

# The Messenger



August 2021

In Person or by Zoom  
**New Location**  
Johnson County Library  
22435 W 66th St.  
Shawnee, KS 66226  
**Saturday, AUGUST 7**  
Gather at 1:00pm  
Meeting starts at 2:00pm  
**Zoom link Info will  
come to your email**

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## **Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:**

**Members present or on Zoom:** 28 with 6 members on Zoom. 1 guest, Joe Moore. Joe collects US.

**Treasurer:** No report.

**Secretary:** No report

**Librarian:** Nothing new

**Historian:** No report

**First Vice-President's Report:** The August program will be a show-and-tell on using blacklights. If you have a blacklight bring it, if you have stamps you want to look at, bring them.

**Second Vice-President's Report:** Newsletter is online. Market place is still available. If you need help listing items, contact Roger.

**Newsletter:** Nothing to report

**Exhibits:** Updated registration forms will soon be available on the website. Only 3 people have signed up to exhibit so far.

**October Luncheon:** We will resume our annual luncheon at the October meeting. Cost will be \$10 per person. Sign-up and payment at the August meeting.

**Old Business:** Tomas is asking for volunteers to form a committee to recommend books for the club to purchase for the club library. The club voted to approve this over a year ago but due to the pandemic no action had been taken. If you have a suggestion or request, let Tomas know and he will pass it along to the committee.

**Announcements:** Dale announced that the newsletter has been submitted to the APS for the literature competition. The next E & D auction will be Aug. 8 and will be in-person. Also, Dale will now be accepting credit cards.

**Show and Tell:** Old postcards of places the MPS used to meet (Phillips Hotel, Muehlebach Hotel, etc.) found at a Flea Market in Walnut, Iowa; Bangladesh cover from shortly after independence with an over-printed Pakistan stamp not listed in Scott's; Spanish Republican era cover with Zeppelin stamps and a cover with 1901 Pan American Expo cinderellas.

**Program:** "Martin Morck: Artist, Designer and Engraver" By Jeff Lough. Morck designed numerous Scandinavian stamps and a few US issues. Thanks, Jeff, for an interesting program. Morck will be at the Great American Stamp Show in Rosemont, Illinois in August.

**Thank you, Michael Miklovic, for filling in for me at the June meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Keil

**Meet in person or log into Zoom on  
Saturday, August 7th and  
"Bring A Stamp to See If It Glows"  
A Club Presentation & Demonstration**

## New U.S. Issues for 2021:

### Mid-Atlantic Lighthouses

First Class, Forever Rate  
Five Designs, Pane of 20  
Issue Date August 6th  
Print Quantity –40,000,000 stamps



### Missouri Statehood

First Class, Forever Rate  
One Design, Pane of 20  
Issue Date August 10th  
Print Quantity –20,000,000  
First Day Ceremony will be at  
the Missouri State Capitol in  
Jefferson City at 9am.



### E and D Auctions

Sunday, August 8  
Live and In-person  
Auction Starts at 1:30pm  
1901 Clay Street, Suite A  
North Kansas City, MO 64116  
eanddstamps.com  
Check the website for viewing  
times and other details.



### Backyard Games

First Class, Forever Rate  
Eight Designs, Booklet of 16  
Issue Date August 12th  
Print Quantity –25,600,000 stamps  
First Day Ceremony will be at the Great American Stamp Show in Rosemont, Illinois at 11am.

## Philatelic Happenings:

Lots of possibilities this month!

### 36th Summer Show

Saturday, August 7th  
Carthage Memorial Hall  
407 S. Garrison Hwy 571  
Carthage, MO 64836  
9am to 5pm

### St Louis StampFest

Saturday-Sunday, August 7-8  
Kirkwood Community Center  
111 South Geyer  
Kirkwood, MO 63122  
10am to 5pm, closes at 4pm on Sunday

### The Great American Stamp Show

Thursday thru Sunday, Aug 12-15  
Douglas G. Stephens Convention Center  
5555 N River Rd  
Rosemont, Illinois  
Check APS website for details

### The Wichita Show

Friday-Saturday, August 20-21  
Cessna Activity Center  
2744 George Washington Blvd  
Wichita, KS  
9am-5pm, closes at 4pm on Saturday

Cyprus #121  
Richard the Lionhearted  
50th Anniversary as a British Colony



See the related story to  
man depicted in this  
statue on this stamp on  
page 5-6.

