



Garfield-Perry March Party 2024 Set for March 15-17

CLEVELAND—The 134th annual March Party of the Cleveland-based Garfield-Perry Stamp Club (www.garfieldperry.org) will hold its three-day run March 15-17 as part of the American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately.

This year's show will feature two first day of issue ceremonies and host UKRAINEPEX 2024, the annual gathering of the Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society (www.upns.org).

"Our club has been planning this year's March Party since last year's show closed. We're happy to welcome the UKRAINEPEX as well as 170 frames of some of the best exhibits of foreign and U.S. material in the country," said Rocco Caponi, show chairman.

The March Party, traditionally Ohio's largest club-sponsored stamp show, will be at the Best Western Plus Hotel, 15471 Royalton Rd, in suburban Strongsville, Ohio.

This year's theme will be hummingbirds, spinning off of the unveiling of the Garden Delights stamps by the U.S. Postal Service at the show. The four stamps depict a ruby-throated hummingbird flitting around brightly colored flowers and will be introduced at 11 a.m., March 16.

Covers with a commemorative cachet and pictorial postmark will be available for \$3 throughout the three days of the show and by mail. Covers can be ordered by sending a check made out to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a cardboard stiffener to 3245 Nagel Rd., Avon, Ohio 44011-2059.

The United Nations Postal Administration also will debut its latest edition of its long-standing flag series. Four stamps showing the flags of Lebanon, San Marino, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Yemen will be introduced at noon, March 15.

This year's show will see the return of a commemorative "cinderella" souvenir sheet marking the long-running March Party. The sheet, produced in a limited run of 250 copies, will feature four labels showing the round Garfield-Perry logo. Each side of the four sides of the selvage will include text related to the club, the show and its location. The sheet will be available throughout the show at a cost of \$4. All proceeds will benefit the club.

On Friday, the show will host an APS Town Hall with Scott English, society executive director. Set for 4 p.m., the session will allow all collectors, whether they are APS members or not, to offer their views on the state of the hobby and how the APS can better serve hobbyists.

In addition, a series of free presentations on various topics are set for the afternoon of March 15: "Thoughts on Numbering Varieties," "Washington & Franklin Flat Plate Coils 1908-1915," and "Introduction to the Offset-Lithographed Washington-Franklin Heads."

As for exhibiting, 162 frames are reserved for multi-frame exhibits and 10 frames for single-frame exhibits.

The multi-frame Grand Award winner will be eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions at the Great American Stamp Show August 15-18 in Hartford, Connecticut.

The single-frame Grand Award winner will be eligible to join the annual Single Frame competition at the Chicagopex show set for Nov. 22-24 in Itasca, Illinois.

All awards will be presented at a banquet the evening of March 16 at the hotel. Tickets are \$60.

In addition, 35 dealers will be on hand offering stamps, covers, post cards, supplies and various types of ephemera.

The U.S. Postal Service and the U.N. Postal Administration will have booths as well, offering recent stamp issues and postal stationery for sale.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

The hotel show rate is \$114 plus tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 440-238-8800.

More information about the 2024 March Party and the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, including a dealer list and event schedule, is on the club's website at www.garfieldperry.org.