

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 – Mar. 4

Board of Director's Meeting at 6:30

Great Britain's Manchins

by Kathy Campbell at 7:00

Third Tuesday Meeting – Mar. 18

Member's Philatelic Auction Night

NEW ISSUE STAMP NEWS

This month's HPC Newsletter e-Extra features the new 'American Scientists' stamps in honor of theoretical physicist John Bardeen, biochemist Gerty Cori, astronomer Edwin Hubble, and structural chemist Linus Pauling.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Huntsville Philatelic Club - P O Box 4395
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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

- A **Board of Director's Meeting** has been called for March 4th beginning at 6:30 pm to finalize planning efforts for HUNTSPEX 2008. All club officers, directors, and committee managers please attend this vital meeting.

- On **May 12th the USPS will raise prices** for many mailing services — First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services, and Special Services. New rates include:

- No change in the First-Class Mail single-piece additional-ounce price.
- Lower additional-ounce price for presorted First-Class Mail letters.
- Lower pound price for Standard Mail saturation and high-density flats.
- Shape-based pricing for First-Class Mail, International letters, flats, and parcels.
- First-Class Mail International price groups expand from five to nine groups.

First-Class Mail letter (1 oz.)	.42
First-Class Mail letter (2 oz.)	.59
Postcard	.27
First-Class Mail large envelope (2 oz.)	1.00
Certified Mail	2.70
First-Class Mail International to Canada and Mexico (1 oz.)	.72
First-Class Mail International to all other countries (1 oz.)	.94

The USPS will announce new prices for shipping services — Express Mail, Priority Mail, Parcel Select, and International Mail — in March.

CLUB CALENDAR

- Mar. 4 Board of Director's Meeting at 6:30
Great Britain's Manchins
by Kathy Campbell at 7:00
- Mar. 18 Member's Philatelic Auction Night
Apr. 1 **History of the Huntsville Philatelic Club** by Heinrich Hahn
- Apr. 15 Member's Philatelic Auction Night
May 6 Bring Something to Share Night
- 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

2008 USPS NEW ISSUES

- Jan 9 - Year of the Rat (Lunar New Year)
Jan 31-Charles Chesnutt (Black Heritage Series)
Bette Davis (Legends of Hollywood)
- Feb 21-Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (Literary Arts)
June Summer Olympic Games (Beijing)
Great Lakes Dunes (Nature of America)
American Scientists
- Apr 26-Mount St. Mary's (Postal Card)
May - Wedding Stamps (1 ounce & 2 ounce rates)
May - Frank Sinatra
May - Charles & Ray Eames
Jun - All Heart (Love series)
- Jun 14 - State/Territory flags (10 coil stamps)
May 11-Minnesota Statehood
Apr - Baseball
Apr - American Journalists
Apr - Vintage Black Cinema
Sep - Latin Jazz
- The Art of Disney: Imagination
- Jul - Tail Fins and Chrome
May - Alzheimer's Awareness
Aug 14- Albert Bierstadt (American Treasurers)

AREA STAMP SHOWS

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

March 8-9 Nashville Stamp Show
Nashville Philatelic Society, Music Valley Event Center, 2416 Music Valley Drive, Contact Bob Picirilli, picirillir@bellsouth.net; 615-297-0183.

April 12 MONTAPEX
Montgomery Area Stamp Club, Holiday Inn, I-65 at Exit 179, Montgomery. Contact Betty Murray, eamurray1@bellsouth.net; 334-279-8018.

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

August 14-17 APS STAMPSHOW
American Philatelic Society, Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext. 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

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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February 20-22, 2009 APS AmeriStamp Expo
American Philatelic Society, Arlington Convention Center, Arlington. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

August 6-9, 2009 APS STAMPSHOW
American Philatelic Society, Pittsburgh Convention Center, Pittsburgh. Contact Dana Guyer, stampshow@stamps.org; www.stamps.org; 814-933-3803 ext 217; Fax 814-933-6128.

2008 USPS NEW ISSUES

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- Sep - State/Territory flags (2nd set of 10)
Oct Christmas Nutcrackers
Oct Madonna and Child by Botticelli

American Scientists

Some of the most impressive scientific achievements of the 20th century will be recognized in April when the American Scientists stamps are issued. The series honors four scientists:

Theoretical physicist John Bardeen (1908-1991) co-invented the transistor, arguably the most important invention of the 20th century. Bardeen also collaborated on the first fundamental explanation of superconductivity at low temperatures, a theory which has had a profound impact on many fields of physics.

Biochemist Gerty Cori (1896-1957), in collaboration with her husband Carl, made important discoveries that later became the basis for our knowledge of how cells use food and convert it into energy. Among her discoveries was a new derivative of glucose, a finding that elucidated the steps of carbohydrate metabolism. Their work also contributed to the understanding and treatment of diabetes and other metabolic diseases.

Astronomer Edwin Hubble (1889-1953) played a pivotal role in deciphering the vast and complex nature of the universe. His meticulous studies of spiral nebulae proved the existence of galaxies other than our own Milky Way, paving the way for a revolutionary new understanding that the cosmos contains myriad separate galaxies, or “island universes.”

Structural chemist Linus Pauling (1901-1994) determined the nature of the chemical bond linking atoms into molecules. He routinely crossed disciplinary boundaries throughout his career and made significant contributions in several diverse fields. His pioneering work on protein structure was critical in establishing the field of molecular biology and his studies of hemoglobin led to many findings, including the classification of sickle cell anemia as a molecular disease.

For each stamp, artist Victor Stabin of Jim Thorpe, PA, with the assistance of art director Carl Herrman of Carlsbad, CA, created a collage featuring a painted portrait of each scientist combined with diagrams or photographic representations associated with their major contributions.



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Gerty Cori



Linus Pauling



Edwin Hubble



John Bardeen

