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## Merry Christmas!!!

### The Story of the Christmas Tree

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The Christmas tree came into general use in comparatively recent times. The custom began in Germany and was first mentioned in an anonymous chronicle in 1605. There is a story, however, that Martin Luther started the custom much earlier, putting candles on an evergreen to represent the stars on Christmas Eve.

Another story tells of Saint Boniface when he was a missionary in Germany in the eighth century. He was trying to stamp out the pagan rite of sacrificing people to the oak tree. He led his followers into a forest at Yule time. Showing them a fur tree, he said it pointed straight upward to the Christ child. "Take this tree into your homes," he said, "as a sign of your new worship. It lives when the earth is darkest and has no sign of blood. Celebrate God's power no more in the forest with shameful rites, but in the sanctity of your homes with laughter and love."

By the beginning of the ninetieth century, all Germany had adopted the Christmas tree. The custom soon spread to most countries of northern Europe, but is still unusual in Italy, Spain, and Latin America. The date of the first Christmas tree in the United States has been given as 1804 at Fort Dearborn in Illinois, but research has failed to substantiate it; the date now accepted is 1832 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Here we are again with another year coming to a close. Christmas too is just around corner with all the joys it brings and the new year brings its new challenges for us to overcome. There will be new stamps to find, new friends to be made, and shows to attend hopefully. So have a great holiday season and look forward to better new year!

Matt Benward, President NPS

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\* STAMP CLUB NEWS \*  
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Nashville Stamp Show 2022  
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Our annual stamp show will be held next year on March 19-20 at the Gallatin Civic Center located at 320 Albert Gallatin Avenue in Gallatin Tennessee. This is a same location we used in August and it seems be our new home for years to come. I've sent out the contracts to all the dealers in all the states nearby Tennessee and have received positive responses from previous dealers and a few new ones too! Thanks to everyone who volunteered at our stamp show this year and we couldn't have been such a successful one without you! Of course we'll need people for next year's show too. Please volunteer!

Roger Hunt asks for donations of old albums  
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Roger Hunt asked the members to donate old, partially-filled stamp albums for the "children's stamp table" our forthcoming stamp show. As you may remember during our 2019 show there were tables setup between the dealers tables and exhibits with loose stamps for children and some adults to pick through. So if you have any old albums just sitting around the house please think about donating them to help get children interested in stamp collecting again. You may contact Roger at the club meetings or contact the club and we'll get your message to him. Please email: [show@nashvillephilatelic.org](mailto:show@nashvillephilatelic.org).

Articles for the newsletter  
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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 [mberward@aol.com](mailto:mberward@aol.com). Thanks.

Our New Members  
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Carl Shaff  
Dennis Fielding  
Ernie West  
Chris Bridgewater  
Anderson Christian  
Dwight Jewell  
Lee Sullivan

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Meetings are held at the Bavarian Bierhaus, 121 Opry Mills Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.

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

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# **Nashville Philatelic Society**

## **Minutes Review for June 2021 – August 2021**

The NPS had its 6/14/21 meeting at the Bavarian BehrHaus with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members and two guests were present. The minutes of the 5/24/21 meeting were read and approved. Leah Greene's application for NPS membership received first reading. R.G. Williams' and Andrea Goodrow's applications for NPS membership received second reading and were approved and they were welcomed to the club. Nick Munn won the door prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and any stamp shows were reviewed. It was announced that the Hendersonville Club had resumed its meetings at the Hendersonville library. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Matt decided that the theme this show would remain "Superheros" for our forthcoming Stamp Show. Roger Hunt asked the members to donate old, stamp albums for the "children's stamp table" at our Show. Matt asked for help with the setup and takedown of the Show. The business session then adjourned for an excellent program on the "Columbian Stamps of 1893 – Part 2" by Matt, Tom Tribke and other NPS members.

The NPS held its 6/28/21 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus with Matt Benward presiding. Nineteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/14/21 meeting were read and approved. Leah Greene's application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and she was welcomed to NPS membership. Linda Boyd won the door prize. Jim Young won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Matt reported that a new postal card had been issued by USPS. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1171 "followers" on Twitter and 552 "likes" on Facebook. Mark Thompson mentioned that monies had been received, but no Treasurer's report was ready. Matt mentioned that we would need help for Stamp Show set-up and take-down. The business session then adjourned for our auction conducted by David Perry.

The NPS had its 7/12/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Sixteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 6/28/21 meeting were read and approved. John Jencik won the door prize. Bruce Tribke won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1174 "followers" on Twitter and 552 "likes" on Facebook. Mark Thompson provided the Treasurer's Report and a list showing NPS members with 2021 paid dues. Matt mentioned that we would need help for Stamp Show set-up and take-down. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program on Jeanette Rudy's philatelic collections.

