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Girl with a Pearl Earring is an oil painting by Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer, dated c. 1665.

Going by various names over the centuries, it became known by its present title towards the end of the 20th century because of the earring worn by the girl.

Gold stamp made of genuine 24 carat 99.9% gold. Now this is nice!

Editorial

This month I am taking a few minutes to say hello. I hope everyone is well and enjoying their philately.

And, to let you know we are doing a promotion for the last 4 months of the year to try, once again, to recruit some new members.

Since there are 4 months of the year left we will offer membership at half price plus the normal joining fee. So that is \$12.50 plus \$25. Lets say just \$37, our treasurer doesn't deal in coins!

Can you promote this to a colleague?

Remember if you get a new member to apply and they are accepted for membership you get a free years membership renewal. It is the thought that counts. Right?

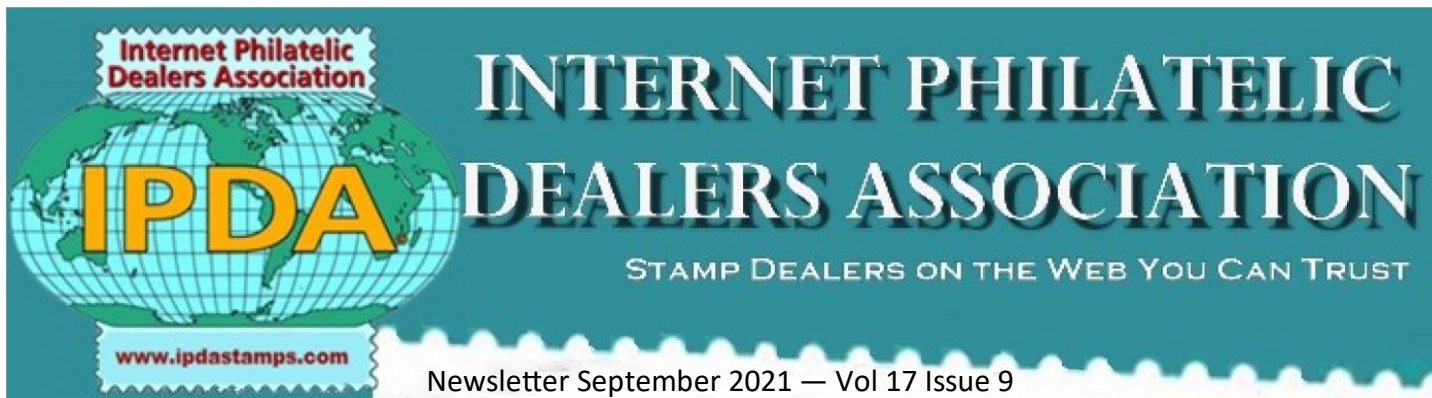
And here is one extra special. Our Chairman sent funds to Tony as a donation for 2 free memberships. So if you could get a new member to apply and they are the first or second application then they get a free membership, no cost to them until they renew in 2022 for the unchanged renewal fee of \$25. Just compare that with, well you know!

Together we can, right?

Have a wonderful and safe and successful month of September. Have you ever wondered why September is called September when it means seven, yet it is the 9th month of the year? There is a very good reason.



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IPDA Committee Positions available

Each month I include this detail but we never hear from anyone. Drop me or Lee Coen our Chairman a message if you can volunteer.

IPDA Director roles — Strengthening the IPDA Committee would be highly desirable. Are there any members who would volunteer to become a Director and work with the Committee to promote the IPDA in the philatelic community.

IPDA Marketing and Advertising Director — is there anyone who has the time and creative talent to do social media and any other promotional work they think appropriate? There are budget dollars allocated — unanimously approved by the Membership at the March 2021 AGM.

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The IPDA brochure has been updated and is available for members to download from the Members Only area of the IPDA website - from the Downloads menu selection.

This is available for members to use, perhaps when you go to a show — you can place copies at your booths, or just to hand out at stamp club meetings for example.

