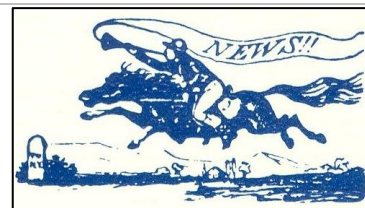


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Announcements

June Meetings

June 13, 2026 - In person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, there is a live auction. Members can have 5 auction lots and more can be added to the limit of 60 lots.

Report on Boston 2026 World Expo.

June 27, 2026 - In person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, the presentation time will be a live all-donation auction.

Stamp Shows

July 11-12, 2026, Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show, Reno-Sparks Convention Center.

<https://www.renostamp.org/show.html>

Nov. 7-8, 2026, SACAPEX, www.sacramentostampclub.org

Nov. 14-15, 2026, Filatelica Fiesta, Santa Clara, CA,
<https://filateliciafiesta.com/>

Feb. 5-7, 2027 – Arizona National Stamp Show, Mesa; with plans for 30 dealers and about 70 exhibit frames.

<https://arizonanationalstampshow.com/>

2026 Nominations and Elections – It's getting to be that time again for our annual elections at the August 8 picnic. In the meantime, nominations are needed for 4 open positions: Vice-President (2-year term), Secretary (2-year term) and two Directors (3-year terms).

The digital Nomination Form is available here:

https://renostamp.org/pdf_files/2026-Nomination-form.pdf

Post Boy Reporter

May 9 meeting – By 9 a.m. 19 members were present. That's one hour before the meeting start. When the meeting started, there were 26 members in attendance. Refreshments were provided by **Eric Moody**.

John Walter had a slide presentation on the new stamp issues for May. He showed the digital Post Boy to remind members of the articles written by members and the monthly quiz on "American Scientists and Inventors." He also talked about WESTPEX. Our show exhibits will have a Council judge, Niguel Moriarity.

Eric Fields, Show Chair, announced that the 14 dealer tables (including USPS) are all allotted. Mailing labels were obtained from the APS. The show postcards will be mailed by the first week in June.

The Donation Chair, **James Steckley**, received about 10 boxes from the estate of **Dick Dreiling** and a few items from **Peter Gutter**. Peter is now retired as a dealer with his stock sent to auction. The June 27 meeting will be a live donation-only auction with at least 60 lots.

Mike Potter reported that membership is 62. A new member joined today, **Jim Weidner**, who introduced himself. He collects pre-1970 stamps worldwide.

The meeting Raffle had 10 prizes, and a bonus prize was won by **Dave Gehringer**; the 50/50 prize money of \$13.00 went to **Dave Stafford**.

The live auction was conducted by **Mike Potter** and **Gary Atkinson** with assistance by **Nadiyah Beekun**. There were 31 member lots and 9 donation lots with a total of 32 lots sold for \$391.50



Jim Weidner, new member.

May 23 meeting – At the meeting, the raffle collected \$34, with \$17 going to the club and \$17 going to **Scott Mathews**. **Erik Fields** did not write down who won the bonus or who provided refreshments. (Sorry). We had \$135 in consignment sales that netted the Club \$13.55 and \$14.00 in Blue sheet donation lots that benefited the Club.

At the Board meeting, Erik reported that the cash box had \$345.16 and the checking account had \$15,196.09. Due to additional funding, the Board approved to lower the **RENEWAL dues** for the 2026-2027 membership year to \$10 for single members and \$15 for family. Also discussed was creating new signage for the show, buying new microphones, raising Auction Bucks reward for various activities to encourage more participation, such as offering 100 Auction Bucks for those who run the auctions and 2,000 Auction Bucks for giving a presentation.

