

Trip to Columbus, Ohio National APS Stamp Show, August 9-12, 2018. by Susan Gehringer (spouse of Director Dave Gehringer)

You just don't know. Sometimes spouses will have interest in the other's hobby or collections. Many times we listen to each other because the subject at the moment is interesting, but not enough to become involved. Occasionally we find subjects regarding philately, which overlap with other interests.

I'll attend stamp shows if we extend the trip and go on adventures.

While in Ohio for the APS National Show co-hosted by American Topical Association, I perused the exhibits. An interesting way to pass the time. A few days prior, I discussed the uses of vinegar with a friend. Humm. The second topical exhibit was a single pane about the uses of vinegar. Interesting! The same exhibitor had a larger exhibit relative to chickens. Those were fun, and I could relate.

Most topics were not of interest to me, however the extent to which some were prepared/displayed led me to read and learn. One exhibit was entered by a friend who had worked at great length to improve the presentation and, this time... a blue ribbon In the Big Show!

At the entry of the show area were greeters dressed in costume representing the era of "Dragons". The US Postal Service presented a First Day of Issue Ceremony for the Dragon Stamps. Photographers were taking photos of guests in front of posters which represented the new stamps. The photos were printed as cards and given to the person. At the actual presentation the area was too small for the number of people. We were unable to get close enough to see, not enough programs for the number of guests.

Now, my connection between philately and other interests. I like to look for lighthouses and carousels when our travels take us to the right places. One stamp was issued with a lighthouse in Marblehead, OH. We went to that lighthouse. We also found a few carousels and museums and visited a manufacturer. Here are our photos of figures which had actually been used on postage stamps.



Block of 4 issued July 21, 1995.
Carousel Horses Scott #2976-79



American Folk Art Series, block 4 issued Oct. 1, 1988. Scott # 2390-93



Great Lakes Lighthouses issued June 17, 1995, booklet pane 5.
Marblehead, Lake Erie, Scott # 2972.