TOPICAL COLLECTING

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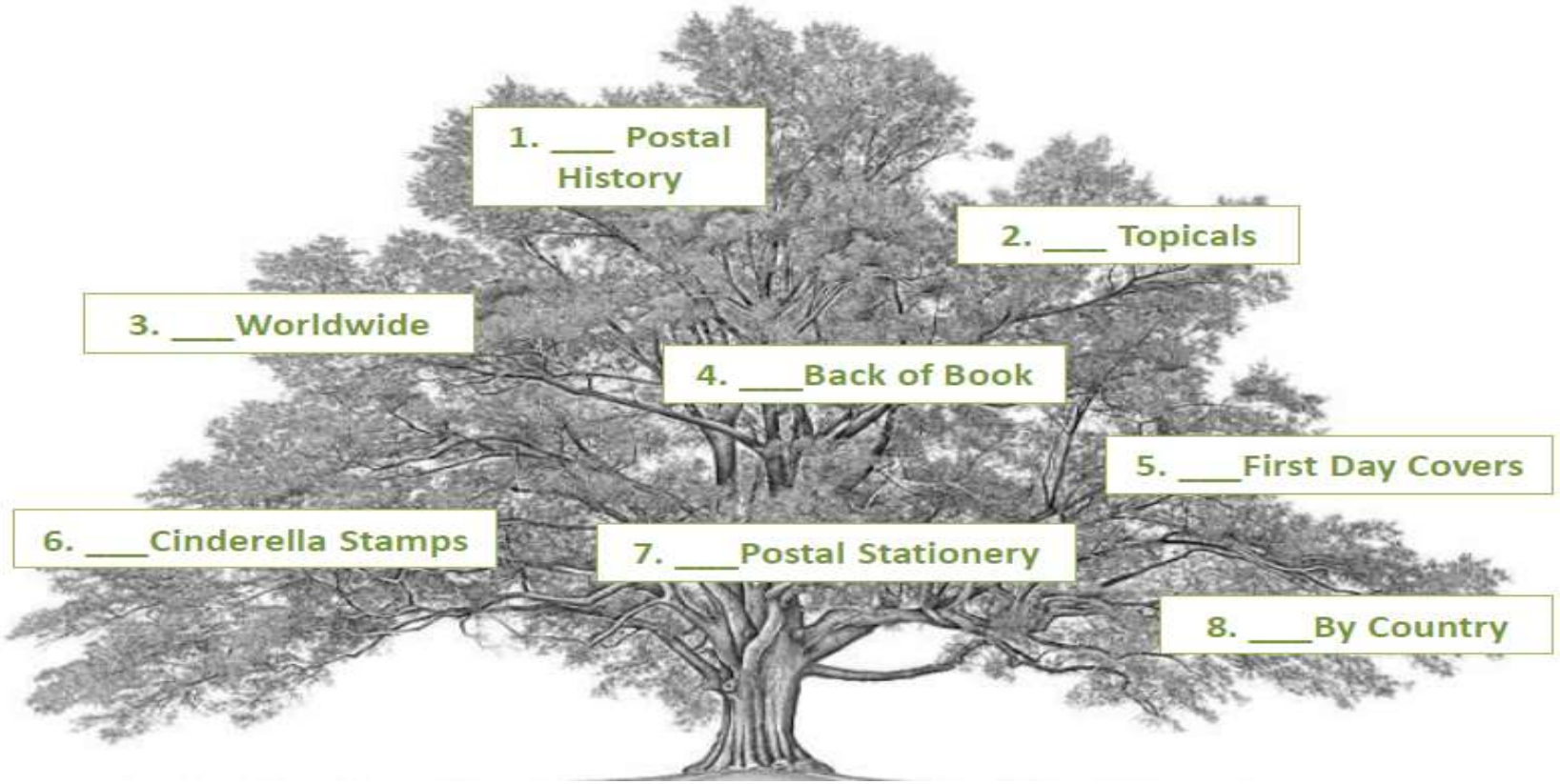
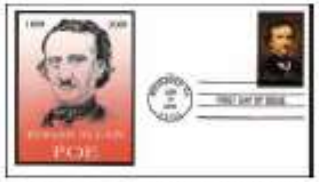


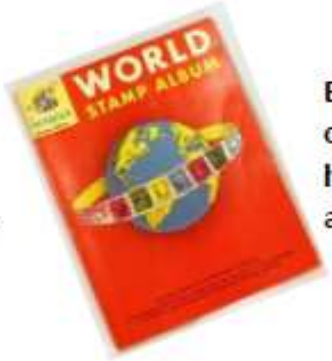
A. These stamps look like real stamps but can not be used for postage.