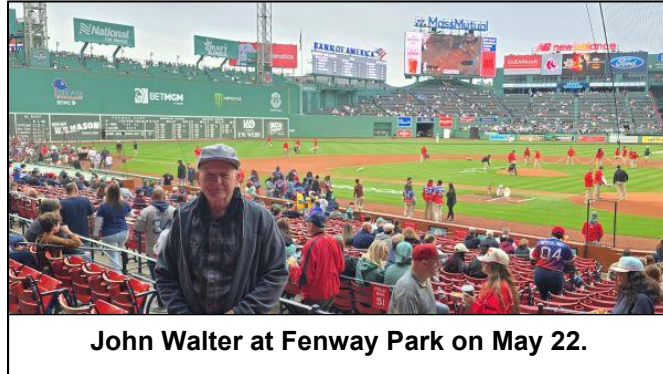


At the Boston 2026 World Expo, John Walter was having fun talking with the Concord Minute Men. He even got to hold one of the rifles.

Boston 2026 Expo By Harvey Edwards

John Walter and I arrived in Boston on May 22 and shared a room at the Element Hotel. We had a very short walk to the convention center, having to cross the side street to enter the show.

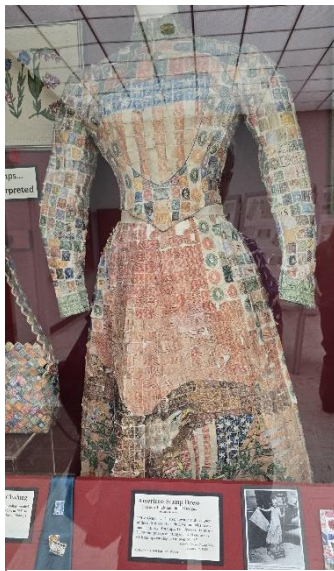
After checking in for the show on Friday afternoon, John and I took a long walk to Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox versus the Twins. It was a great game to watch in a great park. Roger Clemens threw out the first pitch with his son, a Minnesota Twins player, catching. We each received our own souvenir Roger Clemens bobble-head give-a-way to bring home. The team also reminded all the fans that Ted Williams put his career on hold in 1942 to join the Naval Reserves.



John Walter at Fenway Park on May 22.



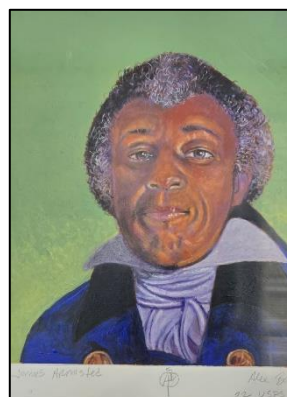
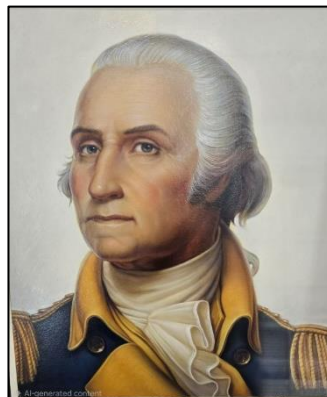
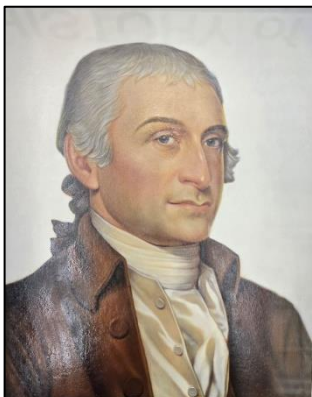
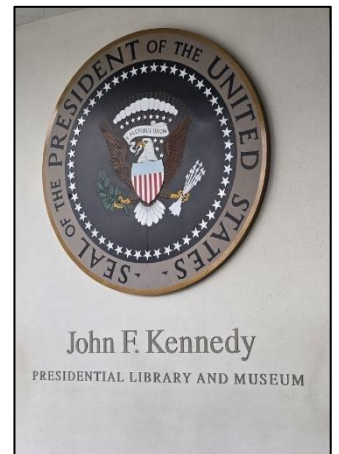
The bobble head give-away from the game.



