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Commentary and updates: It's October, time for the ghosts and goblins to make an appearance at the end of the month. Make sure you have plenty of give-a-ways for the kids when they come knocking or you might be pranked.



One treat we have in store is happening at our next meeting, October 19th. We'll be celebrating the 90th anniversary of our stamp club. We're hoping to have a program about our history and the people who started it. There's a handful of memorabilia that has survived the years but after almost a century, the club is going strong and growing.

We've booked a bigger room for our celebration, so if you don't see us in our regular room, look further. If you'd like to bring a guest or two, feel free to do so. We've invited the mayors of Columbia and West Columbia to join us as well as Randy Gibson, executive director of the Lexington County Recreation Commission. He's also a stamp collector.

Our stamp show on October 10th and 11th had a dozen vendors from throughout the southeast plying their wares. We were trying something new this year, having our show on Friday and Saturday instead of Saturday and Sunday. It will take a few days to evaluate our decision. Other shows around the country have gone to a Friday-Saturday format. The children's table was available again for youngsters who would like to know more about our hobby. Bob Anderson again made stamp albums which were given to children free. They also received a packet of stamps and other philatelic paraphernalia to help get them started.

Come to the next meeting and be photographed participating in the fun activities of our anniversary party. We may also catch you hobnobbing with a celebrity.



Fred McGary



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



A very Happy Birthday to: Jennifer Miller (3); Linda Hazlett (3); Susan Postmus (6); Martin Miller (10); Frank Weick (24).

Congratulations and many, many more.

SHOW & TELLS:

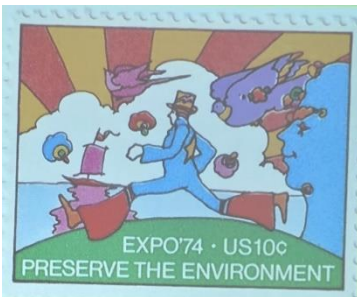
“At the end of June or early July, my wife and I took a cruise from Civitavecchia, Italy, the port of Rome along the Mediterranean Sea,” said Gary Baker. While you’re “at sea,” the cruise company finds things to entertain you. “One activity was an auction of paintings, some of which were done by the artist Peter Max,” he added. Baker said the flag picture on the left was



selling for \$6,800. The painting of the Statue of Liberty had a price tag Of \$18,000.

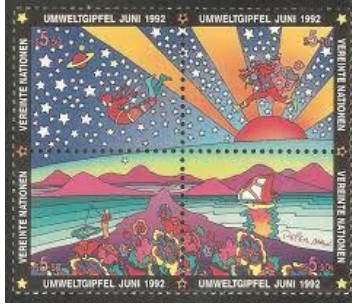
Peter Max was born in Germany in 1937. His family moved to Shanghai, China and then to Israel and Paris before he ended up in New York City. He uses bright colors in his style.

“He’s designed a number of United States postage stamps,” Baker mentioned, “including



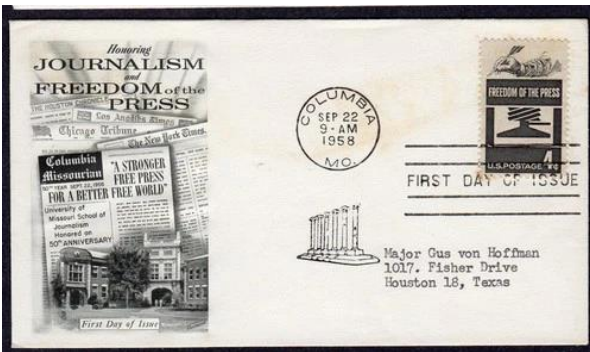
this stamp commemorating the Expo '74 World’s Fair in Spokane, Washington. Max drew a colorful psychedelic scene with a “Cosmic Jumper” and a “Smiling Sage” against a backdrop of a cloud, sun rays and a ship at sea on the theme of “Preserve the Environment.”” Baker described. He also did some work for the United Nations, designing some stamps for that international body.

These 12 designs by Peter Max were issued by the United Nations at the Earth Summit in 1992. They were issued from New York, Vienna, Austria and Geneva, Switzerland, the cities where the U. N. has offices. The stamps featured scenes of people working together in harmony, a common theme in Max’s environmental work. Usually, the U.N. issues multiple stamps with the same picture on each. This issue has three different designs.



Gary Baker

“Many of you know I collect autographs on first day covers,” Jerry Emanuel reminded. “This cover I’ve had since 1958 and while looking at it again, an idea began to develop,” he said.



The cachet shows a picture of five newspapers: *The Columbia Missourian*, *The Houston Chronicle*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times* and *The Chicago Tribune*.

“I figured I would try something unusual,” Emanuel said.

He sent the first day cover to the editor of the *Columbia Missourian* and asked her to sign the cover. Then he asked her to send the cover and four pre-stamped and pre-addressed envelopes, to one of the other editors along with the letter requesting a signature. Each editor was asked to autograph the cover and send it to another editor on the list, the final editor to return the cover to him with, hopefully, five signatures affixed.

“When, or if, it’s returned, it may not have any monetary value, but it will be something special to exhibit,” he opined.

Jerry Emanuel

“I don’t collect covers, I collect postcards,” said Walt Kubilius, one of the newer members of the club. “When I see a cover, however, having something to do with someplace I’ve lived, I’ll buy it,” he added.