The NPS had its 7/26/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members were present. The minutes of the 7/12/21 meeting were read and approved. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. New postal rates taking effect were mentioned. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1178 "followers" on Twitter and 553 "likes" on Facebook. Mark Thompson reported that 7 exhibits with 35 frames had been entered in our Stamp Show. Matt mentioned that we would need help for Stamp Show set-up and take-down. The business session then adjourned for our auction conducted by David Perry.

The NPS held its 8/9/21 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-one members and two guests were present. Minutes of the 7/26/21 meeting were read and approved. Carl Shaff's application for NPS membership received first reading. Jim Young won the Door Prize. RG Wolf won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone and Social Media committees. Our social media websites had 1175 "followers" on Twitter and 549 "likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that we would need help for Stamp Show set-up and take-down. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting program on "Federal Duck Stamps" by Don Kotval.

The NPS held its 8/23/21 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members were present. Minutes of the 8/9/21 meeting were read and approved. Carl Shaff's application for NPS membership received second reading and was approved and he was welcomed to NPS membership. Mark Thompson won the Door Prize. Roger Hunt won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Mark Thompson reported on the recent Chicago Stamp Show. Mark was congratulated on his exhibit winning "Best Liked Exhibit" for that show. A report was presented from the Phone committee. Bill Bowman was listed as ill and a "Get Well" card was sent. Our social media websites had 1172 "followers" on Twitter and 552 "likes" on Facebook. Matt mentioned that we would need help for Stamp Show set-up and take-down. The business session then adjourned for our auction conducted by David Perry.

# Nashville Philatelic Society

## Minutes Review for September 2021 – November 2021

The NPS held its 9/13/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 8/23/21 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1175 “followers” on Twitter and 558 “likes” on Facebook. Matt thanked everyone who helped with the Nashville Stamp Show. The business session was then adjourned for an interesting presentation on "A philatelic history of Camp George H. Thomas - Lytle, Georgia - Spanish-American War of 1898" by Jim Cate.

The NPS had its 9/27/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 9/13/21 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS membership from Dennis Fielding, Ernie West, Chris Bridgewater, Anderson Christian and Dwight Jewell received first readings. Bruce Tribke won the door prize. David Perry won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media Committees. Matt reported that social media websites had 1176 “followers” on Twitter and 559 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned that our next Nashville Stamp Show would be in late March of 2022. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 10/11/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Fifteen members were present. Minutes of the 9/27/21 meeting were read and approved. Applications for NPS membership from Dennis Fielding, Ernie West, Chris Bridgewater, Anderson Christian and Dwight Jewell received second readings and were approved and they were welcomed to NPS membership. Dwight Jewell won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamps and Social Media committees. An update was given on our social media websites with 1175 “followers” on Twitter and 562 “likes” on Facebook. Mark Thompson gave a formal Treasurer’s report including 2021 Nashville Stamp Show results. Mark also presented Nashville Show 2021 Palmares. Matt mentioned that our next Nashville Stamp Show would be March 19 – 20, 2022. The business session then adjourned for an interesting presentation on “German Hyper-inflation Stamps and Covers” by Al Bollmeier.

The NPS held its 10/25/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/11/21 meeting were read and approved. Rudy Caduff won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Jack Langham was listed as ill and a “Get Well” card was sent. An update for our social media websites showed 1177 “followers” on Twitter and 562 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned that a contract had been signed with the Gallatin Civic Center for our 2022 show. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

The NPS held its 11/8/2021 meeting at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Twenty-six members and three guests were present. Minutes of the 10/25/21 meeting were read and approved. Roger Hunt won the door prize. Bill Bowman won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Jim Butler donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reported that we had 1180 “followers” on our Tweeter site and 563 “likes” on Facebook. It was brought-up that a theme was needed for our up-coming show and NPS members were asked submit recommendations. Matt mentioned again that the 2022 Stamp Show was on March 19 & 20, 2022 and that help would be needed for Show set-up and take-down. The business session then adjourned for an interesting presentation on “From US to World-wide Stamp Collecting” by Ray McIntire.

The NPS meeting for 11/22/2021 was held at the Bavarian BierHaus at Opry Mills Mall with Matt Benward presiding. Eighteen members and one guest were present. Minutes of the 11/8/21 meeting was read and approved. Lee Sullivan’s application for NPS membership received first reading. Bill Bowman won the door prize. Linda Boyd won the Participation Award. Forthcoming new issues and stamp shows were reviewed. Reports were presented from the Phone, Stamp and Social Media committees. Jim Butler donated stamps to the Stamps Committee. Thank you! Social media reported that we had 1181 “followers” on our Tweeter site and 563 “likes” on Facebook. Matt mentioned again that the 2022 Stamp Show was on March 19 & 20, 2022 and that help would be needed for Show set-up and take-down. The business session was then adjourned for our auction with David Perry as auctioneer.