A dress of stamps at the Spellman Museum.

I didn't spend too much time at the dealers' tables. I attended several of the first day ceremonies and looked at many, but not all, of the exhibits. One of the complaints I heard most often was about the showroom layout and how difficult things were to find. I also was a volunteer for 3 days. One of the duties was showing collectors how to use several of the newest apps and gadgets to identify stamps, reveal watermarks, measure perfs and a lot more. Learning how to use everything was fun in itself.

I also spent a day at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History. They have quite a bit in the relatively small building, including exhibits on the Hindenburg airship, penny blacks, post office art, and creative uses of stamps, just to name a few. I also took a day off from stamps to visit the JFK Library and Museum.



Original artwork for three of the stamps for the Figures of the Revolution pane - John Jay, George Washington and James Armistead.

Boston 2026 World Stamp Expo

By Maggie Griener

Attending the Boston World Expo was the experience of a lifetime, 300,000 square feet of stamp exhibits and dealers - philatelic heaven.

Registration included a passport booklet to be stamped by each of the world venues visited and a lanyard with your registration badge required for admission.

Next to the escalator was the Court of Honor exhibits. There were six 1918 Inverted Jennys, two singles and a block of four, on display. There were guards at the entry and exit and at the end of each aisle so no opportunity for me to bring one home. There were many amazing rarities, among them a display of covers addressed to every man who signed the Declaration of Independence. Now that's an impressive collection. The number of exhibits displayed on the show floor being judged for prizes was overwhelming. It must have taken the judges days to get through them all. It certainly would take days to look at them all.

Outside the Court of Honor was the British Commonwealth exhibit which featured Queen Elizabeth's Phantom IV Rolls Royce and other exhibits commemorating the centenary of the queen's birth. Stanley Gibbons had some spectacular British Commonwealth stamps for sale in its booth and provided seats and a nice cup of coffee to weary shoppers - all of them very nice guys. In costume wandering the show floor were Benjamin Franklin, George Washington and a Minuteman, greeting attendees and posing for pictures.



Queen Elizabeth II Rolls Royce.

Many of the clubs and associations also hosted informational lectures and presentations in the meeting rooms on the second floor. I especially enjoyed the Smithsonian, National Postal Museum, American Airmail Association, and American Philatelic Society speakers. There was also a FedEx office up there so I packed up about five or ten pounds of handouts, books and show merchandise to send home so my suitcase wouldn't be overweight.

John Walter and **Tom Reyman** volunteered many hours at the United Postal Stationery Society and American Airmail Association booths which also had a comfortable seating area for tired show attendees like me. Thank you to John and **Harvey Edwards** for including me in dinner plans down on the Boston Harbor wharf; good food and good weather.

Boston was an exceptional show, a once-in-a-lifetime trip, and I enjoyed every minute of it.

The U.S. Postal Service booth.



More Boston 2026 World Expo News

By John Walter

I spent the entire 8 days at the show. Thank goodness our hotel was across a side street from the convention center. Our hotel had complimentary breakfast which was a great start for busy days. As a volunteer for a society booth, United Postal Stationery Society, I received an early entrance "card" so I could enter the show as early as 9 a.m.

The show started on Saturday, May 23, and Harvey and I attended the opening ceremony in the Great Ballroom. The Boston Mayor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Postmaster General welcomed the large crowd. The rest of the day was spent wandering around the show getting to know the layout. It was sometimes frustrating finding some dealer booths and exhibits with high partitions separating the five geographic pavilions. Each pavilion had associated society booths and exhibit areas.

No program or catalog was given to the attendees, just a one-page general map of the show layout. The 306-page Show Catalog needed to be purchased at the info or APS booth. I broke down and purchased the catalog to help plan each day. It also came in handy at my volunteer booth as many attendees wanted to know where numbered exhibit frames were located. The large U.S. Postal Service booth was behind the society booth.

