

The PhilateliKid

The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)

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What Are You Doing?

Have you ever been working on your stamp collection when somebody asked you, "What are you doing?" What do you say? Many of us say, "Working on my stamp collection."

I am not too fond of that response because it says very little about what I actually am doing, and is also pretty misleading, since I am not a dealer, and I do not consider the time I spend collecting stamps to be "work."

Here are a few possibilities:

1. I am measuring the perforations on these stamps.
2. I am placing my duplicates into a stock book.
3. I am checking the watermarks on these stamps.
4. I am soaking stamps off paper, and then I will be drying and flattening them.
5. I am reading an auction catalog.
6. I am placing a mint stamp into my album for U.S. Revenues.
7. I am placing in a pile those stamps that I want to give away.
8. I am examining a stamp under magnification to determine if it is a perforated stamp that has been altered to look like a coil.
9. I am reading a column in *Linns* by John Hotchner about Christmas Seals.
10. I am looking at my Christmas seal collection to see if I have something I just read about.
11. I am preparing a page for a stamp exhibit.
12. I am re-doing for the sixth time a page for my stamp exhibit.
13. I am marking my *Scott Catalogue* for a stamp that I just added to my collection.
14. I am looking through several boxes of stamp stuff looking for a needle in a haystack.
15. I am reading a newsletter about NY2016.
16. I am replacing a damaged stamp in my album with an undamaged stamp.
17. I am looking through my collection of covers to see if I have anything dated November 4th. (My birthday.)
18. I am going through my collection of First Day Covers to decide which ones I want to give away.

19. I am going through a box full of stamps donated to the SCCFFK to select ones that I know the kids want now. (Colorful stamps from Philippines is in great demand by the kids, as well as China and India.)
20. I am selecting mint US stamps that I will be using for postage, and placing them in a large glassine envelope.
21. I am writing to some fellow stamp collectors, and trying to decide what stamps I will use to (over) frank the envelope.
22. I am doing some proof reading for a philatelic magazine.
23. I am responding to a question about the value of a (non-collector's) uncle's collection, with basically no information except that the uncle was an avid stamp collector and he died in 1955.
24. I am placing about 50 stamps in a glassine envelope, along with about 65-70 hinges, to be given free to first time stamp collectors to take home.
25. I am sorting through a bunch of U.S. coil stamps to see if any have a plate number on them.
26. I am sorting through about 3,000 stamps from Australia, looking for different town cancels.
27. I am looking through a bunch of common U.S. stamps with perfins to see if I need any of them for my perfin collection.
28. I am reading *The Philatelist*.
29. I am reading another philatelic journal.
30. I am writing a letter to the editor about an article I just read.
31. I am ordering the latest supplement to my U.S. album, or putting the latest supplement that I just received into my album.
32. I am looking online to see if I can find a stamp or cover I need for my exhibit.
33. I am writing to the volunteer co-ordinator of NY2016 to see if I can be of any help.
34. I am sorting through a pile of damaged stamps to make a slide about different types of damage that can occur. This will be added to a chapter in the book I am writing about stamp collecting.
35. Whatever it is that I am doing, it definitely is not working.

If you have something relating to stamp collecting that you think might be appropriate for this newsletter, please feel free to send it to Robert W. Martin at the address listed below.

Comments? Write Robert W. Martin, P.O. Box 1809, Kihei, HI 96753 (Try to use a nice stamp on your letter.)

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