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1893: The First U. S. Commemorative Stamps By Tom Tribke

The \$1 stamp



This design was based on a painting by Antonio Muñoz Degrain, and, like many others in the Columbian Issue, engraving for this design was done by Robert Savage. Prior to the printing of "Isabella Pledging Her Jewels", no United States postage stamp, as aforesaid, had been issued with a value above 90 cents. This stamp, like all stamps equal to or greater than a dollar in value in the set, paid no specific rate at all. Although all five are known to have been used for heavy international shipments, there is speculation that they were primarily intended as Exposition advertising and as revenue for the Post Office Department. Most uses of the dollar-value Columbians were on philatelic covers.

Summer is over and Fall's just begun and it's finally cooling off. It seems like 2013 has just flew by. I hope everyone has done OK so far this year. Only a few more months and we'll be looking forward to 2014. Things to look forward to:

- 1) Higher postal rates (Again!!!)
- 2) more stamp shows (hey!)
- 3) a new year (hopefully a better one)
- 4) prices (up, down, right, left - who knows)
- 5) the economy (you don't want to know my prediction)
- 6) 23 stamp club meetings!!! :>)

Matt Benward, President NPS

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 * STAMP CLUB NEWS *

Charles "Chuck" Samsel

Chuck Samsel passed away on July 2nd. Chuck had been a member of the club for many years. He was an active member of the club helping out with the annual stamp show and other club activities. Over last few years he had been home bound and I had spoken to him many times though my calls with the phone committee. He was still actively collecting stamps, but unable to get out. Chuck was a Korean war veteran and member of the American Legion.

Thomas "Tom" Grimes

Tom Grimes passed away on October 11th. Tom was a member of the club for many years and attended our meetings regularly. He was always in a good humor and always have something interesting to talk about. He helped out at our annual stamp show and other club activities. He was still actively collecting even attending the international stamp in 2006 in Washington D.C. Tom was a retired member of Marine Corps and served in World War II.

New Home for Our Stamp Show

We are still looking for a new place to have our annual stamp show. We will be looking at several locations. Hotels seem to very expensive. The Boyd Garrett Center seems to have some leaks in the roof which haven't repaired and probably won't be.

Articles for the newsletter

I need articles for this newsletter on any aspect of stamp collecting. They can be hand written, typed, or by computer in any format. I would be willing to help write them too. I have been getting some articles during the last few months, but I still need some more. If you see interesting articles in the philatelic press, please let me know. You may contact me at the club meetings or at mbenward@aol.com. Thanks.

New Members

Fred Eisenhower
 John Jencik

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting at 6:30 p.m., and Program at 6:45 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Madison Branch Library, 610 South Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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Minutes Review for July 2013 – September 2013

The NPS had its 7/8/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 6/24/13 meeting were read and approved. John Jensen won the door prize. Marie Farmer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A donation of stamps was received from Larry Pacl for the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Matt discussed the need for a theme and the search for a new location for the 2014 Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an "Ice Cream Social".

The NPS had its 7/22/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-two members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 7/8/13 meeting were read and approved. Ben Price won the door prize. Norma Pacl won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Al Bollmeier and Ray McIntire donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Ken Auerweck reported that the NPS sites had 250 "Followers" on Twitter and 53 "Likes" on Facebook. Ray McIntire presented a partial Treasurer's Report and cautioned that the NPS checking account only held \$706.00. It was requested that NPS CD's be placed into the checking account to avoid monthly low balance bank charges. Matt reported that the search for a 2014 Stamp Show location continues. Several hotel locations were checked, but were too small and too costly. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 8/12/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/22/13 meeting were read and approved. Nick Munn won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. The Membership was saddened to learn of the 7/22/2013 death of Chuck Samsel, a long-time NPS member. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. A get-well card was sent to Bob Lancashire who was recovering from a heart-attack. Matt mentioned that the search for a location for our 2014 Stamp Show continues. The business session was then adjourned for computer-based videos on "the 125th Anniversary of the National Postal Museum", "Stamp Collecting" and "Stamp Rarities of the World".

The NPS held its 8/26/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-three members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 8/12/13 meeting were read and approved. Bill Vance won the door prize. Marie Farmer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Karl Schwabe donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Matt mentioned that the search for a location for our 2014 Stamp Show continues. A suggestion for the 2014 Show theme was received for "the 60th Anniversary of the Start of Elvis Presley's Career". The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

The NPS held its 9/9/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fourteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 8/26/13 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS Membership from Fred Eisenhauer and John Jencik received first readings. Nick Munn won the door prize. Steve Meyers won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. A report was presented from the Phone committee. Matt mentioned that the search for a location for our 2014 Stamp Show continues and that several checked hotel locations were just too expensive for our show. Tom Tribke mentioned that the voting on the 2014 Show theme would soon be held. The business session was then adjourned for an excellent presentation and computer program by Matt on "the 50th Anniversary of Mister Zip".

