



Upcoming Events and Announcements

Club Meetings

Location: Sandy Senior Center
 9310 So. 1300 East, Sandy
 First and third Thursdays of each month @ 6:30 pm
 Club Website: www.utahphilatelic.org

Club Officers

President: Steve Baldrige
 Vice-President: John Alleman
 Secretary/Treasurer: Ed Blaney
 Board Members: George Cobabe, Judy Maxfield,
 Blaine Cox and Don Marr.
 Newsletter Editor: Jack Paradise

Upcoming Events

The next stamp show will be on February 7 and 8 (Friday and Saturday) at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building at 3301 East Louise Avenue (2920 South). Because of the stamp show, the February 6 meeting of the stamp club will be held at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building. We can use help from club members earlier in the day on Thursday the 6th to set up tables and chairs.

The President's Corner **Steve Baldrige**

Another year has burst upon us, and the Utah Philatelic Society continues to roll forward. I hope you are as happy with your association with the Club as I am; probably the best single thing I have done to further my philatelic knowledge has been to join this Club. As a member, I get to: share in the knowledge and experience of other members; have access to the Club's library; have a fellowship with people of a similar interest; buy and sell items at auction; read the quarterly newsletter; have access to APS circuits at every meeting, and generally just increase my satisfaction from being a stamp collector.

Sorry we missed you at the Club's Christmas party—I can make a blanket statement like that because we only had 7 members show up. That was the day of a pretty bad ice storm, and with the attendant slick roads and traffic jams I think most of you chose safety over Christmas goodies. One of the enlightening comments about the Club came from Dave Blackhurst that evening, who mentioned that back in the 1970s club membership was at an all-time low—he said that at a typical meeting only 3-5 people showed up. I don't know what was done to push the membership up to its current levels, but hopefully we can maintain good numbers, and good participation in both Club activities AND volunteering for positions and assignments. That includes outgoing board members Virginia Lee and Sandi Locke, who each completed a two-year term, and their replacements Don Marr and Blaine Cox. *continued on page 2*

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The President's Corner continued

Don & Blaine have both had prior board service, both serving as presidents, so their experience will be helpful. Virginia and Sandi will both continue to function in various capacities within the Club, for which we're grateful.

One of the things everyone needs to do is keep your membership current, and that means paying dues. The Club relies a lot on these dues, so if you haven't paid for 2014, please do so right away. Remember, it's \$20 for a single membership, and \$25 for a family. Hopefully we won't have the need to raise this rate for some time to come.

We hope you've been able to find the new location for our stamp shows, and that you continue to patronize the dealers. The Club depends a fair amount on the revenue we get from these shows, but the dealers won't continue to come if it isn't worthwhile for them. Our next show is Feb. 7-8, at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers building at 3301 East 2920 South, SLC.

We hope to see you regularly at meetings, and we'd love to hear what it is about stamp collecting that gives you pleasure and satisfaction.

2014 USPS Stamp Issues

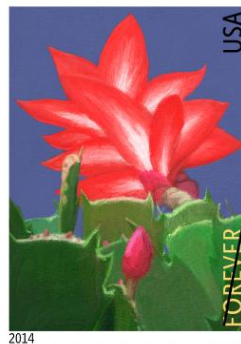
As of this writing, the United States Postal Service has announced 23 stamp issues for the coming months. There will be more stamp announcements as the year progresses. There may be changes to any of these announced stamps. Rate changes are to take effect on January 26. The cost to mail a one-ounce first class letter is set to increase to 49 cents. If you buy your "forever" stamps at the post office before January 26 you will save three cents a stamp.

January

- 4¢ **Chippendale Chair** coil stamp reissue
- *Forever rate* – **Lunar New Year: Year of the Horse**
- *Forever rate* – **Love: Cut Paper Heart**
- 49¢ **Ferns**: coil stamps with pictures of five different North America ferns
- *Forever rate* – **Black Heritage: Shirley Chisholm**...honoring the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress. She is also the first African-American and only the second woman to seek the presidential nomination of a major political party.
- 34¢ (post card rate) **Hummingbird**

February

- *Oversize rate* – **Great Spangled Fritillary Butterfly**. The rate, expected to be 70¢, applies to oversized and irregular shaped envelopes with weight up to one ounce.
- 21¢ (Second ounce rate) – **Abraham Lincoln**. The second ounce rate is for each additional ounce beyond the one-ounce 49¢ rate. The 20-cent rate on the Lincoln stamp shown on Page 4 will evidently be corrected to 21 cents. The Lincoln image, as he looked at the time of the Civil War, is a close-up of the statue in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- *Forever rate* – **Winter Flowers**. The four winter-blooming potted plants (shown at left) are amaryllis, cyclamen, paperwhite and Christmas cactus.





