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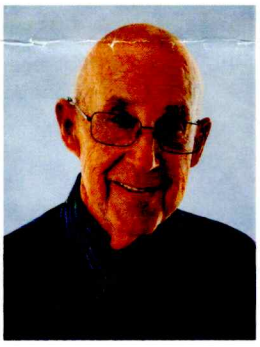
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Johnnie Franklin Martin, ACE 343
December 1, 1944-August 12, 2026

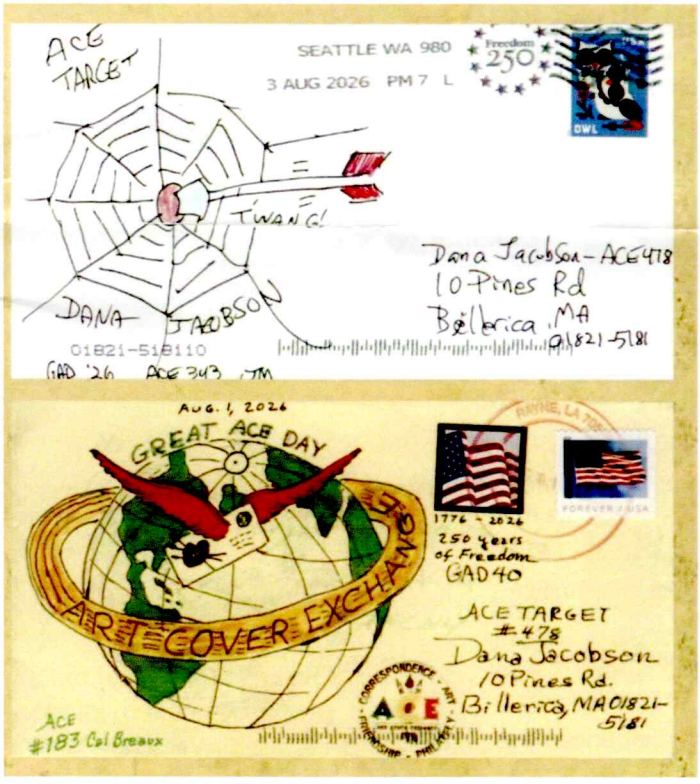


John Martin passed away in his Centralia, WA home on August 12th, 2026 surrounded by family. John joined ACE in February 1998, and has remained a active ACEr all these years. He attended multiple ACE meetings in Elyria OH, Rochester NY, Rosemount IL, and various locations in his home state of Washington. John served as ACE Secretary since 2015. John served our country as a Marine, and worked in journalism for his career. After he retired from journalism, he worked for the postal service as a mail carrier for twenty-six years. John had many hobbies that kept him busy, ACE being one of them.
More to come in a future newsletter.

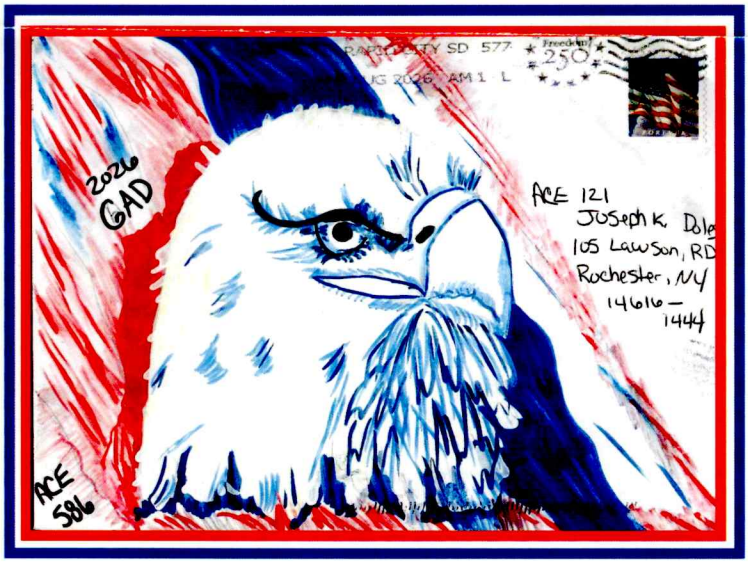
Calice Breaux Jr., ACE 183
October 11, 1937 - August 14, 2026