Attendees who arrived later in the week were given stickers instead of a name badge. Many complained that the stickers would not stick to clothing after wearing it for a day. I was told the name badges ran out. Interesting that the post card collectors, dealers and exhibits were on an upper level, far removed from the show floor. Don't know why since there was ample room on the show floor for their activities.

My volunteer time was helping at the UPSS booth all day Monday and Tuesday. What a great opportunity to meet and talk with many philatelic leaders from many specialties. Two society members were assigned to the booth for 2 days. The UPSS publishes many books and catalogs for stationery items from many countries. New members joined the society as the show progressed. Meeting and talking with society members were a treat.



Ladd Faszold and John Walter volunteering at the United Postal Stationery Society booth.

The other society I am involved with is the International Society of Japanese Philatelists. I received a nice society shirt and coffee cup plus some free literature. Sunday evening 19 members and spouses attended a Japanese dinner courtesy of the society. Very Nice!

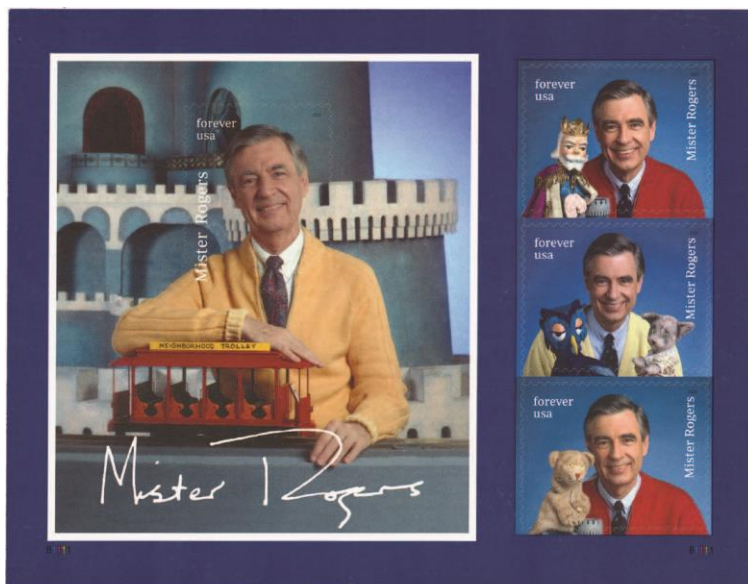
Most days I attended an educational meeting even one on Astrophilately because I wanted to meet the speaker. The APS had a forum on local stamp clubs, and the panel and attendees had some very helpful suggestions about developing future stamp club leaders and getting members more involved in club activities.

I walked around to see the exhibits and took some pictures. The Court of Honor exhibits had some material only shown at these major shows. I counted at least nine, yes 9, C3a Inverted Jenny stamps both on exhibit pages and four single stamps for auction.

There were many first day of issue ceremonies throughout the show. The USPS had six new stamp first days. There were several foreign postal administrations doing the same. I enjoyed the Romanian new issue for the 50th anniversary of Nadia Comăneci’s performance at the 1976 Montreal Olympics for her “Perfect 10” milestone. Nadia addressed the first day attendees from Romania.

A mystery USPS “Stamp Encore” first day was announced May 24. The winner was the Mister Rogers stamp from 2018. The stamp issue was not announced in advance. I really like the 4-stamp souvenir sheet. The original stamp from 2018 is in the upper right corner of the souvenir pane.

One of the most interesting seminars I attended was on Japan WWI Prisoner of War camps. The Bando camp had a printing press which was used to produce post cards for corresponding between POW camps. The camp housed mainly German POWs that were transported from China.