# ***Nashville Stamp and Postcard Show 2021 Palmares***

Nashville, Tennessee

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## **Nashville Philatelic Society**

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## **NPS Grand Award, APS Large Gold and NPS Most Popular Exhibit**

*Women of the Black Heritage Series*

**Mark Thompson**

## **NPS Ken Henson Award and APS Large Gold**

*Guam Guard Mail*

**Mathias Benward**

## **NPS Theme Award and APS Gold**

*Cachet Art of James Adams*

**John Hayner**

## **APS Gold**

*Camp George H. Thomas – Lytle, Georgia*

**James C. Cate**

## **APS Large Vermeil**

*STAMPS – The Heart of the Art*

**Mark Thompson**

## **APS Large Vermeil**

*The Stephen Daye Printing Press Stamp*

**Robert Edson**

## **APS Vermeil**

*The 30c John Dewey Stamp*

**Robert Edson**

# U.S. Postage Stamp Inverts

An invert error occurs when part of a postage stamp is printed upside-down. Inverts are perhaps the most spectacular of postage stamp errors, not only because of their striking visual appearance, but because some are quite rare, and highly valued by stamp collectors. An invert may be characterized as an "inverted center" or "inverted frame" when the underlying paper is watermarked or otherwise carries a basic orientation. It is possible for a single-color stamp to be inverted relative to watermark, but this is called an "inverted watermark" rather than an "inverted stamp". Depending on the positioning of stamps within their sheet, the invert may be perfectly centered (as with the Inverted Jenny), or offset.

The 1869 Pictorial Issue is a series of definitive United States postage stamps released during the first weeks of the Grant administration. An innovation no less striking of the 1869 pictorials was the introduction of the first two-color stamps of U.S. postal history, on the four denominations of 15 cents and greater. Each color had to be printed separately; and on a few sheets of the 15-cent, 24-cent and 30-cent stamps, the paper was placed in the press upside down for the second printing, resulting in America's first invert errors.

The Pan-American Exposition held in Buffalo in 1901 the United States Post Office Department issued a series of six commemorative stamps. Each stamp featured an ornate colored frame enclosing a black-and-white image of some means of (or adjunct to) modern rapid transportation. The first day of issue for the stamps was May 1, 1901. The two color printing left the possibility of errors. Three of the denominations, 1 cent, 2 cents and 4 cents, were printed in sheets on which the center vignette was inverted relative to the frame. The inverts carry the Scott catalog numbers 294a, 295a, and 296a respectively. While the 1 cent and 2 cent inverts reached post offices by accident, the 4 cent invert was printed deliberately as the result of a misunderstanding—and, in fact, never went on sale.

The Inverted Jenny is a United States postage stamp first issued on May 10, 1918 in which the image of the Curtiss JN-4 airplane in the center of the design is printed inverted; it is probably the most famous error in American philately. Only one pane of 100 of the invert stamps was ever sold to the public, making this error one of the most prized in all philately. The post office searched the existing stock and found ten more sheets which were destroyed. In 2013 the USPS offered a six-stamp souvenir sheet commemorating the famous Inverted Jenny issue. These stamps replicated the famous inverted airplane image, but did not duplicate the original 24¢ denomination, instead being valued at \$2. To publicize this issue, the Postal Service announced that 100 sheets bearing six non-inverted Jenny images had also been printed and were being randomly distributed.

The Dag Hammarskjöld invert is a 4 cent value postage stamp error issued on 23 October 1962 one year after the death of Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations, in an airplane crash. The stamp, showing the yellow background inverted relative to the image and text, is also known as the Day's Folly after Postmaster General J. Edward Day who ordered the intentional reprinting of the yellow invert commenting, "The Post Office Department is not running a jackpot operation." The stamp reprint was in effect a deliberate error produced by the Post Office Department to avoid creating a rarity. 40 million of the reprints were issued to the public on 16 November and described as a Special Printing.

The CIA invert is a one-dollar value postage stamp error issued by the United States Postal Service. It is one stamp from the Americana series that were produced between 1975 and 1981. The \$1 Colonial Rushlight Holder stamp was first issued on July 2, 1979 and one pane of 100 stamps was issued with the dark brown (the last color printed, though it covers much of the stamp) inverted. The lamp candle holder, candle outline and text are inverted relative to the flame. About 95 copies have been accounted for. The Scott catalogue number is: 1610c. This was the first United States stamp issued with a major design element printed upside down since the Dag Hammarskjöld invert error of 1962. As these \$1 stamps were printed in sheets of 400, three additional panes of 100 stamps certainly existed at one time, but no trace of these has so far been discovered.

The "Nixon invert" was a reputed invert error of the Richard Nixon memorial postage stamp issued by the United States in 1995. Originally reported in January 1996, it drew considerable attention that year; but in December a printing plant employee was arrested on charges of having stolen the misprinted stamps from the plant where he worked, meaning that instead of a legitimate error, they were worthless printer's waste.

Two panes of the 29c New York Stock Exchange Bicentennial were discovered. Each pane consists of 40 stamps, and of these 28 had the centers inverted and 12 with the centers completely omitted. The panes are from different positions on the sheet. The other pane, with print ordering information at right, contains 4 examples of the invert and none with center omitted.

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