## **Printing and Perforating Stamp Service**

by John Walter

I have been a subscriber (free) to the <u>Philosateleian Post blog</u> for over a year. Kevin Blackston is the webmaster in Jacksonville, Florida. He sends an informative monthly newsletter. The May newsletter had an interesting article on his acquisition of a stamp perforator - a vintage <u>Southworth hand perforator</u>. His main interest was perforating his local post stamps.

In this month's issue Kevin "is offering <u>stamp printing and perforating services</u> to art stamp creators and local post operators. American Philatelic Society, Local Post Collectors Society, and Letter Writers Alliance members receive special discounts; <u>download an order form</u> today."

Kevin also produces free U.S. album pages (nearly 800). About once a quarter he updates and produces new pages for recent stamp issues. Using his album pages you will never have to buy U.S. album pages.

Also this month is a section on Cinderella Stamps. "Ask Me About Cinderella Stamps attempts to catalogue some of the material, with explorations of Gerald King's Alternative Lundy and Alternative Great Britain cinderellas, Tom Maringer's creations for J. R. R. Tolkien's Middle Earth, and many others. Such material is far beyond the scope of mainstream stamp collections, but it provides a fascinating adjunct to an already infinitely interesting hobby."

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Every month in his newsletter Kevin asks for feedback or simply a reply to enter a monthly drawing for a philatelic item. I entered the raffle about 4 or 5 times in the past year. Lo and behold I have been the winner twice so far. I don't enter every month, esp. just after winning a prize. I feel that he does not get a lot of replies for the raffle and I feel a little guilty if I keep winning. This month he had two covers to give away.

The website has a great <u>Stamp Gallery</u> of U.S. stamp issues starting from 1851. This section alone provides a wealth of information.

The Local Post stamp page is also interesting to look at his latest creations.