Some highlights from the Court of Honor:

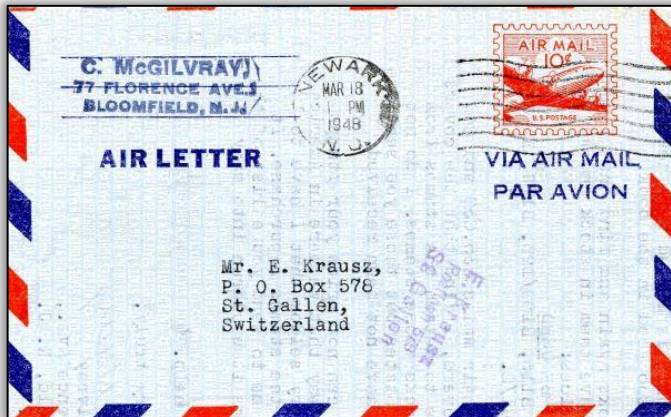
- One of our members, **Fred Gregory**, had a three-frame exhibit “Hawaii Stamps and Postal History to UPU (1882).”
- The Japan 1871 500-mon blue green type I Dragons stamp with the vignette showing the Japanese characters of value inverted ranks is third on the list of highest prices paid for a single philatelic item at \$5.8 million sold in 2023. It is Scott 4h.
- Two frames of “United States Inverts and Rarities” with an Inverted Jenny, the 1901 Pan-Am inverts, and a block of 4 of the “CIA” with inverted center, plus a few more inverts.
- The C3a unique center line block of four Inverted Jenny was on display.



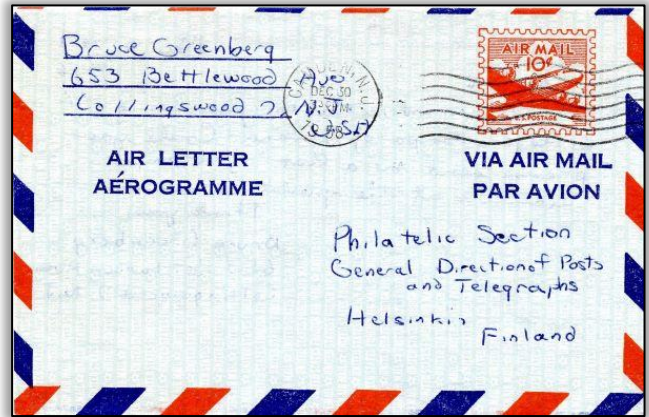
Japan 1871 inverted characters. (Sc. 4h)



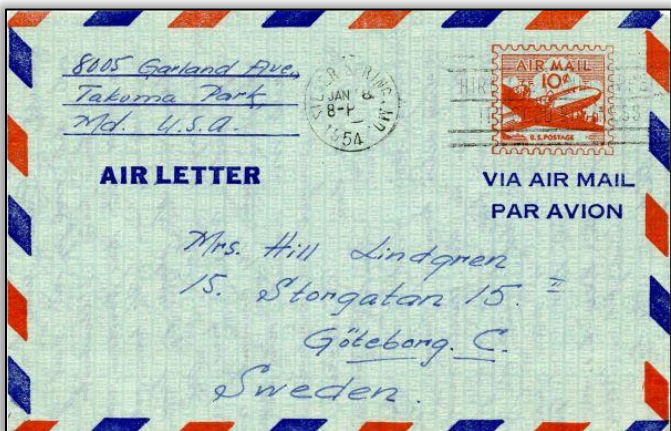
I did make some nice purchases at the show. For a decade or so I have been collecting used U.S. aerograms addressed to overseas addresses. A dealer from England was a good source when I attended WESTPEX. At the Boston show I hit the jackpot with a dealer from Finland. While looking through his U.S. boxes I pulled out 50 used aerograms addressed mostly to Scandinavian addresses – Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Switzerland. I quit after about 5 boxes so there were probably more aerograms to be found. But I was happy since most of the aerograms were the first issue. See below.



