

HUNTSVILLE PHILATELIC CLUB

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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 – Dec. 4

Show-n-Tell Meeting, Bring one unusual, strange, or interesting page from a collection

Second Tuesday Meeting – Dec. 18

Member's Philatelic Auction Night

First Tuesday Meeting – Jan. 1

New Years Day - NO MEETING

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features the new contemporary Christmas stamps, *Holiday Knits*, designed by illustrator Nancy Stahl and the traditional Christmas stamp by Milanese painter Bernardino Luini, *The Madonna of the Carnation*.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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Membership dues are payable in January. Annual dues are \$12.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family.

The **HPC Newsletter** may be downloaded from the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs' web site at www.stampclubs.com/news/news-huntsville.htm

STAMP CLUB NEWS

- The club gained a new member in November. **Dominick Uli** signed up at one meeting and brought auction lots the next; that's just the way we like it. **Lloyd Wade**, a long-time member inactive for a few years, also was in attendance. Welcome to both our new and returning HPC members, please enjoy all the club has to offer.
- Planning has begun for **HUNTSPEX 2008**. The theme of this year's show will be the 50th Anniversary of NASA. Several committee managers will also be needed to coordinate the various tasks that always need to be done.
- Ray Pietruszka** is working to line up meeting programs for next year. Please consider putting together a short presentation of a collecting interest to give at an upcoming meeting. Then let Ray know a first and second choice for dates.
- Membership dues** are payable at the first club meeting in January. If you are unable to attend in January please send \$12.00 per individual or \$15.00 per family to the club treasurer.

2008 USPS NEW ISSUES

Year of the Rat	Baseball
Charles Chesnutt	American Journalists
Bette Davis	Vintage Black Cinema
Olympic Games	Latin Jazz
Great Lakes Dunes	Disney: Imagination
American Scientists	Tail Fins and Chrome
Wedding Stamps	Alzheimer's Awareness
Love: All Heart	Albert Bierstadt
Minnesota Statehood	State/Territory flags

CLUB CALENDAR

Dec. 4	Show-n-Tell Meeting
Dec. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jan. 1	NO MEETING, New Year's Day
Jan. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Feb. 5	Open
Feb. 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Mar. 4	Open
Mar. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Apr. 1	Open
Apr. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
May 6	Pre-HUNTSPEX 2008 Meeting
May 20	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jun. 3	Open
Jun. 7 - 8	HUNTSPEX 2008
Jun.17	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Jul. 1	Post-HUNTSPEX 2008 Meeting
Jul. 15	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Aug. 5	Open
Aug. 19	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Sep. 2	Open
Sep. 16	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Oct. 7	Open
Oct. 21	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Nov. 4	Open
Nov. 18	Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Dec. 2	Open
Dec. 16	Member's Philatelic Auction Night

AREA STAMP SHOWS

February 9-10, 2008 **ALAPEX**

Birmingham Philatelic Society, Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave., S.W. (Exit 108 on I-20/59) Bessemer. Contact Robert Hamill, 303-880-0986.

March 1-2 **KNOXPEX 2008**

Knoxville Philatelic Society, Budget Inn, Cedar Bluff Road at I-40 (Exit 378), West Knoxville, TN Contact: Jim Pettway, jbpettway@comcast.net

June 7-8 **HUNTSPEX 2008**

Huntsville Philatelic Club, Bevill Center and Hotel, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 301 Sparkman Drive (I-565, exit 12).

http://www.stampshows.com/huntsville_hpc.html

September 26-28 **Southeastern Stamp Show**

Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs, Cobb County Civic Ctr., 548 S. Marietta Pkwy., Marietta. Scott Mark, 770-619-2917. *WSP*

