

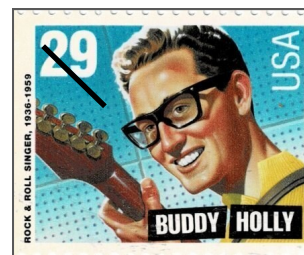
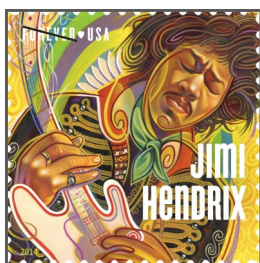


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August 1968



## THE COVER STORY

### Great American Stamp Show (GASS) 2023



Four days of philatelic fun in Cleveland, Ohio, August 10—13, 2023!  
Home to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame

The Great American Stamp Show was hosted by the American Philatelic Society (APS) and the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) joined by the American Topical Association (ATA) and the American First Day Cover Society. The partnership of these organizations indeed resulted in a fabulous philatelic experience. The APS reports that attendance was up considerably over last year. The USPS also contributed significantly in many ways to the success of the show.

The show included more than 85 dealer booths; 170 exhibits filling nearly 900 frames including the Champion of Champion competition, the Youth Champion of Champions competition, the Most Popular Exhibit Competition and Court of Honor special exhibits by the Royal Philatelic Society of London and about 60 different Literature entries ranging from articles to Journals to catalogs and handbooks; about 60 different societies and groups; eight first day of issue ceremonies; philatelic rarities including a 24 cent inverted Jenny (figure 1 on page 4) and an 1879 folded letter from George Washington weeks after he was elected the first President of the United States; (figure 2 on page 4) appearances by a number of cachet designers; Faroe Islands Postal which celebrated the first day of issue of it's 1000th stamp in it's nearly 50 years of postage stamps and the first day of issue of Martin Morck's 1000th engraved stamp; society meetings; dozens of seminars and presentations on a wide variety of philatelic topics, special show cachets and cancels, a banquet and the Luff Awards.

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## Upcoming Schedule—September

### \*\* Pre-meeting sessions

**September 7<sup>th</sup> – CFSC starting at 2:00 pm** CFSC members time to work on philatelic interests, use the club catalogs, etc.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting starting at 2:00 pm** CFSC hosting the German Philatelic Society meeting—all are welcome to attend. CFSC members can come during that time and work on their own philatelic interests in another part of the room.

**September (1<sup>st</sup> meeting)** Presentation by Bob Fischer on “Azad Hind stamps of WWII” followed by a silent auction. Door prize available,

**September (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)** Presentation by Steve Patrick on “The 1876 Philadelphia Exhibition—the 1st US World Fair” followed by a silent auction. Door Prize available and **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Birthday celebration.**



## August Meetings Recap

**(1<sup>st</sup> meeting)** A “Called Auction” was conducted by Auctioneer Jim Cooney—27 lots sold with total sales of \$564.00. Six people met for dinner; six people attended the pre-meeting and 2? Members and 1 guest attended the meeting. Phil Fettig won the \$10 door prize. Mimi brought snacks—thanks! And young Mr. Abe Cooney made an appearance!

**(2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)** The German Philatelic Society met and had six members in attendance prior to the CFSC meeting. **Three** members met for dinner and 26 members attended the meeting including new member Ron Aguilera. Presentation by Phil Fettig on “Collecting Naval Covers-Do It the Traditional Way” and a silent auction was conducted — 12 lots sold with total sales of \$100.00. Tom Tomlinson won the \$10 door prize and Mark Haas and Dan Wagenknecht won \$5.00 gift certificates for the upcoming Maitland show. Mimi brought snacks and fruit again!

## Event Calendar 2023

Maitland one-day stamp show:  
**Sept. 9th** - FSDA Autumn show  
Maitland Civic Center

**FLOREX 2023** December 1-2, 2023  
Volusia County Fairgrounds—Deland  
For more info: [www.FloridaStampShows.com](http://www.FloridaStampShows.com)

## Newest Members

Welcome new member(s):

**Rick Aguilera—member 767—is interested in learning about philately. Welcome Rick!**

Who will be new member number 768?

## Dinner Plans

There are plans to meet at 4:30pm at the Chuan Lu Garden at 1101 E. Colonial Drive. Located on the north side of Colonial Drive one block west of Mills Ave. There is plenty of parking behind the restaurant. Bring your appetite – and topics for discussion.