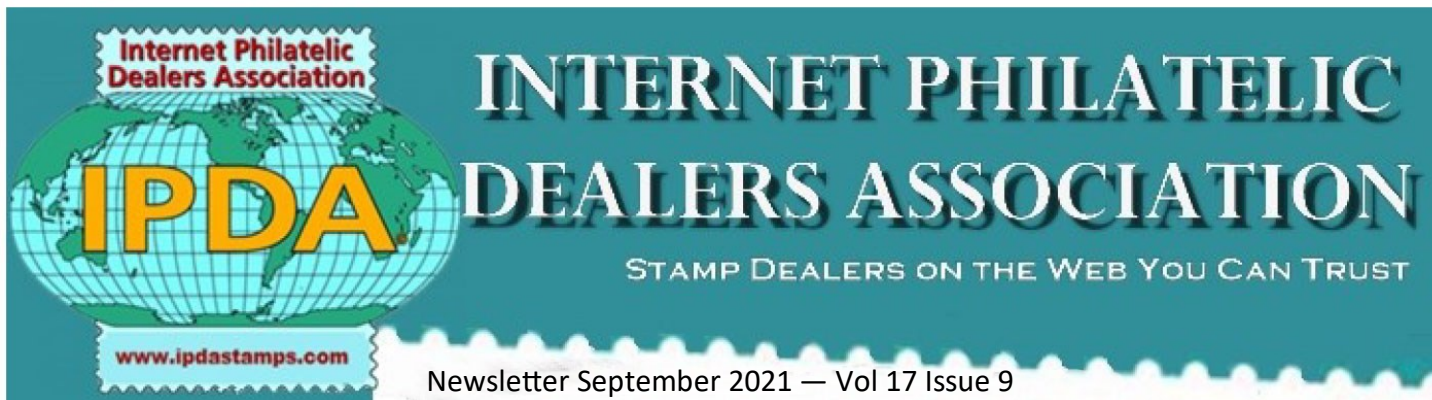
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Members by Country

at 30th August '21

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Argentina	2
Australia	19
Belgium	1
Brazil	1
Canada	8
Croatia	2
France	3
Germany	4
Gibraltar	2
Hong Kong	1
India	1
Israel	1
Italy	4
Mexico	1
Netherlands	6
New Zealand	1
Philippines	2
South Africa	3
Spain	2
Sweden	1
UK	27
USA	43
Total Paid Membership	136



Welcome New Members

One new member this month. It is a pleasure to welcome Nick Salter from the UK. Nick owns [Classic Latin America](#). They specialize in Latin American stamps from the first one-hundred years of philately with a focus on low print run material, proofs, varieties and harder to find items. A nicely put together website which provides some very interesting reading. Welcome Nick.

Counterfeiter US Forever stamps

This topic was suggested by a reader on the IPDA Facebook group so here are a few words on the topic. This is for an awareness introduction. I welcome more commentary.

Let's start by saying if it seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Much of the following is [courtesy of Linns](#) with all credit to them for this commentary.

Unfortunately, in the past year, the number of new counterfeit United States Forever stamps being sold online for a substantial discount has exploded. The quick cash element of selling to unsuspecting buyers seems to have fueled this explosion. And as soon as one seller is stopped, another pops up. This coupled with the quality of modern counterfeit United States stamps keeps improving is bad news for the U.S. Postal Service and stamp collectors.

Here is an example of some Flag stamps commonly available in coils as fakes I believe. At first glance, the stamps appeared to be legitimate. In one case, the local post office even told the person that the stamps were real; they were not.

