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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club

Affiliate club **#0357-031583**

December 2024 Newsletter

There are no meetings in December but please RSVP to Scott Holmberg's email if you are going to the holiday party on December 8.

A membership application is attached for 2025. Please fill in your collecting interests so we can create a list for those who bring auction items.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6 – 7 FLOREX 2024. 75th Anniversary show. Volusia County Fair Grounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E New York Ave. Deland, FL 32724. www.florexstampshow.com

January 12 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club in person meeting 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Meeting at Intown Community Church,2059 LaVista Road NE, Atlanta, GA. Room 204-206. Auction and Show and Tell.

January 17-19, 2025 Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition WSP show. Municipal Auditorium, 801 N Tamiami Tr. Sarasota, FL www.sarasotastampclub.com/show.html

January 24-26, 2025 Southeast Stamp Expo, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Ind Blvd, Peachtree Corners, GA. 10:00 – 5:30 Friday & Saturday; 10:00 – 3:00 Sunday http://www.sefsc.org

January 27 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting and presentation starting at 7:00 pm.

February 22-23 Columbia SC Winter Stamp and Postcard Show, Tri-City Leisure Center 48 Brooks Ave. West Columbia SC. https://www.columbiascphilately.com

March 8-9 Nashville Stamp and Postcard Show, Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave. Gallatin TN. http://nashphil.krbaker.com

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HONORING THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY

A stamp to recognize those who stepped up during the pandemic

September 30, 2024

From first breath to last, we rely on the skill, compassion, and reassuring presence of the healthcare community.

That is one reason that the U.S. Postal Service wanted to pay tribute to the healthcare community, whose members, sometimes at great personal risk, dedicate their lives to our health, safety, and well-being.

We are grateful to members of this essential community, who spend their days — and nights — taking care of our health needs in hospitals, nursing homes, laboratories, and many other settings. They are our family, friends, and neighbors.

Starting with a doodle

Art director Bryan Duefrene recalls that the art for the *Thank You, Healthcare Community* stamp "started as a doodle" during a discussion about how to best represent the healthcare world.

This “community is vast and much more than just doctors and nurses,” he says. “You have scientists, mental health specialists, hospice caregivers, EMTs, and more. It seemed clear that the stamp should thank these individuals for the care they provide to us.”

Duefrene felt strongly that the words “Thank You” should appear somewhere in the design. “At some point, I realized that maybe commonly used medical symbols could be manipulated to form the words ‘Thank You.’”

With that in mind, he assembled a collection of images that are not only familiar but also reassuring, even in our most vulnerable moments.

To spell out “Thank,” he used a medical caduceus, a traffic sign indicating a nearby hospital, a microscope, the letter *N* rendered in the surgical green often worn by medical providers, and adhesive bandages. For the word “You,” he chose a stethoscope, a medical heart icon, and a pair of cupped hands, a graphic commonly used to indicate support and protection.

During the planning for this stamp, the Postal Service had considered a few other design directions — including stylized portraits of individual healthcare workers and scenes of caregivers at work in their communities — but kept returning to Duefrene’s simple but eloquent original concept.

“This stamp is unusual. Oftentimes the final stamp design looks far different from the original idea. But, in this case, the initial concept was also the best,” says Lisa Bobb-Semple, Director of Stamp Services at the Postal Service.

A vital service

USPS issued the *Thank You, Healthcare Community* stamp in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to help raise the profile of everyone employed in healthcare.

From WWW.stampsforever.com

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THE ATLANTA STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB LIBRARY

The library catalog for the club is posted on the club website. If you find a book you want to check out notify club secretary LeA Coe at 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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Starting in May 2024, our new meeting location will be Intown Community Church at 2059 LaVista Road NE, Atlanta, GA. Our meeting is on main level room 204 – 206, a large room with tables and chairs.

The driveway to use is closest to Toco Hills / North Druid Hills Rd, not close to Houston Mill Rd. See the picture for routing into the parking lot – drive around the back of the church to park near the marked entrance door.

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All prior newsletters of the club are available on our club web-site. http://www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html Check out the additional content – prior presentations and news.

The site of Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs has been recently updated so check out all the information on other clubs. There are many presentations from our club meetings on our site and information on the January 24 - 26, 2025 Southeastern Stamp Expo are being posted on Latest News tab. The theme for that show will be 250th anniversary of the US Postal System and Benjamin Franklin as the first Postmaster General.

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If you are interested in presenting at our ZOOM meetings, please contact Scott Holmberg at sdholmberg1@gmail.com or me to schedule a date.

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