The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is  
[www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com](http://www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com)  
Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

## ***The President's Corner:***

Happy summer! This year is moving by so quickly isn't it? I am particularly excited because as I write this, the opening ceremonies for the Tokyo Olympics are only a week away. As an Olympic collector this means a lot of new Olympic stamps and other philatelic material will soon be available! It also means we can look forward to two weeks of amazing sports competitions, despite the fact that the arenas will be devoid of live spectators due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. In some ways this could make for even better viewing since the entire fan focus will now be on TV broadcast. In other news, the Great American Stamp Show is coming up in Chicago in early August. I know a number of our members are planning to attend. If you will be there, please let either Jim McKinzie or me know. We are hoping to get a group photo of MPS members, and could also connect during the meeting. Happy stamping! Tomas

## ***NOTICE: MEETING IN-PERSON IS BACK!!!***

The July meeting for MPS will be held on **Saturday**, August 7th at 2 pm.

We will be meeting **IN-PERSON** and also via **ZOOM** (if you prefer to attend online)

The **NEW LOCATION IS:**

**Johnson County Library-Monticello Branch  
22435 W 66th Street  
Shawnee, KS 66226**

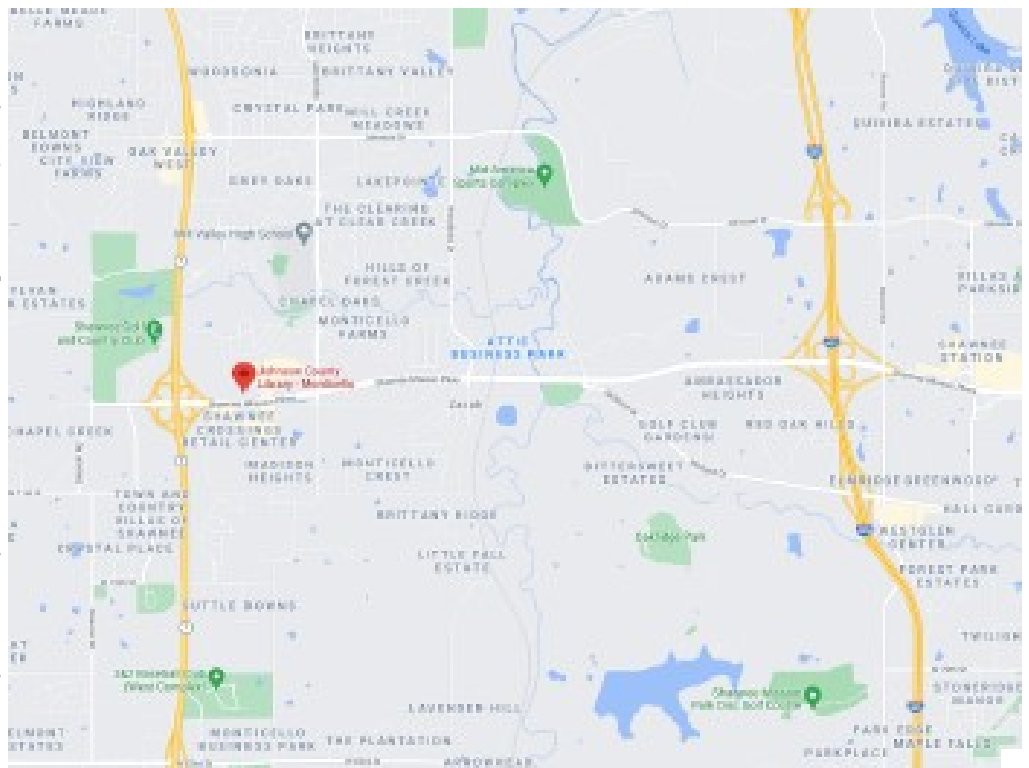
This library is located on the North side of Shawnee Mission Parkway, just East of K-7 highway (and West of I-435).

There is ample parking around the building.

We have the meeting room from 1-5pm. Please feel free to come after 1pm to help set up, visit with each other, set up auction items if you have them and enjoy being together in-person again.

We will work to maintain social distancing during the meeting.

Thanks last month for those that stayed around and helped to reset the room for the library after the auction. Please volunteer again.