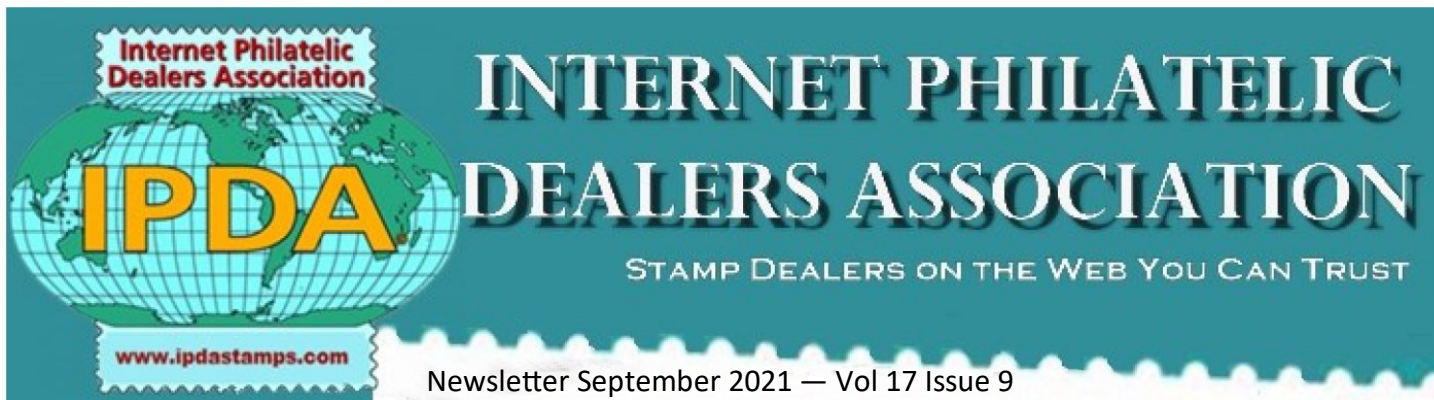


Here is an image - the 2018 American Flag Forever coil stamp (Sc# 5260) at right with a counterfeit at left. At right are the same

stamps photographed under shortwave ultraviolet light. The real stamp glows green. The glow of the counterfeit is more blue, showing off brighteners in the paper (which could trigger cancellation machines). And yes, the fakes even have microprinting

Also, the Scott *Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* includes a section of counterfeit stamps. For the 2021 Scott U.S. Specialized catalog, there were dozens of new listings, and more can be expected in the 2022 edition this coming October.

Finally, eBay has extensive discussion threads on this top - Here is [one link](#) you might reference to learn more.



Stamps from country Letter V — Vancouver Island

Have you ever wanted to collect every stamp from a stamp issuing place? Here is your chance. If you only want the basic issues there are 3 stamps, if you want to splash out for the complete issues including basic shades and watermark / perf varieties then only 9 stamps (sourced SG British Empire catalogue 2021) Yes, this month the issuing place is V for Vancouver Island.

I was looking at the British Virgin Island but decided on this British Colony instead. Perhaps some stamps you are not as familiar with.

British Columbia Vancouver Island stamps first appeared in 1860. They were issued in three different phases, those for British Columbia and Vancouver Island, those for Vancouver Island, and those for British Columbia.

The Crown Colony of Vancouver Island was established in 1849, and the Crown Colony of British Columbia was established in 1858.

Most of what we know today as British Columbia was the New Caledonia territory of the Hudson Bay Company. Fur trading had always been the principal activity in this area, but in 1857, gold was discovered. Prospectors from the United States and throughout the British Empire hurriedly traveled there to seek their fortunes. In an effort to establish political control over the new-found wealth of the mainland, the British Parliament converted the Hudson Bay Company territory to a Crown Colony on August 2, 1858, giving it the name "British Columbia".

In 1866, the Crown Colonies of Vancouver Island and of British Columbia were merged into a new Colony of British Columbia. The new, unified colony would continue until 1871, when it would join the Canadian Confederation, becoming the Province of British Columbia within the Dominion of Canada.



SG lists the 2 first issues for British Columbia and Vancouver Island as SG 2 and SG 3 (Scott 1 and Scott 2). Basically the same stamp, just a different shade. They were issued in 1860 for use in the Crown Colonies of British Columbia AND Vancouver Island. They are both typographed on unwatermarked paper.

