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The Mail: One Way to Reach Out

By John Martin, Secretary

For years, ACE members have benefited in sharing art, philately, friendship and correspondence with others, thanks to those who carry out the Postal Service motto:

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

That seems more meaningful at times of natural debacle as opposed to the good times, and it is very likely that some ACE members, or friends and family, are going through extra troublesome times this winter.

There are no ACE members known to live in the areas that have been devastated by the Los Angeles area fires, although some past and present members do live in Southern California and others may have friends or family who have been directly affected.

Meanwhile, in another part of the country, the chill from the Polar Vortex is expected to be particularly worrisome this year, especially for those who live in the southeast U.S.

Postal workers in these areas are affected as well, and they continue to protect and deliver mail as well as they can, despite the adverse conditions.

The other day when I mailed a package to Kansas City, the postal clerk's computer displayed a warning that the bad weather might delay the arrival of my mail. That's just a hint of what could happen to other mail going to other places, including to our ACE friends and those who deliver our mail.

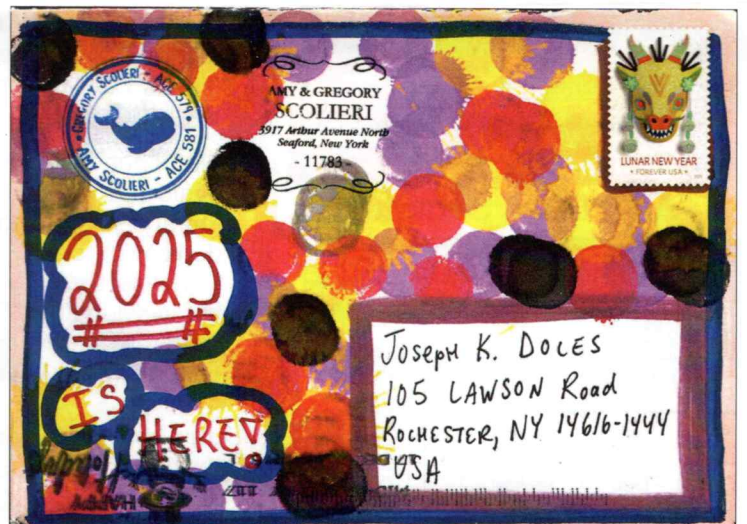
ACE President Carolyn Marks, speaking particularly of the L.A. fires, noted that, like hurricanes, such fires "could really happen to any of us at any time. One night you are home, comfy in your house, and the next night you have lost everything."

Let us remember in our correspondence to offer any appropriate condolences, thoughts and prayers to those who have experienced the devastation of national disasters of any kind.



Happy New Year! We know that this past year has been full of challenges, and we pray that the coming year brings brighter days. Sending love and good wishes.

Cover of the Month



This very colorful cover by Greg and Amy Scolieri brings greetings for a new year. Made with multi-colored Bingo daubers.

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Applying for Membership:

ACE dues are applicable for the calendar year in which they are received in accordance with the Dues Schedule printed below. Dues are \$20 for U.S. single membership or for a family membership with 1 newsletter (each member in the same household will be issued individual membership numbers). \$25 for Canada, Mexico and all other International memberships.

Please include a sample cover with your application.

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ACE Dues Schedule

Months Joined	Dues Amount	Newsletters Received
Jan.- March	\$20	12
April - June	\$15	9
July - Sept.	\$10	6
Oct. - Dec (Bonus)	\$20	3 + 12 new year

Three Reminders for Our New Year By John Martin, Secretary

As each new year dawns, ACE members are reminded of three important activities. One of them is mandatory; the other two are voluntary.

The mandatory duty is paying the annual dues. It's \$20 for those in the U.S. and, because of higher postage for mailing the monthly newsletter, those in other countries are asked to pay \$25.

A family membership is available for the same price as a single member. Each family member will be assigned their own ACE membership number but just one copy of each monthly newsletter will be sent to the family.

Anyone may send extra funds to ACE if they wish. Those who do so will have the initial "P" for patron added to their listing in the ACE Roster.

The annual roster is published usually in the spring, by which time most members who plan to stay in the club have paid their dues. However, dues are due as of Jan. 1 and prompt payment is expected. This also makes it easier for Joe Doles, who prints and mails the roster as well as the newsletter.