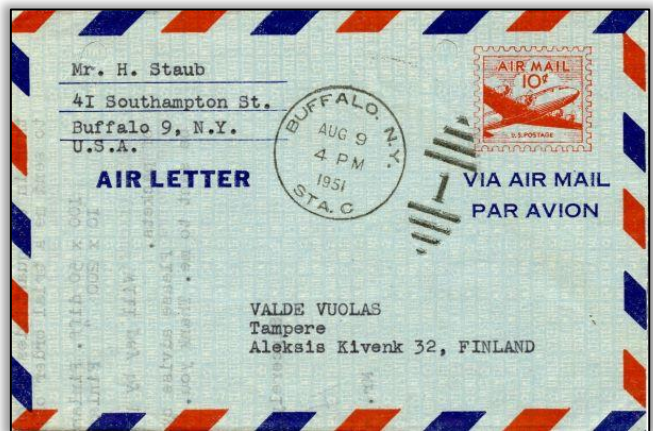
Sent Mar. 18, 1948, from Newark, NJ to St. Gallen, Switzerland. (Sc. UC16)



Sent Dec. 30, 1958, from Camden, NJ to Helsinki, Finland. (Sc. UC16d)



Sent Jan. 8, 1954, from Silver Spring, MD to Göteborgs, Centralstation, Sweden. (Sc. UC16a)

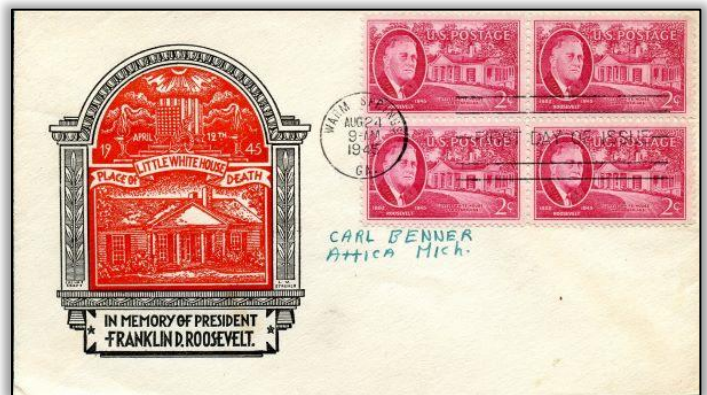


Sent Aug. 9, 1951, from Buffalo, NY to Aleksis Kivenk, Finland. (Sc. UC16)

My next big purchases were from the APS fellows booth that sell 25-cent donated covers. No aerograms were found or at least not separated from other covers. I found some nice cachet covers from C. Stephen Anderson, Cachet Craft and L. W. Staehle.

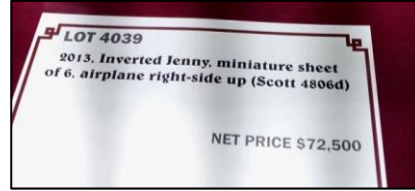


Cachet Craft by L.W. Staehle



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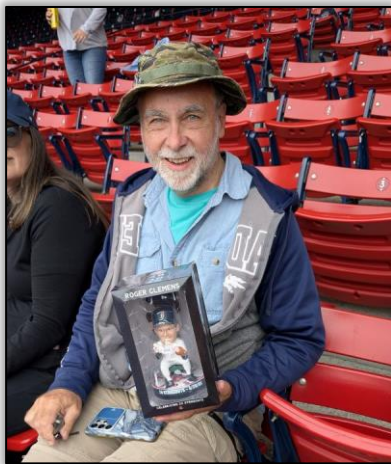
Photos from Boston 2026 Expo



On display at the H.R. Harmer Auction booth. One of the 2013 upright Jenny panes sold for \$72,500.



The Twelfth International Philatelic Exhibition of the United States. Registration line on opening day, May 23.



Harvey Edwards at Fenway Park with his bobble-head souvenir.



Notice 5 x 7-inch card at top left of exhibit frame to signal the start of that exhibit. It made it easy to know when the next exhibit started.

June Quiz: Occupied!

