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DENMARK TO STOP DELIVERING LETTERS

From the Associated Press

PostNord, a state-run agency that services Denmark and Sweden will stop delivering letters to Denmark at the end of 2025, though package distribution will remain.

Roughly 1,500 mailboxes throughout Denmark will be taken down in the second half of the year, and Danes can seek refunds for stamps. An estimated 1,500 of PostNord's 4,600 employees will be laid off this year.

Sweden's letter delivery will not be affected, the agency said.

PostNord said the number of letters in Denmark has decreased by 90% since 2000, and by more than 30% in 2024 compared with the year

CLUB MEMBERS PITCH IN TO SUPPORT DALLAS KIDS

By Don Wolman

The generosity of DPCPS members was in evidence at the February 26th meeting as over 15,000 additional worldwide stamps were donated to the Maps and Stamps program of the Dallas Independent School District. The program was created six years ago by club member Don Wolman who also volunteers to present the project to DISD elementary school students. Don brings several large world maps and hundreds of stamps to DISD school libraries, and the students eagerly go to work placing each stamp on its country of origin on the map. In the process, the students practice their reading skills and learn world geography. So far this school year (2024-2025), over 2,100 DISD students in 22 schools have participated in the program in their school libraries. Don lets each student take home four stamps to show their friends and families, a total of about 8,000 stamps this school year.

DISD librarians have been as excited about the program as their students: "An activity our students will never forget! Mr. Don brought his Stamps and Maps program to our 3rd and 4th grade classes. They traveled the world and even got to choose some stamps to take home! My students and teachers were in love with your program." "The students thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and they're still talking about it today." "We appreciate your support of a library program like this."

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For Don, it's a great retirement volunteer opportunity. At a time when fewer people are familiar with stamp collecting, it's a chance to bring the world alive to young people as they handle the stamps and get excited about learning world geography. These venerable old stamps that have been sitting quietly in our "extras" bags are once again seeing the light of day in the hands of

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading.

- April 4-5** **DALLAS TSDA**, Holiday Inn and Suites, 3220 Craig Drive, McKinney, TX 75070 - (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4) . ***Please note the new location!***
- April 9** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Quarterly Auction*. All members welcome to participate.
- April 23** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *To be announced*.
- May 14** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *To be announced*.
- May 28** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *To be announced*.
- June 11** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *To be announced*.
- June 20-21** **OKPEX 2025**, Student Union at Rose State College, 1910 Hudiburg Dr, Midwest City, Oklahoma 73110 (Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-4). Sponsored by the Oklahoma City Stamp Club.
- June 25** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *To be announced*.
- June 28-29** **DALLAS TSDA**, Holiday Inn and Suites, 3220 Craig Drive, McKinney, TX 75070 - (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4) .

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Fernando Torres

The End of an Era—Denmark Says Goodbye to Its National Post

Dear Members,

As stamp collectors, we are deeply attuned to the quiet but seismic shifts in the world of postal services. One such shift recently made headlines: Denmark has officially phased out its national postal service. Effective this year, PostNord, the company once responsible for handling mail across Denmark, has ceased its traditional postal operations. Instead, mail delivery has been handed over to private companies, signaling a dramatic turn away from a model that has served for centuries.

This is not merely an administrative change. For philatelists, it marks the end of official government-issued postage as we've long known it in Denmark. While commemorative stamps may still be issued for collectors, the disappearance of state-run daily postal operations raises significant questions for the future of stamp collecting—not just in Denmark, but around the globe.

Could the United States be next?

While it's unlikely that the USPS will disappear overnight, the agency faces chronic financial strain, competition from private carriers, and shifting public expectations in a digital age. Discussions around privatization, restructuring, or reducing services have been ongoing for years. If the U.S. were ever to take a step similar to Denmark's—transferring mail delivery to private hands—it would fundamentally change the landscape of American philately.

Imagine a world without forever stamps, with no official First Day Covers, and no new postal issues tied to national events or personalities. Would stamps become static collectibles, frozen in time, or would a new type of philately

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EDITOR'S MUSINGS

By Stan Bartnikowski

You will notice that Denmark will no longer be delivering letters, effective the end of this year (see the article on page 1). This does not bode well for the stamp collecting community. With the internet and eMail, there is less a need for letters, and hence less a need for postage stamps. Denmark has decided to bring letter mail to its logical conclusion. One will still be able to “send a letter” via Denmark's Postnord by enclosing it in a small parcel and paying the package rate. If this happened in the U.S., the cheapest way to send a letter would be via “USPS Ground Advantage” at a cost of somewhere between \$5.25 and \$5.85, depending on distance. What a markup from the current Forever rate of 73 cents!