The other two first-of-the-year activities are voluntary, but they are very important, and members are encouraged to participate by nominating someone for the honor of Member of the Year (MOY) or one of their 2024 covers for Cover of the Year (COY).

Member of the Year is an honor bestowed annually to recognize a member's extraordinary service and dedication to ACE. The criteria used to define those terms is recognized by individual ACE members, who then notify the secretary of their nomination and provide a statement (usually a paragraph) about why they believe a certain person is worthy of the honor.

These nominations should be made by Feb. 15 at the very latest.

The other activity is Cover of the

Year. Please look back through the covers you have received in 2024. If you find one that you believe is deserving of being declared the Cover of the Year, using whatever criteria you choose, then please send either a scan of the cover or the cover itself to Joe Doles. If you send in the cover, Joe will scan it and then return it to you.

If you mail a COY candidate to Joe, email him and let him know it's on the way, as mail delivery is sometimes slow.

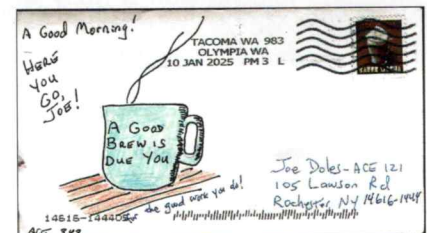
These nominations should be in Joe's hands by Feb. 15, too. They can be hand-drawn, computer covers, stickers or any other medium. Any type of cover that is made by an ACEr and sent to another ACEr is eligible.

When Joe mails out the February newsletter, it will show the nominations for MOY and COY and will also include a postcard ballot which needs to be filled out and mailed to the ballot counter whose name and address will be designated on the post card.

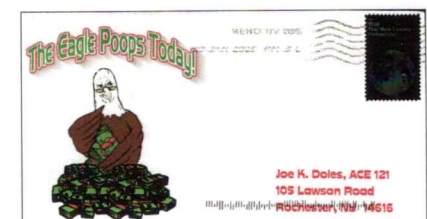
Covers received with dues



From Sandra and Andrew Lingler



From John Martin, ACE 343

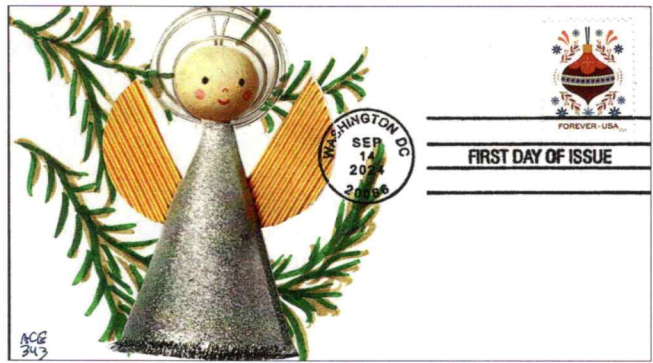


From Duane Wilson, ACE 392

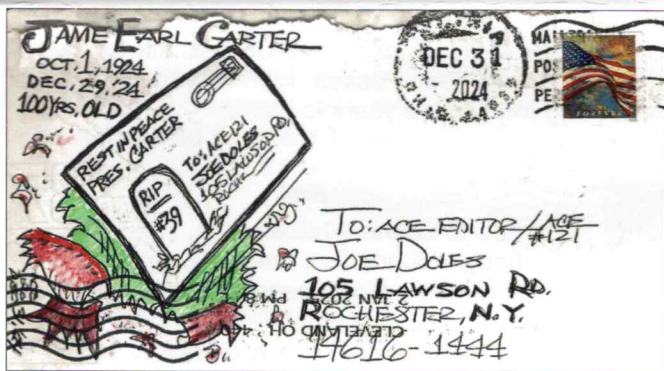
Recent ACE Covers Received



Don Mangus, ACE 16.



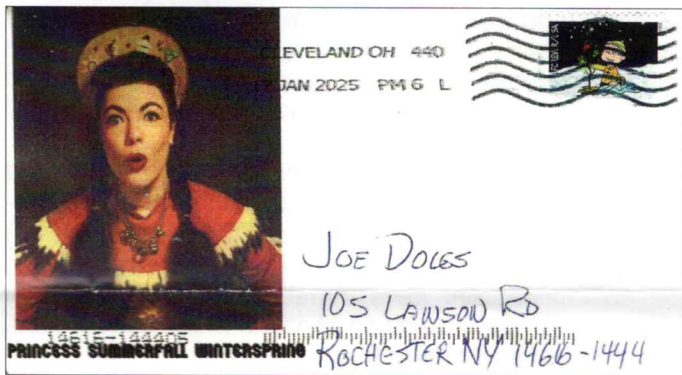
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Charlie Delgado, ACE 20.