## Boston International Stamp Show May 23-31, 2026



Boston, Massachusetts

More info:  
<https://boston2026.org>

## Quoted

**“You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one. I hope someday you’ll join us.”**

**John Lennon**

Musician and stamp collector!

His stamp collection is currently in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.



## The Editor’s Box



Newsletter articles needed! Articles can be submitted in a word document with scans and attached to an email. Submit articles to:

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Greetings from the USPS booth at GASS 2023!

Cleveland, Ohio

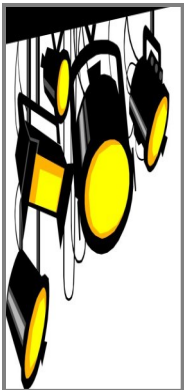


## President's Message by Mike Schumacher

Greetings CFSC Members: Hopefully, everyone is keeping cool and having a wonderful summer!

- ⇒ The Great American Stamp Show was indeed a success and a wonderful experience for five days, from setting up exhibits to taking down exhibits when the show concluded Sunday afternoon. (See the cover story for more details.)
- ⇒ CFSC was well represented at GASS with Robert Sazama (dealer) having a booth and a total of four exhibits by members—Thomas Lera, Donald Bourassa and myself (who all attended GASS) Other CFSC members who attended included: James Auffant, Steve Patrick, Gary Byrd, Newt Kulp, Raul Martinez (and his son) and former CFSC member Bonnie Streeter. Exhibit results: Thomas Lera—Vermeil; Donald Bourassa—Large Silver and a Large Vermeil trifecta for me (both exhibits and my book were awarded Large Vermeil)..
- ⇒ **Reminder: Maitland one day show—Saturday, September 9th, 10 am to 4 pm.** Maitland Civic Center, Venue by the Lake, 641 Maitland Ave. S. Maitland, FL 32751 Volunteers needed for the Registration table. Signup sheet at August CFSC meetings. Attend and check out the dealer's new stock.
- ⇒ **FLOREX** plans continue to progress—show cachets have been printed; cancellers created; 23 dealers currently signed up and 22 exhibit applications have been received filling over 85 frames. More exhibits are still needed. Opportunities to volunteer are still available **An exhibit chairperson is still needed!** If interested, please let me know. The latest FLOREX planning and discussion meeting was held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who attended for your ideas, input and help with planning for this years show. Team work is important to the success of the show. (I was fortunate at GASS to have meetings and discussions with other show chairs from around the country and the one conclusion that was consistent in their experiences was that having the people/volunteers to take on the tasks before and during the show is essential for shows to be successful.)
- ⇒ **Opportunities for CFSC members** to get involved and help the club moving forward into the future are always available. Your skills and talents can be put to good use for the club. If you have computer skills the club could use your help on a variety of projects (i.e. assisting with club meeting auction results recording; updating the website; FLOREX show program book, etc. etc.) Other skills also needed.
- ⇒ **Election time approaches for CFSC**— current two year terms for the Board members ends in January. So if you are interested in serving on the Board, nominations will be accepted later this year. Board members assist with conducting CFSC business to keep things functioning well and in the best interest of the club and it's membership. It's an opportunity to get involved and help lead the club into the future. More information to follow at upcoming meetings and in the newsletters. If you have an interest in serving on the board and want to know more about what is involved, just ask current board members—Mike Smith, Carlos Guffain, Richard Cohen, Mel Borofsky, Newt Kulp, Stephen Patrick, James Cooney, Jerry Eller or myself. Nominations and candidates' bio's for potential Board members should be submitted to the Election Manager by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ⇒ **THANKS:** Jeff Small for stepping up and agreeing to be this year's Election Manager!
- ⇒ Thanks for the card and get well wishes! It worked, I am recovering! (Mike Schumacher)

## Member Spotlight - Carlos Guffain



Carlos has been a CFSC member since 2015. He is currently CFSC VP of Operations and has served on the Board since 2018. Carlos recently very successfully and timely renegotiated our contract with the Marks Street Senior Center to ensure continuity in CFSC having a place to hold it's bi-weekly meetings for another year. His duties as CFSC VP of Operations, also means that he is the contact person with the Marks Street Senior Center to assure things are setup and ready for our meetings (especially when we have to use a different room within the facility). Carlos is also a regular volunteer helping to staff the registration table at the Maitland and FLOREX Stamp Shows. He is also a member of the American Philatelic Society, the German Philatelic Society and the Florida Postal History Society. He has a number of Philatelic interests and even in recent years ventured into collecting Iceland and the Scandinavian Collectors Club. Thanks Carlos for the amazing job you do for the CFSC!