Known affectionately as "Cal," he worked as a store manager for Short Stop, served as a district supervisor for SAK N PAK, and eventually owned and operated "Cal's" Kwik Shop in Groves during the mid-1980s. Cal proudly served in the Louisiana and Texas National Guard for nine years. An avid collector of coins, stamps, and memorabilia, Cal was particularly proud of his 30-plus years as member of ACE, amassing over 60 albums of First Day Covers and hand-drawn covers. Cal enjoyed tending to his many flowers, plants and tending to the grass with a zero-turn mower. In later years, he dedicated time to genealogy as a board member of Breaux du Monde, documenting his family's history. Cal joined ACE in 1989 and has been an active cover exchanger since he started. Cal attended multiple ACE-FEST meetings in Elyria, OH and Rochester, NY over the years. Cal was Great Ace Day Target in 2013. Cal was known to send the gals in ACE sweet valentine covers every year.



2026 GAD covers by John and Cal sent to the target.
Image lifted from the club's web page, *https://artcoverexchange.org/*



A hand-drawn GAD cover by Shawna Reitz, ACE 586.
Displayed here to honor the memories of John and Cal.

Art Cover Exchange

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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

Curious minds want to know, how do you create a fancy Pictorial Postmark with the USPS?

By Douglas George ACE # 590

This question was posed to me recently with interest in how one would go about creating a Pictorial Postmark?

Let's first establish a definition of a Pictorial Postmark? Pictorial Postmarks are cancellations provided by the Post Office to help communities across America with ways to commemorate local events. Pictorial Postmarks are event postmarks offered by the Postal Service to commemorate events, such as fairs, conventions, or other types of local celebrations.

When requesting a Pictorial Postmark for your event you must contain the following information:

- The name of the temporary philatelic station
- The word "Station" or "Sta," included in the name.
- The city, state, and Zip Codde of the Physical location of the temporary philatelic station
- The Month, day, and year when the postmark is offered

Size limitations for a pictorial postmark must not be larger than 4 inches wide and 2 inches high.

The Postal Service has restrictions on the use of illustrations, wording, designs, authorized artwork & authorization of name and Images that will have to be met when applying for a pictorial postmark. All of these requirements can be found in their Handbook PO-230 *(Https://about.usps.com/handbooks/po230/welcome.htm)*

There are 3 forms that have to be submitted to the Stamp Fulfillment Services for approval 10 weeks ahead of the event:

- Sponsor Release and Indemnification for Pictorial Postmark
- Artist Release for Pictorial Postmark
- Pictorial Postmark Announcement Report

Once the Application has been approved the announcement report is used to place the release of the pictorial postmark in the Postal Bulletin that are issued every two weeks. The Postmaster will then order the cancellation device using the information provided in the sponsor release & art release forms. IF anyone that would like copies of the release forms or needing assistance you can email *PictorialPostmarks@usps.gov* for help.

So how do you create the design of the postmark. Do a drawing and create the postmark with the proper handwriting. I have done drawing and then scanned to meet the size requirement of 4 inches long & 2 inches high. With technology I have created postmarks with graphic design programs. Here are few examples of designs I have done.