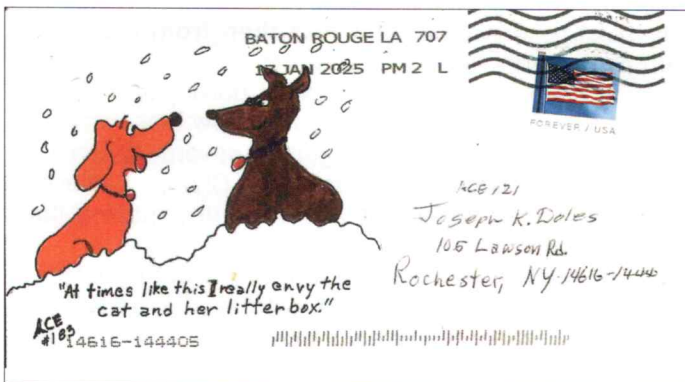
Pam Frahm, ACE 494.



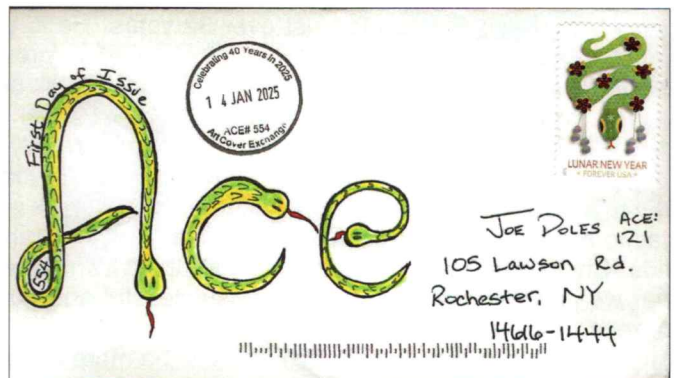
Gary Hudeck, ACE 177.



Barb Tippery, ACE 506



Cal Breux, ACE 183.



Carolyn Marks, ACE 554.

Lets Celebrate...ACE TURNS 40 in 2025!

By: Carolyn Marks, ACE President

As I was freshening up on my knowledge of ACE history last fall, I saw the date of when our current ACE club was re-organized and realized we were going to have a reason to celebrate in 2025! I knew it would be a great time to reach out to one of our three founders, Chris Glessner Kirk. It has been an absolute honor to ask her questions and connect with her. Thank you, Chris, for contributing to this special issue!

Memories from ACE#01, Chris Glessner Kirk

From what my family told me, Granddad, our name for Leonard Turley, he was lonely and artistic. He so enjoyed receiving envelopes from people in his stamp collecting group but really wanted to also correspond. Hence the beginning of ACE. It was April, 1985. My youngest aunt had just given birth to her daughter during my spring break from high school. She and I have always been more like sisters due to our slight age difference. So, I offered to spend the week with her and her husband to help out. While there, I spent time looking over her collection of my Great Grandfather's ACE collection of covers. I decided to make one myself, being kinda artsy back then. I made a cover with Snoopy on it and asked my Grandmother if she'd like to be an ACE'R again. Well, obviously she said yes. 40 years later, my Grandmother and my Mother are gone, yet ACE continues as strong as ever. My Grandma and Mom were the driving force for keeping it going for so long.

My Mom wrote and distributed the newsletter for many years with lots of help from other ACE'rs. I have occasionally sent covers and very much love receiving them in the mail. To see that one letter, sent with love and admiration, oh so long ago, has brought together so many people from every background and walk of life. That's why ACE was started by my Great Grandfather. The enduring spirit of humanity to meet new people and form strong bonds. I am very thankful for all who make sure ACE endures. Congratulations ACERs on 40 years, wishing many more years to come.

All my best, Chris

Q&A with Chris Glessner Kirk

Roughly how many years were you an active member?

I was pretty active till around '96. Kind of off and on. My husband and I had our second child in '97, and had definitely stopped regular covers by then.