He said he went to college in Socorro, New Mexico, a small town



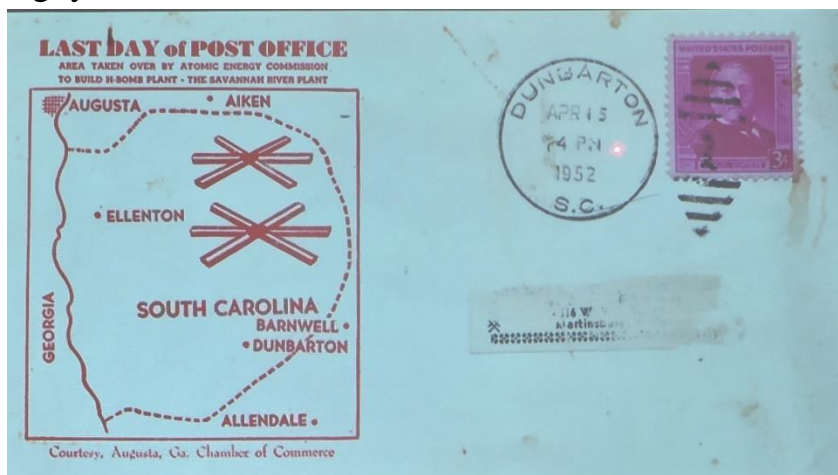
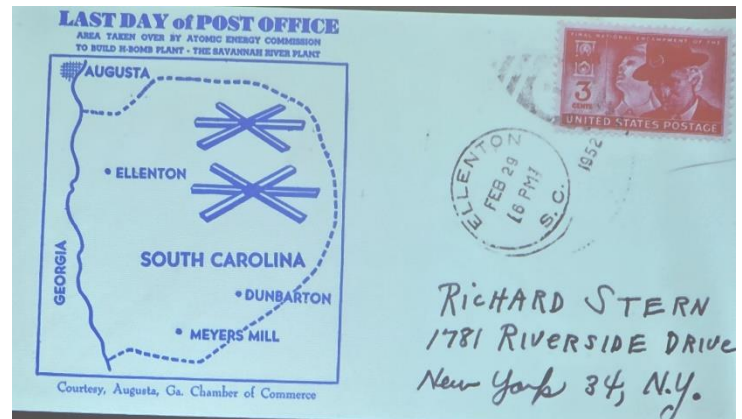
of 5,000 people and they got airmail service in 1950. “The big postmark is a hand canceller which became obsolete around 1920. This cover was cancelled in 1950 so, they were being ‘cute’ by using an old hand canceller,” he advised. He said the stamp on the right is even more old fashioned. “They used a wine bottle cork

to cancel the stamp by hand,” he commented.

Kubilius lives in Aiken, S. C. which is where the Savannah Nuclear Site is located. It was developed in 1950 and took 300 square miles of land away from the public. “They had a last day cover for when they turned off the two post offices,” he mentioned, “One was in Ellenton, S. C. and this cover was from there.

They told the residents they had to leave in 1950 and gave them time to pack up and leave, so, the last day of the post office was February 29, 1952.” The last day of the Dunbarton, South Carolina post office was April 15, 1952.

“These two covers were organized by the Augusta, Georgia Chamber of Commerce, a guy named Scott Nixon,” he stated.



Walt Kubilius

OCTOBER EVENTS IN STAMPS: “There are plenty of things going on this month commemorated by postage stamps,” said Rick Miller. They include:



Blindness Awareness Month,



Polish American Heritage Month, HONORING



Ignatz Paderewski, a Polish statesman and pianist. It's also German-American Heritage Month. “Germany is probably the most familial ancestral region you'll find in the U. S.,” said Miller.



The Concord turned out to be a joint issue between Germany and the United States honoring the 300th anniversary of the first German immigrants to the U. S. They left Germany with 33 Mennonites who boarded “The Concord” on July 6, 1683. They arrived on October 6, 1683 in Pennsylvania and established the first German settlement in

America. This “Champion of Liberty” series honored the mayor of West Berlin during the ‘cold war,’ Ernst Reuter. “This is Hispanic-American Month. Originally designed to honor just military veterans of Hispanic heritage, but was expanded to include all walks of life,” Miller remarked. It's also National and Indigenous People's Month.



“There are lots of issues of Native American art,” Miller said, “there's also the Great American Stamp Series: Crazy Horse who led the victory over General Custer at Little Big Horn, Sequoyah, creator of the Cherokee written language, Chief Red Cloud, the most successful chief against the U. S. and Sitting Bull, who joined Crazy Horse at Little Big Horn. Sitting Bull befriended Annie Oakley and became a star at Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.”

Rick Miller

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS:

GWINPEX Fall Stamp Show:

Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8

Times: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days

Free admission and parking

Featuring a youth area with free stamps for the kids

The show features three different tiers of dealers:

Full-time dealers – stamp show regulars

EBAY dealers – online dealers

Advanced collector dealers – collectors with expensive tastes

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The world will be coming to Boston, May 23rd to 30th for this world expo.

The venue will be the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

FEATURES: Dealers from around the world will be selling bargains to rarities.

Postal administrations will introduce new issues and first day ceremonies.

Hundreds of competitive exhibits

Easy access from domestic and international destinations

Visit the historic sites around Boston

For more information, Google Boston 2026.

NEW STAMP ISSUE:



Jimmy Carter, issued October 1st. First Day City: Atlanta, Ga. 30304.



WINTER STAMP SHOW:



There was a good crowd over the weekend and enough memorabilia was found about the stamp club to fill three frames. We're still missing much of the 1980's to the 1990's.