B. This method of collecting includes aerograms, postcards, and envelopes that have the postage preprinted on them.

C. These stamps can be collected by subjects – dogs, chess, trains, etc.



D. These envelopes have a stamp postmarked on the first day that the stamp could be used.



E. This way of collecting would have stamps from all over the world.

F. Stamps which are found in the back of most specialized stamp catalogs. Includes revenues, airmails, and postage dues, along with many others.

G. This type of collection would have stamps from just one country.

H. This method of collecting involves studying covers to learn about their history.

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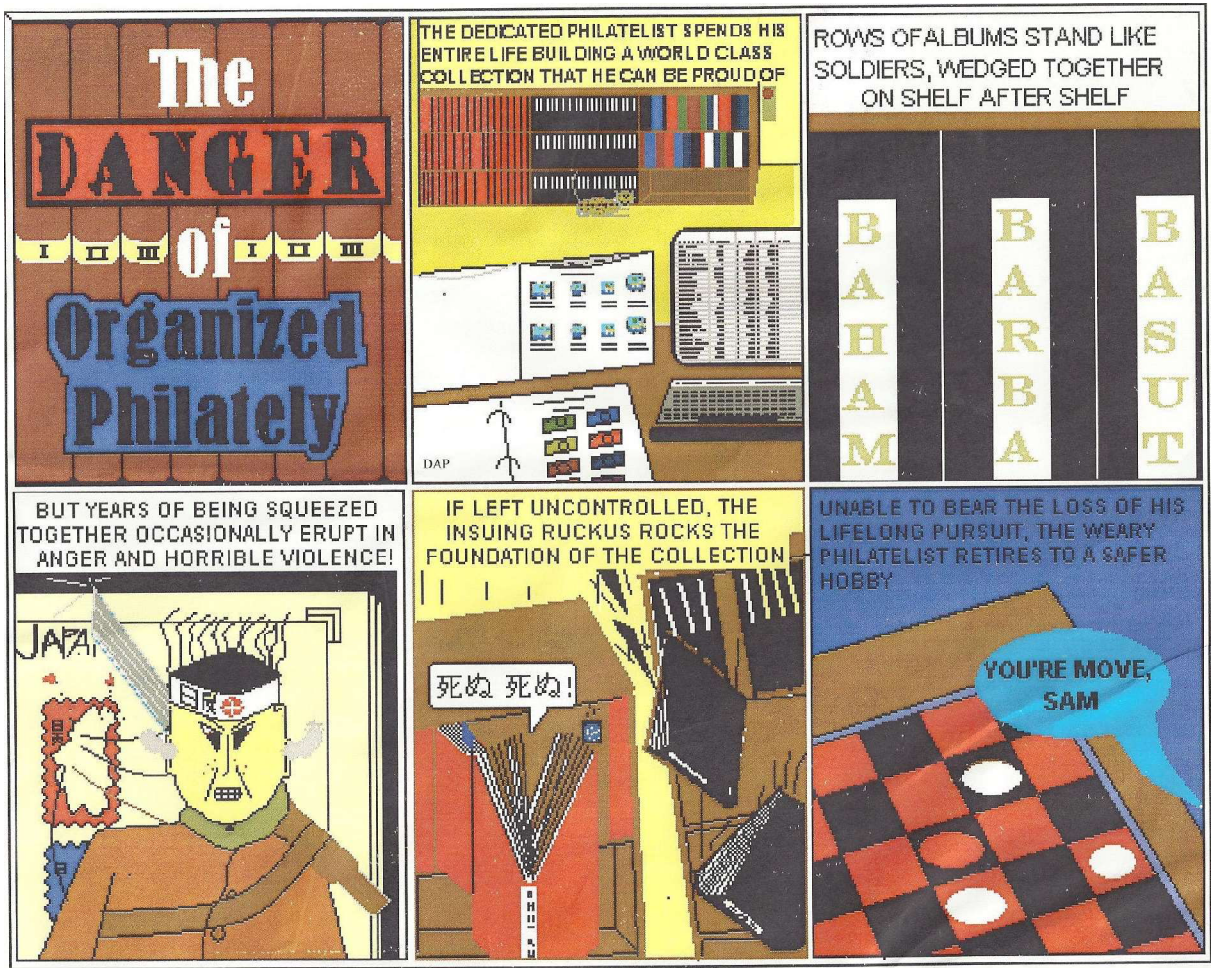
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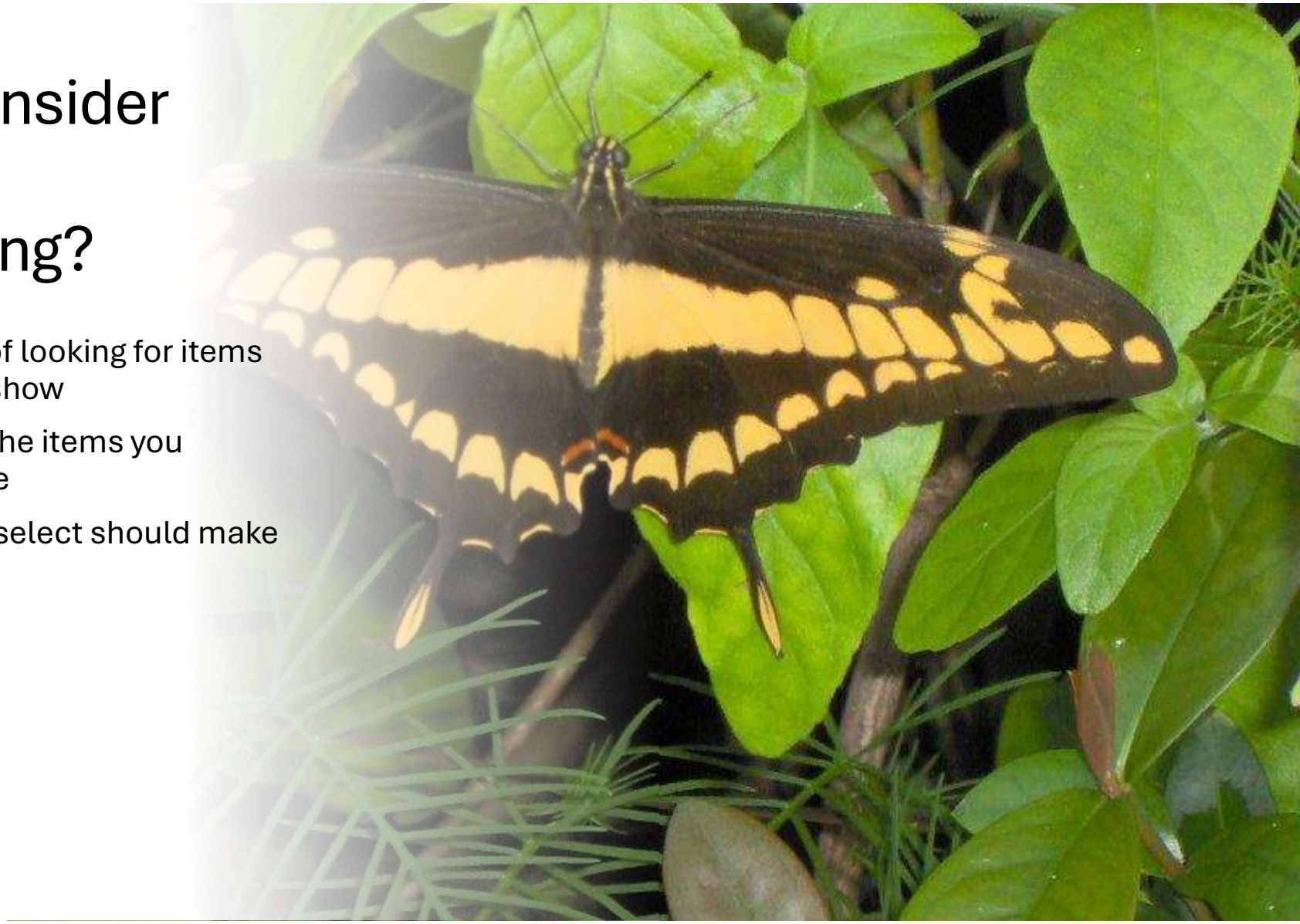
Why consider topical collecting?

