



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World

The Bulletin April 2024 Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2024 at the Callaway Electric Coop community room.

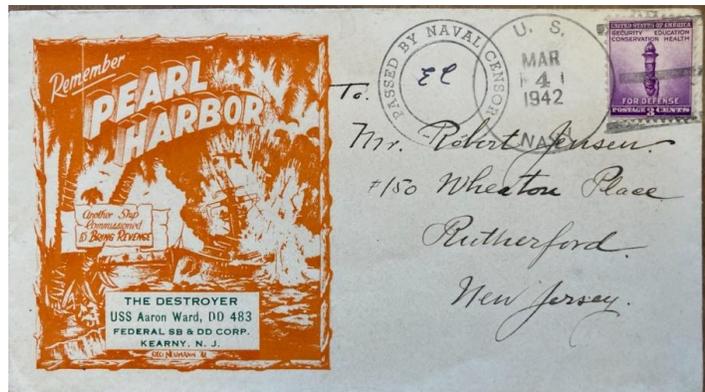
The circuits this month include two books for Luxembourg. There are one book of Japanese stamps and one with Chinese stamps. There is a book for Korean stamps. There is one book with stamps from Great Britain and one book with Canadian stamps. There is one with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania stamps. There are four books of stamps with stamps from Germany and/or German States. The rest are U.S. including one with revenue stamps and one with 19th Century U.S. covers.

Jon will also have some material from accumulations he has recently obtained. He has a large accumulation of plate blocks. If you bring a 'want list' for him, he will try to fill it for you.

Last month David provided us a program on Eclipse cachets and cancellations; for both 2017 and the recent one April 8, 2024. Hopefully you got to observe the phenomenon. I actually enjoyed this one more than the one in 2017, even though it was only a partial one. David travelled to a location where he could see the total eclipse. Hopefully he can give us his impressions from that perspective and perhaps he will have some cancellations available from that location.

You need to stock up on 'forever stamps' before July 14, 2024 as the USPS is planning another rate hike to take place then. The first class letter rate will increase from 68 cents to 75 cents. That is about a 7% increase. You can not get that rate of return at the bank. The Post Card rate will go from 53 cents to 56 cents. Perhaps 'inflation' would be a good discussion for the meeting; postage rate inflation and philatelic inflation.

Jon came up with another interesting cachet and cancel. It commemorates the USS Aaron Ward DD 483. The cover was cancelled March 4, 1942, the day the ship was commissioned. The cover also has a passed by Naval censor indication. The ship was sunk by the Japanese near the Solomon Islands April 17, 1943. The wreckage was found September 4, 1994.



I believe Jon found this cover, along with other Naval covers in an accumulation he has recently obtained. If you collect such material, you may want to check with him about in extra he may want to dispose of.

I generally don't like modern postage stamps but Great Britain recently issued a set that I do kind of like. I collect 'stamps on stamps' so these fit right into that topical. They also provide a history and commemoration of 100 years of stamps issued by the UK.



U.S. postage stamps scheduled for issue in April 2024



Philatelic Dates

April 1, 1851	Denmark issues its first postage stamp
April 3, 1860	First trip for the Pony Express begins; St. Joseph to Sacramento
April 5, 2024	USPS issues forever (68c) Betty Ford commemorative stamps
April 11, 1925	First U.S. Special Handling stamp issued
April 18, 2024	Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting
April 26, 2024	USPS issues \$1 Floral Geometry stamp
April 28, 2024	E&D Auction; Kansas City
June 1-2, 2024	MSDA St. Louis Stamp Show; Saint Charles, MO
June 28, 2024	2024 US Duck Stamp issued
July 14, 2024	USPS rate hike; 68c to 73c
Aug 19-24, 2024	PreCancel and Perfin convention St. Louis, MO

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