What were your favorite topics to draw? Abstracts. I made a number of Picasso covers, "Seated Bather" is my favorite of his and was fortunate enough to see it in person in the early 80s when my grandparents lived in Miami. I also had a design I made myself that I liked to use, kind of a weird rounded and pointy thing.

What is your favorite medium to use? Watercolors, markers, pastel and pen and ink. I never got into the "alternatives" like stamps, torn paper. My mom received some beautiful ones in those mediums, they just never interested me.

Do you have any other hobbies? Hiking and kayaking are my current passions. I spent several years volunteering with the Florida Trail Association doing trail maintenance. My husband and I also love playing Pokemon Go together.

Care to share about your family? My husband, Chuck, and I have been married for just over 32 years. He is the kindest, most patient person I know. We have two grown sons, Wes and Noah. They are both the best of Chuck and I. Wes is creative and charismatic, like his Dad. Noah is more analytical and practical like me :). Wes is currently in a relationship, living his best life and has no desire for kids. Noah is currently focusing on his career and hopes one day to meet someone to share his life with. So, no grandkids. Chuck and I are perfectly fine with that. It's their life and we just want them to be happy, successful and good citizens. They make us proud everyday.

Anyone in your family artistic? Wes is the more artistic, in art, though he has become busy lately and hasn't had

much of a chance to channel his abilities. Noah is musically inclined, though his life has been ever changing the last few years and has not yet been able to find a good outlet for his music.

Does anyone in your family have a desire to join ACE maybe at some point? Probably not:)

What changes have you noticed over the years since the beginning to now? Other than the members themselves, not much. The club was formed to inspire and bring people together. It seems to still do that. I am proud to still be included. I do enjoy reading the newsletter and seeing the covers of today.

Do you have any memories you care to share about meeting any early ACERs that we still may know today? (Such as Charlie Delgado, Don Mangus, Joe Doles?) To be honest, I think I met Charlie once, when he visited mom in Florida. We have corresponded some, and of course mom thought so much of all three of them.

Many ACERs have topics they like to collect under their name in the roster: If you were active member again, what topics would you like to collect? Nothing political!! Hahaha. Anything nature related.

You must receive mail now and then from ACERs, we assume you still like to receive covers? I love to receive covers. I feel bad when I do since I don't respond, however, I know my profile lets everyone know that I am of inactive status, yes, I do enjoy getting covers. When I received the note about the Pinbacks for Charlie, however, I had to do covers for him, it was enjoyable making them and sending them to him.

Last but not least, one question I would LOVE to know....DO YOU READ EVERY NEWSLETTER? I do read the newsletter! Not every month, or on time, but yes, I do enjoy reading them. Usually every couple of months, I get out the latest ones and "binge read" them.

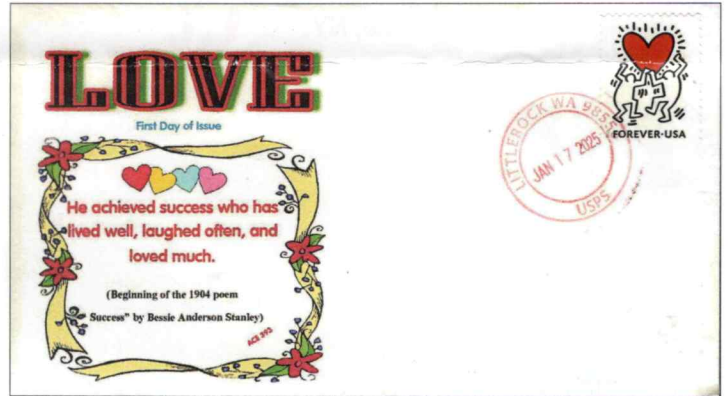
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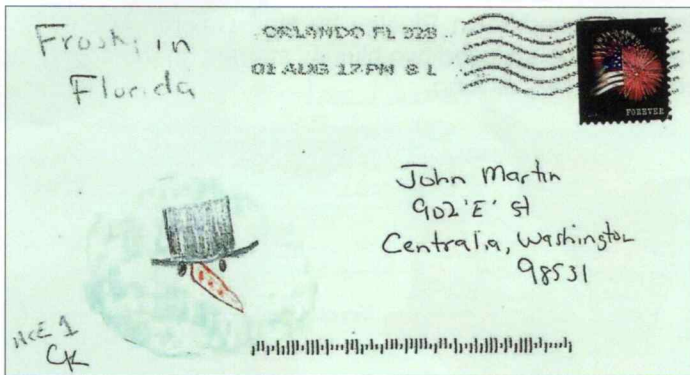
Chris shared a picture with us. "Starting from the left, It's Mom (Dixie Glessner) with me and my brother Donnie, then Granddad (Leonard Turley)."