## Philatelic Ramblings:

So, this morning I overheard on the news that Chicago was putting into place a travel ban on Missouri residents because of our Covid "Delta strain" outbreak. Really! That was all the info they gave. Later, before I started writing this, I did a little research. From the city of Chicago's website:

*"Any unvaccinated people traveling from Missouri or Arkansas are advised to obtain a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 72 hours prior to arrival in Chicago or quarantine for a 10-day period upon arrival. CDPH continues to stress the importance of getting vaccinated for COVID, and adherence to all masking guidelines for travel. "*

Oh, good. It says *unvaccinated* people. I have been vaccinated. But why do I care. First I live in Missouri and I plan to go to the "big show" at Rosemont. Ah, you say Rosemont not Chicago. But it is a suburb of Chicago and if the mayors of their suburbs are anything like the mayors around here, they could issue their own travel ban on Missourians too. I would not be happy if my travel plans for August got torpedoed because of some edict by a city. Besides I have already picked out 11 seminars or events I plan to attend.

Speaking of the show, it would be nice if APS and the USPS coordinated on a better stamp issuance than the one that will happen during the show. First Day ceremonies can be fun and exciting but "Backyard Games"? Really! The designs look like something a beginning art student drew on a computer. And the games. Badminton. Boring! Bocce. Never played, what is it? Cornhole. We called it bean bag toss and the bean bags usually ended up being thrown at each other or the dog. Croquet. One friend in the neighborhood had a set. Usually started out good but quickly devolved into a flying croquet ball at someone. Flying disc. Oh you mean Frisbee. Hippies on the beach with their dog. Horseshoes, only at one of the grandfather's and under protest. Tetherball. Only at the school yard. Pick-up baseball. Now we all played baseball. But if one of us wasn't allowed to leave the street so that we could go up to the school and play on the real diamond then it wasn't in the back, it was in the front yards. That way no fence climbing to get the ball and it was a test to see who could get the closest to hitting the plate glass window on the lady's house across the street without breaking it. No one broke it but we came close several times. Mostly the backyard games for us consisted of digging holes and playing army men. Which around the 4th of July involved blowing up the army men and battleship models we had made with firecrackers. Gee, what we could have done with the firecrackers of today! Now in college, one of my fraternity brothers brought some lawn darts. Those were fun but with the combination of adult beverages and pointy metal, it meant a trip to the ER for one brother. Do you since a pattern here. Yes, boys of my era could be destructive and none of our games involved the girls of the neighborhood. I guess they didn't like baseball or army men. So thanks USPS for bringing back good memories on some ugly stamps.

JMc

## Last Month's MPS History Quiz Answer:

**Our club has had many names in the past. Can you match the name with the year that club name was officially adopted?**

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| 1. Midwest Philatelic Society                    | A. 1938 |
| 2. Kansas City Stamp Club                        | B. 1925 |
| 3. Philatelic Society of Kansas City Mo and Ks   | C. 1909 |
| 4. Midwest Philatelic Society of Kansas City, Mo | D. 1893 |
| 5. Kansas City Stamp Collector Club              | E. 1905 |

**Answer: Our current name (4) was officially adopted in 1938 when the club was first incorporated in the State of Missouri. The same name was used again when it was incorporated in 2016 and received its 501(c)(3) non-profit status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.**

**1:B 1925, 2:E 1905, 3:D 1893, 4:A 1938. 5:C 1909**

## Stamp Tip:



Have you ever had trouble determining the perforations on a stamp. It could be your perf gauge. There is a difference as I recently learned at breakfast a few Sundays ago from Bob Burney. He shared with the group that morning, the difference between perf gauges and how you measure the stamp. The one that is in the red packaging is from Stanley Gibbons and is quite nice and very accurate. And the lines are much more pronounced, making it easier to determine than with the Scott perf gauge. The old metal one while adequate for classic U.S. stamps, it doesn't measure anything less than .5 such as .25.

Getting an accurate measurement on the perfs of a stamp can mean the difference of a common stamp worth less than a dollar to a stamp valued enough to retire. Make sure you get a good gauge and check what you have. Also if one or two sides seem off when using a better gauge, it could be because it was reperfed by someone in the past.

I have simplified and condensed much of what Bob shared with us that morning but it was a nice little refresher course on this subject. So come out to Winstead's at I-435 & Roe on Sunday mornings sometime. You never know what you might learn.

