

135th Garfield-Perry March Party Hosts U.S. Stamp Society, Civil War Philatelic Society & Vibrant Leaves Stamps First Day Ceremony

The annual meetings of two prominent stamp societies and a first day ceremony will highlight the 135th annual March Party of the Cleveland-based Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

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

The United States Stamp Society and the Civil War Philatelic Society will meet during the March Party's three-day run, March 14-16 in suburban Strongsville, Ohio.

The American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately show also will host a first day of issue ceremony for five Vibrant Leaves post card rate stamps from the U.S. Postal Service. The ceremony is planned for noon on the show's opening day.

"This year's show promises to be one of the year's most exciting and noteworthy philatelic events in the country. We are eager to welcome two of the foremost societies in American philately and to collaborate with the U.S. Postal Service again in releasing the Vibrant Leaves stamps," said Rocco Caponi, show co-chairman.

The five stamps feature colorful leaves on trees in the United States as seen in the fall: maple, oak, sassafras, aspen and sweetgum. The stamps will be introduced in ceremonies at noon, March 14. The current post card rate is 56 cents.

Show covers with a commemorative cachet and pictorial postmark featuring the Vibrant Leaves theme 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 P.O. Box 30338, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 44130.

Following the stamp release, Jay Bigalke, editor-in-chief of *Linn's Stamp News*, will host a Postcrossing Meetup beginning at 1 p.m. Such gatherings bring together members of the primarily online Postcrossing community who send post cards randomly to members in far-away places. Postcrossing was founded by people who like to receive real mail, not the bulk mail and advertising broadsheets that dominate mail delivery these days.

On Saturday, March 15, the Civil War Stamp Society will hold a series of meetings and programs. Programs being with a general membership meeting at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., Civil War philately expert Trish Kaufmann will present "The Springfield Facsimiles of Confederate Postage Stamps plus a brief TASCO History."

Frank Crown will present "How the Augusta, Georgia, Post Office opened under Federal Control in 1864 and 1865" at 2 p.m. the same day. Following his presentation, as time permits, society members will share some of their prized possessions on screen and discuss them with attendees.

The United States Stamp Society programs include an Executive Committee meeting at 3 p.m., March 14; its board meeting at 11 a.m., March 15 followed by the general membership meeting at 1 p.m. Other U.S. Stamp Society programs may be scheduled as well.

As for exhibiting, 160 frames are reserved for multi-frame exhibits and 10 frames for single-frame exhibits as part of the World Series of Philately.

The multi-frame Grand Award winner will be eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions at the Great American Stamp Show August 14-17 in Schaumburg, Illinois, outside of Chicago.

The single-frame Grand Award winner will be eligible to join the annual Single Frame competition at the Chicagopex show set for Nov. 21-23 in Itasca, Illinois.

All awards from the March Party will be presented at a banquet the evening of March 15 at the hotel.

In addition, 38 dealers will be on hand offering stamps, covers, post cards, supplies and ephemera.

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

Club members will host a "Philatelic Antiques Roadshow" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday to evaluate stamp holdings visitors may have inherited or have in their possession.

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 2025 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.

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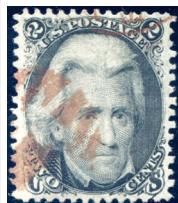


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