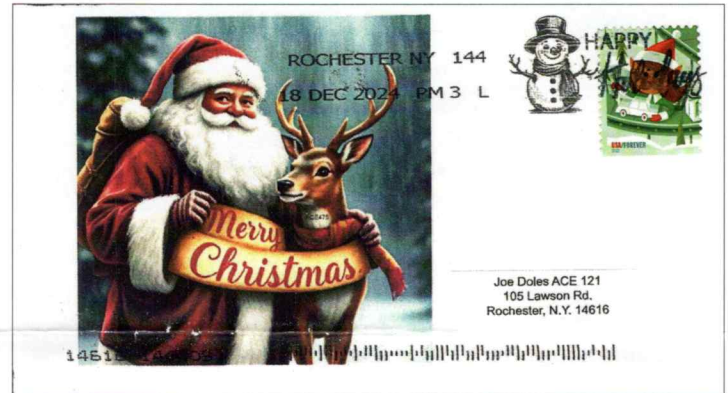
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Dennis Gelvin, ACE 393.



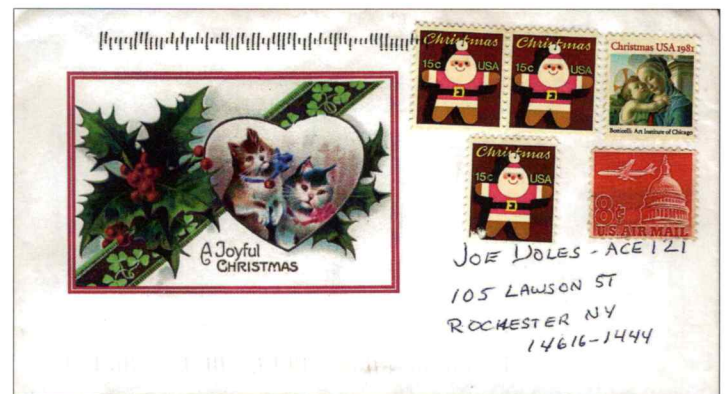
A cover by Chris from 2017.



Dave Bombard, ACE 475

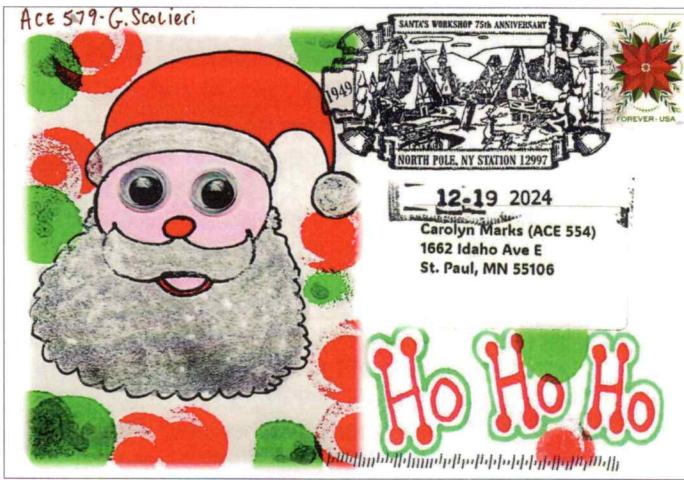


Another cover by Chris from 2024.



Ada Prill, ACE 357.





Gregory Scolieri, ACE 579 enjoyed sending for holiday pictorial cancels, I enjoyed the detail cancellation of Santa's workshop, North Pole, NY.