- A new way of looking for items at a stamp show
- Organizing the items you already have
- A topic you select should make you smile



Ideas

Types of topical collections

HOME TOWN

- A home town collection
- Postal history of your home town
- Anything that reminds you of your home
- For Example
  - Lots of flowers
  - A bowling alley
  - Ice skating
  - Even butterflies

SENSES

- A senses collection

  Sight is obvious but there are stamps with texture to feel, scratch and sniff to smell and even records or CDs to listen to. I even heard of one issue that has flavored gum.

OCCUPATION

- An occupation collection:
  - Stamps that relate to your current job
  - Or your ideal job

Linn's Stan
NEW

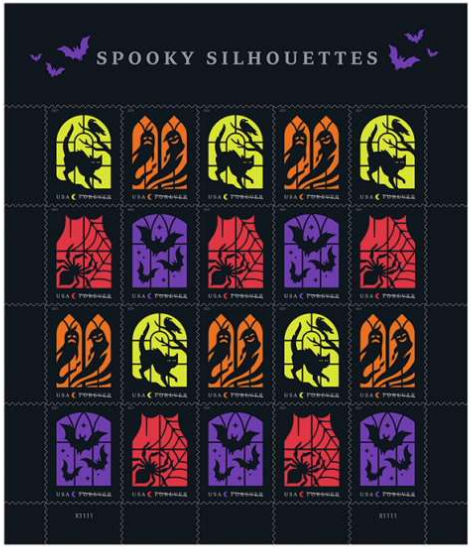
A Hobby collection

- Do you Golf?
- Are you a home chef?
- Do you collect comic books?

Almost anything has been on some stamp from some country.

A ZOO Collection

- If arranging stamps in custom pages or stock books to show to others is what you enjoy about the hobby, try collecting stamps showing animals and make yourself a Zoo.



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Displaying your collection

- Download topical pages
  - American Topical Association
  - The Digital Philatelist
  - American Philatelic Society
  - The Stamp Web
  - Alphabetilately.org
  - Feature Philately (on Youtube)
- Make your own display pages
  - Album Easy
  - Word
  - Power Point