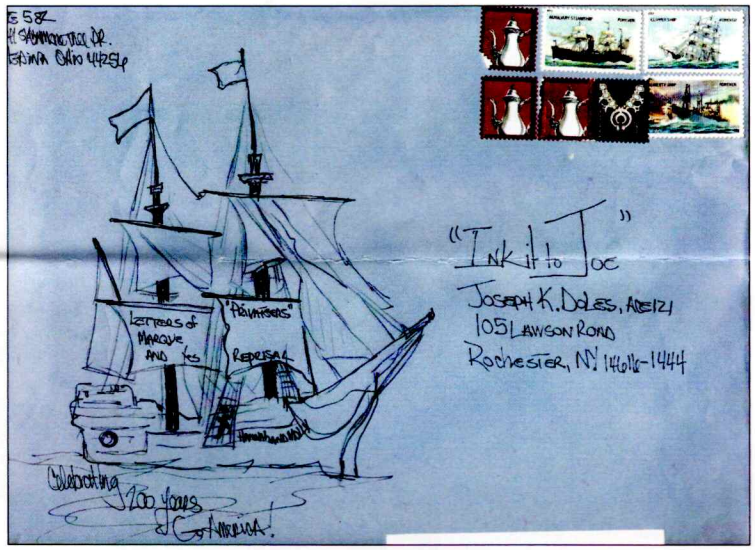




"Ink it to Joe"

This month's theme is HIBERNATE . 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 shown below.

The following themes are listed here; June: Ship, July: Insect, August: Harvest, September: Tractor, October: Favorite comic strip, November: Song, December: Trinket from your childhood.

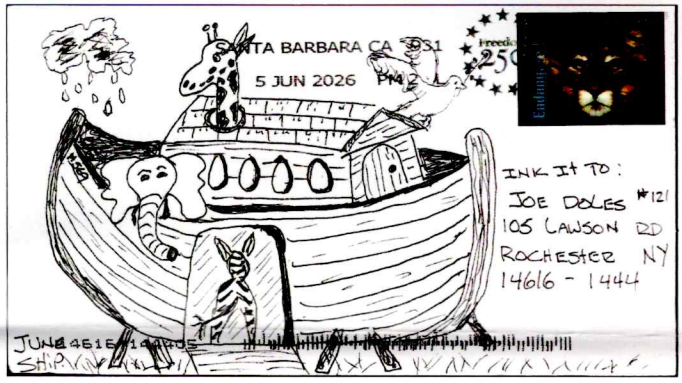


This 9"x12" cover was sent in by Kellie Ann Conetsco, Ace 534.

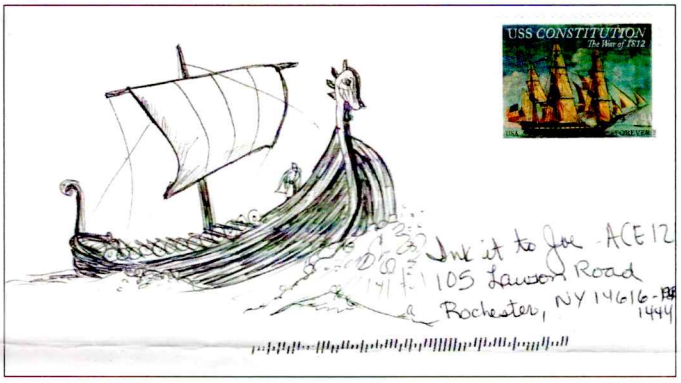


By Sandye "Mace" Fakan, ACE 441.

JUNE – SHIPS

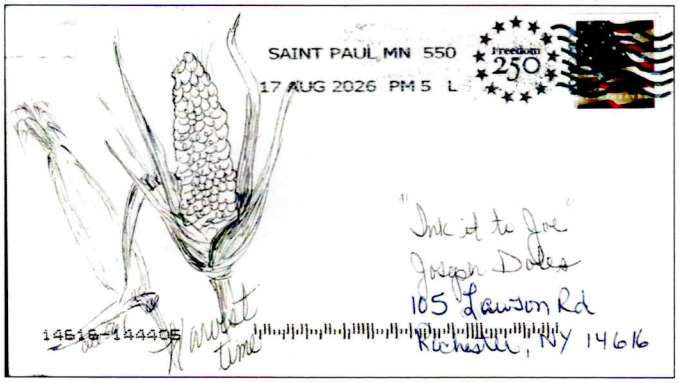


By Nan Calora, ACE 569.

