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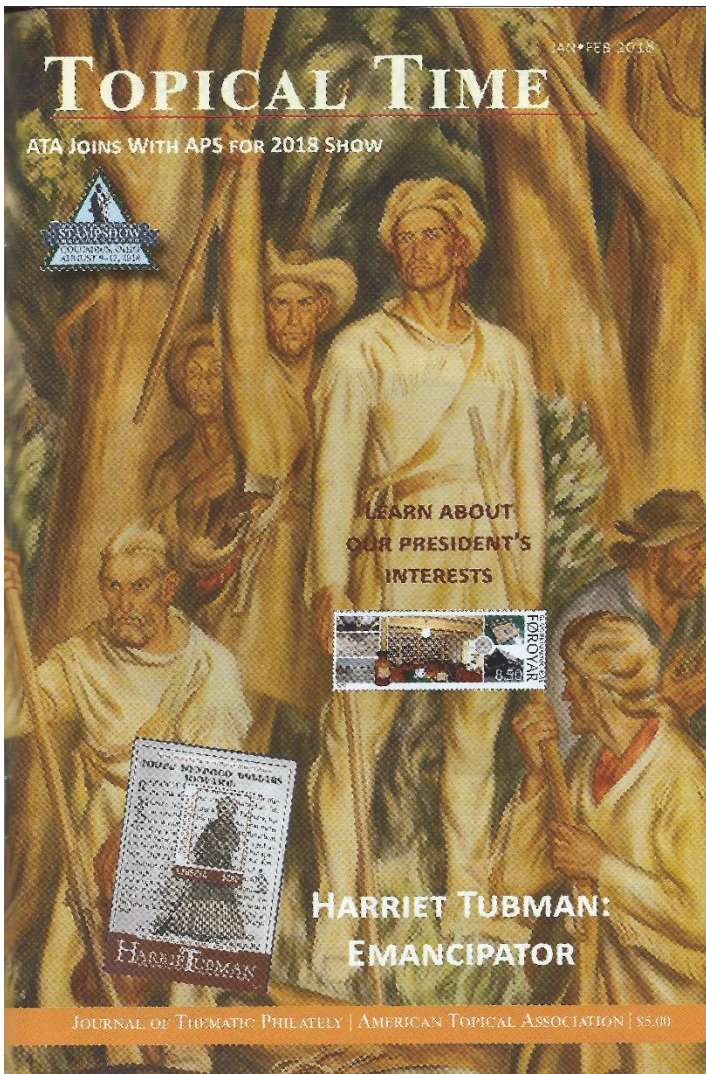
Collect Stamps (The Most Educational Hobby)

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Columbus, Ohio Stampshow

From August 9 through August 12, 2018 the “Summer” Stampshow will be held in Columbus, Ohio at the Greater Columbus Convention Center Exhibit Hall B at 400 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The American Philatelic Society and the American Topical Association will co-host the event. Board meetings prior to the show and most banquet functions will be held at the Crowne Plaza-Downtown, 33 E. Nationwide Blvd., Columbus, Ohio. More information and advance registration is located at the APS website www.stamps.org. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