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SPOTLIGHT ON ...

SAM PHILLIPPI

Interviewed by Stan Bartnikowski

Sam Phillippi was born and raised in the small town of Bronson in southeast Kansas. He got started in stamps when he expressed dislike of his social studies class and his parents brought him stamps. He was continuously supplied with stamps from a local bank's international correspondence for his world-wide collection, which he has continued to this day.

After graduating from Kansas State Teachers College (now Emporia State) in 1968, Sam began a 46-year teaching career, the last 14 for DISD. Besides teaching, Sam coached football and established a wrestling programs at W.W. Samuel High School and Sunset High School. His interest in



wrestling developed into a specialized collection of wrestling stamps. He also maintains a specialized interest in Ireland.. His interest in U.S. stamps stopped in 2000, with the introduction of self-adhesives.

Sam joined DPCPS in 2001 and served as club secretary. He trades regularly with fellow members near his corner, as well as other club members and also at the Armed Forces Exchange. He also belongs to APS (49 years!) and TPA.

If you attend the TSDA shows, you will see Sam helping out Tom Cunningham at his booth. He has available a stock of Minkus worldwide Global pages, if you need any.

Sam likes to boast of significant philatelic finds. Last summer someone donated a stamp collection to a local library, and the librarian did not know what to do with it, so Sam offered \$400 on the spot. The librarian hesitated and talked to her superior and then accepted. Sam estimates the catalog value to be \$3000; one of the stamps was a half-cent Canadian Queen Victoria 1897 jubilee, worth almost the purchase price for the collection.

Also last summer, an individual said he had 12 Minkus binders to dispose of. The individual did not indicate there were stamps, but when Sam opened one of the albums, he saw a particularly valuable Korean set

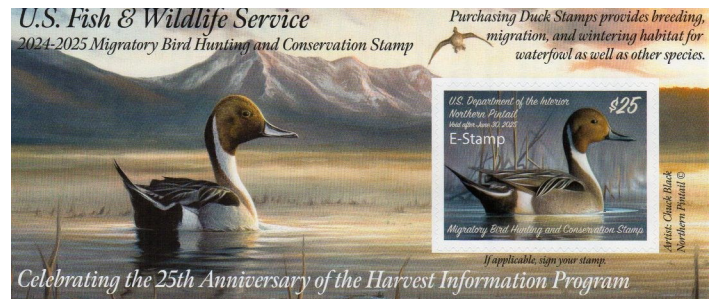
On another occasion several years ago, Sam ran into a lady that had imperforate (error) Christmas stamps, but with two plate numbers, instead of the designed one. He ended up with 6 strips, 3 of which he donated to Toys for Tots.

SHOW 'N TELL

A THIRD ANNUAL DUCK STAMP

By Stan Bartnikowski

Prior to 2024 (and after 1997), U.S. Duck Hunting Stamps were issued in two formats: a pane of 20 and a pane of 1. In 2024 an additional format, an E-stamp version, pictured below, was introduced.



2024-2025 Duck Hunting Permit E-Stamp.

The 2024-2025 E-stamp is not available from the USPS or Amplex Corporation (Duckstamp.com). However, you can still get the E-Stamp from any of the states offering it. I was told Alabama was still offering it online. Texas may be offering the stamp online, but I was given instructions on ordering it from Alabama. It's a *Federal Duck Stamp*; it doesn't matter from which state you order. For 2025-2026, I understand you can order the E-stamp from Duckstamp.com.

To get the 2024-2025 E-stamp, you need to apply for a duck hunting permit. You will receive an electronic permit to hunt, followed by the physical E-stamp, which was not available until March 10 of this year.

Instructions: Go to: <https://www.outdooralabama.com> and click on LICENSES and on the pull down PURCHASE A LICENSE. On the third screen you will be given a choice of all the licenses, the Federal E-type is the very last choice. Fill out the various forms with your name, address, etc. (you will need a driver's license number for your state, your SSN, and a credit card number.) Fortunately, they don't ask what weapon I will use for hunting—because I don't have one!