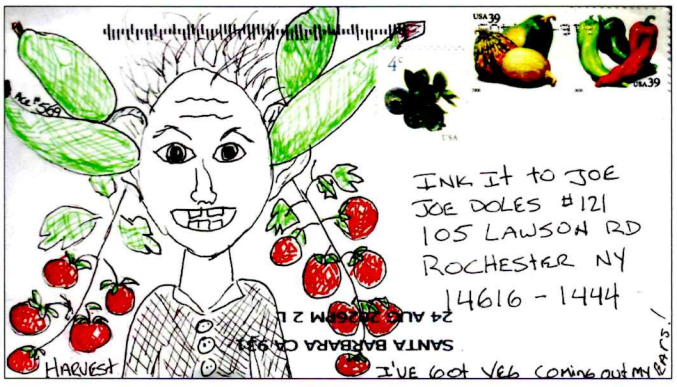


By Carolyn Marks, ACE 554.

AUGUST – HARVEST



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By Nan Calora, ACE 569.

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Walt George, ACE 590.





Michael Vincent, ACE 583.



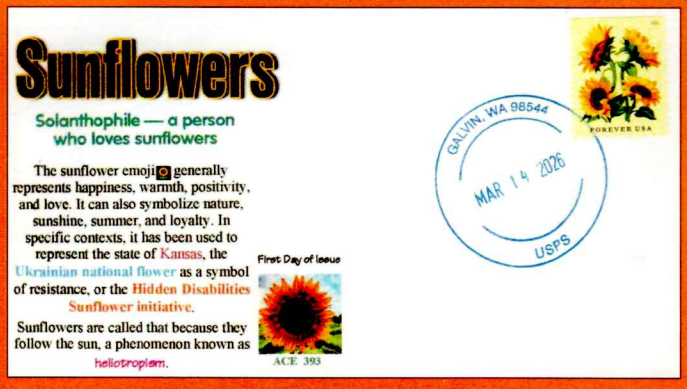
Kellie Ann Conetsco, ACE 582



Charlie Delgado, ACE 20.



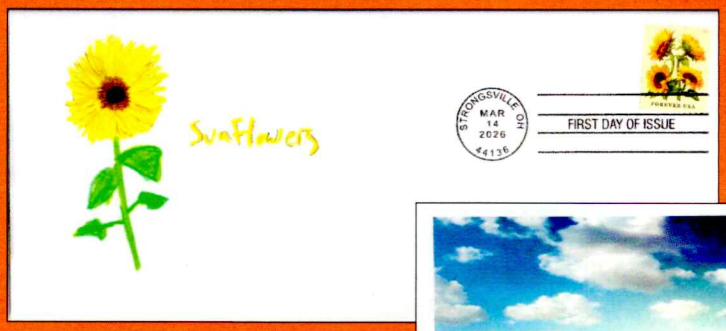
Gregory Scolieri,E 579.



Dennis Gelvin, ACE 393



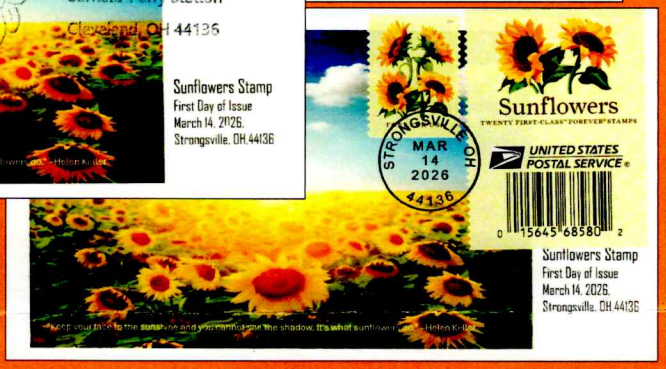
Star Bombard, ACE 458.



Simon Vozick-Levinson, ACE 575.