There was an imperf stamp that was never officially placed in use. It is now believed that the few known mint (*without gum*) examples of this stamp may possibly be *proofs* or maybe even *reprints*.

The perforated 14 stamp was used extensively in both colonies, and though a bit expensive, examples of this stamp are relatively abundant.

Stamps from country Letter V - Vancouver cont'd

Vancouver Island adopted the dollar currency in 1862 and in 1865 four decimal currency stamps were issued for use in Vancouver Island. They are typographed and printed on paper with the Crown CC watermark.

The stamps were issued both imperforate and perforated 14 with the values 5c and 10c. The imperforate stamps are considered scarce and attract a higher price. The perforated stamps are generally more common although quality copies can be harder to find.



SG 13 (5c) and SG 14 (10c (Scott 5 and 6 respectively) perf 14

One thing to look out for if you do come across these stamps — forgeries. They do exist and often where the perforations have been cut to make the stamp seem to be an imperforate stamp.

If you think this is a topic you would like to learn more about I believe the following is just the source - The Colonial Postal Systems and Postage Stamps of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, 1849–1871 by Alfred Stanley Deaville. More details can be found in The Canadian Historical Review, University of Toronto Press Volume 10, Number 1, March 1929 pp. 77-78.

And finally, a lovely block of SG 2 (Scott 2) was sold at auction back in February 2020 for \$5000 CDN.



Selling Tip 947



This month's selling tip is only for IPDA members who want to go feral, or who want to have a smile

I have noticed an all too common trend on one online marketplace is to sell junk, badly damaged, creased, torn, missing perfs, badly stained, badly toned, and colour faded stamps through the 1c no reserve auction. In the past I have thrown such stamps away as garbage. Seemed the right thing to do. Anything with a high cat value I have kept as spacefillers but even so I would not try to sell them. That's just me I guess. Actually, it never really occurred to me I could list them as very fine 50% premium or more.

But then I have read and do abide by the IPDA code of ethics, as I know we all do.

So for your enjoyment here is just one stamp that recently sold through a 1c no reserve auction!



Sc 107 (SG 196) No reverse image
29 bidders - Listed as "VF +50% Sound"

Sc 107 (SG 196) colour as issued -
BIN for less than 10% cat

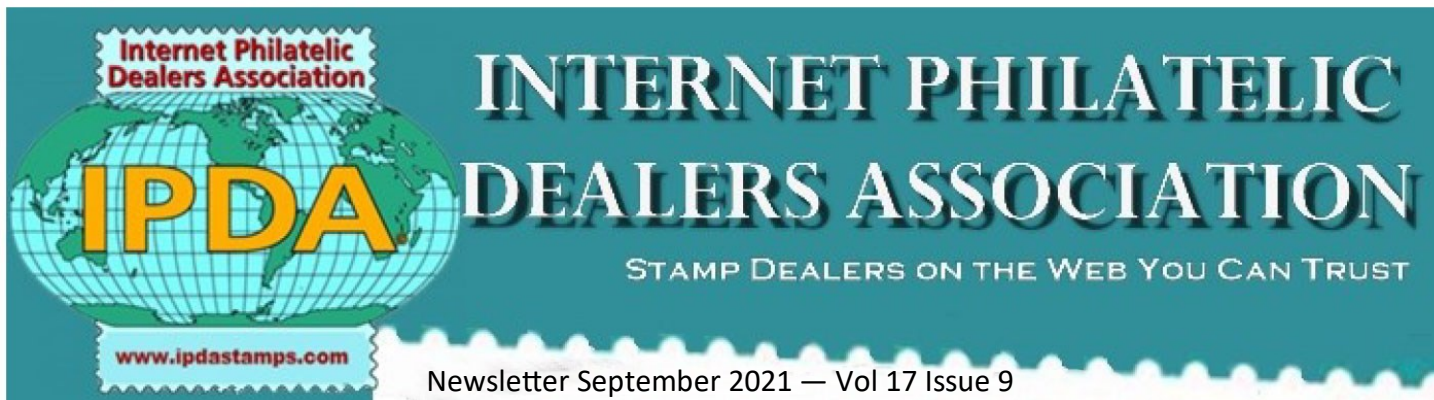
"VF +50% Sound" Yes honestly, that is what it said in the listing title. And the description - Condition..... Beauty, Bella and you know the rest of the description don't you.... And, wait for it.... 29 bids. Yes Twenty Nine! Does the buyer know they have bought a poor spacefiller? with short perfs, with the colour very faded from what it should be – it is a fugitive ink issue as we all know I am sure, Does the buyer know they will never get their money back and one day they will be told it is basically junk? How sad for the buyer when for a few bucks more they could have purchased a reasonably nice copy from a choice of very qualified sellers (IPDA members included) or from other well respected sellers? Obviously the buyer did not do much research.