## Eleanor of Aquitaine:

The Lion in Winter is perhaps one of my favorite movies. It stars, Katharine Hepburn, Peter O'Toole and a very young Anthony Hopkins (you know Silence of the Lambs guy). A young Timothy Dalton of later James Bond fame was also in this 1968 film playing the part of Phillip II of France. While the film is loosely based on King Henry II

of England (Peter O'Toole), Eleanor of Aquitaine (Katharine Hepburn) and three of their sons, Geoffrey II (John Castle), Richard the Lionheart (Anthony Hopkins) and John (Nigel Terry), it, like so many Hollywood films doesn't really follow the actual history too closely. But that really doesn't matter because

the acting and the dialogue make up for it. The verbal sparring between Hepburn and O'Toole makes you want to rewind and watch it over and over.

But who was this Eleanor of Aquitaine? Born in southern France in 1122, she became one of the most powerful and influential figures during the Middle Ages because of the vast land holdings she inherited at age 15. Most sought after bride, she became Queen of France after marrying King Louis. The marriage had difficulties and they sought an annulment, which was granted



France #3001  
Eleanor of Aquitaine

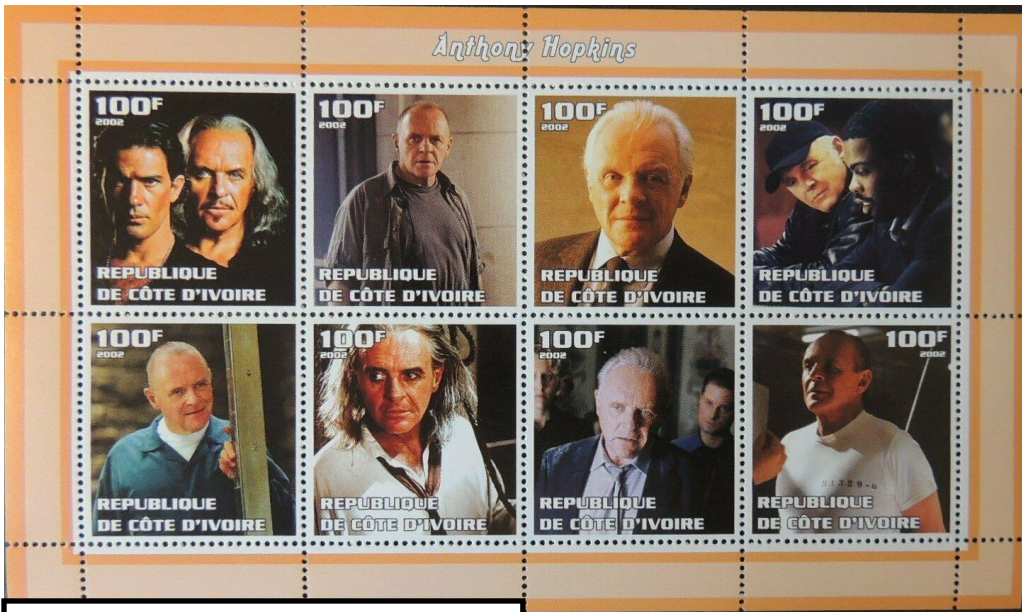
Image likeness from the movie



Mozambique (Year 2010)  
Katharine Hepburn Sheet

by reason of consanguinity (related by blood).

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She then married King Henry II of England, bearing him many children. Three of which eventually ruled England, although at different times. Henry III died young. He didn't make it into the movie. Then Richard became king but was away most of his reign fighting in the Crusades. Then came King John, whose fame today came out of the stories of Robin Hood. John, of course, was the villain in the stories. But his lasting legacy was losing the Duchy of Normandy and most of his

**Ivory Coast (Year 2002)**  
**Anthony Hopkins**  
*Declared illegal by government authorities, noted only in Scott's*

other French lands to King Philip II of France. Towards the end of his reign, there was a revolt of the Barons which led to the creation of the

Magna Carta. The Magna Carta is considered by scholars as one of the founding documents that led to constitutional government of the United Kingdom and was also an inspiration for our founding fathers in developing our constitution.



**U.S. #1265**  
**750th Anniversary of the Magna Carta**



**Great Britain (Year 2020)**  
**James Bond Sheet**  
**Timothy Dalton**  
**First Row, Far Right**

**Still available through the Royal Mail website**

If you are tired of all the superhero movies and the mindless comedies of today, check out *The Lion in Winter*. Be sure to pay close attention. The dialogue is rapid fire, especially between Hepburn and O'Toole's characters.

