



Postmark Atlanta  
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



Affiliate club #0357-031583

October 2022 Newsletter

We will now be meeting on Second and Fourth Monday every month.

Second Monday meeting will be in person at our new location: 1068 North Highland Avenue NE at The Church of Our Saviour. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room. Corner of North Highland and Los Angeles. Fire Station across Highland Ave.

There is parking on the street as well as a pay parking lot. The church is a few blocks north of Manuel's through the Virginia-Highlands area. Best entrance is on Los Angeles. The MARTA Bus 816 comes up North Highland and passes the church.

The ZOOM meeting will now be 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. We will continue this as a "virtual" Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting hosted by member Lloyd Nutter. Lloyd sends out a Zoom invitation a couple days before the meeting. If you do not get an invitation for the meetings, please contact Lloyd to make sure he adds you to his list. Emailing him: [trains56@charter.net](mailto:trains56@charter.net). Also, if you need to test how Zoom works, Lloyd will be glad to give you a test.

We welcomed guests from the West Toronto Stamp Club to our September Zoom meeting and enjoyed the Show and Tell they brought. See article below for information on their club Zoom meetings and how to request an invite.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 1                      Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn, GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.

October 10                     Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club meeting and auction. 1068 North Highland Avenue NE at The Church of Our Saviour. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting Room. Corner of North Highland and Los Angeles.

October 21 – 22, 2022    GWINPEX 2022 Fall Stamp Show, Mountain Park United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 1405 Rockbridge Rd. Stone Mountain, GA 30087. Show hours 10 – 5. Over 30 tables with at

least 6 full time dealers, a Boy Scout Representative, a youth table with free stamps for anyone 18 or under, and several part time collectors/dealers.

Concession stand on-site with homemade food for both breakfast and lunch served at very fair prices. All profits from concession sales go back to the church.

Free parking and admission

October 21                    Joint Atlanta Clubs stamp meeting and auction after first day of GWINPEX

October 22                    West Palm Beach Stamp & Postcard Show, Barkley Villas Auditorium, 2605 Barkley Dr. West Palm Beach. <https://cresthavenstamp.club/>

October 24                    Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting at 7:00. Program to be announced.

November 5                   Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn, GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details

November 5                   Fall Stamp Collector's Show, Hendricks Baptist Church, 4001 Hendricks Ave. Jacksonville, FL sponsored by Jacksonville Stamp Club. Info [cfw@jamesandharris.com](mailto:cfw@jamesandharris.com)

December 2-3                FLOREX 2022 The Florida State Stamp Show. Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E New York Ave., Deland Florida. [www.FlorexStampShow.com](http://www.FlorexStampShow.com)

January 27 – 29, 2023    Southeastern Stamp Expo, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092. [www.sefsc.org](http://www.sefsc.org)

**Be sure to confirm the COVID protocols for upcoming shows.**

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# A NEW ON-LINE TOOL

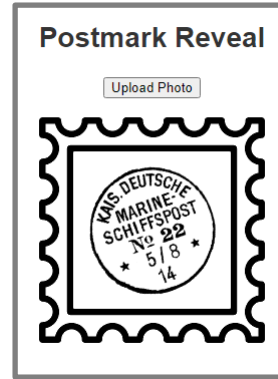
By  
Colin Clark

Do you have an illegible or faded postmark that you would like to decode? If yes, you may already be skilled at using the features of your own existing photographic or personal computer software to adjust postmark images. However, if you do not have access, or the skills, to work with such software, then look no further. A new very simple on-line tool is available to add to your philatelic tool box. The use of this website is **FREE**. The link for the website is:

[www.postmark-reveal.com](http://www.postmark-reveal.com)

The simple method using the **Postmark Reveal** website is shown below:

**STEP 1 (of 4):** Click the **Upload Photo** button and select the photograph you wish to process from your device files. A **red postal** marking is shown below as an example.



**STEP 2 (of 4):** Once you have selected your image (the requirements for acceptable images are described at the bottom of the website), then simply click the **Process** button below your image.



**STEP 3 (of 4):** When processing is finished, multiple different versions of your image will **AUTOMATICALLY** be generated, as processed through various color filters. If you're lucky, one of those filtered images will reveal the previously hidden information that you were looking for within the original image. An example is shown opposite of some of the array of different images.



**STEP 4 (of 4):** If you find a filtered version of your image useful, then you can download it separately to your device from the website. Good luck!