Sad really. But as a member told me the other day, nothing will change, so don't even bother thinking about it. Well actually I do bother, and for the same reason people like Herbert Hoover (product testing), Ralph Nader (automotive safety) and Carolyn Maloney (author of the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights, Credit CARD Act of 2009) and thousands of others who have done things to try to protect consumers. Isn't this why we are IPDA Members?

Anyway, if you want to go feral, here is one avenue to pursue. Please hand in your IPDA memberships on the way out .

PS I have nothing against 1c auctions if material is correctly advertised.

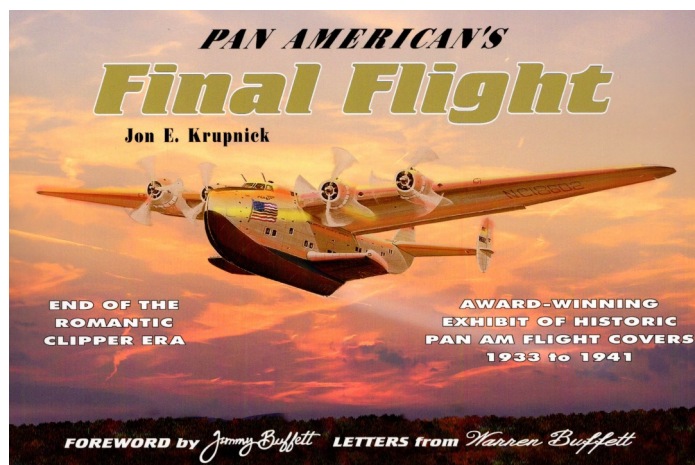




Book Review PAN AMERICAN'S FINAL FLIGHT, by Jon E. Krupnick - Reviewed by Ken Sanford

With thanks to Ken Sanford for sharing this. This and other book reviews from Ken are available in the Members area of the IPDA website.

Soft cover, spiral bound, 117 pages. Available in 2 sizes, 11 x 17 inch – US\$125.00 plus \$8.00 shipping with the USA, and 7 ¼ x 11 inch – US\$75.00 plus \$8.00 shipping within the USA. Shipping will be higher to non-US countries. Published by Minuteman Press Toledo, Maumee, Ohio, USA, 2021. Available at: <https://www.ebay.com> under Books



This book shows Jon Krupnick's award winning exhibit of historic Pan Am flight covers – 1933 to 1941. There are introductions by Jimmy Buffett and Warren Buffett. Chapter 1: Pan Am Clippers Conquer the Pacific, shows the aircraft used by Pan Am for development of its airmail routes from August 1933 to December 1941 as well as a route map. Many rare survey flight covers are shown, including a unique cover addressed to President Franklin Roosevelt from the 1st survey flight from San Francisco to Honolulu in April 1935. This is followed by survey flight covers to Midway Island, Wake Island, Guam & Manila, the 1st press flight and then the 1st passenger flight in October 1936.

