

136th Garfield-Perry March Party hosts Machine Cancel Society, first day ceremony

CLEVELAND -- A gathering of members of the International Machine Cancel Society and a first-day-of-issue ceremony for colorful stamp depicting a sunflower will highlight the 136th annual March Party of the Cleveland-based Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

The International Machine Cancel Society will hold its annual general meeting during the March Party's three-day run, March 13-15 in suburban Strongsville, Ohio.

The American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately show also will host a first day of issue ceremony for a first-class "forever" stamp depicting sunflowers. The ceremony is planned for 11 a.m., March 14.

The March Party also will host a Postcrossing meetup at 1:30 p.m., March 14. Other presentations are being planned as well.

"We are planning another special show aimed to attract both collectors and the general public. The March Party traditionally has been well attended because of the programming we offer, the exhibits on display and the topnotch dealers from across the country. This year should continue that 136-year tradition," said Rocco Caponi, show co-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.

Two different show covers focusing on the sunflower theme will be canceled with a pictorial postmark on each of the three days will be available for \$3 throughout the three days of the show and by mail. Covers also 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.

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.

Exhibits will be judged by an APS-accredited jury that includes Christopher Dahle, William Fort III, Mike Ley, James Mazepa, Norma Nielson and Dzintars Grinfelds.

The multi-frame Grand Award winner will be eligible to enter the APS Champion of Champions competition, which will take place at the Boston 2026 World Expo, May 23-30.

The single-frame Grand Award winner will be eligible to join the annual Single Frame competition at the Chicagopex show set for Nov. 20-22 in Itasca, Illinois.

All awards from the March Party will be presented at a banquet the evening of March 16 at the hotel. Tickets are \$65.

In addition, 38 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 new stamp and postal stationery issues.

Club members will host a "Philatelic Antiques Roadshow" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday to an evaluation of stamp holdings visitors may inherited or have had 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 2026 March Party and the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club is on the club's website at www.garfieldperry.org.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY MARCH PARTY

March 13-15, 2026

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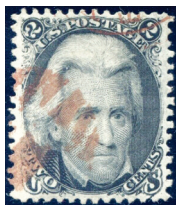
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