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2007 USPS NEW ISSUES

Jan 10 - Ella Fitzgerald - (1) 39c comm.
Jan 11 - Oklahoma Centennial - (1) 39c comm.
Jan 13 - Hershey's Kisses - (1) 39c comm.
Feb 21 - International Polar Year - (2) 84c stamp SS
Mar 15 - Henry W. Longfellow - (1) 39c comm.
Mar 16 - Silver Coffeepot - (1) 3c definitive
Mar 16 - Tiffany Lamp - (1) 1c definitive stamp
Apr 12 - Liberty Bell - (1) Forever 1st class stamp
Apr 12 - American Flag - (1) non-demon. 41c def.
May 6 - Air Force One - (1) Priority Env. \$4.60
May 6 - Marine One - (3) Express Mail Env \$16.25
May 11 - Jamestown settlement - (1) 39c comm. SS
May 12 - Florida Panther - (1) 26c definitive stamp
May 12 - Horses Stamped Env - (6) 41c envelope
May 12 - Pineapple - (1) 25c and (1) 52c postal card
May 12 - Great Seal - (1) 41c Official Mail Env.
May 12 - Navajo Necklace - (1) 2c definitive stamp
May 14 - Bighorn Sheet - (1) 17 c definitive stamp
May 25 - Star Wars Souv. Sheet - (15) 41c comm.
June 1 - Hagatna Bay - (1) 90c airmail definitive
June 1 - Okefenokee Swamp - (1) 69c airmail def.
June 13 - Air Force One - (1) \$4.60 Priority Mail
June 13 - Marine One - (1) \$16.25 Express Mail
June 13 - Harriet Beecher Stowe - (1) 75c def.
June 13 - Margaret Chase Smith - (1) 58c def.
June 21 - Pacific Coast Lighthouses - (5) 41c comm.
June 25 - Great Seal - (1) 41c official stamp
June 27 - Silver Hearts - (1) 41c & (1) 58c special
June 29 - Pollination - (4) 41c commemoratives
July 4 - Patriotic Banner - (1) 10c non-den. def.
July 19 - Chippendale Chair - (1) 4c def. stamp
July 26 - Marvel Comics - (20) 41c comm.
Aug 4 - Mahogany Speedboats - (4) 41c comm.
Aug 9 - Louis Comfort Tiffany - (1) 41c comm.
Aug 10 - Flower Blossoms - (10) 41c comm..
Aug 15 - American Flag - (1) 41c def. stamp
Aug 16 - Disney Magic - (4) 41c comm. stamps
Aug 17 - Celebrate - (1) 41c special stamp
Aug 17 - James Stewart - (1) 41c comm.
Aug 28 - Alpine Tundra - (10) 41c commemoratives
Aug 31 - Gerald Ford - (1) 41c commemorative
Sept 12 - Jury Duty - (1) 41c comm. stamp
Sept 14 - Mendez v. Westminster - (1) 41c comm.
Sept 28 - Eid - (1) 41c special holiday stamp
Oct 1 - Polar Lights - (2) 41c comm. stamps
Oct 25 - Yoda - (1) 41c commemorative
Oct 25 - Holiday Knits - (4) 41c special stamps
Oct 25 - Madonna and Child, Luini - (1) 41c stamp
Oct 26 - Kwanzaa - Hanukkah (2) 41c stamps

2007 Holiday Knits

In 2007, the U.S. Postal Service will warm up for the holidays by issuing Holiday Knits, four stamps featuring classic winter-time imagery designed and machine knitted by nationally known illustrator Nancy Stahl. These beautiful stamps consist of a dignified stag, a snow-dappled evergreen tree, a perky snowman sporting a top hat, and a whimsical teddy bear.

In recent years, knitting has become quite popular again, both in the United States and internationally. Inspired by traditional Norwegian sweaters and knitted Christmas stockings, Stahl decided on "something cozy" for this year's holiday stamp issuance. She used a computer software program to draw her original designs and convert them to stitches and rows. Then she downloaded the information to an electronic knitting machine and used it to knit her creations. The machine's smaller stitch gauge didn't provide quite the effect Stahl was hoping to achieve. So she transferred the designs onto punch cards and used a different knitting machine that works something like an old Jacquard loom and has a larger stitch gauge. Stahl scanned the finished pieces into her computer and retouched the photographic images to ensure that all the stitches aligned properly. The result is a set of four colorful and "cozy" stamps that will add an extra touch of warmth to seasonal correspondence.



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Luini "The Madonna of the Carnation"

Since 1978 the theme of the traditional U.S.

Christmas stamp has been the Madonna and Child, and these holiday stamps have attracted a devoted following over the years. The 2007 Christmas stamp features an oil-on-panel entitled *The Madonna of the Carnation* by Milanese painter Bernardino Luini. Dating to around 1515, the painting is now part of the Samuel H. Kress Collection at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

In painting *The Madonna of the Carnation*, Luini used oil paints (then a relatively new medium) to great advantage. He enhanced his typically warm palette with the technique known as *sfumato* (an Italian word meaning "smoky"), in which softened color gradations and blended tones create the illusion of depth, volume, and contour. Positioned against a plain, dark background and bathed in glowing light, Luini's sacred figures seem alive and humanly accessible, filling the picture plane and inviting the viewer's attention.

Bernardino Luini (circa 1480-1532) was an important member of Northern Italy's Lombard School of painting, which was centered in Milan, the capital of the Lombardy district. Powerfully influenced by Leonardo da Vinci, Lombard artists were keen and sensitive observers of the natural world. Few details are known about Luini's life, but his artistic legacy (several of his paintings were once erroneously attributed to Leonardo) ensures his place in history as one of the world's master painters.