The next section shows rare covers from the first survey flight to Kingman Reef and Auckland, New Zealand as well as covers flown on the extension flight to Macau and Hong Kong, and the highest franking recorded on covers to China. Covers are shown from the 2nd and 3rd South Pacific survey flights and covers intended for the ill-fated survey flight from Pago Pago, American Samoa in which Edwin Musick was killed.

Many different covers are shown from both routes – FAM-14 & FAM-19 through to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. There are covers shown which were carried between Asia and the UK and the USA on the "Horseshoe Route" after the 2nd World War closed the Mediterranean air routes. Many covers are shown from FAM-19, the South Pacific route from July 1940 to December 1941, as well as many covers carried on the FAM-14 route through December 1941.

The final chapter shows Whipple S. Hall flight covers from the 1st to the 29th flight. Mr. Hall, who had a paper and stationery business in Manila, created a series of unique covers that included crew signatures and flight details found nowhere else. This is first time many of these covers have been shown in print. The book ends with a bibliography and an index. The book shows this fantastic collection in color and will be essential to collectors of Pan American World Airways covers.

Postage due?

After 25+ years of stamps, I have been taught a lesson. There are no current postage due stamps for the USA.

A customer purchased \$175.00 in Persian stamps from me. Off to the post office I went and placed the customer's order in the slot at the post office. Two days later I received my envelope back in my post office box. As I returned to our car I told my wife, 'Today's postal employees, humph'. The wife looked at the envelope and replied, 'You're the stamp guy.'

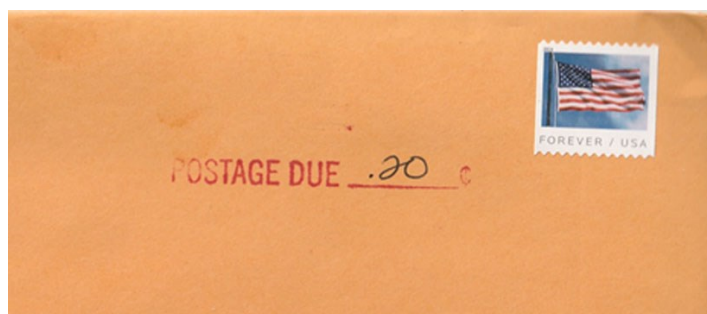
After our day of running around town, I am off on Fridays, I hit the world wide web.

Does the USA still make or have postage due stamps?

I am the stamp guy; I am almost sure they do. To my enlightenment, from the web: The last postage due stamps comprise a series that began in 1956 and ended in 1985. The design features a common central vignette with denominations, ranging from 1/2-cent to \$5, printed separately in black. Some postage due stamps are scarce because of the paper on which they were printed or the perforation gauge.

Well heck, the postal employee was right. I need to put more postage on this order. It sure would be nice if these stamps were still around, I only need 0.20 USD worth.

Lee Coen



cropped envelope



Complete set, J88-J101, 1956, postage due, USA.

Another one

As a collector turned seller, I am always looking for new stock to sell. With Persia as my country of choice, you can bet I scan those little APS albums from cover to cover looking for a great deal. The current circuit I had in my hand (see below) caught my eye. Next to the binding of the album I happened to notice, SCOTT #496, 4KR, SILVER in used condition. The seller only wants \$35 for this \$150 valued stamp? Heck that's a great deal!

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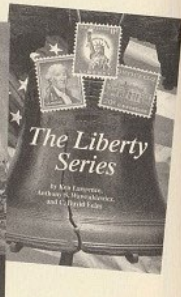
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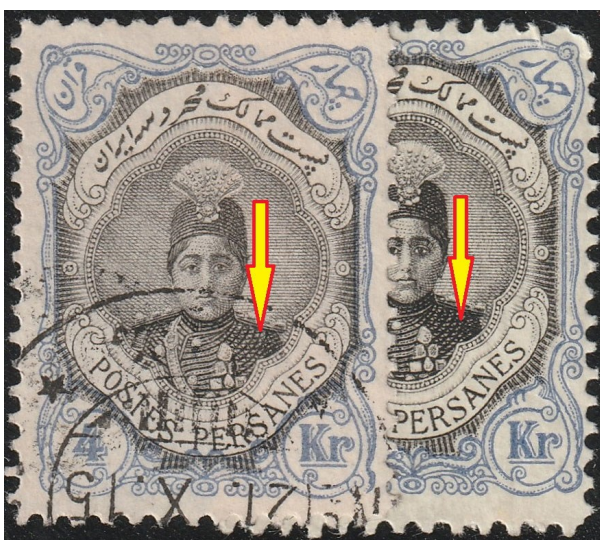
		
