



Postmark Atlanta  
Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



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November 2019 Newsletter

The remodeling at the Atlanta Library branch we meet at began July 15. While we are unable to meet at the library be sure to check out the other club meetings. We will continue to do a newsletter.

Cobb County Stamp Club meetings are on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

I was glad to see many of our members at the joint Atlanta Stamp Clubs meeting. I hope many of you got good Auction Bargains.

Watch for the December Holiday party details in the December newsletter.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

November 2                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 9 – 10        Charlotte Stamp, Cover & Post Card Show, St. Sarkis Armenian Church 7000 Park Rd. Charlotte, NC Sponsored by Big Lick Stamps. carytj@yahoo.com

November 16 – 17       Stamp Dealers Association of Georgia Stamp Show. The Mansour Center, 995 Roswell St. Marietta, GA 30060. Sat. 10 am – 5 pm; Sun. 10 am – 3 pm

December 13 – 15       FLOREX 2019. Osceola Heritage Park, Events Center Hall B 1901 Chief Osceola Tr. Kissimmee, FL 34744. Sponsored by FSDA. [www.FLOREXstampShow.com](http://www.FLOREXstampShow.com)

## Ugly Stamps

By Steve Swain

Have you ever been standing in line at a post office and heard someone request “pretty” stamps from the window clerk? I have. A savvy window clerk will contend that all of the stamps are pretty. But have you ever heard anyone ask for ugly stamps? I have not. However, I’m certainly of the opinion that there are many “not pretty” stamps.

Of course, a play on the old saying that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder” is “ugly is in the eye of the beholder.” It just depends on your criteria for “pretty” and “ugly.” Relying on Webster’s Dictionary, “ugly” is unpleasant or repulsive, especially in appearance; unattractive, unsightly, horrible, frightful, gruesome, foul, repugnant. Granted, some of these synonyms indeed stretch the definition of ugly somewhat, but you get the idea.

And this brings us to ugly stamps. We are not talking here about a stamp that was purposely designed to be unattractive. One such stamp (lower left) was issued by Great Britain in 1976 to honor Robert Owen, a 19th century social reformer who worked to improve the dreary lives and working conditions of children employed in textile mills. The stamp shows the working hands of a small child entrapped in the works of a giant steel loom. It is a creepy (ugly) stamp, designed that way to evoke an emotion from those who look at and use the stamp.



Nor are we referring to stamps whose theme is “ugly”, such as the Great Britain issue commemorating the ugly sisters from Cinderella (above center) or the United Nations issue commemorating the children’s story, The Ugly Duckling (above right).

I suggest that “ugly” stamps are those with an unattractive overall design or overly simplistic design, or those with ill-conceived color schemes (or lack thereof). A brief internet search offered the below stamps as meeting the “ugly” criteria.





“Ugly” stamps. What is your criteria? What are your choices?

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American Topical Association has moved their offices to P O Box 2143, Greer, SC 29652-2143. Jennifer Miller is the new Executive Director. If you are interested in volunteering for them, talk to Barbara Asher. She is now coordinating Taste of Topicals for ATA.

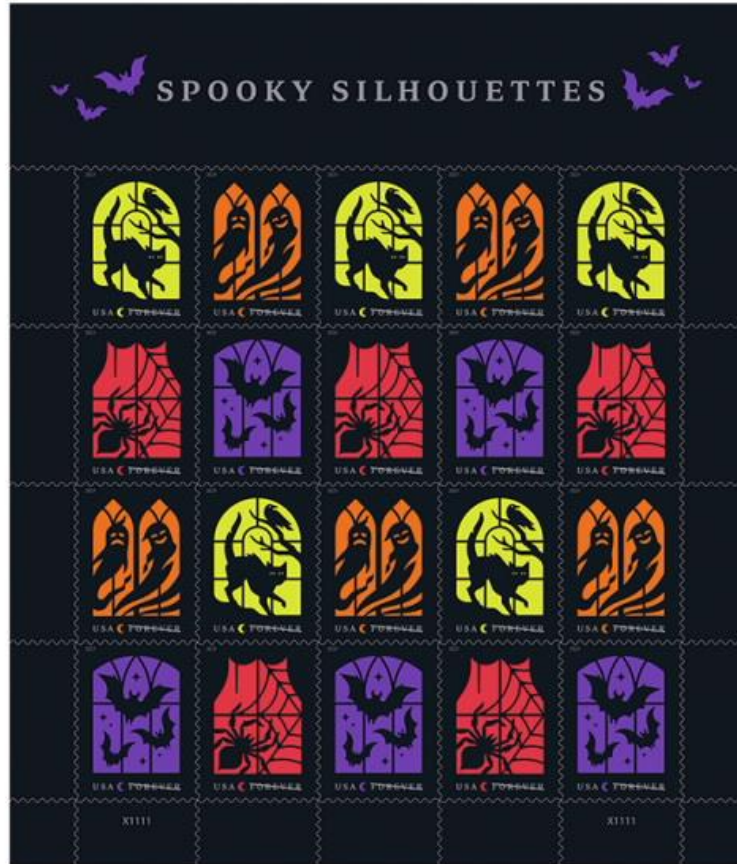
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Our Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs includes our club's page. The main site is [www.sefsc.org](http://www.sefsc.org). Our club's page is at [www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html](http://www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html). 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](mailto:sdholmberg1@gmail.com) with your ideas.

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