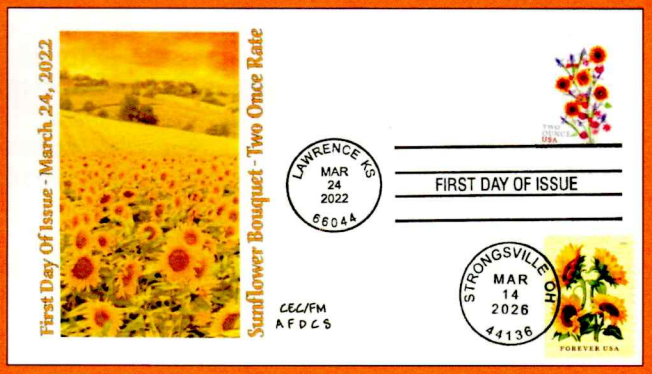


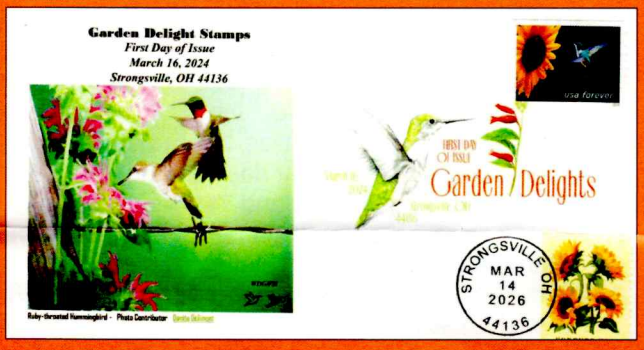


Foster Miller, ACE 566. (3 different postmarks)



Foster Miller, ACE 566. (Large card)

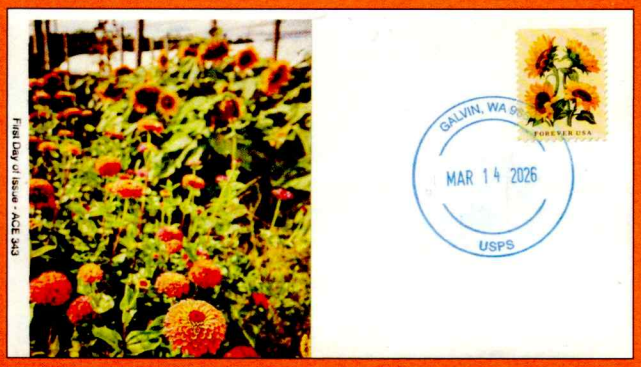




Foster Miller, ACE 566 (2 Combo Cov-



Nan Calora, ACE 569.



John Martin, E 393.

A GAD surprise for Dana

By: Carolyn Marks, ACE 554

Another GAD is in the ACE record book; and indeed it was a surprise to our 2026 target, Dana Jacobson, ACE 478. I had the pleasure of calling Dana and enjoyed getting to know him better and hearing about his GAD experience. Dana has been a stamp collector his entire life; and when I asked him what he collected, he replied, "a little bit of everything". His father collected US, plate blocks, and worldwide. Dana kept on the tradition and continued his father's collection when his father turned it over to him. Currently Dana collects MINT US issues.

Dana joined ACE in 2007. He found out about ACE from the Stamp Collecting Forum (formerly the Virtual Stamp Club) on Delphi Forums. The community board at the time had messages promoting ACE, AFDCS, etc. Dana is still active on Delphi Forums to this day; and he mentioned he buys and sells covers on there. Dana attended ACEFEST at Americover 2009 in Boxborough, MA. He fondly remembers meeting many ACErs including current members Joe Doles, David & Star Bombard. Some ACErs from that meeting are no longer in the club, some have passed on. Dana makes First Day Covers under the name Toad Hall Covers. He sells them on eBay, Hipstamp, DelphiForums, and other sites. The stamp that got him into making covers was the 2007 39c Henry Wadsworth Longfellow issue. Henry is a famous poet, and he and Dana share the same hometown in Maine. Dana had such an enjoyable time creating his first FDC, he has continued on ever since.

Dana has been ACE webmaster for over ten years. He mentioned that being GAD target has given him new encouragement and motivation to update the ACE website more, and get back into the groove of corresponding and sending out covers again to members. His GAD cover tally is currently at 715 as we are eighteen days past August 1st. He had a small hunch he was target by a few that trickled in the last few days before August 1st, but he was not convinced because the GAD postcard he received had said that Foster Miller (ACE 566) was the target. By August 3rd, he knew - over 125 came that day all bundled! The largest days of mail were August 3, 4, and 7th. As of today, August 18th, another one trickled in, with the August 1st postmark.