2007 NEW ISSUE DATES AND FIRST DAY CITY INFORMATION

Date	Stamp Issue	Denom	Type	Format	p/c	First Day City
Jan 10	Ella Fitzgerald	1-39c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	p	New York, NY 10199
Jan 11	Oklahoma Centennial	1-39c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Oklahoma City, OK 73125
Jan 13	Hershey's Kiss	1-39c	Special (love series)	Pane of 20	c	Hershey, PA 17033
Feb 21	International Polar Year	2-84c	Commemoratives	SS of 2		Fairbanks, AK 99709
Mar 15	Henry W. Longfellow	1-39c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	p	New York, NY 10199
Mar 16	Silver Coffeepot	1-3c	Definitive	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Mar 16	Tiffany Lamp	1-1c	Definitive	2 varieties		New York, NY 10199
Apr 12	Liberty Bell Forever Stamp	1-41c	Definitive	5 varieties		Philadelphia, PA 19104
Apr 12	American Flag NonDenom	1-41c	Definitive	7 varieties		Washington, DC 20066
May 6	Air Force One	1-\$4.60	Priority Mail Env.	Envelope		Kansas City, MO 64108
May 6	Marine One / Star Wars	3-16.25	Express Mail Env.	Set of 3		Kansas City, MO 64108
May 11	Jamestown Settlement	1-39c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	c	Jamestown, VA 23081
May 12	Florida Panther	1-26c	Definitive			Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Horses Stamped Env.	1-41c	Stamped Envelope	6 varieties		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Pineapple	1-26/52	Postal Cards	2 types		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Great Seal	1-41c	Official Mail Env.	No. 10 size		Washington, DC 20066
May 12	Navajo Necklace	1-2c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
May 14	Bighorn Sheet	1-17c	Definitive	Pane & coil		Washington, DC 20066
May 25	Star Wars Souv. Sheet	15-41c	Souvenir Sheet	Pane of 15		Los Angeles, CA 90052
May 25	Star Wars Postal Cards	15-26c	Postal Cards	Set of 15		Los Angeles, CA 90052
June 1	Hagatna Bay	1-90c	Airmail Definitive	Pane of 20		Barrigada, Guam 96913
June 1	Okefenokee Swamp	1-69c	Airmail Definitive	Pane of 20		McLean, VA 22101
June 13	Air Force One	1-4.60	Priority Mail Stamp	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
June 13	Marine One	1-16.25	Express Mail Stamp	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
June 13	Harriet Beecher Stowe	1-75c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
June 13	Margaret Chase Smith	1-58c	Definitive	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
June 21	Pacific Coast Lighthouses	5-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20	c	Westport, WA 98595
June 21	Pacific Coast Lighthouses	5-26c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20		Westport, WA 98595
June 25	Great Seal	1-41c	Official Stamp	Coil		Kansas City, MO 64108
June 27	Silver Wedding Hearts	1-41c	Special (wedding)	Pane of 20	c	Washington, DC 20066
June 27	Silver Wedding Hearts	1-58c	Special (wedding)	Pane of 20	c	Washington, DC 20066
June 29	Pollination	4-41c	Commemoratives	2 varieties	c	Washington, DC 20066
July 4	Patriotic Banner	1-10c	Non-denominated	Coil		Washington, DC 20066
July 19	Chippendale Chair	1-4c	Definitive	Coil		Washington, DC 20066
July 26	Marvel Comics	20-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20	p/c	San Diego, CA 92199
July 26	Marvel Comics	20-26c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20		San Diego, CA 92199
Aug 4	Mahogany Speedboats	4-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20		Clayton, NY 13624
Aug 9	Tiffany stained glass	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Portland, OR 97208
Aug 10	Flower Blossoms	10-41c	Commemorative	Pane & coil		Portland, OR 97208
Aug 15	American Flag	1-41c	Definitive	Various		Washington, DC 20066
Aug 16	Disney Magic	4-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20	p/c	Orlando, FL 32862
Aug 16	Disney Magic	4-24c	Picture Postal Cards	Book of 20		Orlando, FL 32862
Aug 17	Celebrate	1-41c	Special Stamp	Pane of 20		Stamford, CT 06907
Aug 17	Jimmy Stewart	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20	c	Los Angeles, CA 90052
Aug 28	Alpine Tundra	10-41c	Commemoratives	SS of 10		Estes Park, CO 80517
Aug 31	Gerald Ford	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Grand Rapids, MI Rancho Mirage, CA
Sept 12	Jury Duty	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Sept 14	Mendez v. Westminster	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		Santa Ana, CA 92711
Sept 28	Eid	1-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		Washington, DC 20066
Oct 1	Polar Lights	2-41c	Commemoratives	Pane of 20	c	Washington, DC 20066
Oct 25	Yoda	1-41c	Commemorative	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Oct 25	Christmas Knits	4-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20	c	New York, NY 10199
Oct 25	Madonna and Child, Luini	1-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Oct 26	Kwanzaa	1-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199
Oct 26	Hanukkah	1-41c	Special (holiday)	Pane of 20		New York, NY 10199

p = Pictorial first day postmark c = Digital color postmark

New information printed in **bold**

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