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March 2014 Stamp Issues

- 91¢ (three-ounce rate) – **Ralph Ellison**... honoring the author whose novels shed light on the African-American experience of the 1950s.
- 70¢ (two-ounce rate) – **C. Alfred “Chief” Anderson**...honoring the pioneering African-American aviator who helped train the nation’s first black military pilots, the Tuskegee Airmen.
- Priority mail rate – **Verrazano-Narrows Bridge**...commemorating 50 years of the bridge spanning the Narrows, the strait dividing Upper and Lower New York Bay. The bridge, with a center span of 4,260 feet, connects the boroughs of Brooklyn and Staten Island. Each of the two decks of the bridge carries six lanes of traffic.
- Priority mail express rate – **USS Arizona Memorial**...honoring the 1,177 sailors who lost their lives in the attack on Hawaii’s Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.
- *Forever rate* – **Star Spangled Banner**... commemorating the 200th anniversary of the British attack on Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor in September 1814. The stamp depicts the flag which Francis Scott Key saw flying over the fort “in the dawn’s early light” inspiring his writing of the words to our National Anthem.

April

- *Forever rate* – **Legends of Hollywood: Charlton Heston**. The selvaqe on the pane of 20 stamps pictures the chariot race scene from the movie, “Ben Hur”.

- *Forever rate* – **Song Birds**, a booklet of ten stamps with pictures of the Western Meadowlark, Mountain bluebird, Western Tanager, Painted Bunting, Baltimore Oriole, Evening Grosbeak, American Goldfinch and White-throated Sparrow.
- \$1.15 (*Global Forever rate*) – **Global Ocean Surface Temperatures**...with a view of the earth from space.
- *Forever rate* – **Pioneers of Graphic Design**, a sheet of twelve designs by twelve different artists.

May to November Issues

- *Forever rate* – **Harvey Milk**...honors the Gay Rights advocate who was the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in California when he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Harvey Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were assassinated in 1978 by a disgruntled former city supervisor.
- *Forever rate* – **Civil War: 1864** with stamps in an illustrated sheet observing the Siege of Petersburg, Virginia and the Battle of Mobile Bay, where Admiral Farragut damned the torpedoes and ordered “Full speed ahead”.
- **Medal of Honor: Korean War**

Issue dates to be announced

- **Floral Wedding** with one- and two-ounce designs
- **War of 1812**...expected to commemorate the bombardment of Fort McHenry

Soliloquy of a Postage Stamp



I am the world's greatest traveler. I've journeyed from pole to pole, and all the climes between . . . by dogsled, camel and horseback, by every land, sea and air conveyance; even by submarine, dirigible and rocket.

I am the world's greatest art and portrait gallery. The heroes and heroines of mythology pose within my borders. I portray the greats and the near-greats of all time; kings and queens, pharaohs and presidents, princes and princesses, poets and patriots, emperors and explorers, athletes, architects, aviators, artists and adventurers, tribal chieftains, inventors, moguls, musicians and martyrs, dramatists and novelists, shahs, sultans, saints and sinners. Even the vanished forms of the phoenix, dragon, centaur and unicorn appear upon my face.

I am the world's greatest picture chronicle and miniature encyclopedia. I map communities, countries and continents, and reveal views from every

strange remote corner of the earth. I depict mountains, and valleys; oceans, rivers, lakes, waterfalls, geysers, harbors, bridges and dams; native canoes, sailing ships and modern ocean liners; monuments and statues, castles, cathedrals, churches, missions, mosques, temples and ruins of temples; and every type of locomotion, from automobiles to zeppelins and steamboats to space ships. I delineate all manner of sports, handicrafts, customs, sacred rites and ceremonies and nearly every variety of bird, animal, fish, fruit and flower.

I frame the horrors of war, the blessings of peace, the hardships of emigration, the plight of indigence and the blight of famine. I illustrate the adventures of Don Quixote, the fairy tales of childhood and the legends of all civilizations. I reflect the symbols of art and culture, of natural resources and industry, of trade and commerce, of agriculture and architecture, and of all human endeavor. I commemorate the expeditions and voyages, and the inventions, discoveries and creations that make life worth living.

Millions of men, women and children are fascinated by me. Through my infinite variety, they find boundless pleasure, relaxation and enchantment.

Yet . . . I am only a postage stamp!

The *Soliloquy* is found in the front of an old *Standard World Stamp Album*. Thanks to UPS member Dave Kinsey for the contribution of this article.