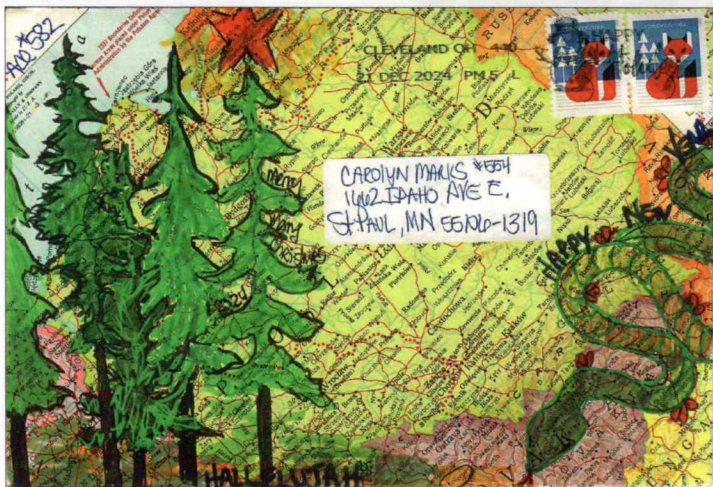
The president's mailbox

By Carolyn Marks, ACE 554

Covers received in December.



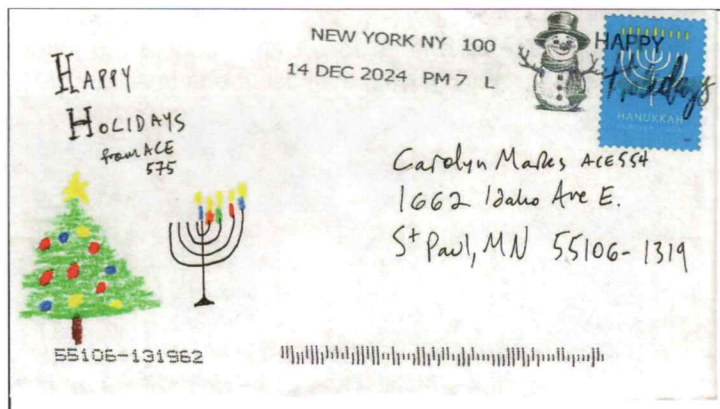
Beautiful handdrawn Bluejay by Nan Calora, ACE 569. I love how she included two bluejay stamps on the cover, the colors are very striking.



Kellie Conetsco, ACE 582 sent a very creative cover, a hand folded map as a cover with Christmas pine trees, and Happy New Year with reference to the upcoming Year of the Snake. She included a few items that she had won from a ACE guessing game that Charlie hosted on Facebook a few weeks back. Very kind of her to share! I enjoyed the freebie covers! Look forward to paying it forward and surprising a ACEr with another cover.



Foster Miller, ACE 566 sent a eye-catching Holiday Joy Poinsettia FDC with great art of Santa his opening his own mailbox to a FDC of himself.



Simon Vozick-Levinson, ACE 575 sent a Happy Holidays cover with recognizing the Hanukkah Menorah and a Christmas Tree.



Last but not least, I received a few gifts in the mail. Two ACErs sent ornaments and I found both sweet and thoughtful. A mailbox from Gregory and Amy Scolieri and a homemade reindeer ornament from Julie Oliver Buchanan.

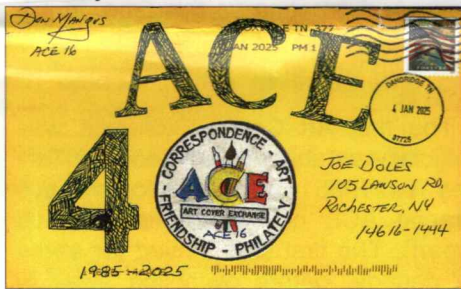
"Ink it to Joe" This month's theme is "Celebrate 40". Why don't you join in the fun? Each month has a theme designated. All we ask is that basic pen or pencil line art be used to draw your cacheted cover. This is an

exercise to show how all our different creative minds work. Let's make it fun! The more examples the merrier. Just address your covers like those below. The following themes are listed here; **February:** Feelings, **March:** Nostalgic, **April:** Birds, **May:** Cravings.

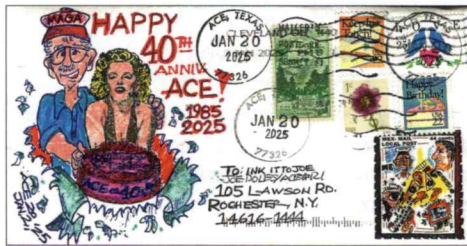


Received too late for December's NL is this one by John Martin, ACE 343.