*JMc*

**The Gambia #3426**  
**(Year 2012)**  
**Henry II—British Monarchs**



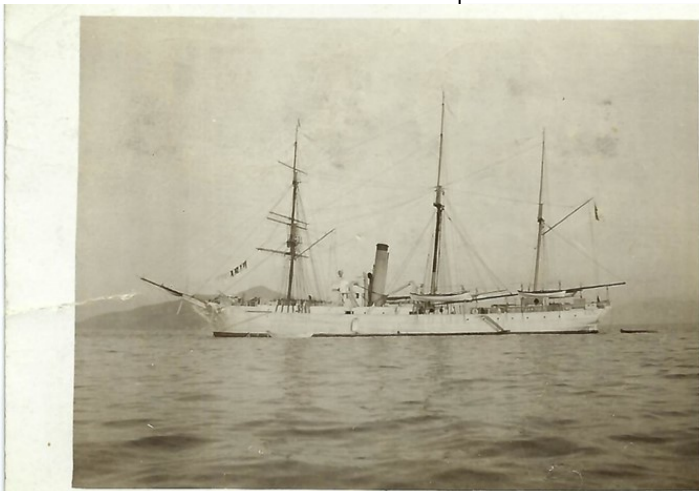
## Second Antarctic Expedition of Byrd by Michael Keil:

For his second Antarctic expedition (1933-35), Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd had a set of 17 postcards printed to sell to help raise money to finance the expedition. These were the official postcards for the expedition and the images on the cards were from photographs taken during his first expedition to the Antarctic in 1928-1930. A few sets of the cards were inadvertently printed with the images reversed and are more difficult to find.

The cards were stamped with a boxed cachet that



Hand-cancelled postcard with cachet and signature.



Bear of Oakland at anchor, Oakland, California, circa 1915. (Real photo).

read "Greetings from Byrd Expedition II. These cards were carried from the United States to Little America on the Ice Breaker S. S. Bear of Oakland." The postcards were franked with the Byrd Antarctic Expedition stamp, Scott number 733, and signed by Robert A. J. English, USN, who had volunteered to serve as the captain of the *Bear of Oakland*. The cards can be found machine cancelled on January 31 and hand cancelled January 30, 1934.

*Bear* was a wooden-hulled ship built in Scotland 1874 as an Arctic sealing vessel. The ship was purchased by the US government in 1884 for the search and rescue of the Greely Arctic



Captain Robert English (left) with Admiral Byrd on the deck of the *Bear of Oakland*, 1935. (Real photo).

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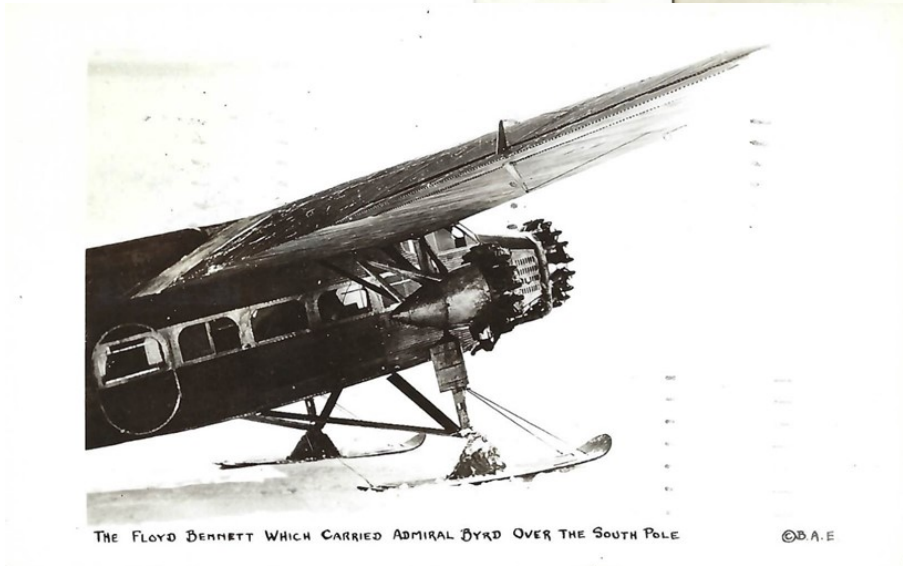


Machine-cancelled postcard.

