

Press Release

Event – Stamp Show

Name of Event – Knoxpex 2012

Event Sponsor – Knoxville Philatelic Society, a nonprofit hobby and educational organization

Theme – 100th Anniversary of the founding of the *Girl Scouts of the USA*

Dates – March 3-4, 2012

Times – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm

Place – Holiday Inn Knoxville West
304 N. Cedar Bluff Road
Knoxville, TN 37923

Admission – Free

Parking – Free

Activities: Free stamps and assistance for youth, scouts, and beginning collectors
Exhibits of worldwide stamps
Live auction – Saturday, 6:00 pm
Free commemorative cancel
12 dealers selling United States and worldwide stamps, covers, and postcards

Web information – <http://knoxstamps.com> & www.stampclubs.com/knoxville/index.html

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Stamp collecting is the most important hobby for people of all ages and interests who wish to learn more about the world. Stamps are an important way to explore history, geography, people, culture, and art. Collectors can “travel the world” through their collections for only a few dollars.

The Girl Scouts of the USA – Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927), a native of Savannah, Georgia, had visited Robert Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, in England in 1911 and saw the potential for a similar organization that would promote citizenship and leadership among young women. On March 12, 1912, Low gathered 18 girls from Savannah for a meeting, and the scouting movement rapidly spread across the United States. Today, according to the official web site of the Girl Scouts – www.girlscouts.org – there are more than 3.2 million girls and adults who are members.

Girl Scouts have been honored previously by three U.S. postage stamps. President Harry Truman was an admirer of Juliette Low’s work, and the first commemorative stamp was issued during his administration in 1948. In 1962, the US Post Office issued a 4 cent stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Girl Scouts, and the Panama Canal Zone, owned by the US at that time, also issued a stamp. Most recently, in 1987, a 22 cent stamp was issued honoring the 75th anniversary of the Girl Scouts and their merit badge program.



The stamp at left will be issued in the summer of 2012 in honor of the Girl Scouts centennial. The date of issue has not yet been announced by the US Postal Service.