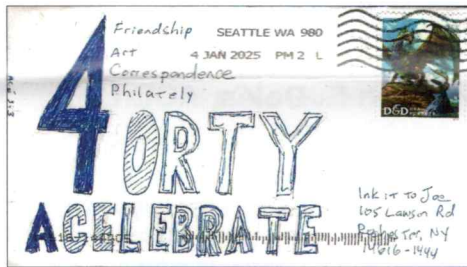
January's theme, "Celebrate 40".



Don Mangus, ACE 16.



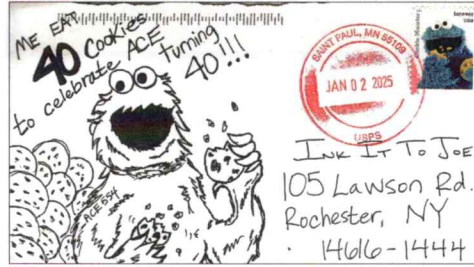
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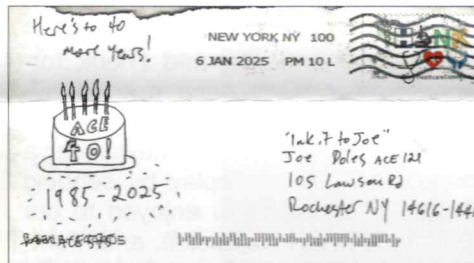
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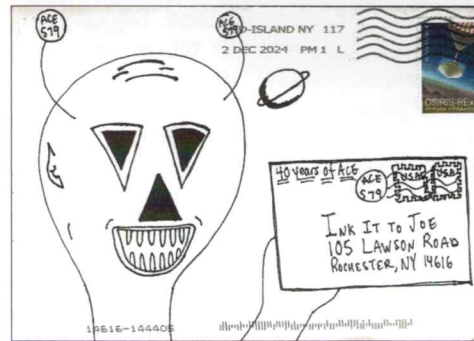
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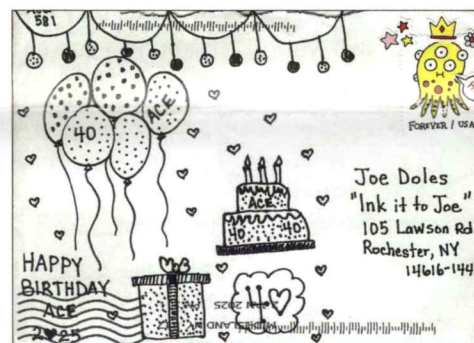
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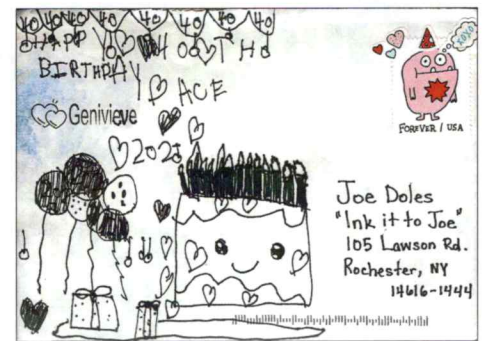
Gregory Scolieri, ACE 579.



Amy Scolieri, ACE 581.



Kellie Ann Conetsco, ACE 582.

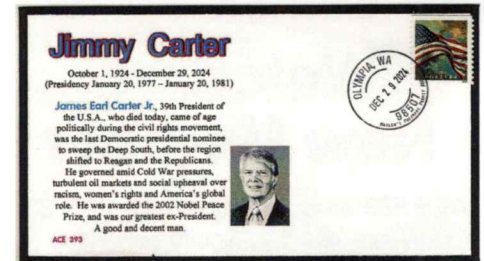


Genny Scolieri, ACE 585.

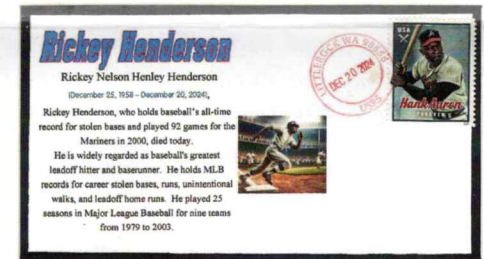
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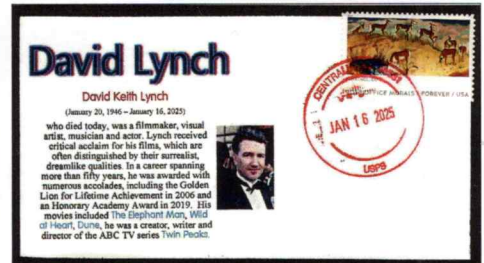
By Michael Vincent, ACE 583.