# Cover Story: Great American Stamp Show

By: Mike Schumacher

## Show Rareities:



Figure 1

Photos by Mike Schumacher



Figure 2

Letter by George Washington

The booths were set up; the dealers' booths were stocked, the exhibits were mounted; the show floor was ready for four days of philatelic fun! The attendees were greeted by the three major sponsor booths as they came through the front door.

Show Time!!!

The Crowd has assembled!!



Show floor - USPS and dealer booths & exhibits



American Philatelic Society (APS) booth



American Topical Society (ATA) booth



First Day Cover Society booth >>>



## Cover Story: Great American Stamp Show cont.

**New USPS First Day issues:** On the first day of the show, the sheet of 20 new stamps was issued that explores “Life Magnified”. These stamps show undetectable by the human eye aspects of life through the lens of a microscope. Cachets and FDCs for purchase were available and First Day programs were handed out to attendees.



(left to right) Kenneth Martin from the APS was Master of Ceremonies; Scott English APS Executive Director provided opening remarks, Luke Grossman Senior VP USPS, Tagide deCarvalho and Dr. Igor Siwanowicz who's art work through the lens of the microscope provided the designs for several of the stamps.

Not to be out-done by the USPS—the Posta Faroe Islands had a First Day issue presentation of it's 1000th stamp & it was engraved by engraver Martin Morck.



(left to right) Ingun Olsen Director of Philately Posta Faroe Islands, Jay Bigalke Linn's Stamp News Editor-in-Chief, Martin Morck Engraver, and Svanbjorg Manai retiring Director of Philately Posta Faroe Islands (48 years supporting and advocating for engraved stamps for the Faroe Islands).

Martin Morck (born 1955) was raised in a family of artists. His father was a graphic artist and a stamp collector. Martin apprenticed under Arne Wallhorn and engraved his first stamp for Sweden in 1977. The 45 ore definitive stamp depicting a tawny owl.

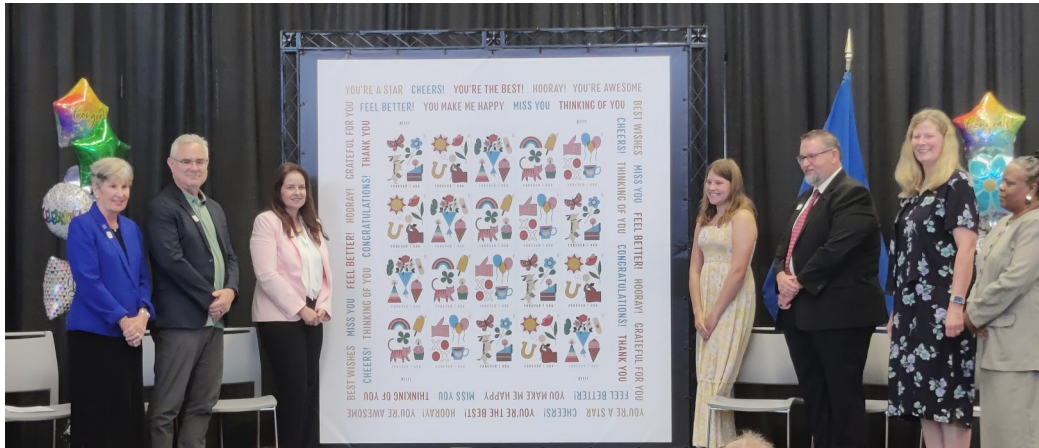


As a special retirement gift Svanbjorg Manai received an engraved portrait by Martin Morck.



## Cover Story: Great American Stamp Show cont.

Day two of GASS the USPS issued five new “Thinking of You” stamps at their First Day Ceremony.