# A TORONTO EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIP

We were delighted to welcome several guests from the **West Toronto Stamp Club (WTSC)** to our Zoom club meeting on the evening of Monday 26SEP2022. Our Atlanta club was subsequently extended a reciprocal invitation to attend the **WTSC** Zoom bimonthly meetings.



<http://www.westtorontostampclub.org/>

The **WTSC** hosts two (2) Zoom meetings a month. The descriptions are shown below.

Day of Month	Meeting	Description
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday (7 PM – 9 PM)	DISCUSSION GROUP	An expert presentation followed by an open discussion.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (7 PM – 9 PM)	LEARNING WORKSHOP	A <b>Show and Tell</b> with a predetermined theme, e.g. “The Letter E”.

A meeting invitation, with Zoom link, is sent to all guests on the distribution list a week or so before the meeting. To get yourself onto that **WTSC** guest distribution list, simply email **Garfield Portch** (at the **gmail** email link below) to express your interest.

 <p><b>Garfield Portch</b> garfield.portch@gmail.com</p>	<p><a href="mailto:garfield.portch@gmail.com">garfield.portch@gmail.com</a></p>
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ANNOUNCING that the **2022 ATA virtual** one-page exhibition is now open for viewing:

The **ATA** is hosting the 2022 “**My One-Page Exhibit!**”, and all the details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.ataexhibits.com/>

Entries were received from around the world, including from India, Italy and Peru. Club member Colin Clark has a one-page exhibit entitled **Surfing the Victorian Web** under the **Postal History** section. The exhibit displays will close for viewing on **October 31<sup>st</sup> 2022**, at the end of National Stamp Collecting Month.

NOTE: This is **not** a judged exhibition, or one where viewers can vote on a most favorite. It’s simply an opportunity to get some philatelic gems and research out into the public view.

**ENJOY!!!**

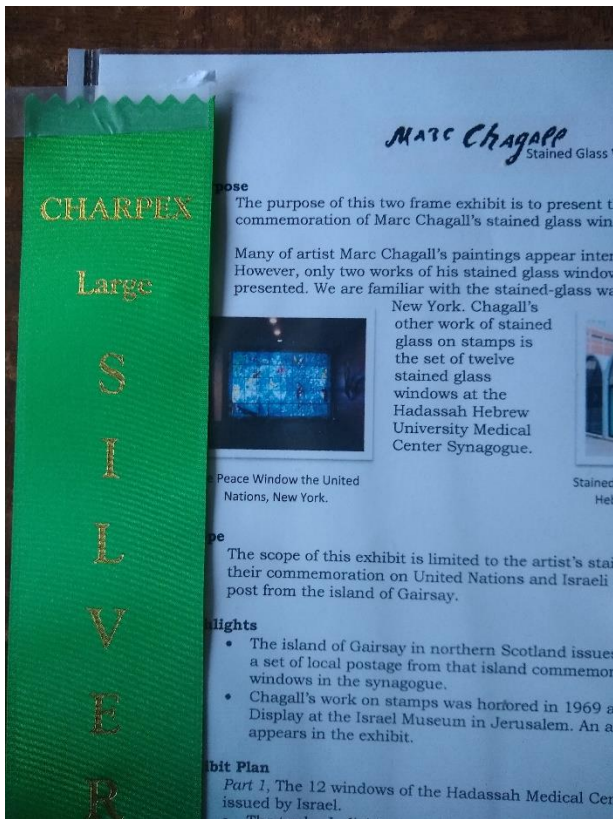
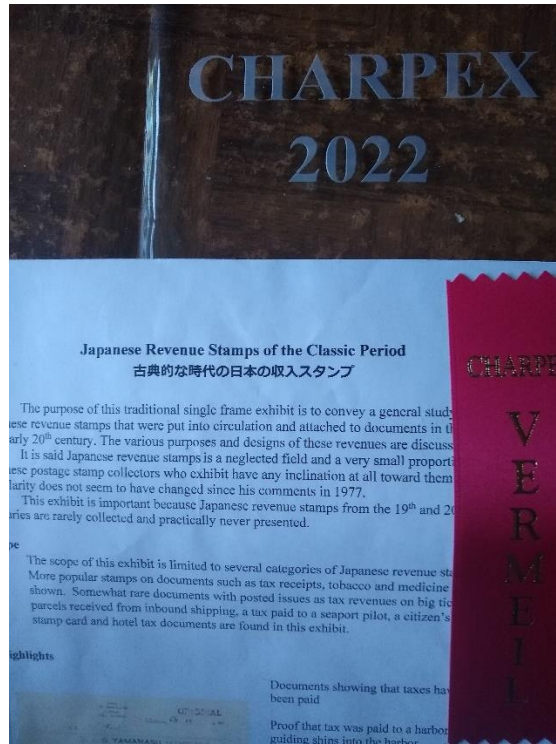
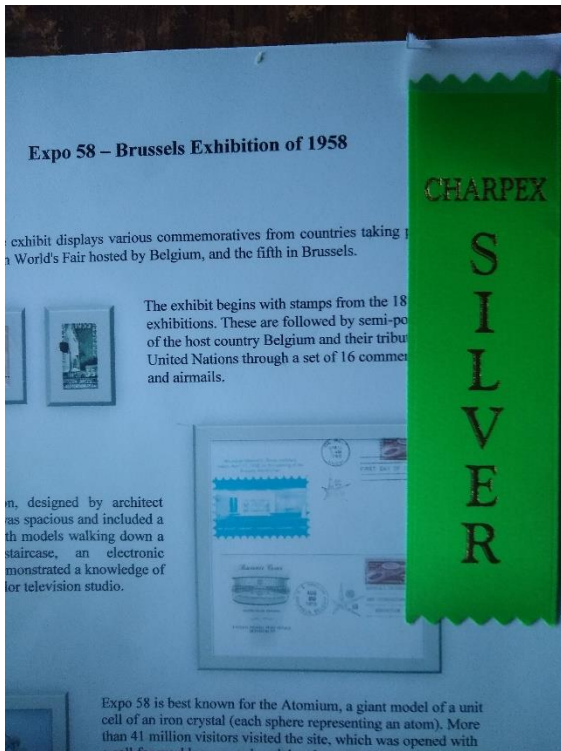
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### **Charpex awards to Mel Coe**

