June 14, 1922:** Warren G. Harding became the first president to broadcast a message over the radio; **June 14, 1951:** Univac 1, the world's first electronic computer was unveiled in Philadelphia. It occupied over 350 square feet of floor space and weighed up to 29,000 pounds; **June 15, 1215:** King John set his seal to the Magna Carta, guaranteeing basic rights that have become the foundation of modern democracies around the world; **June 18, 1983:** Dr. Sally Ride, a 32-year old physicist and pilot, became the first American woman in space aboard the space shuttle Challenger; **June 19, 1865:** Slaves in

Texas learned they had been freed two years earlier by President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The day is now celebrated annually as Juneteenth; **June 20, 1782:** Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States of America; **June 23, 1865:** The last surrender of Confederate troops occurred as Cherokee leader and Confederate Brigadier General Stand Watie surrendered his battalion of Native Americans; **June 25, 1876:** Lakota Sioux leaders Sitting Bull of the Hunkpapa tribe and Crazy Horse of the Oglala tribe joined 12,000 other Native Americans who fought the seventh cavalry of the U. S. Army at the battle of Little Big Horn. Defending were 210 soldiers under the command of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. After the battle, the only remaining living thing found there was Comanche, a horse, badly wounded, owned by Capt. Myles Keogh. **June 25, 1950:** North Korean troops crossed the 38th parallel, invading South Korea. Five days later, the U. S. entered the conflict; **June 1862:** During the American Civil War the siege of Vicksburg was well underway. The city was the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River. After holding out for more than 40 days, with supplies almost gone, the garrison surrendered on July 4.

BIRTHDAYS:



June 1: Marilyn Monroe; June 3: Jeff Davis, Confederacy president; June 4: Patriot Nathan Hale; June 8: Architect Frank Lloyd Wright; June 9: Composer Cole Porter; June 10: Actress Hattie McDaniel; June 10: Actress/Singer Judi Garland; June 11: Football coach Vince Lombardi; June 12: President George H. W. Bush; June 13: Presidential candidate, Gen. Winfield Scott; June 14: Author, Harriet Beecher Stowe; June 14: German psychiatrist, Alois Alzheimer; June 16: Comedian Stan Laurel (the skinny one); June 17: Composer Igor Stravinsky; June 19: Baseball star, Lou Gehrig; June 20: Soldier/Actor Audie Murphy; June 24: Professional boxer, the "Manassa Mauler," Jack Dempsey.

NEW STAMP ISSUES:

July 4: Declaration of Independence – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104.

The Continental Congress declared its independence from England on July 2 but it took two days to ratify the edits, hence we celebrate on July 4.

Two hundred copies were originally printed. Only 26 copies survive today. In 1989 a copy was found behind a cheap painting bought for $4. TV producer Normal Lear bought it for $8.1 million.

July 11: Barbie – Austin, Texas 78710. The first day covers will be processed at the National Barbie Doll Collector's Convention. She debuted in 1959 and since then has represented, through costumes, over 250 careers. Her full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts and named after the Mattel founders' daughter, Barbara Handler. Ken, by the way, was named after their son. She's fashion conscious too. Bob Mackie, Versace, Vera Wang, Stella McCartney, and Christian Dior have all contributed designs for Barbie's wardrobe.