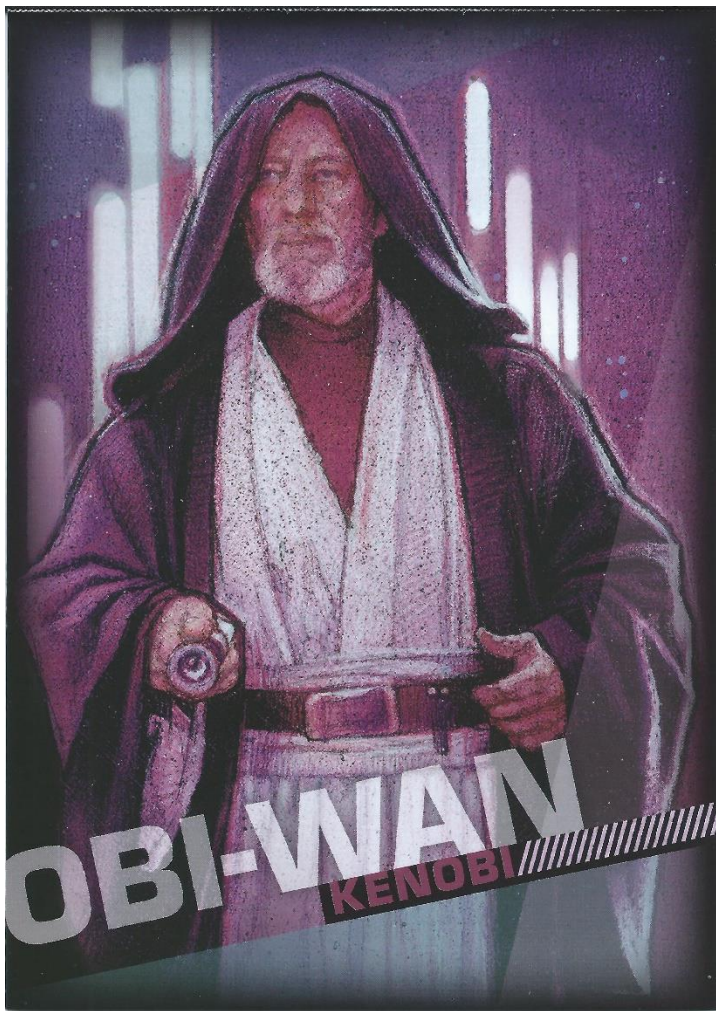


How to Establish and Run Successful Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids

Details about beginning and running stamp collecting clubs for children will be the subject of a 1-hour seminar provided by the SCCFK at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2018, tentatively scheduled to be held in Room B 231. If you are interested in the future of our hobby, you are encouraged to attend. Be sure to check listings at the Show for any last-minute changes of time or place.

American Topical Association (ATA).

A very high percentage of beginning stamp collectors today actually collect stamps by topic, rather than by country. For Topical collectors, a great resource is the ATA, which has painstakingly made lists of stamps by topics. According to ATA Executive Director Vera Felts, over 694,000 topical listings of stamps are now available. There is a small charge of 2¢ per item on the list, so a list of 200 stamps costs \$4. For more information, www.americantopicalassn.org. Shown at left is the January-February Topical time, the magazine of the ATA. This issue has 92 pages !



USPS Postal Cards

The USPS issued a set of 15 different postal cards in 2007 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the original Star Wars movie. Each postal card featured a different character or scene from the original movie. On the message side of the card a pre-printed indicia (stamp like image) uses the same image, with a 26¢ value. The cost of mailing a post card today is 35¢ but in 2007 it was only 26¢. However, to purchase the 15 postal cards with a combined franking of \$3.90, the USPS charged \$12.95, considered at the time by some stamp collectors as excessive.

At left is the postal card featuring actor Alec Guinness in the role of Obi-Wan Kenobi. (Scott UX 496) Although Alec Guinness had passed away in 2000, other actors still living, including Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia, Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, and Harrison Ford as Han Solo were prominently shown on both the picture side of the postal cards as well as the indicia. This was a slight deviation from the long-standing policy of the USPS to not feature a

living person on a stamp (or indicia) but because the actors were shown dressed in their respective roles, it was apparently deemed that the policy was not being changed. It should be noted that on many occasions a living person has appeared on a US stamp, but usually in such a minor way that the person was very hard to identify.

On April 22, 1932, The Post Office issued this stamp (Scott 717) that featured the (living) children of the artist who designed this stamp. This was the first time that a living person appeared on a US stamp, although not named and not known by almost everybody who saw the stamp. Also, it is interesting to note that this stamp was issued to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Arbor Day. Current policy by the USPS does not permit a stamp commemorating a 60th anniversary because it is not considered a “major” anniversary.

Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are greatly appreciated and if \$10 or more are provided written receipts. You also can donate via PayPal on our website.



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