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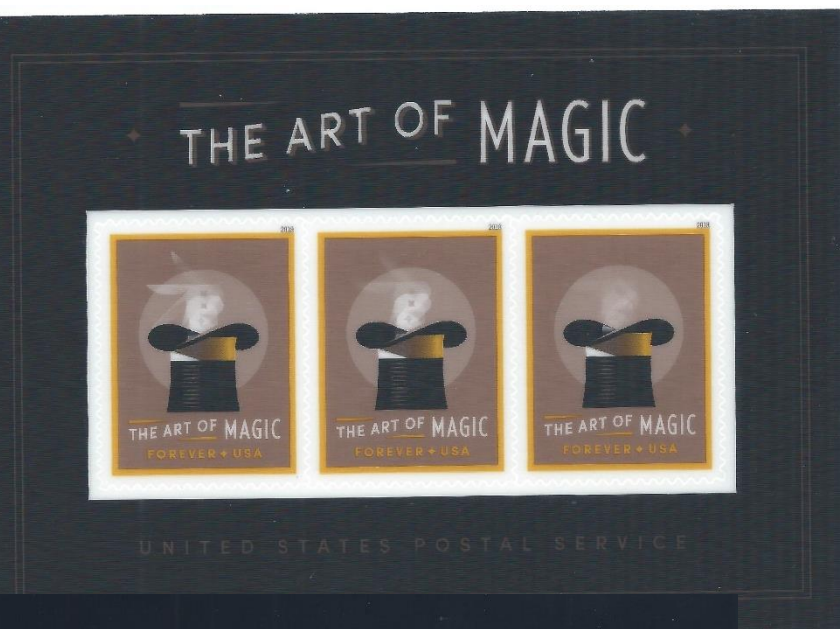
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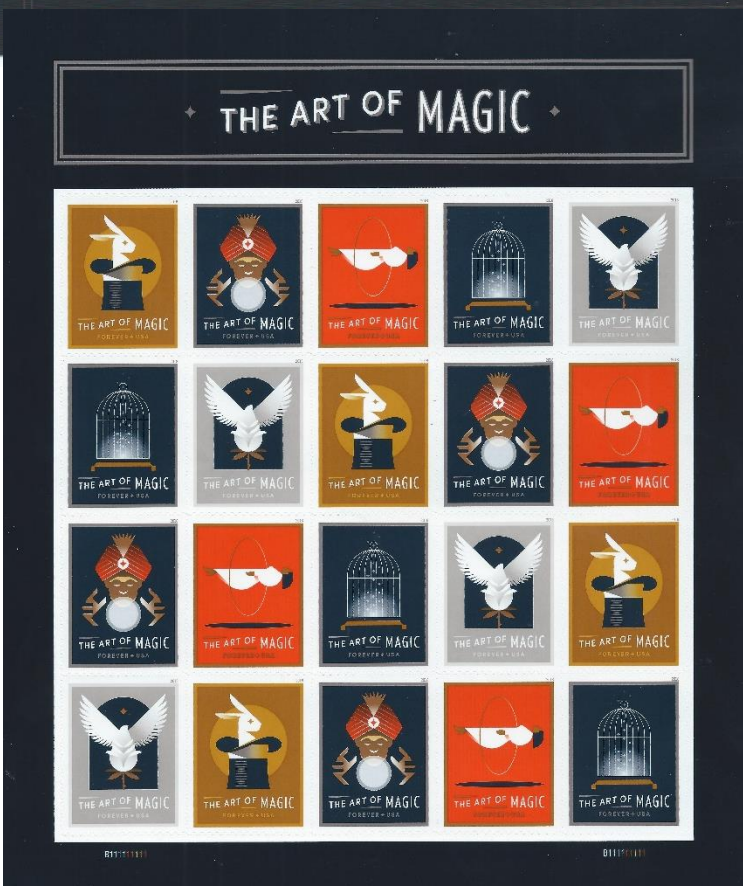
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## Stamps of the Month



On August 7, 2018, the USPS held a First Day Issue Ceremony in Las Vegas for stamps celebrating the Art of Magic. In addition to the regular pane of 20 stamps, featuring five different stamps, a souvenir sheet of three “forever” stamps was issued. It was the first “3-D” stamps ever issued in the US. This souvenir sheet was available for about 10 minutes at the Columbus, Ohio APS/ATA Stampshow when it opened on Thursday, August 10th. Unfortunately, the USPS only brought a small supply of the souvenir sheets, and they sold out within a few minutes on Thursday morning. The USPS personnel on sight at the Stampshow ordered more of these souvenir sheets to be overnight delivered, but only enough to satisfy people who signed up on a “waiting list.” The “overnight Express Mail service did not work so well, because the souvenir sheets, which were shipped to Columbus from Kansas City, MO (658 miles) did not arrive the next day, and did not actually arrive until after 12 noon on Saturday – over 48 hours later. That means that the Express Mail service moved the small package of souvenir sheets at the rate of about 13.7 miles per hour. The souvenir sheets subsequently became available **in no post offices** in the United States. Zero !! The only way to obtain one of these was to order it from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Center in Kansas City, MO and to pay an additional \$1.75 to the USPS for “postage and handling” thus costing \$3.25 for the souvenir sheet with a face value of \$1.50 . The above photo does not do justice to the stamps, in which the rabbit appears to pop out of the top hat when the stamp is slightly tilted.