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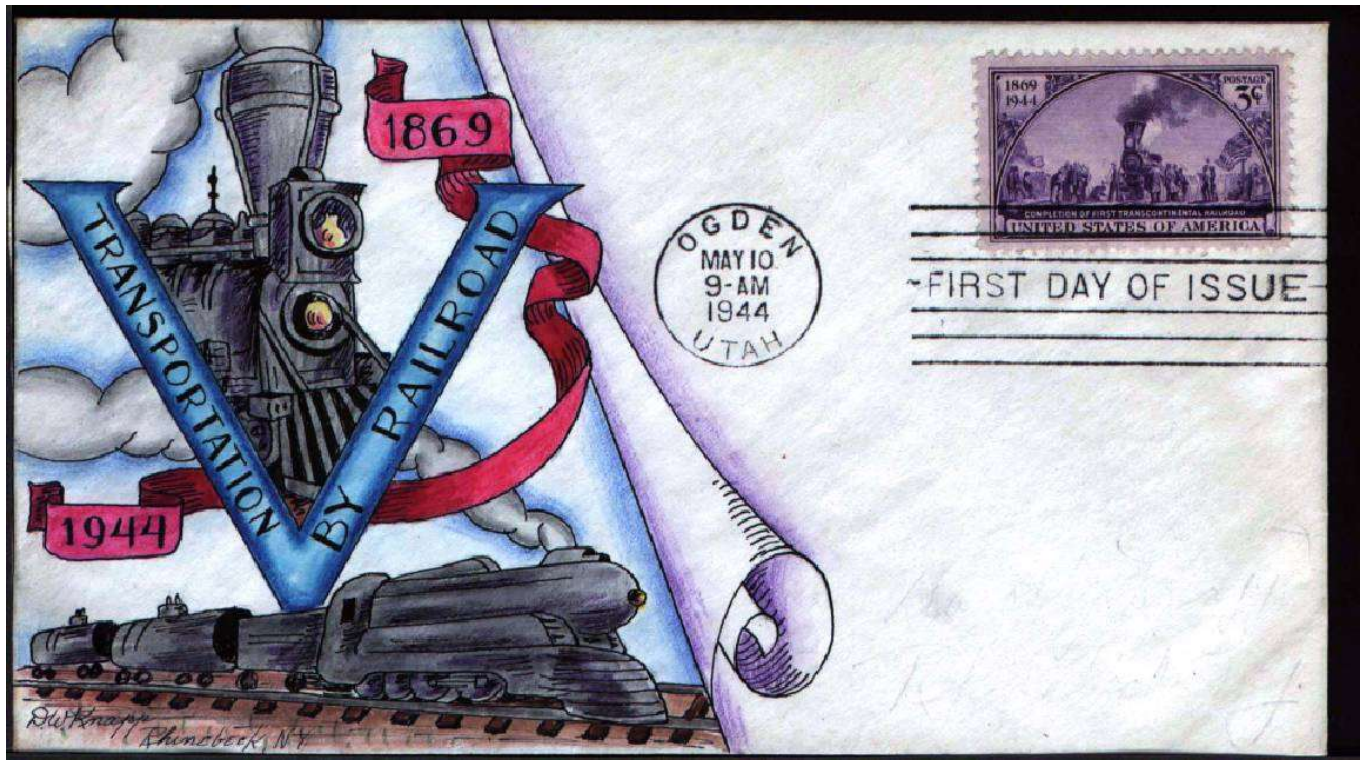
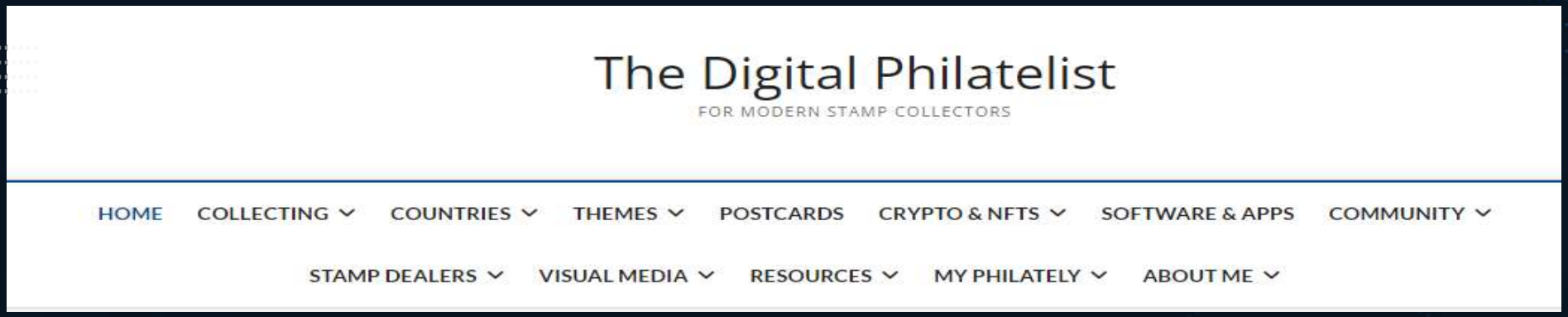
Topical Collecting is not just stamps





Resources for Topical Collectors

- American Topical Association
  - Checklists
  - Study groups
  - Online exhibits
- The Digital Philatelist
  - Exhibits
  - Other collectors
  - Organizations
- LearningAboutStamps.org

More than Topical - It may be Thematic

- Interested in Exhibiting ?
- A thematic collection (like mine on textiles) includes stamps, or postal items, that show knowledge about a topic, not just a picture of the item.
- That would require me to do another presentation.