Dana was pleased with being selected as the target for 2026, thanking everyone who sent him a cover, or more. His wish to say to all of you, "Keep sending that mail!"

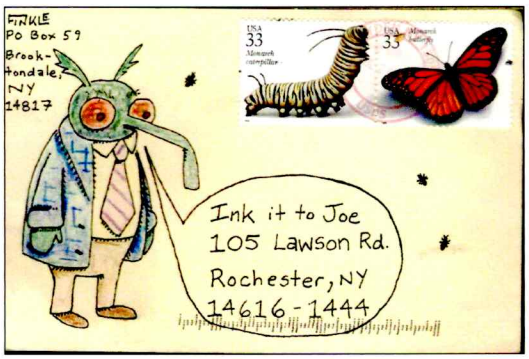


Cover for the target from Walter George, ACE 590.

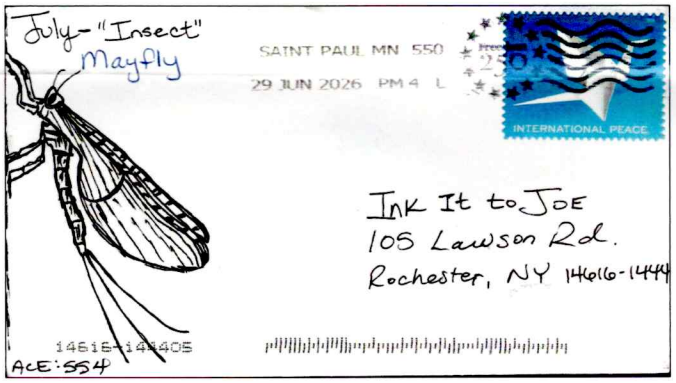
Ink it to Joe

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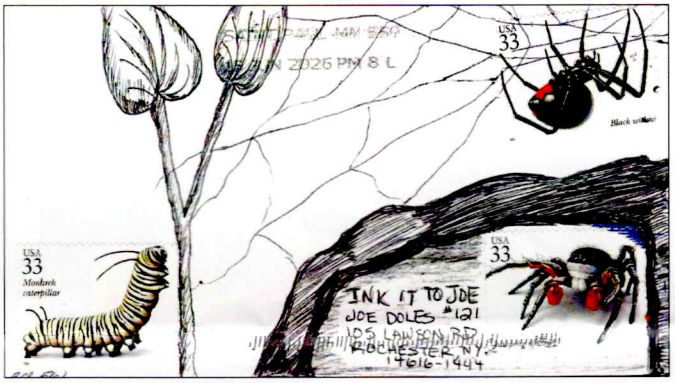
July - Insect



Postcard art by Andy Finkle, ACE 592.



By Carolyn Marks, ACE 554.



By Ardis Quick, ACE 561.

Received in mid June



By Bob Owens, ACE 591.

An ACE perspective on Boston 2026

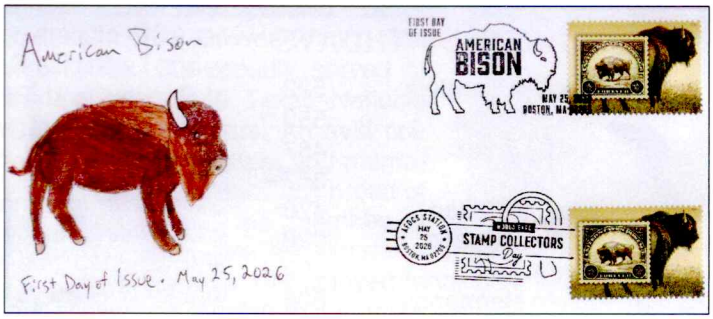
By Simon Vozick-Levinson, ACE 575



Walking into the Thomas M. Menino Convention Center on May 24, my older son exclaimed: "This is a really big show!" The Boston 2026 World Stamp Expo filled an entire floor of the convention center, with interesting stamp-related exhibits and activities as far as the eye could see. I was only able to attend two days of the week-long event, but I had an incredible time while I was there.