Expedition. Later *Bear* was transferred to the Revenue Service and for the next 40 years patrolled Alaskan waters. From 1926 until 1933 she was docked in Oakland, California as a floating museum. Byrd purchased her in 1933 for \$1,000 and had her refitted for his second Antarctic expedition.

**All postcards and pictures are from Michael's personal collection.**

The most popular, and therefore most difficult to find, postcard from the set is this one that pictures a bunch of Eskimo sled dog puppies. The Eskimo dogs were used to pull the sleds used during the expedition.



Another highly sought- after postcard from the series shows the *Floyd Bennett*, the plane Byrd flew over the South Pole.



## Bring A Stamp or Two To See If IT GLOWS:

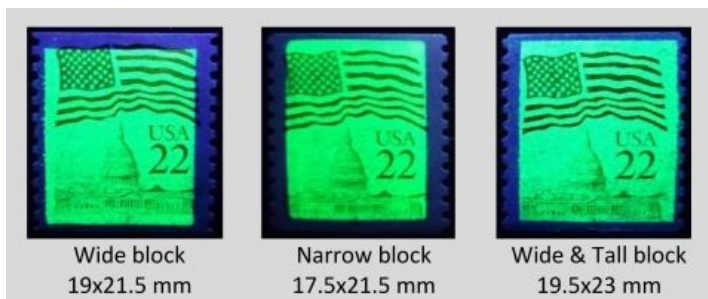
This month's program will have a brief overview of tagging and papers used that luminesce. Then we will dim the lights and show you actual examples. If you have something that you suspect is untagged, tagged or not sure, then please bring it with you to the meeting and we will check it out. We will have short and long-wave lights to check the various types of tagging. Who knows, one of you may have a real find in your collection and we will all discover it together. What fun!



Overall Tagging



Block Tagging



Wide block  
19x21.5 mm

Narrow block  
17.5x21.5 mm

Wide & Tall block  
19.5x23 mm

*Thanks to Stamp Smarter's website for the images.*

For the U.S. tagging database go to:

[https://stampsmarter.org/features/Tagging\\_Home.html](https://stampsmarter.org/features/Tagging_Home.html)

## Time To Sign Up for the October Luncheon:



Before you know it the October MPS Luncheon will be here. The library in Shawnee is okay with us having food (as long as the main desk can have a bite). Anyway, be prepared to pay \$10 for yourself at the August meeting. The treasury will cover the difference. You will also vote for two meats. The most popular will be ordered from KC Joe's Bar-B-Que along with two salads, rolls, and baked beans. We ask that you bring your own beverage, preferably

in a screw-top container. Cookies will be provided for dessert.

If you are unable to attend the August meeting payment may be made to Armen in September. Barbara is going rock collecting. Voting will have closed effective the August meeting.

## Exhibiting Time Soon:

The entry form for our 2021 Club Exhibiting is now available on the MPS website. Barbara Crompton will be passing out copies to those who have already expressed an interest in entering a nine page frame. Please note that the contents of the entry form references the Waldo Library. Covid-19 is challenging us this year too. At this time we are unable to state definitely that MPS will be able to meet at that site in December. An alternate site is the Johnson Country Library in Shawnee where we have been meeting or the decision might need to be made to do exhibiting remotely. If the last option is chosen the exhibits will need to be scanned into a PDF file. Bob Burney will assist us with that. In any event, stay tuned and let's have an awesome 2021 Club Exhibiting.



Member Bob Baltzell with his Gold winning exhibit, "Stamp Secrets Hiding in Plain Sight" December 2019



# GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW

**AUGUST 12-15, 2021**  
**LOCATION: \* DONALD E. STEPHENS CONVENTION CENTER**  
**5555 N RIVER RD • ROSEMONT, IL 60018**

\*All health and safety guidelines will be observed.

Are you going to the big show? Many of us are making the trek to Chicago. Don't be left out! You can find out the details at the APS website: [stamps.org](http://stamps.org). It will be great fun.

*Let Tomas or I know if planning to attend. We hope to get some group pictures, like we did two years ago in Omaha.*



Part of the group at the APS show in Omaha NE 2019.

JMc

***We will meet at Dale's booth (StampSmith booth #543-545) on Friday, August 13th at 4:00pm for the pic. Please make it if possible.***

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Historian Bob B., Michael K. Barbara C. and Bob Burney for their contributions. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the September issue will be August 15th.** Happy stamping! *Jim Mc*