Editor's Note: After the writing of this article, Scott announced it would assign a major number for the 2024-2025 E-stamp, probably RW91B.

Note the **new location** for the TSDA Stamp Shows!

Holiday Inn and Suites
3220 Craig Drive,
McKinney, TX 75070
(US 75, Exit 39A—El Dorado Pkwy)

The next show is June 27-28
(Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)

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before. The agency blamed an increasingly digital atmosphere in Denmark and worldwide, and 2024 Danish legislation that drove the cost of postage up.

"We have been the Danes' postal service for 400 years and therefore it is a difficult decision to put a bow on that part of our story," PostNord Denmark chief executive Kim Pedersen said in a news release. "The Danes have become more and more digital which means that there are very few letters left for us to handle today, and the downturn continues so clearly that the market for letters is no longer profitable."

Pedersen said the heart of PostNord's business is parcel delivery, which it will focus on in 2026.

Pelle Dragsted, a member of the Danish parliament, wrote on social platform X that the cessation of letter delivery will unfairly affect Danes who live in remote areas.

Letters can still be sent through private companies, Danish public broadcaster DR reported. The state will ensure that infrastructure remains for mail to be delivered to Denmark's remote areas, including smaller island communities.

Pedersen also told DR that people can send their letters as packages through PostNord's parcel shops.



Danish mailboxes, which will be gone by the end of the year (Photo Courtesy BBC).

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students who are excited to work with them and learn from them. Don thanked the many DPCPS members who have donated thousands of stamps throughout this school year, saying, "Your donations are a measure of the kindness and generosity in this club."



CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY JERRY MADDEN

January 22, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:32 PM at the Edgemere Senior Living Facility. Rick Hosler notified the club that Geoff would be giving the next presentation on Paris Philatelic activities. Rod gave the Treasurer's Report. Jerry moved we suspend with the readings of the minutes of the last meeting. The motion passed. Tim told the club he had a new Board Game on Stamp Collecting. Stamp Swap is the name of the game. Don Wolman gave the presentation of the night. The presentation of the country of Costa Rica was the subject of the presentation and he showed the National Philatelic

Museum of Costa Rica. Fancy Building Panels showed the 200th Anniversary of Independence. San Jose is the Capitol City of Costa Rica. He showed 2 stamps issued on the 100th anniversary of Independence. He talked about William Walker and his 1855 filibusters group that tried to create a Revolution in Costa Rica and was stopped with Walker and some of his men executed for their invasion. He showed a NY Times article on Walker. Included in his talk were the 5 nations of Central America at the time. Those Nations were Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica. He showed some interesting pictures and it was a very good presentation. He pointed out that it took 10 years to become a citizen of Costa Rica if you were OK to move there.

Next came the auction of Geoff's items. We had 26 members at the meeting. Geoff showed 6 items. The auction raised almost \$200 for the club. After this auction we had Jack's books. I highly recommend that members continue to support Jack and the albums. Adding to our collections is something that interests most of us. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Madden Secretary.

February 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 7:32 PM at the Edgemere Senior Living Center. President Torres updated the

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Society on his newsletter actions. Rod Gabel gave the treasurers report with \$13,312.51 in the treasury. Rick reported that the subject for the next meeting would be Philatelic information starting with the letter D. Jerry moved to suspend with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting and that was approved unanimously. We then discussed the idea of an ask the expert night. That was to be used by those of us who cannot identify certain stamps and either their country or some other characteristic. It will be discussed again at the next meeting. Jerry reminded membership dues are now due. For those not at the meeting but receiving this message the dues are \$12 and can be mailed to Jerry Madden at 428 Valley Glen Drive, Richardson Texas 75080. Don Wolman reminded everyone about nametags and announced if you needed a new nametag to let him know and he would print up one for you. Don also requested that if you had some throw away stamps particularly of Mexico or China to give them to him so he could have them for his students. If you have any please bring them to one of the next meetings. There was no other new business. There was no other old business.

