



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 21, 2013, at the Court Street Methodist Church.

In addition to the usual U.S. and British North American circuit books; there are two books of Italian stamps; three books of classical Europe (pre-1940) and one book of revenues. There are two topical books; one with ships and one with stamps on stamps.

Editorial

The USPS is set to issue a 46c forever commemorative souvenir booklet for the Harry Potter series of movies and books on November 19, 2013. I enjoyed the movies and books with my grandchildren and I will probably purchase the stamps. But, I have some concerns about the USPS issuing these stamps. I guess I'm just too conservative and an old codger.

First, I saw in the USA Today that "Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe says he hopes the popularity of Harry Potter will fuel interest in stamps and stamp collecting." Producing postage stamps just for collectors is getting to be a real problem and I think a turn off for serious collectors. This has been a problem worldwide for years. And now, we are seeing too much from the USPS. U.S. postage stamps should commemorate significant events and people from the United States. Harry Potter did not originate in the U.S. and I don't think the series is thought of as U.S., it's British.

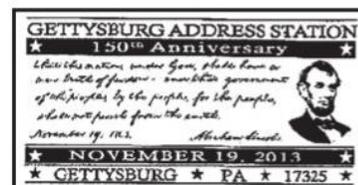
The Postmaster further states, "I think the stamps will spark a lot of interest among young people." I don't agree with him here either. Why would a kid pay \$9.20 for some little pictures with sticky on the backs when he could use that money to buy a movie, video game, etc. He would have to buy the stamps at the post office because he will not see the stamps come to his house on mail, and that is one of the problems with getting kids interested in stamp collecting.

And last, it used to be that someone appearing on a U.S. postage stamp was to have been dead for at least 10 years. Then that was relaxed to 5 years and now it seems the people don't have to be deceased at all. I think that having living people on stamps will just invite too many abuses. I think it is a bad policy.

The USPS should stick to producing postage stamps to pay the fee for transporting and delivering mail, not for to gouge stamp collectors.

President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Commemoration

November 19, 2013 marks the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. There won't be any commemorative stamp issued for this event, but there



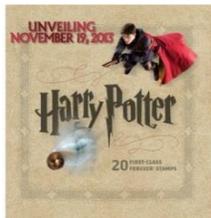
will be two special cancellations. The cancellations can be obtained by sending a request to; Gettysburg Address Station, 115 Buford Ave., Gettysburg, PA 17325-9998.

To continue my editorial; it again seems strange that stamps for a current movie can be issued, but not for such a significant event as the Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. I think the later commemorations would be the more important for a U.S. postage stamp.

Philatelic Firsts

- The first woman to appear on a U.S. Postage stamp was Queen Isabella in 1893.
 - The first woman to be honored on a U.S. postage stamp was Martha Washington in 1903.
 - The first Native American featured on a U.S. postage stamp was Pocahontas in 1907.
 - The first Hispanic American featured on a U.S. stamp was Admiral David Farragut in 1903.
 - The first African American honored on a U.S. postage stamp was Booker T. Washington in 1940.
 - The first U.S. Forever stamp was issued the Liberty Bell in 2007.
 - The first U.S. Semi-postal was for Breast Cancer issued in 1998.
 - The first Bi-color stamps issued by Great Britain were the 1887 Jubilee stamps
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U.S. stamps scheduled for issue in November 2013



Philatelic Dates

November 11, 2013	U.S. Postal Service issues 46c forever Medal of Honor; World War II
November 19, 2013	Lincoln's Gettysburg Address cancellation; to commemorate the 1863 event
November 19, 2013	U.S. Postal Service issues 46c forever Harry Potter souvenir booklet
November 19-25	Brasiliana 2013; Rio de Janeiro
November 21, 2013	Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO
November 24, 2013	E & D Auction; Kansas City
November 23 & 24	Regency Auction; Chicagopex 2013

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