By Dennis Gelvin, ACE 393.



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Happy Birthday

If you do not see your birthday listed it means that it is not in the club database. If you send me your information I will enter it into the database. EDITOR

JANUARY

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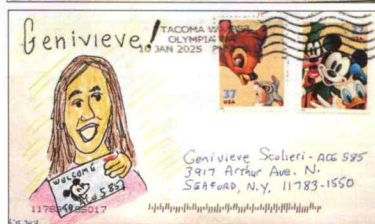
Welcome New Member

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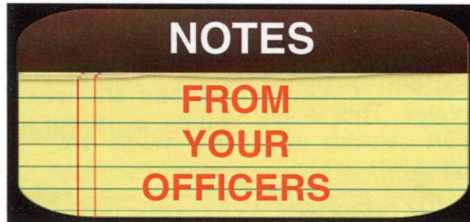
Genivieve "Genny" Scolieri
3917 Arthur Ave N
Seaford NY 11783

Genny's likes are:

Unicorns, Butterflies, Hearts, Flowers, Stitch from the movie Lilo and Stitch, Whales, Aliens, Girl Scouts, Cheer.



Welcome covers from 393 and 343.



President

Carolyn Marks, ACE 554

Happy New Year ACers!

New Years always brings new resolutions, new challenges, new ideas, and how about some new stamps to make creative mail with? Sounds great to me! New stamp topics always bring fresh creativity and I look forward to see what each one of you does this coming year. Please remember to help give our newsletter a variety of mail to display by sending scans of a cover you enjoyed to our Editor, Joe. We are a club, and members need to work together to make the club work well. Participation is key to make a club a success. Sending in covers to Joe for the NL is showing acknowledgement and appreciation for what you received. We are a team! Also, I want to ask each one of you to please let me know if you have any ideas for our club. No idea or suggestion is too small!

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank each of you for your Christmas cards, holiday covers, kind words, and gifts. There are not many clubs around like ACE, and I feel blessed to be a member and your President for another two years. Thank you for all you do to lift me up, bring a smile to my face, I look forward to 2025 and what is to come in my mailbox.

Vice President

Simon Vozick-Levinson, 575

Happy New Year, ACers! I'm excited to begin 2025 as VP of the club that's brought me so much joy since I became a member in 2022. I love seeing the creative ways that everyone approaches cachetmaking. As you may know, I tend to favor simple drawings with pen and colored pencils; I've also had a lot of fun making maxicards with old postcards and folding envelopes from calendar and catalog pages. 2024 was a great year of covers for me, with new stamps featuring music, baseball, and literature —

three of my favorite themes. Looking ahead, I've already started making cachets for the Year of the Snake stamp (fun to draw with help from my kids!) and the Love stamp (which features the work of one of my favorite 20th-century artists, Keith Haring). How about you? Do you have any upcoming issues you're looking forward to? Whatever they may be, I'm looking forward to seeing what you do this year. Keep on ACEing!

Secretary

John Martin, ACE 343

With the Advent of 2025, we're a quarter of the way into the 21st Century. And greeting us this time, in addition to a new year, is the 40th year -- the 40th year of the second ACE club, that is.

The first Art Cover Exchange was officially established by Leonard Turley in 1935 (although some have traced ACE covers to the previous year!). The first club thrived for about a decade, before dwindling away in about 1944.

But some of Turley's descendants decided to revive it, and that is the club that now observes its 40th anniversary.

ACE regularly signs up new members and shows no signs of going away, so all can strive to do their part to keep it going strong for many more years!

There will be articles and features this year on the 40th anniversary, including your own articles and covers to help celebrate this milestone year.

Treasurer & Editor

Joseph K. Doles, ACE 121

A new year, a new chapter and tons of new memories to be made together! Happy New Year to you all!

At this point I have received 50% of the member's dues. Thank you! If you have not sent yours in yet, please do. I would like to get the newest, up-to-date roster to you as soon as possible.

Anyone that hasn't sent in their dues by February 28, 2025 will be dropped from the Annual Roster and the February issue of From Cover To Cover will be your last issue. Please don't let that happen.