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This newsletter is published monthly by the Huntsville Philatelic Club. Meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fern Bell Recreation Center, 107A Sanders Road SW. Visitors are always welcome.

THIS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

First Tuesday Meeting – August 5th @ 7:00
Member + Dealer Night

Third Tuesday Meeting – August 19th @ 7:00
Member's Philatelic Auction Night

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features two recent additions to the Distinguished Americans stamp series; James Michener, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author of more than 40 books and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and Dr. Edward Trudeau, a legendary American physician.

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Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual and \$3.00 additional per family member. Dues are prorated for new members and renewals are payable in January. HPC newsletter archives:
<http://www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm>

AT OUR NEXT MEETING

The August 5th meeting is going to be our first **Member + Dealer Night**. We are fortunate to have several members who are also part-time stamp dealers and it's about time we started taking advantage of them, and I mean that in the nicest possible way. Our member/dealers are invited to bring a selection of their sales stock and set up a table or two; it will be just like a mini stamp bourse. All members are also welcome to bring any philatelic items for sale. If you were not able to make it to HUNTSPEX in June, here's your change to catch up on a few overdue purchases. Be sure to bring your want list. We have the room until 9:00 so there should be plenty of time for everyone.

NEW HPC MEMBERS

Welcome to our two newest club members. **Alexander Black** is a former member from many years back that has renewed his membership. Welcome back Al. **Bill Dinges** has attended several meetings and recently joined. Bill was fortunate to find two of the three remaining dated copies of US #11 he has been looking for at HUNTSPEX last June. Welcome to the club Bill.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ever wonder how to locate an official USPS Collection Station? They used to be called mailboxes and there are still a lot of them around if you know where to look. A good place to start is: <http://www.payphone-project.com/mailboxes/states/AL/HUNTSVILLE.html> I'll bet you didn't know there are about 174 of them in the Huntsville area.

Two American Legends Appearing on Stamps

A best-selling author and a noted physician have received one of the nation's highest honors as new additions to the Postal Service's Distinguished Americans stamp series. James Michener, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author of more than 40 books and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and Dr. Edward Trudeau, a legendary American physician who devoted himself to researching and treating tuberculosis, appear on postage stamps now available in Post Offices.

Michener won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1948



for his book, *Tales of the South Pacific*, which was based on his observations while serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy during World War II. The book was the basis for the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical *South Pacific*, which became an Oscar-

winning movie musical in 1958. Following the success of *Tales of the South Pacific*, Michener traveled the world to research more than 80 nonfiction articles and book reviews for *Reader's Digest*, *Life* magazine, *Saturday Evening Post*, the *New York Times*, and many other newspapers and magazines.

Michener, who was raised in Doylestown, PA, wrote several novels in the 1970s about American history and culture, including *Centennial* (1974), dramatizing the settlement of the West with a particular focus on Colorado; *Chesapeake* (1978), covering nearly five centuries of history on the Maryland eastern shore; *Space* (1982), dealing with the history of the American space program; and *Texas* (1985), spanning four centuries of history. In 1977, President Gerald R. Ford awarded Michener the Presidential Medal of Freedom. From 1979 to 1986, he was a member of the Postal Service's Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee. A noted philanthropist, he was passionate in his support of education, young writers, and the arts. Michener died in Austin, Texas in 1997.

Edward Trudeau, Born in 1848 in New York, was both a son and a grandson of physicians. He spent his early years abroad, receiving an education at the Lycée Bonaparte in Paris. In 1865, he returned to the United States and secured an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Soon after, he gave up his appointment to care for his brother, who was gravely ill with tuberculosis. The experience shaped the rest of his life.

After his brother died, Trudeau pursued medical



studies, graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1871 and began practicing medicine. Then, at age 25, he received a diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis, most likely contracted from his brother. His illness did not deter him

from pursuing medical practice as a phthisiologist, a physician who specializes in tuberculosis care. In the mid-1880s, he established the Adirondack Cottage Sanitarium (renamed the Trudeau Sanatorium after his death in 1915). He organized the Saranac Laboratory for the Study of Tuberculosis, the first American institution dedicated to tuberculosis research. Renamed the Trudeau Institute, the laboratory continues to study infectious diseases.

In an article for the *New York Times*, a former patient wrote that Trudeau had "brought...not only the presence of a genial doctor but the kinship of a fellow sufferer. This was the bond that brought him so close to all his patients. He was not merely an outsider fighting for them; he was an insider fighting with them..."

The James Michener stamp is 59 cents for the new First-Class Mail letter two-ounce price. The Edward Trudeau stamp is 76 cents for the new First-Class Mail letter three-ounce price. Artist Mark Summers of Waterdown, ON, created both stamps based on photographs. Summers is noted for his scratchboard technique, a style distinguished by a dense network of horizontal lines etched with exquisite precision.