The USPS section of the floor alone was like heaven for anyone who enjoys post offices and the mail. The retail counters had every USPS product imaginable, like a catalog come to life. The cancellation desks were staffed by the most helpful, courteous clerks I've ever met. After attending first day ceremonies on each of the two days I attended — a real treat in itself, getting to see two ceremonies in one week! — I took my covers over to the desk and perused the five or six special postmarks that were available each day. I showed the clerks what I wanted on each cover, and they placed the postmarks perfectly. Later, I was able to cancel some other covers myself at the "do it yourself" cancellation station. It was like a dream for a cover enthusiast like myself! (I heard that at least some of the clerks came directly from Stamp Fullfilment Services HQ in Kansas City, which would explain their high level of professionalism. The work they do to enable our hobby is very much appreciated!)

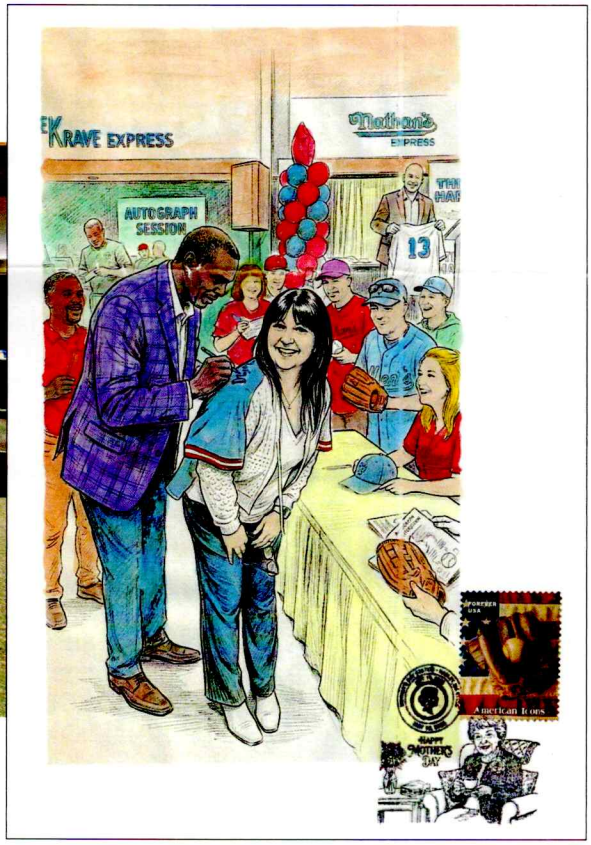
The two stamps issued while I was in Boston were Mister Rogers (the winner of the Stamp Encore vote - very well-deserved in my opinion and my kids') and the American Bison (with excellent artwork referencing a classic stamp from the past). It was so fun seeing these stamps' debuts and canceling covers for them. I met ACE 566 in person for the first time, and chatted with lots of other cachetmakers at the cancellation stations. Many of them had decorated small numbers of covers by hand or using printed artwork, just like we do in ACE. I left each day feeling that our hobby is alive and well! There was lots of other fun to be had at the stamp show, including a Lego art station that my kids loved, a dealers' section where I picked up some very nice FDCs and admired five Inverted Jennys, and much, much more. All in all, a delightful time. I can't wait for the next one in 2036!



Walter George surprises Amy Scolieri

Walter George (ACE 590) made Amy (ACE 581) a very special cover. It featured a hand-colored cachet based off of a photograph of Amy with Doc Gooden. This oversized cover featured a Mother's Day postmark and was all tied together with the baseball stamp from the new Ralph Lauren American Icon stamps. Amy is a baseball fan and is a big time fan of Doc Gooden. Amy was able to win a Gooden jersey at a charity auction. Gooden signed the jersey for Amy. Doc Gooden was a member of the NY Mets, and the NY Yankees. He won World Series championships with the Mets in 1986 and with the Yankees in 2000. The Scolieri Acers were so thrilled to receive this special cover and plan to display the cover with the jersey in their house for years to come.