The USPS also simultaneously issued a full sheet of 20 stamps featuring five different stamps the Art of Magic, which is now available at most post offices for \$10.00. Note the stamp with the rabbit in the hat – the same design as the “3-D” stamps, but only in a 2-Dimensional format. Those were available for purchase from the USPS for the entire Stampshow.



## Stamp of the Month

What? Didn't we just have a stamp of the month already? Well, sometimes we just have to stretch the rules. We actually had another stamp, uh, set of stamps, that was very cool also, issued in Columbus on August 10th. **Dragons!**

The actual stamps appear different than is shown here, because the fire the dragon breathes is actually a **shiny metallic red ink**, as well as features in each of the other stamps. Very attractive looking, and lots of fun to give to kids!

If you are interested in collecting dragons on stamps, the American Topical Association has a checklist of dragons on stamps from all around the world listing 255 different stamps. (The ATA has over 1,300 checklists like this on different topics on stamps.)

The USPS also had available for sale for \$39.95 a "pop up" book titled "Dreaming with Dragons." Although a bit pricy, this is a very pretty book, with no words at all, but six really colorful and cute dragons that pop up. Very young kids, and kids of all ages, can really enjoy this book. It can be ordered from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Center, 83 NE Underground Dr. Pillar 210, Kansas City, MO 64144-0001. The book is item number 477527.

The 3-D Art of Magic souvenir sheets cost \$1.50 each and are item number 565204.

## Four Stamp Shows in Two Weeks ! (Part 1 – more next month)

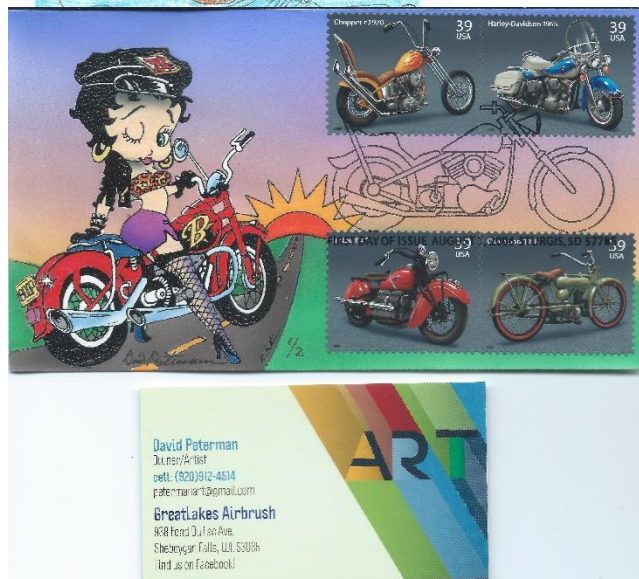
I was able to attend the Reno Stamp and Cover show July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, a small but really fun show. I had planned to go the annual Precancel/Perfin Show in Columbus OH over half a year ago. It was to be held from Monday July 30<sup>th</sup> through Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> (6 days long) at the Northwest Crowne Plaza Hotel in Columbus. That is NOT the same Crown Plaza Hotel that is downtown, next to the Greater Columbus Convention Center, which was held from August 9<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. (4 days long.) I decided that because the two shows were only five days apart, to not return home (to Hawaii) but to just stay in, or near Columbus for those days, and attend both shows. My wife, who has never been to Niagara Falls, wanted to see the Falls, so we decided to travel to the Falls, and then visit some grandchildren in York, PA and then return to Columbus. However, at the last minute, due to a family emergency, Linda was unable to go on the trip, so I was just by myself. I had already been to Niagara Falls – three times – and so I decided to see if there was something else I could do during that period of time. Spending that many days with my grandchildren would have been a burden on their family, so I found another Stampshow to go to – Americover. Americover is the annual show for the First Day Cover Society, and although I have been a member for many years, and collected FDC's for over 60 years, I had never attended one of their shows. It was held in "nearby" Atlanta, Georgia from August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup> (3 days.)



I decided to leave the Precancel/Perfin show one day early, traveled to Atlanta, and then had two days at the Americover show. It was a



wonderful experience. I viewed many interesting exhibits, met many talented cachet makers (including Anna Joy Marks who is only 11 years old) and got a chance to meet with and talk with many collectors, friendly



dealers, and AFDC Society members.

I could not resist buying these Bogey cachets by Julian and Sharon Pugh, Woodlands, TX, and the Motorcycles/ Betty Boop cachet by David Peterman, Sheboygan Falls, WI.

I even had a chance to meet with and have breakfast with two APS Board members who were at Americover – just the three of us. That was an opportunity to get a lot of first hand info about what is going on in philately today!

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