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SOCIETY MEETINGS

The Lancaster County Philatelic Society meets the second Wednesday of every month (except August) at the Lancaster Township Community Center, Lincoln Highway West, Maple Grove, Lancaster, PA. Meetings start at 7:30 P.M.

Guests are always welcome and membership is open to all stamp collectors regardless of expertise.

Membership information may be obtained at the courtesy table today or by writing to Lancaster County Philatelic Society, P.O. Box 982, Lancaster, PA 17608-0982.

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### PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Lancaster County Philatelic Society it is my pleasure to welcome you to our twelfth annual stamp show and exhibition. This is the second year the show is being held at the Farm and Home Center and we hope you are feeling at home here where the facilities lend themselves easily to our show. The exhibits are worth your attention as area stamp collectors have spent many hours researching and assembling their philatelic specialties. Whether a casual observer or a lifetime collector you can appreciate their efforts.

There are 21 dealers here, all eager to learn how they may be of help to your collecting needs. Get to know them; you'll be pleased you did. The United States Post Office is situated in the lobby with current U.S. stamps for sale.

Children are encouraged to visit the youth table in the lobby where they may rummage through stamps and receive free things.

Last, but not least, stop by the LCPS courtesy table and find out about our club. Pick up a complimentary copy of our newsletter. Feel free to ask any member questions about our club or stamp collecting in general. A show cachet commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first U.S. postage stamp is available there along with past show cachets.

It took many hands to put together this show and I thank all of them; the exhibitors, judges, dealers, all the members and friends of LCPS who helped with set-up and tear-down of the show, and, most of all, YOU - the visitor to this Twelfth Annual Stamp Show and Exhibition, Lancopex '97.

Lucy Eyster  
President, LCPS

### SOCIETY OFFICERS

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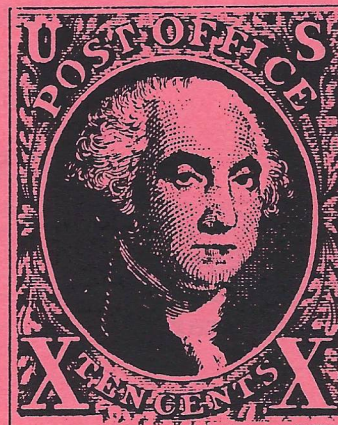
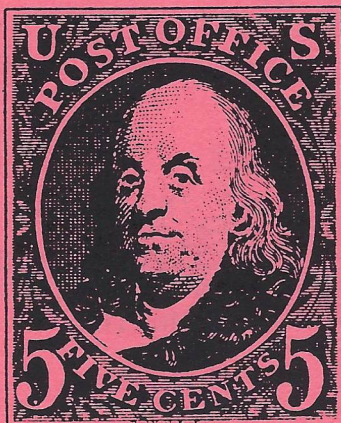
## AMERICA'S FIRST STAMPS

The start of United States philately for many collectors is the 1847 general issue 5 cent Benjamin Franklin and the 10 cent George Washington stamps. Prior to that time the cost of delivering a letter was paid at the post office by the recipient of the letter and depended on the weight and distance traveled. An act of Congress of March 1845 did much to standardize the cost of mailing a letter by establishing 5 cents per 1/2 oz. for distances under 300 miles, and 10 cents per 1/2 oz. for distances over 300 miles. But it was not until the March 3, 1847 act of Congress that the much needed improved Post Roads and the issuance of stamps was authorized. These stamps were to be placed on a letter or packet to indicate prepayment of the necessary postage. This act became effective July 1, 1847 making the United States the fourth country to issue postage stamps. Great Britain in 1840, Brazil and some Switzerland cantons in 1843 predated the United States.

The stamps were printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson of New York City whose initials can be found at the bottom of the 5 and 10 cent stamps just above the bottom frameline. New York City received the stamps on July 1 probably, Boston on July 2, Philadelphia July 7 and Washington July 9. By the end of July 1847 only 11 cities had received the stamps.

During the four years that the stamps were in use there were five printings which experts have studied with care. Although the general issue of July 1, 1847 was demonetized July 1, 1851 examples of covers used after that date exist.

Specialists continue to research the 1847 issue.





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GRAND AWARD -----Best Exhibit, All Entries  
RESERVE GRAND AWARD -----Second Best Exhibit, All Entries  
LCPS AWARD -----Best Exhibit by a Club Member  
APS AWARD -----Best APS Member Exhibit  
TOPICAL AWARD -----Best Topical Exhibit  
NOVICE AWARD -----Best Exhibit by a First Time  
Exhibitor  
JUNIOR AWARD -----Best Exhibit by a Junior  
PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD -----Exhibit Voted Most Popular by  
Lancopex '97 Viewers  
JUNIORS PEOPLE'S CHOICE -----Junior Exhibit Voted Most  
AWARD Popular by Viewers  
OTHER AWARDS -----As Determined by the Judges  
CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION-All Exhibitors

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Dick Dudley  
Operations -----Richard Shaefer, William Greiner  
Publicity -----Emily and William Ridgway  
Program -----Lucy Eyster, Michael Shirley



EXHIBITS

Exhibit #		# Frames
1	Hungarian Postal Cards 1896 to 1892 -Robert Jensen	6
2	The Miniature Sheets of the People's Republic of China -Alvaro Pacheco	6
3	Sailing Ships on Maximum Cards -Jerry Laconis	2
4	Postmarks of Lancaster, Pennsylvania 1785 to 1899 -James Boyles	5
5	Postal Tax Stamps of Portugal and Colonies -Gordon Miller	1
6	The Kansas Nebraska Overprints of 1929 -John Hufnagel	5
7	Railroad Post Office Cancels of Canada -Richard Colberg	5



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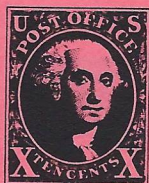
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- Exhibitors for sharing their philatelic interests and talent.
- The Lancaster Postal Service for cancellation service and their attendance at the show.
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- Dick and Louise Williams (Williams Apothecary) for use of copier.
- Harry Rapp for use of a truck to move frames and supplies for the show.
- Milly and Reid Slick for Grand Award and Reserve Grand Award plaques.
- Members of the Lancaster County Philatelic Society who donated their time and effort to make Lancopex '97 a success.
- Dick Colberg for door prizes.

### SHOW SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1997

8:00A.M.-9:00A.M. -----Set up exhibits  
10:00A.M. -----Show and bourse open  
A.M. -----Judging of exhibits  
1:00P.M. -----Judges critique and  
awards presentation  
6:00P.M. -----Show and bourse close

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1997

10:00A.M. -----Show and bourse open  
5:00P.M. -----Show and bourse close

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