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Cat No. 498a 82 Net \$ 16.00	Cat. Val. 45.00 83 Net \$ 50.00	Cat No. 499x 84 Net \$ 1.75

You can clearly see the asking price is \$35 USD for this stamp. I checked my red box to see how many I have for sale. 6??? I have six of these already?

Another one cont'd

Scott#496 in mint hinged has a cat value of \$450 USD - certified of course, and in used condition, \$100 USD for this stamp. I think I have plenty for now.

And now for the reprint or original question. On these stamps, always look for the grey-not the dark black color. Reprints are much darker and bring less money on the resale market place.



Certified 496 on the left, reprint on the right.



Remember, If your going to spend good money on a stamp, get it certified. Many years down the road when it's time to sell/liquidate all your collection; those certified stamps bring solid money and the others, well they end up going to the highest bidder.

That's all for now. Get your high dollar stamps certified for later in life, trust me.

Good luck to all Lee Coen

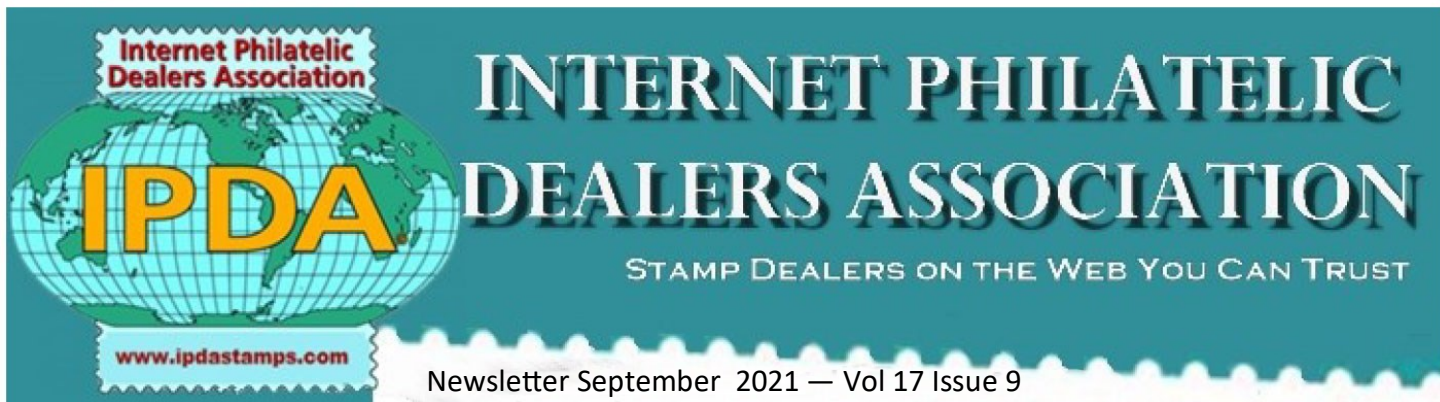
Philatelic Exhibitions - 2021

Event Name: [Autumn Stampex International 2021](#)

Event Date: **29th September - 2nd October 2021**

Event Venue: The Business Design Centre, Islington, London N1

Are any members planning to attend? Please send me a message if yes ipdasecretary1@gmail.com



