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The Next GBPS Meeting

WHERE: FESTIVAL FOODS on University Ave.
2430 University Ave., Green Bay, WI 54302
WHEN: August 20, 2026 (third Thursday of every month)
TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
PROGRAM: None planned; bring some show-and-tell items!

Note: We will meet at Festival Foods through December of 2026. They book annually.

Usain Bolt is a Stamp Collector?

Being a huge track and field fan, as well as a stamp collector, I was intrigued when I saw three-time world record holder Usain Bolt in a commercial for medication that slows down chronic kidney disease. He methodically examines and then sets postal stamps into stock pages, continuing the stereotype that stamp collecting is for people who are slowing down. I prefer the concept of “slowing down to the speed of joy”, which is the title of a book by Matthew Kelly, an author which I have read seven books to date.

To the right is an image that I found on Youtube with him examining a stamp!

I did an extensive search to determine what stamps were used in the commercial, but I came up short (pun intended). However, I asked Google AI-Mode and it indicated that the stamps were customized fictional stamps created for the advertisement that were designed to look like official philatelic pieces. I should

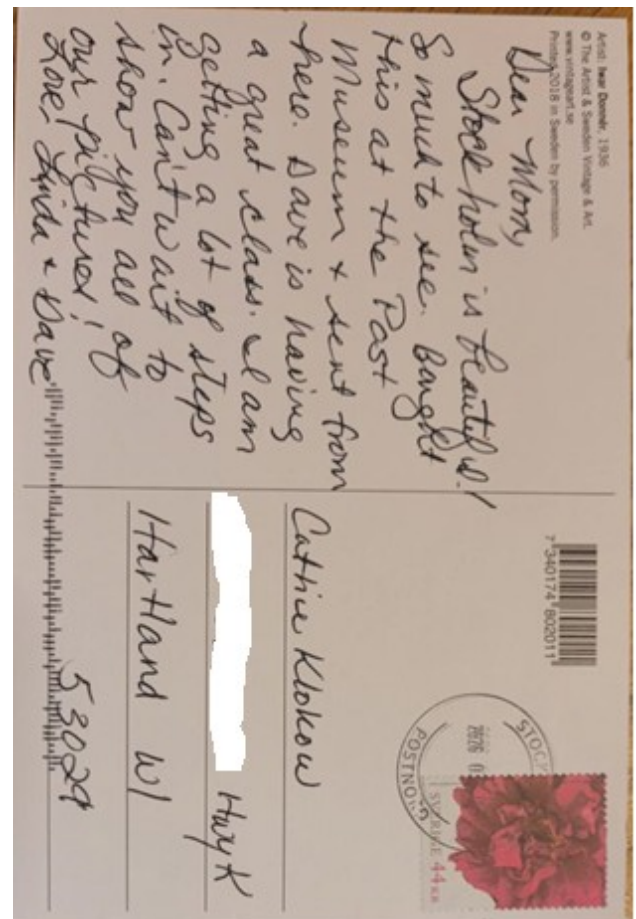
have known, since there seemed to be no glue on the back (of course I saw that! And, I noticed that he has a lighted magnifying glass identical to the one that I have [and I wondered why he wasn't using it!])



Just a small note to Usain: I'm a big fan. Hope you saved the stamps, and we'll see you at Expo Jamaica April 15-18, 2027 in Kingston if you can make it!

Woodcarving in Stockholm

My sister and brother in law's are back from spoon making in Sweden. They sent the post card below:



The stamp used is "National Roses", with a denomination of 44 KR and a Scott ID that has not been determined yet.



Stamp Donations to the GBPS

Do you have a stamp collection, postal material such as cards or letters, or collecting items to donate that you don't want to throw away? If you have determined that they have little to no monetary value to you, consider donating them to the Green Bay Philatelic Society. Your stamps will find an appreciative home since we have youth and adult programs that we support. For more information, contact Mark.Kohls@att.net or Text/Call 920-639-4991.

Guests Welcome at Month Stamp Collecting Meetings

Do you live in the Green Bay area and have an interest in stamp collecting? You are welcome to join our group for any of our upcoming meetings! The format of our meetings tends to be 15 to 30 minutes society business topics followed by an educational program featuring stamps and socializing. Anytime we have guests, we find out what their interests are, and we attempt to help them.

You don't need to tell us in advance that you want to attend. Just show up at Festival Foods (2430 University Ave, Green Bay), go to the back of the store and up to the second-floor community meeting room via the stairway or the elevator. The floor is small, so you can't miss us.

Invitation to Signup for This Newsletter

While all society members already receive this newsletter and this newsletter is published on the Wisconsin State Federation of Stamp Clubs monthly, you are welcome to submit your email address to the editor to receive this newsletter automatically each month. It is free. Send a request to Mark.Kohls@ATT.NET

Would you like to contribute an article for publication in future months?

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