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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

?	Kellie Ann Conetsco	582
2	Barb J. Tippery	506
3	Spencer Hudson	130
7	Walter George	590
23	John Colasanti	534
25	Chris G. Kirk	001

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3	Christine Sanders	522
4	Kaylee Morris	553
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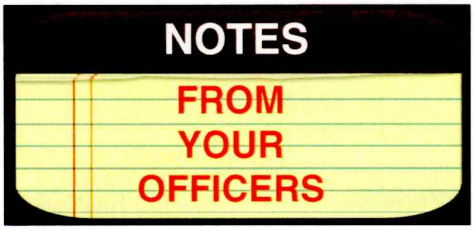
ACE 559 Achieves

Congratulations to Annajoy Marks, ACE 559. She has graduated from the first phase of her cosmetology training. The next stop on her career path is to continue study at Century College.

Annajoy's mom is ACE President Carolyn Marks, ACE 554, and her sister is Katie Marks, ACE 564.



ACE 569 made for the new International Peace stamps, with an actual origami crane carefully folded and glued to the cover! I was amazed by this one when it arrived in the mail, protected by a glassine envelope.



President
Carolyn Marks, ACE 554

Hi friends,

2026 has sure been a sad year for ACE. As a club we are grieving, our dear friends John Martin & Cal Breaux. Both were faithful longtime ACE exchangers, and we surely will miss John serving as ACE secretary. Over the years I have immensely enjoyed John's humor, creatiity and thoughtfulness he brought to his covers, and his "Galvin Gazette" write-ups. It has been a pleasure to serve as ACE officers together the past 4 years. I will miss Cal's comic drawings of Snoopy, and Tweety Bird, I always enjoyed the fact we were both Peanuts collectors.

We have lost three ACErs recently, and sweet Nancy who encouraged and assisted Joe with ACE newsletters for over 20 years.

Some ACErs are currently struggling with their own health, caring for a spouse or family member, in grief survival mode, or other challenges. Let's check up on one another, be there for one another during the ups and downs of life.

GAD #40 officially is complete. I mailed over fifty some covers on August 1st and was able to handcancel every single one. What a enjoyable feeling! A mighty congratulations to our 2026 target Dana Jacobson. I hope his mailbox flooded over with covers and he is enjoyed the surprise.

Vice President
Simon Vozick-Levinson, 575

I write these words with a heavy heart. As I am sure many of you have heard by now, John F. Martin, ACE 343, passed away on August 12. John was one of my first friends when I joined ACE, and we exchanged countless covers in the years since then. His kindness, creativity, and sense of humor shone through in every one of his cachets, not to mention the letters and "newsletters" he often enclosed — I always smiled when I saw one of his signature cartoons or collages in my mailbox. It was a great honor to serve alongside him as an ACE officer for the past year, and I am glad to say he was my friend. I know so many of you in ACE feel the same. We will always remember John's generous spirit. May his memory be a blessing, and may his soul rest in peace.

I just got a call from Frank Faustino, ACE 453. He wanted me to let everyone in ACE know that he hasn't been able to send out any covers lately because he is recovering from bypass surgery. I told him that of course everyone understands, and he should take his time and rest up. He asked me to share this news, so I'm sharing it with you - Joe, maybe it's something to mention in the next issue of the newsletter?

Secretary
John Martin, ACE 343

Secretaries duties will be filled by the club's president until after this year's elections.

Treasurer & Editor
Joseph K. Doles, ACE 121

I do not have much to add to what has already been said by the other officers. I will miss John immensely. He was a great person to work with over the years and his contributions to the ACE newsletters are immeasurable.

Cal will always be remembered as one of ACE's longest, very active exchangers. Always a believer in making hand drawn art on his covers. A trait of the original club. Cal also collected early ACE covers.

I have had a lot of trouble concentrating on ACE over the last year. When my wife was in seven weeks of hospice, my ACE world came to a stand still. Since her passing I have had to make a lot of adjustments. One was combined newsletters over the last four months.

I have intentions of getting back to a normal schedule with the September issue.

Please send your items for the NL in the text body of your emails. I can copy and paste it easy that way.