Geoff gave the program for the evening. He discussed his philatelic trip to Paris last year. It was a really good presentation. He had planned to visit Notre Dame and showed some pictures but it was not reopened until a little later in the year. Many of us saw the reopening ceremonies a couple of months ago. Geoff made the trip to visit some of the outdoor stamp areas. He talked about the outdoor stamp area at the Place de La Concorde and how few vendors were there. He showed the Champs Elysees as the Grand Palace. He showed stamps from 1949 on the 100 anniversary of the 1st French Stamps. He then shifted to the Carre Marigny where they had stamp fairs. He talked of 187 stamps of the Carre

Marigny. There were only 2 sellers there. He did spend a Friday at the Louvre. He saw Liberty Leading the People. He collects Marianne issues which is his major interest. Saturday was his stamp buying day but several shops were closed. He is going back on Monday. He was at the Marigny Philatelic. He showed the full set of 12 Mariannes. On Sunday he went to Chartres and showed pictures of their Cathedral and their beautiful stained glass windows. He had a great lunch at the Chartres Brasserie. He had a great trip and a good stamp experience. He also told us the story of the movie "Charade" and the Audrey Hepburn role in the movie along with the stamp references in the film.

We then auctioned Geoff's collection items. Jack then talked about some of his cost items and stated that in the future all his items would have to be at 25% of catalogue.

We had 29 attendees. To conclude the meeting we had Jack's books. The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Jerry Madden, Secretary

February 26, 2025

The 2/26/2025 meeting of the Dallas Park Cities Philatelic Society was called to order at the Edgemere Assisted Living Facility by President Fernando Torres at 7:31 PM. He thanked everyone for coming. Secretary Madden moved that we suspend with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the club voted unanimously to suspend. The President indicated he had been in Mexico City the week prior to the meeting. Rick Hosler indicated that the next meeting would feature a new thing we are doing which is ask the expert. If you have items that are hard to identify and need help then let President Torres know and he will have them out for review by the club so that people can help identify items. There was no new report by the treasurer. Paul let the club know he had 9 scouts working on their

stamp collection badge which the club applauded. Bill Wallace announced that he had several boxes at his usual low prices. Don let the club know he had received a lot of help on stamps for his youth program and thanked all the members for their help. I am sure we can continue to support this great outreach program. There was no other old or new business.

The program for the day was the letter D in Philately. The Secretary will admit he did a poor job of recording all the presentations for the letter D so he is certain he will not mention some of the good presentations. I do remember items about Denmark and about certain types of flowers like daffodils and daisies. Also the Secretary had a first day cover signed that was by a person with a D name. Geoff then had items for the club auction and the club did very well on these items. We do thank Geoff for his good work. Then we had Jack's books. The meeting was adjourned at about 8:25PM.

Respectfully submitted.
Jerry Madden Secretary.

March 12, 2025

The 3/12/2025 meeting of the Dallas Park Cities Philatelic society was called to order by Vice President Hosler at 7:32PM at the Edgemere Assisted Living facility on Thackery Street. There are currently 40 members paid for this year in the society and Richard Laster was present and submitted his application for membership at this meeting and paid dues for the 2025 year. He will be recommended for membership at the next meeting of the society that he attends. His email is rdllhouston@yahoo.com. Secretary Madden moved we suspend with the reading of the minutes and the motion was unanimously approved. The treasurer's report showed over \$13,700 in the treasury. Vice President Hosler notified the members that the next meeting would feature the international malaria issues from the various

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countries. It was also announced that we should be getting our Scott Specialized catalogue very soon.

The program for the day was very interesting. For the first time we did an ask the expert evening. It was a very interesting and informative evening. We had about 20 examples of items that gave members a challenge in identification. We had some examples that were Cinderella's. All of the items were foreign in origin with some from Turkey and the Middle East. There were items from Central and South America with some examples from Panama about 1928. A large number of stamps were revenues and were not listed in any Scott catalogue since Scott stopped showing the many years ago if ever. We had some interesting items from Laos and India and I think the items that got the most conversation were from Manchuria during the early Japanese occupation. We had some interesting Christmas items. There was also a good presentation from Epirus from 1914s. We also had some forged overprints from Istria. One of the final items was from the Mexican Revolution of 1914. Fernando did a great job of presenting the items and many members later told me that it was one of the most interesting programs we have had. I hope we will continue with this effort in the future.