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2008 New Issue Dates and First Day City Information

Date	Stamp Issue	\$	Type	Format	First Day City
Jan 9	Year of the Rat	41c	Commemorative	Pane of 12	San Francisco, CA 94188
Jan 31	Charles Chesnutt	41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	Cleveland, OH 44101
Feb 21	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	Hawthorne, FL 32640
Mar 6	American Scientists	41c	4 Commemoratives	Pane	New York, NY 10199
Mar 7	Tiffany Lamp	1c	Definitive	Pane of 20	New York, NY 10199
Apr 18	American Flags	42c	4 Definitive	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
Apr 22	American Journalists	42c	5 Commemoratives	Pane	Washington, DC 20066
Apr 25	Tropical Fruit	27c	5 Definitives	Pane & coil	San Mateo, CA 94402
Apr 26	Mount St. Mary's Univ.	27c	Postal Card	single	Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Apr 30	Purple Heart	42c	Definitive	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
May 2	Elk	42c	Stamped Envelopes	6 types	Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Corinthian Column	27c	2 Postal Cards	single & dbl.	Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Liberty Bell (forever stamp)	42c	Definitive	Book of 20	Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Mt. Rushmore	4.80	Stamped Envelope	Pack of 5	Kansas City, MO 64144
May 12	James A. Michener	59c	Definitive	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Edward Trudeau	76c	Definitive	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
May 13	Frank Sinatra	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	Las Vegas, NV 89199 and New York, NY 10199
May 16	New Hampshire River	72c	Definitive	Pane of 20	Rochester, NY 14692
May 16	St. John, US Virgin Islands	94c	Definitive	Pane of 20	St John, VI 00830
May 17	Minnesota Statehood	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	St. Paul, MN 55101
May 19	Dragonfly	62c	Definitive	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
Jun 6	Mt. Rushmore	4.80	Priority Mail stamp	Pane of 20	McLean, VA 22101
Jun 7	Tiffany Lamp (water activ.)	1c	Definitive	Pane of 20	McLean, VA 22101
Jun 10	All Heart	42c	Special (love series)	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
Jun 10	Wedding Stamp	42c	Special	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
Jun 10	Wedding Stamp	59c	Special	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
Jun 14	Flags of our Nation	42c	10 Commemoratives	Roll of 50	Washington, DC 20066
Jun 17	Charles and Ray Eames	42c	16 Commemorative	Pane of 16	Santa Monica, CA 90401
Jun 19	Summer Olympics	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	Philadelphia, PA 19104
Jun 20	Hoover Dam	16.50	Express Mail stamp	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
Jun 20	Great Seal (delayed)	42c	Official stamp	Coil of 100	Washington, DC 20066
Jun 20	Great Seal	42c	Official envelope	Individual	Washington, DC 20066
Jul 10	Celebrate	42c	Definitive	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
Jul 15	American Clock (water act.)	10c	Definitive	Coil of 10,000	Washington, DC 20066
Jul 16	Vintage Black Cinema	42c	5 Commemoratives	Pane of 20	Newark, NJ 07102
Jul 16	Take me out to Ballgame	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	Washington, DC 20066
Aug 7	Disney: Imagination	42c	4 Commemoratives	Pane of 20	Anaheim, CA 92803
Aug 7	Disney: Imagination	27c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20	Anaheim, CA 92803
Aug 14	Albert Bierstadt	42c	Commemorative	Book of 20	Hartford, CT 06101
Aug 15	Sunflower	42c	Definitive	Book of 20	Hartford, CT 06101
Aug 22	Liberty Bell (forever stamp)	42c	Definitive	Book of 20	Falls Church, VA 22046
Sep 2	Flags of our Nation	42c	10 Commemoratives	Roll of 50	Washington DC, 20066
Sep 5	Sea Coast (water activated)	5c	Definitive	Coil of 500	Washington DC, 20066
Sep 8	Latin Jazz	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	Washington DC, 20066
Sep 18	Bette Davis	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	Boston, MA
Sep 23	Eid	42c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20	Washington DC, 20066
Oct 2	Great Lakes Dunes	42c	10 Commemorative	Pane of 10	Empire, MI 49630
Oct 2	Great Lakes Dunes	27c	10 Postal Cards	Book of 10	Empire, MI 49630
Oct 3	Tail Fins and Chrome	42c	5 Commemoratives	Pane of 20	Carlisle, PA 17013
Oct 3	Tail Fins and Chrome	27c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20	Carlisle, PA 17013
Oct 17	Alzheimer's Awareness	42c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	Morgantown, WV 26508
Oct 23	Christmas Nutcrackers	42c	4 Special (holiday)	Multiple	New York, NY 10199
Oct 23	Madonna & Child, Botticelli	42c	Special (holiday)	Book of 20	New York, NY 10199
Oct 24	Hanukkah	42c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20	New York, NY 10199
Oct 24	Kwanzaa	42c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20	New York, NY 10199

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