By Eric Moody

The stamps considered here are all issues prepared for use in occupied territories during or in the aftermath of wars or other military conflicts.

1. Postage stamps (#1LN1, 1LNC1, etc.) bearing the initials "A.M.G." - for Allied Military Government - were issued right after World War II by occupying military authorities in
(a) Austria (b) Germany (c) Italy (d) Japan
2. Seized by the U.S. during the Spanish-American War, its first stamps under American military administration appeared in 1898 and were overprinted Spanish colonial issues featuring King Alfonso XIII. This island domain is
(a) Guam (b) Cuba (c) Puerto Rico (d) Philippines
3. German occupation stamps bearing Hitler's portrait and overprinted "Ostland" were issued during World War II (1941-1943) for use in
(a) Poland (b) Russia (c) Croatia (d) the Baltic States
4. From 1936 to 1941, when it was made part of a larger colony, this East African country which had an emperor was occupied by expansionist Italy. Seven stamps were issued during the occupation, all in 1936 and all carrying the image of Italian Emperor Victor Emmanuel III.
(a) Somaliland (b) Eritrea (c) Ethiopia (d) Sudan
5. Stamps for "New Greece," from 1912 into the 1920s, were actually stamps issued by Greece (#N109-N166, NJ1-NJ37) for use in territories seized from this country.
(a) Italy (b) Albania (c) Bulgaria (d) Turkey (Ottoman Empire)
6. The Japanese Ryukyu Islands were occupied by U.S. forces near the end of World War II and remained under American control for many years. Over 250 general postage stamp issues appeared during this time, before the islands were returned to Japan in
(a) 1952 (b) 1962 (c) 1972 (d) 1982
7. The English Channel Islands, which comprise two balliwicks (dependent territories) of the British Crown, were occupied by Germany in World War II. Occupation stamps were issued for both the balliwicks, Guernsey and
(a) Sark (b) Jersey (c) Alderney (d) Isle of Man
8. During the First World War Romania had areas occupied by several enemy nations. These countries, all of which issued occupation stamps for the regions they controlled, included all the following except
(a) Austria (b) Bulgaria (c) Russia (d) Germany
9. Stamps inscribed "Azad Hind" were intended for use by an Axis-supported provisional government in this Asian country. They were printed in Berlin during World War II, but never issued because invading forces of the Japanese and their allies were repulsed. The country is
(a) Burma (b) Malaya (c) India (d) Thailand

10. During World War I, when Allied forces invaded German East Africa from all directions, Portugal occupied this small triangle of land south of the Ruvuma (Rowuma) River and in 1916 issued stamps for use there. It was called
 (a) Ponta Delgada (b) Lourenco Marques (c) Ruanda (d) Kionga
11. Near the end of World War I this Adriatic Sea city, part of defeated Austria-Hungary but coveted by other countries, was occupied by Allied troops. The following year, amid political turbulence, the Italian poet and patriot Gabriele d'Annunzio and his personal legion of soldiers seized the city and declared it an autonomous Italian state. Between 1918, when occupation stamps were first issued, and 1924, when Italy finally gained sovereignty over the maverick city-state, it had produced close to 300 stamps. It is
 (a) Trieste (b) Istria (c) Fiume (d) Venice
12. Early in World War I Australian troops captured this German colony, renamed it New Britain, and set up a military government, under which stamps were issued during 1914-1915. The former German territory was
 (a) New Guinea (b) Samoa (c) Kiauchau (d) Marshall Islands

Each correct answer is worth 100 Auction Bucks. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to **Maggie Griener** at the next in-person meeting or email to: postboyquiz@renostamp.org

May quiz answers: 1. d, 2. c, 3. c, 4. b, 5. d, 6. b, 7. c, 8. b, 9. c, 10. a, 11. b, 12. C

Vassar Post Office Display for May

Jeanne Paquin set up the display with material celebrating America's 250 Anniversary.