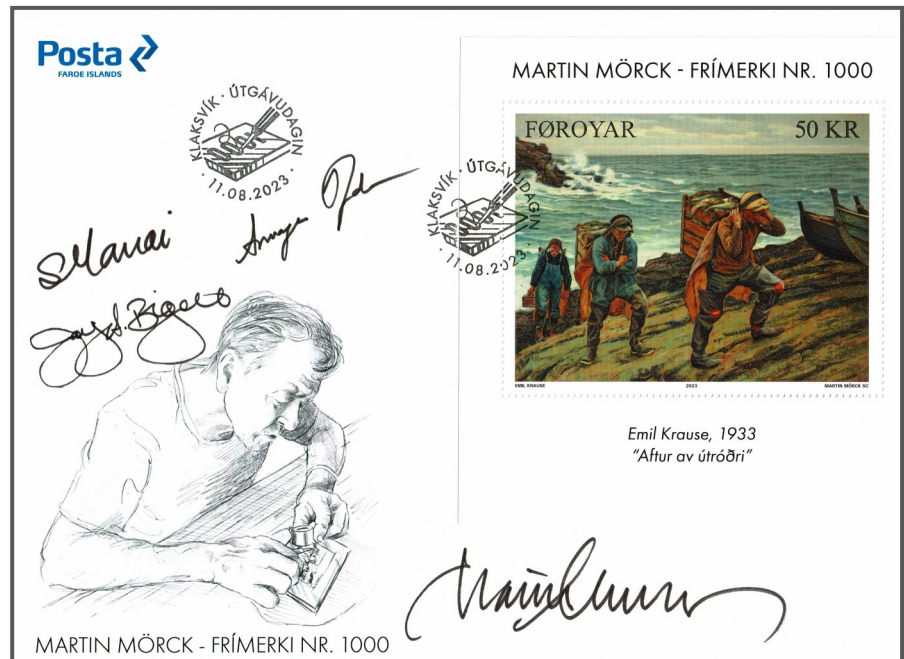
(left to right) Dawn Hamman President ATA, Greg Breeding USPS Art Director, Cara Greene USPS VP, Christina Esbeck Stamp Collector & Youth Exhibitor, Scott English APS Executive Director, Jennifer Miller ATA Executive Director and Nicole Harrell USPS and sang the National Anthem at the event.

Later in the day — Martin Morck and Posta Faroe Islands was at it again — this time issuing the 1000th stamp engraved by Martin Morck. The stamp also holds the record for the largest engraved stamp (honor previously held by engraver Czeslaw Slania when his 1000th engraved stamp was issued in 2000).

Event Program



Event Program Souvenir envelope with stamp and FD cancel



Envelope and inside of program autographed by engraver Martin Morck, Jay Bigalke Master of Ceremonies for the event and Linn's Stamp News Editor-in-Chief, Svanbjorg Manai former Director of Philately (2006-2021) Posta Faroe Islands and Armagan Ozding Project manager and Event Coordinator.

For his 1000th engraved stamp Martin Morck choose the 1933 painting “Retuning from Fishing” by Emil Krause. And that was just a few of the events in the first two days at GASS 2023!

# Recognition for Thomas Hipshen

By Stephen Patrick

I purchased some Swedish booklets from **John Bailey** at the July 20 meeting. Two of the six were engraved by **Martin Morck** who was at GASS in Cleveland, and I am brought some material for his autograph. Among the six was the Swedish booklet prepared for the *Stockholmia 86* International Philatelic Exposition. The four stamps picture a classic Swedish stamp, a stamp engraver at work, a magnified image of the 1938 Swedish-Finnish issue of the U.S. (Scott #836) and a young philatelist soaking stamps. (Figure 1)

Many of the European countries identify and honor their stamp designers, artists, and engravers on the margin of their stamps which NEVER happens in the United States. The U.S. seldom singles out its artists in this way. I was pleasantly surprised to see that **Thomas Hipshen** was honored on the Swedish stamp as a collaborator on the third stamp. (figure 2)



Figure 1



Thomas Hipshen started a 10 year apprenticeship at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in 1968 and became one of their best picture engravers. Between 1973 and 1992, he engraved over 70 U.S. postage stamps including the images of Robert Kennedy, Francis Perkins, Hellen Keller, Edith Wharton, T. S. Eliot, and many others. His artistic work includes the Indian Head Penny stamp and the Numismatics issue.

