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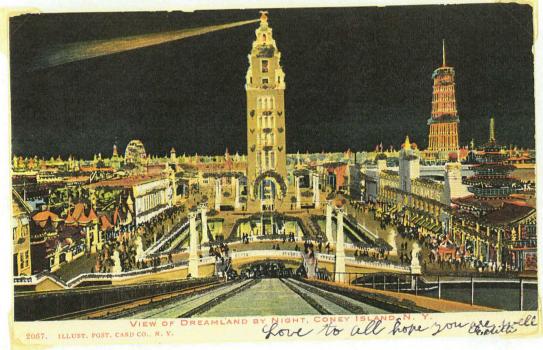
TUCSON STAMP CLUB

MEETINGS: 2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

TIME: 10 AM BOURSE 11 AM MEETING & PROGRAM

12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM BOURSE

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MAY MEETING TOPIC: INTRO. TO POSTCARD COLLECTING

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR:

As we move toward the summer months there is much cause for optimism for our stamp club as well as the country with things looking a bit more normal. It still is not yet the time to relax our safety precautions so we still will have mask and social distancing requirements at our stamp club meetings. We are returning to a more normal schedule having had our first TSC Auction in over one year and having regular monthly meetings. At our last meeting, we took a poll of what topics the members would like for future presentations – the results are listed under "CALENDAR" - For the May presentation we are pleased to offer "Intro. To Postcard Collecting" to honor our Tucson Postcard Club members joining us for our monthly TSC meetings.

CALENDAR:

MAY: INTRODUCTION TO POSTCARD COLLECTING

JUNE: CIRCUS

JULY: NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIRS

AUGUST: DUTCH AUCTION

AUCTION ACTION:

We had a successful TSC auction at our April meeting with Dan Sherry doing double duty as both the auctioneer and handling left bids – Len Miller replaced an injured Jerry McNew recording the auction bids and doing the check outs, so thanks to a short handed crew for facilitating a successful auction! We will catch up with a previously postponed "Dutch Auction" by holding in at the August meeting. Details next newsletter.

POSTCARD COLLECTING:

Stamp collectors and Postcard collectors have a great deal in common: we both enjoy the history and art associated with these two collecting areas which were designed to be mailed resulting in creating some interesting collectible postmarks as well.

Both collecting areas offer items from almost all of the countries in the world as well as a myriad of interesting topics to select from. We will explore this topic during our May Tucson Stamp Club & Tucson Postcard Club Meeting.

CIRCUS

The circus has long been an international institution that has now almost disappeared in the United States due to a number of reasons including a concern for the treatment of circus animals, but probably due to the changes in our society due to the advances in communication technology. While there was a long time period where rural communities depended on county and state fairs for their entertainment and looked forward to a yearly visit of a traveling circus with its great tents — animals — clowns- high wire performers and so much more colorful excitement this has all but been replaced by the internet and social media communication. Through stamps, covers, and postcards we who collect these pieces of wonderful historical ephemera continue to keep these memories alive in our collections to share with those who did not experience the circus in person. I had the fortune while living near Sarasota, Florida — the home of the Ringling Brothers museum and circus grounds to meet a number of circus performers as well as watching the circus train arrive in St. Petersburg and the subsequent parade of performers and animals from the train down Main Street to the Bayfront Center.



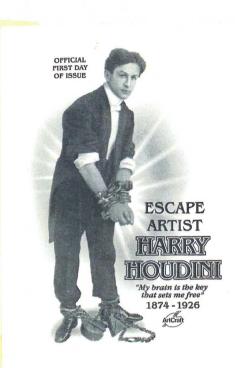
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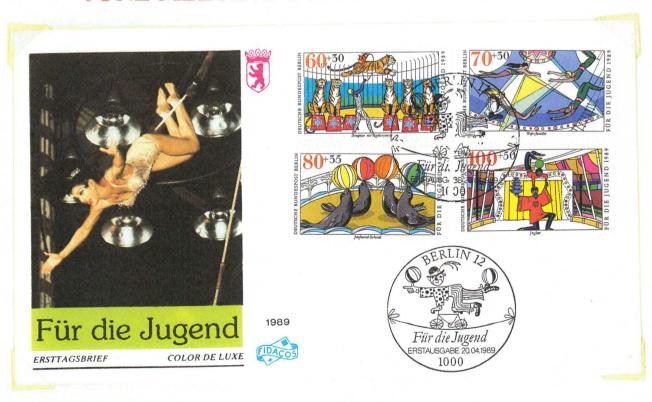
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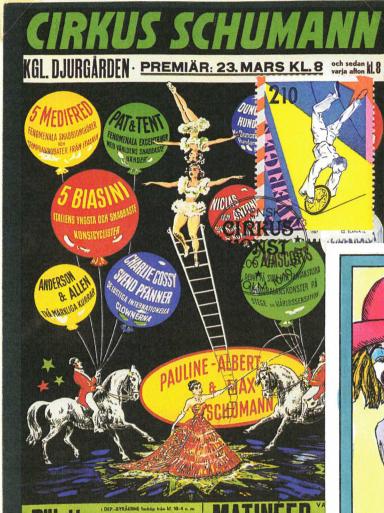


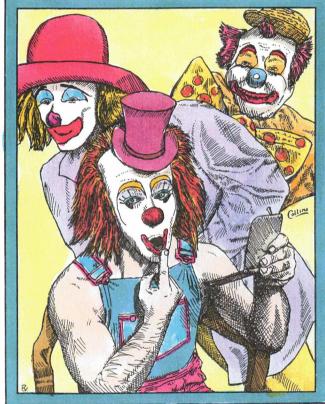




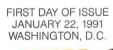
JUNE MEETING TOPIC: THE CIRCUS







"MAKE-UP" STAMP



This U.S. stamp, along with 25¢ of additional U.S. postage, is equivalent to the 'F' stamp rate



