



Postmark Atlanta
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



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May 2019 Newsletter

Please plan to attend the GWINNPEX Spring 2019 Stamp Show. We will have tables with activities for children and youth so bring the family. The show is in the Fellowship Hall of the Mountain Park United Methodist Church (the other side of the sanctuary from the club meetings). The show runs from 9:00 am til 5:00 pm on Saturday May 4. There is a concession stand for snacks and lunch.

No Stamp trading at Don Laberteaux home in May since he will be at GWINNPEX that Saturday.

The May 7 meeting is our joint Atlanta clubs meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4 GwinnPex Spring 2019. Mountain Park UMC Fellowship Hall, 1405 Rockbridge Rd, Stone Mountain. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

May 7 JOINT ATLANTA CLUB MEETING. The program will be presented on The Stamps of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Mike Simic. Usual 5 lot and \$5 minimum for auction. Pizza supper provided. Meeting at Atlanta Library branch at 980 Ponce de Leon. This is the corner of Ponce de Leon and Frederica and there is a Marta bus stop at that corner. Meeting starts at 7:00.

May 18-19 Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia Stamp Show. The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell St. Marietta, GA 30060 Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Sunday 10 am – 3 pm.

May 21 Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and program.

May 31 – June 2 ASDA Stamp Show. New Location: The Watson Hotel, West 57th St. New York. www.americanstampdealer.com

June 7 - 9 NAPEX National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington DC McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner 7920 Jones Branch Dr. McLean VA www.napex.org

June 8 SUNPEX 2019. FSDA Venue on the Lake-Maitland Civic Center, 641 Maitland Ave S. Maitland, FL www.floridastampshows.com

July 26 – 28 AMERICOVER 2019. Renaissance Saint Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis. If you had fun at the show in Atlanta last summer you should plan to go to St. Louis.

July 27 – 28 CHARPEX 2019 Charlotte Philatelic Society, Worrell Bldg. Central Piedmont Community College, 1228 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, NC www.charpex.info/

August 1 – 4 APS Stampshow. CHI Health Center Omaha, 455 N 10th St. Omaha, NE JOINT SHOW with American Topical Association National Topical Stamp Show. www.stamps.org/StampShow www.americantopicalassn.org

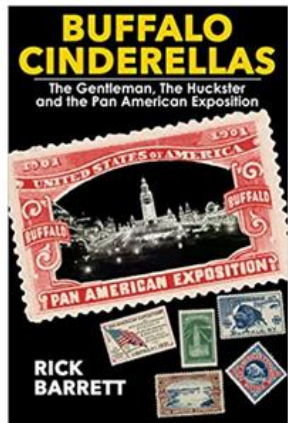
Award Winning Cinderella Story

By Steve Swain

Author's Note: My thanks to Bill Baab of the Georgia Postal History Society for allowing me to use some of his research and article carried in a recent issue of Georgia Post Roads.

The Pan American Exposition, held in Buffalo, New York in 1901, was entertaining in its own way, but its cinderella story is no fairy tale. It featured millions of “cinderellas,” privately issued Exposition souvenirs in the forms of stamps. Sometimes referred to as labels or stickers, cinderellas absolutely cannot be used for postage, but are sometimes found on postally used envelopes or covers of that era affixed adjacent to legitimate postage stamps.

Rick Barrett, author of “*Buffalo Cinderellas: The Gentleman, the Huckster, and the Pan American Exposition*” said cinderella stamps are sometimes referred to as “the stepchildren of philately.” Like the fairy tale where Cinderella was not invited to the ball, cinderella stamps are not welcomed with open arms in the hobby by some serious philatelists.



Barrett's 137-page book, which features a 31-page appendix with loads of color photos of Exposition cinderellas, was the recent recipient of the American Philatelic Society's Gold Award under the Handbooks category at the APS StampShow in Columbus, Ohio.



It is the well-researched text in the profusely illustrated hardcover book that stands out. The main characters are Raynor Hubbell, a young and honest Buffalo postage stamp dealer, and William B. Hale, who started out as a “good” stamp dealer before he strayed from the straight and narrow path onto more crooked trails, including washing postmarks off stamps and faking postmarks.



The author describes himself as “an experienced memorabilia dealer with several personal collecting interests, including philately.” He has had many adventures and the book is his latest. He follows the adventures of Hubbell and the misadventures of Hale. The first one comes to an honest end as a dealer in Confederate stamps and covers in the Deep South community of Griffin, Georgia. The second ends up in federal prison and emerges shortly before his death from a severe bout with alcoholism.

The book's contents and the continuity of its text serve notice that it will remain a philatelic favorite for years to come. You don't have to be a cinderella fan to enjoy it.



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For millennia, dragons have soared through our imaginations. Throughout history and around the world, people have long enjoyed fantastical tales of these mythological creatures.

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Each of the 16 stamps in the pane shows one of four dragons: a green fire-breathing dragon towering over a castle; a purple dragon with orange wings and sharp black armor on its back snaking around a white castle; a black dragon with green wings and green armor on its back swooping past a ship; and a wingless orange dragon, inspired by Far East folklore, weaving its way around a pagoda.

MEET THE STAMP ARTIST

Don Clark

Don Clark of Invisible Creature worked with USPS® art director Greg Breeding to design the **Dragons** stamps. Before he began his sketches, Clark wanted to absorb as much dragon-related literature and media as possible. He purchased books on dragon history and mythology and spent hours watching films that featured the magical beasts.

“My favorite part of this project was using the constraints to construct the composition,” Clark says. “With dragons, that’s not a super-easy thing, because there’s a lot going on. The challenge was a lot of fun.”

Learn more about Clark and his studio at [Invisible Creature](#)

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Our library meeting place will be undergoing remodeling starting sometime this summer for about 6 months. Other club meetings that you might want to attend are:

Cobb County Stamp Club meetings are on 2nd and 4th Sunday at 1:30 pm. New location is 1809 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA “The Bridge Club” (next to Restaurant Depot)

Button-Gwinnett club meeting at 7 PM on third Wednesday of the month at Mountain Park UMC, 1405 Rockbridge Rd, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

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Our Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs includes our club’s page. The main site is www.sefsc.org. Our club’s page is at www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html. But be sure to check out all the other information on the site. New clubs were added to the Federation at the January meeting. Check out where meetings are so you can visit as you travel.

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 with your ideas.

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