Most of you are carrying an example in your wallet of his fine engraved work as he has done the portraits of Lincoln, Hamilton, Jackson, Grant, and Franklin on our U.S. currency. I've read that at age 70, he has recently retouched Franklin's portrait for the new \$100 bill coming out this year with enhanced anti-counter fitting devices.



Figure 2

I met Hipshen at a FUN show 20 years ago, and I am a fan of his engraving. More than six engravers worked on the 46 stamps of the Great American series of the 1980's. Hipshen did more than 17 of them, his best, in my opinion, being that of Earl Warren. (figure 3) Two of the Great Americans were done by my favorite engraver Czeslaw Slania including that of Thomas Jefferson. (figure 4) And two were done by Martin Morck, that of Virginia Apgar (figure 5) and Alice Paul. (figure 6) **Chris Calle**, designer of Morck's two stamps and many of the Great American stamps will be at GASS too.

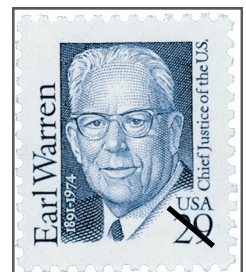


Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

Yes, I obtained Martin Morck's autograph at GASS.



## A GASS Postscript by Steve Patrick

Steve Patrick working his magic and bringing together artist and stamp designer Chris Calle (left in the picture) and engraver Martin Morck (center in the picture) holding a first day cover of the 1995 Alice Paul Great American stamp. Chris and Martin collaborated on the stamp from across the ocean, but had never met until Steve got them together at GASS.



Alice Paul stamp issued August 18, 1995 in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. Alice Paul was an American Women suffrage leader who introduced the first equal rights amendment campaign. She wrote the “Lucretia Mott” amendment in 1923.



## Questionable eBay, # 11 Really—Who would buy these? By Francis Ferguson



*Listing: RNV655 \*\*\*\*\* SCOTT #78, 24c GEORGE WASHINGTON, USED, c1862, CV\$400, BONUS. Opening bid \$7.50. Free shipping & 14-day return.*

Would you buy this classic stamp that has been munched on? These are not minor faults – there are two major portions of the stamp missing.



*Listing: RNV655 \*\*\*\*\* SCOTT #36B, 12c WASHINGTON, c1857, USED, CV\$250, L@@@K 🤪🤪. Opening bid \$7.40. Free shipping & 14-day return.*

There is a rather substantial portion of this stamp missing. This is one of my favorite classic stamps, but not in this condition.



*Listing: US post stamp 1922, ERROR of color, Sca161 #558, 6c orange brown instead of orange. Opening bid of \$120. Shipping from Turkey \$14 & 30-day return.*

Where to begin? It is not an error. The stamp during it's time has been exposed to sulfur fumes and the orange has oxidized as a result. Extreme examples will be totally brown in color – this is a very minor example. It was offered to me for \$90. I declined.



*Listing: Abraham Lincoln \$.04 Cent Stamp Purple Rare US President Excellent Condition. Open bid of \$3,000 with free shipping -- 30-day return policy.*

In a rather odd turn of events, I stumbled across another dozen listings for this stamp from different sellers, ranging in price from \$5 to \$5,000. All claiming the stamp is rare. It is not rare by any stretch of the imagination.

Why this junk pollutes the philatelic eco-system is beyond me.



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- Membership is a reasonable \$25 per year, \$6 for youth.
- Meetings are twice a month on the first and third Thursdays.
- The Membership of the CFSC includes many diverse interests that cover the range from A-Z.
- The meeting is centrally located to downtown Orlando and can be easily accessed from SR 50 (Colonial Drive) and I/4.
- The Marks Street Senior Center has been our host for more than 25 years and provides a pleasant meeting room with easy access and plenty of free parking.
- The informal part of the meeting is prior to 6:00pm. The business side of things will be brief. Cried auction and/or presentation to start at 6:15 until 7:15 Followed by auction wrap up and informal discussions. We must be out of the building by 8:00 without exception.
- The Membership of the CFSC participates as the host and sponsor of the one day shows in February, April, June & September. In addition, we are the resident hosting club for FLOREX which is held in the Central Florida area.
- The CFSC maintains a website: [CentralFloridaStampClub.org](http://CentralFloridaStampClub.org)
- Benefits of membership include; monthly newsletter, access to loaner equipment & catalogs, participation in door prize drawings, the right to submit and bid in cried/silent auctions — and much more.
- As of 01.2023

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