We had a small auction and then Jack presented his stamps. We appreciated both of these events. The meeting adjourned at 9:02PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Jerry Madden Secretary.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Torres at 6:31PM. There were 2 items brought up for discussion by

President Torres. We want the club to get better advertisement and we would like to improve usage. The president also brought up the issue of hacking. We want to get more posting on the site. Paul also brought up two items. We talked about items for youth and for door prizes. He also brought up emergency number to call for bad weather. There was a lot of discussion on the website and on other issues. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12PM. The next board meeting will be scheduled for April 9 which is also the next date for the club meeting to be our quarterly auction.

Respectfully submitted

Jerry Madden Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY JERRY MADDEN

Membership remains at 57.

However, there are only 40 dues-paying members.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

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I was recently in Port Aransas with some of my grandchildren. Formerly, every two-bit gas station, convenience store and souvenir shop in a tourist town like this would sell picture post cards. I wanted some, not to send to friends and relatives—with whom communicate my vacation via social media, but to use in Postcrossing (exchanging post cards with other folks around the world). I could find hardly any picture postcards. It seems hardly anyone sends picture post cards anymore. USPS is losing the sale of gazillion 56c stamps! This is another indicator of the decreasing need for postage stamps. Eventually, no new postage stamps will be issued and only "old" stamps could be collected, with resultant effect on the stamp collecting hobby, with fewer and fewer stamp collectors.

2025 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few months.

April 16 Battlefields of the American Revolution.

Fifteen (73¢) forever commemorative stamps, three each: Battles of Lexington & Concord, Battle of Bunker Hill, Battle of Trenton, Battles of Saratoga, and Battle of Yorktown; pane of 15; BCA; Concord, MA 01742

April 25 Powwows.

Four (73¢) forever commemorative stamps: Crow Hop, Women's Traditional, Women's Fancy Shawl, and Men's Hoop; pane of 20; Albuquerque, NM 87101.

April 26 Dahlias.

Twenty (73¢) forever definitive stamps (10 designs); double-sided pane of 20, coils of 3,000 and 10,000; Burlingame, CA 94010.

May 2 Goodnight Moon.

Eight (73¢) forever commemorative stamps: young bunny tucked into bed; painting of three little bears; toy house on bedroom floor; mittens and socks hung to dry; tiny mouse paused in front of fireplace; painting of cow jumping over the moon; older bunny sitting in rocking chair with her knitting; and comb, brush, and bowl of mush atop young bunny's bedside table; pane of 16; North Kansas City, MO 64116. *See the image on the next page.*

May 23 Baby Wild Animals.

Ten (73¢) forever special stamps: fox, owl, deer, seal, rabbit, raccoon, bear, skunk, bobcat, and chipmunk; double-sided pane of 20; Aurora, CO 80010. *See the image on the next page.*

June 7 U.S. Flag.

Possibly four (73¢) forever definitive stamps; double-sided pane of 20, coils of 100, 3,000 and 10,000; Three Oaks, MI 49128. *See the image on the next page.*



Goodnight Moon Forever Stamps (8) , to be issued May 2



Baby wild animals, to be issued May 23



2025 Flag Stamp, to be issued June 7

FOR SALE ITEMS

Please use the stage at the meeting room to place items for sale. *Be sure to include your name and asking price!*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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emerge, one focused on the remnants of a bygone era?

For now, we are still fortunate to live in a country that regularly issues stamps and recognizes their cultural and historical value. But Denmark's move reminds us how fragile that system can be—and how precious our collections truly are.

As always, I encourage you to continue preserving, sharing, and celebrating the stories behind our stamps. They may one day be the last traces of a vanishing tradition.

Yours in Philately,

Fernando Torres

President, DPCPS

2025 DUES are DUE!

If you haven't paid your DPCPS membership dues for 2025, you are past due! If so, please bring your \$12 to the next meeting or send a check for \$12, payable to DPCPS, to our secretary:

**Jerry Madden/
428 Valley Glen Dr/
Richardson, TX 75080**

Please make use of the table at the rear of the meeting room to place or pickup freebie philatelic items.



CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com or mailed to 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrollton, TX 75007-2828.

FREE

Set of new low value U.S. coils. 1c Fringed Tulip, 2c Daffodils, 3c Peonies, 5c Red Tulips, 10c Poppies and Coneflowers. ONE set free to each DPCPS member (only). Send an SASE to Stan Bartnikowski, 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrollton, TX 75007.