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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club

Affiliate club #C-031583

American Topical Association affiliate chapter #151

February 2026 Newsletter

Our in person meeting location is 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. Meetings are on the Second Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00.

The ZOOM meeting is on the 4th 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: Stamps1840.2000@gmail.com. Also, if you need to test how Zoom works, Lloyd will be glad to give you a test.

Please remember to send in your membership dues and let us know your collecting interests. I will be preparing a list of members and interests so those bringing in auction material will know what you are looking for.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7 GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn, Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.

February 8 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.

February 13-14 Columbia, SC Winter Stamp and Post Card Show. Tri-City Leisure Center, 485 Brooks Ave. West Columbia, SC. www.columbiascphilately.com

February 21 Jacksonville Stamp Collectors Club Bourse, Hendricks Ave Baptist Church, 4001 Hendricks Dr, Jacksonville, FL https://jpscc.org

February 23 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Proram will be by Dr. Jean Wang and the topic be "***Canadian Medical Groundbreakers: Concept to Design***"

February 28-March 1 Nashville Stamp and Postcard Show, Gallatin Civic Center, 210 Albert Gallatin Ave. Gallatin, TN http://nashphil.krbaker.com

March 7 Williamsburg 2026 Stamp Show. Williamsburg Virginia Stamp Club. Williamsburg Moose Lodge 5429 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA williamsburgsc@yahoo.com

March 7 – 8 KNOXPEX 2026, Knoville Philatelic Society, Rothchild Event Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxille. https://www.knoxstamps.com

March 8 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.

March 13 – 14 GWINPEX Spring Show, Mountain Park United Methodist Church Family Life Center located at 1405 Rockbridge Rd. Stone Mountain, Ga. 30087 10 am - 5 pm

March 13 JOINT ATLANTA STAMP CLUBS MEETING AND AUCTION, 5:30 pm after Gwinpex show at same location.

March 23 Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club ZOOM meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Program will be by Arnie Janson on "Gemini: Artificial Intelligence or. ..."

April 24-25 Georgia Stamp, Postcard and Ephemera Show, Mimms Museum of Technology and Art, 5000 Commerce Pkwy, Roswell, GA 30076,, 10 am – 5 pm Friday, 10 am - 4 pm Saturday

May 23 – 30, 2026 Boston 2026 World Expo, Boston Convention & Exposition Center. http://www.boston2026.org

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THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all club members that volunteered at the Southeast Stamp Expo. Your help makes this show a success.

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VIRTUAL STAMPEX 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT: Since 2020, **Virtual Stampex** (the international stamp show from London) has pushed the boundaries of what is possible in the online philatelic events space. 2026 will be no exception.

The 2026 event runs from **06MAR2026** to **08MAR2026** (running continuously **24** hours per day). You can access this show from anywhere in the world. There will be live presentations and roundtables where you can connect with fellow collectors from literally anywhere in the world and have a conversation in the virtual **Collector's Lounge**. Online exhibits can be seen under **Display Your Way** (including 1-page exhibits). There will also be competition quizzes and giveaways. The event is completely **FREE**, but you'll need to register first. The link below is where to register, and then you'll click the **blue Register Now** button to start. It's a very simple registration process:

Stampex International

This is an extremely high-quality event, and a virtual visit is well worthwhile if you have never tried it before now. See you out there in the virtual space!

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Warm Up To Topicals!

Virtual Programs This Winter From ATA

ATA is once again pleased to offer programs via ZOOM on a wide variety of topics. Go to https://americantopical.org and scroll to Upcoming ATA Events to register.

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Are You Exhibit Curious?

With David S. Ball

Tuesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m. Eastern

For everyone who has wondered whether they are ready for their first philatelic exhibit, this is your class. No commitment. Just a group of fellow novices considering a first exhibit. Do I have the right material? What story do I want to tell? Where do I start?

David S. Ball is a longtime exhibitor and nationally accredited philatelic judge. He taught the Exhibiting for Beginners course for APS and is eager to hear your ideas about sharing your passion for the first time.

This class is free. There will be two additional sessions for personalized help. You must register for those separately.

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Are You Exhibit Curious? Part 2 & 3
With David S. Ball
Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. Eastern
Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. Eastern
David Ball will coach you through starting your exhibit.
(In Session 1, you will have received instructions on how to scan your material and map out your story. Be sure to register and attend that session.)
In **Session 2, Heart of the Matter**, we create Title and Synopsis pages and explore what makes for a good exhibit. Plenty of time for questions and to show your progress with others on the journey.
In **Session 3, Exhibit Evaluation**, we critique our efforts to put our best foot forward.
David is available by email or phone during your journey to answer questions and provide encouragement.
For those in time zones that make it difficult to attend the live presentation, the sessions will be recorded and made available to those who register for the course. Those who enroll will be able to watch the programs again, at their convenience.
$25 ATA members
$30 non-members.

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Denmark Main Postal Carrier Ends Letter Delivery

PostNord, the country's longtime service, is delivering its last letters. Few Danes send snail mail anymore, but some are mourning the end of an era.

Letter writing in the country has declined by more than 90 percent since 2000, according to PostNord, which is owned jointly by the Danish and Swedish governments. Next year, in Denmark, it will only deliver packages, although in Sweden it will continue to deliver letters.

Denmark is not forgoing snail mail entirely. Remaining pen and paper enthusiasts — as well as the few who have opted out of digital government communications — will be able to send and receive letters through Dao, a private company.

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LINN'S 2025 U.S. STAMP POPULARITY POLL

Voting is now open for the annual stamp popularity poll. Our club has submitted our ballots together in the past and I have enclosed a ballot with this newsletter. I'll also have pictures of all the issues and more ballots at the February in person meeting. Ballots must be mailed before February 28, so please turn in at the meeting or scan to me before February 23.

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LEARNING ABOUT STAMPS ONLINE (LASO)

Monthly online meetings on various topics

If you are not a member, you can join (for free) at this link:
https://learningaboutstamps.org/join/

You will then get email with a link to register for the ZOOM monthly meetings.

Also check out their links to other resources of help to stamp collectors.

https://learningaboutstamps.org/resources/

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SISTER STAMP CLUB EVENTS

Our sister club West Toronto Stamp Club of Ontario, Canada, has two monthly online events – a Learning Workshop and a Discussion Group. They cover various topics. If you are interested in receiving their newsletter or online invitations, please contact Garfield Portch at Garfield.portch@gmail.com.

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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.

To access the Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club's website page:

1. Enter 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.

Meeting information and monthly newsletters are available on our site.

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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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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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