The NPS had its 9/23/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 9/9/13 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS Membership from Fred Eisenhauer and John Jencik received second readings and they were approved and were welcomed to NPS membership. Chuck Hiehle won the door prize. Al Bollmeier won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Ken Auerweck reported that the NPS sites had 250 "Followers" on Twitter and 53 "Likes" on Facebook. Matt reported that the 2013 Stamp Show

location was being investigated as a possible site for the 2014 Stamp Show as well. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction.

Nashville Philatelic Society

Minutes Review for May 2013 – June 2013

The NPS had its 5/13/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Thirteen members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 4/22/13 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS Membership from Harry Brooks, Cyra Napier and Kenny Ingram received second readings and they were approved and were welcomed to NPS membership. Julian Hosnedl won the door prize. Jamie Auerweck won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. NPS members were again reminded about the “Johnny Cash” stamp first day ceremony at the Ryman Auditorium on June 5th. Matt mentioned that our next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 28, due to the Memorial Day Holiday. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Matt donated a large box of stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Ken Auerweck advised that our Twitter site had 213 “followers” and Facebook had 48 “likes”. Nick Munn presented an NPS Theme Award to Jim Cate for his exhibit at our 2013 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a presentation on “Post Cards and Postal Cards” by Matt.

The NPS held its 5/28/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/13/13 meeting were read and approved. Jamie Auerweck won the door prize. Marie Farmer won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. NPS members were again reminded about the “Johnny Cash” stamp first day ceremony at the Ryman Auditorium on June 5th. A start time of 10:30 am for the ceremony was announced. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Larry Pacl and Chuck Hiehle donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Ken Auerweck advised that our Twitter site had 223 “followers” and Facebook had 50 “likes”. Tom Tribke reported on the status for the evaluation of the stamp collection donated to the club. The business session then adjourned for the monthly auction by Bill Vance and Randy Coble.

The NPS had its 6/10/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 5/28/13 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Tom Tribke won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported upon the recent Huntsville Stamp Show. NPS members who attended the “Johnny Cash” stamp first day ceremony at the Ryman Auditorium on June 5th reported their enjoyment of the program. Reports were presented from the Phone, Social Media and Stamp committees. Larry Pacl donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Ken Auerweck advised that our Twitter site had 208 “followers” and Facebook had 50 “likes”. Matt said that he was continuing to check on possible sites for our 2014 Stamp Show. The business session then adjourned for a talk International Reply Coupons by Matt and on “Federal Natural Forest Camping Permits” by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 6/24/13 meeting at the Madison Branch Library with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and four guests were present. Minutes of the 6/10/13 meeting were read and approved. Marie Farmer won the door prize. Emmett Sullivan won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Stamp committees. Jim Young donated stamps to the Stamp Committee. Thank you! Frank

Yost reported that he had recently become a Great Grandpa. Congratulations! The searches for a site and a theme for our 2014 Stamp Show continue. The business session was then adjourned for the monthly auction conduct by Bill Vance and Randy Coble.

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The \$2 stamp



"Columbus in Chains", its image derived from a painting by [Emanuel Leutze](#), is one of only two stamps in the series to depict Columbus on land in the [New World](#) (along with the 2-cent). Here, he is shown facing charges of administrative misconduct after his arrest in [San Domingo](#) by [Don Francisco de Bobadilla](#).

The \$3 stamp



"Columbus Describing Third Voyage" was one of five designs engraved by [Robert Savage](#). All of which were his sole work, engraved without collaboration with either of the other two engravers working on the Columbian Issue. Engraving was based on a painting by [Francisco Jover Casanova](#), the same artist whose work was adapted for the 8-cent stamp's design. The three highest value Columbians were printed in much smaller quantities than less expensive members of the set, 27,650 in the case of the 3-dollar value.

As with the 6-cent Columbian, a color variety exists that is awarded minor number status. While this stamp is normally described as yellow green, the variant is considered to be olive green.

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The \$4 stamp



"Isabella and Columbus" was the first United States stamp to bear the portrait of a woman. [Queen Isabella](#)'s place on U.S. postage in that regard would not be equaled until [Martha Washington](#) was depicted on a 1902 [definitive](#). The portrait of Columbus on the right was adapted from one by [Lorenzo Lotto](#). Only 26,350 were printed, the least of any of the Columbians.

As with the 6-cent Columbian, a color variant exists that is awarded minor number status. While this stamp is normally described as crimson lake, the variety is considered to be rose carmine.

The \$5 stamp



Alfred Jones engraved the "Columbus" portrait, which faced the opposite direction from his similar engraving work on the [Columbian Exposition half dollar](#). The two

framing figures were engraved by [Charles Skinner](#). Some 27,350 were printed, of which 21,844 sold.

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