Mel received the Large Silver along with the Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement award for his “Marc Chagall Stained Glass Windows on Stamps” exhibit. He received a Silver and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award for the “Expo 58 – Brussels Exhibition of 1958” exhibit. And he received a Vermeil for his “Japanese Revenue Stamps of the Classic Period.”

The Sterling Achievement award, sponsored by Women Exhibitors, was created to encourage newer exhibitors. Featuring an engraved image of the Penny Black stamp, it was first awarded at APS StampShow 2008. The recipient does not have to be a WE member nor a woman.

AAPE Award of Honor Silver is given for excellence in presentation at Local / Regional shows not WSP. AAPE asks that the pin(s) be awarded to the exhibit(s) that best exemplifies the high standards of philatelic exhibit presentation.



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## FALL FOR TOPICALS

American Topical Association has a set of virtual programs starting September 6 on Zoom. Register at <https://americantopical.org/events>

October 4 Belgian Railway Stamps for Topical Collectors 7:00 pm

October 18 Expedition Mail of the Himalayas 7:00

November 8 Exploring Industrial, Wartime and Social Communication Through Typewriter Philately 7:00 pm

November 15 Josephine Baker – Performing Artist and Hero of France 7:00

November 29 Going on a Philatelic Holiday Through the Coastal Countries of Eastern Europe 7:00

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## THE ATLANTA STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB LIBRARY

The library catalog for the club is finally posted on the website. If you find a book you want to check out notify club secretary LeA Coe at [leacoe3002@gmail.com](mailto:leacoe3002@gmail.com) and it will be available at the next in person club meeting. Books may be checked out by any club member and there is no due date.

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All prior newsletters of the club are available on our club web-site. To access the Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club's website page (per the below image):

1. Enter [www.sefsc.org](http://www.sefsc.org) in your browser.
2. From the main top-of-page menu, hover over Stamp Clubs.
3. Hover over Georgia.
4. Click Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club.



## NEW POSTAL RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 10.

First Class 1 oz now 60 Cents. Forever stamps still work – no matter what rate you paid for them.

Second ounce is 24C. Postcards now 44 C.

This link takes you to the full rate schedule.

<https://pe.usps.com/resources/PriceChange/July%202022%20-%20Notice123.pdf>

If you are interested in writing for our newsletter or presenting to our club at one of our monthly meetings, please contact me at the email below or Scott Holmberg at [sdholmberg1@gmail.com](mailto:sdholmberg1@gmail.com) with your ideas.

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