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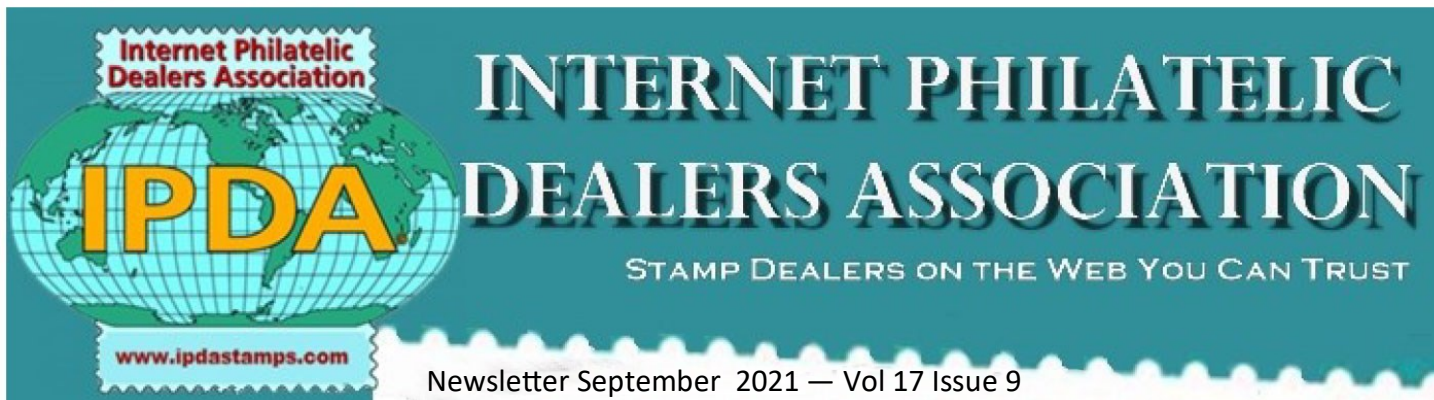
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The Back Page



Did you get your copy. If Dennis and Basher (last month) appealed to you - and I was thrilled to get a lovely email from one member who said how much they enjoyed the stamps – this one may also.

This is the new Mystery Message Forever stamp from the U.S. Postal Service – and according to the USPS this will “put your sleuthing skills to the test!” “Featuring bright colors and interesting shapes, the new stamp was dedicated in a ceremony at the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC”

“As you add these stamps to your collection, or use them to send a message to your family and friends — we hope they will appeal to the puzzle-solver in all of us,” said Robert M. Duncan, a member of the U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors, who served as dedicating official for the ceremony. The pane of 20 stamps is a visual riddle spelling out a difficult-to-discern message. Each colorful square contains a letter in an interesting pattern. Designed by art director Antonio Alcalá, the seemingly random patterns were carefully placed so that when put all together, the message reads “More Than Meets the Eye!” And some say stamp collecting is boring. Never!!!!

BNAPS 2021 Virtual

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, BNAPS (British North American Philatelic Society) has replaced the 2021 convention planned for Winnipeg with its first virtual one. (2nd to 6th September). Want to go to a stamp Show from the comfort of your study? [Check this out](#). From what I have already seen it is very interesting and extremely well presented, especially the Frame exhibitions. 30 something exhibits to browse and they have done a very nice job presenting them. The online exhibition is similar to what we see at live exhibitions. Each exhibit page is displayed as a separate image. And, viewing isn't constrained to the tight three-day window imposed by a physical convention. Exhibits are displayed from the time they are submitted until they are removed from the website on 1 November. Easy to browse from the comfort of your study as I say.

The dealers present are really just as links to their websites This is always is a challenge it seems to me to have them have a virtual “booth”, so to speak. Unless I have misunderstood how it works. I am hoping someone will correct me. I did see two well known and highly respected IPDA member dealers there: Maxime Herold of [Canada Stamp Finder](#) and also Kayle and David Deveney of [Deveney Stamps](#). There are also open invitations to seminars and meetings. Register - it is free - and enjoy.