



Dummy News and Views

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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Twenty-Sixth Newsletter

This newsletter is produced quarterly by the United States Stamp Society's - Dummy Stamps Study Group for your information and pleasure. We hope that the information included in this newsletter will be informative, useful and encourage your enjoyment of collecting dummy/test stamps. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date with the latest information available to our group. Questions, comments and articles proposed for publication should be directed to Terry R. Scott, Chairman of the Dummy Stamps Study Group at trs@napanet.net

Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

On February 3-5, 2012 Harmer-Schau Auctions held Public Auction #92 that contained the following test stamp. There is an 15% buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 1595 U.S.; Test Stamp, 1910 Deep Red Coil, #TD20. Tear, still scarce item, Fine appearance. Photo. Scott \$1,000. Estimate \$100-120. Realized \$375.00



Lot 6534 Scott No. BK110 var Booklet, 1962, \$1, blue cover (Scott BK110 var), blank panes with "DUMMY" in red stamped on the cover, complete and unexploded, o.g., never hinged, F.-V.F. Photo Suggested Bid \$30.00 Price Realized Unknown



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Lot 6535 Scott No. TDB81. Test Stamp, 1989, \$3 multicolored, shiny gum (Scott TDB81), booklet pane of 12, o.g., never hinged, surface scuff bottom left, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$2,250.00 Suggested Bid \$1,100.00 Realized \$1,400.00



Lot 6536 Scott No. TDB80. Test Stamp, 1989, \$3 multicolored, self adhesive (Scott TDB80), booklet pane of 12, o.g., never hinged, creases, Very Fine. Photo. Scott \$1,500.00 Suggested Bid \$700.00 Realized \$450.00



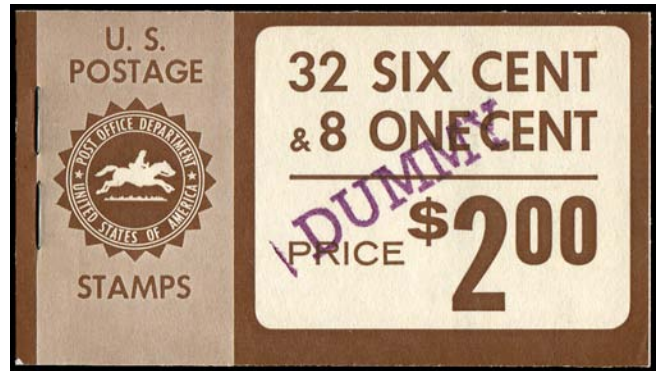
On February 28 & 29, 2012 Earl P.L. Apfelbaum Inc. held Public Auction #1106 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 18% buyer's premium for this sale.





Lot 2707 TD107: Black TEST COIL, a COMPLETE ROLL OF 3000, n.h. and very fine. No Photo (cat as regular stamps only, without joint line premiums) No Photo (Scott 1500+) Price Realized is unknown

On March 17-18, 2012 Regency-Superior held Public Auction #92 that contained the following test stamps. There is an 18% buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 1874 USA (TSB13-TDB15) 1967-72 TEST BOOKLET LOT (x4), JOINT LINE MARKINGS (x2) Interesting group of 4 test booklets, including TDB13, with tagged shiny gum and breakers, as well as joint lines on 2 panes, TDB14, with tagged shiny gum and breakers, and TDB15 (x2), with tagged shiny gum and breakers. One of these has joint lines on 3 panes, including one with internal line pairs! All very fine, unexploded and MINT never hinged. Photo of one item shown.. Est. \$400.00 Realized \$260.00

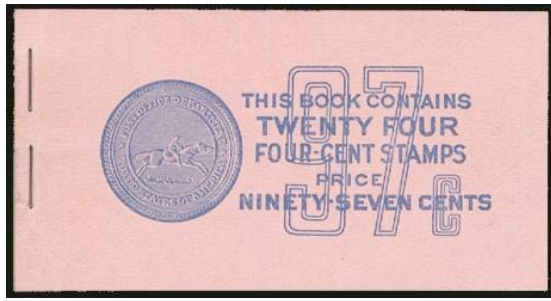


Lot 1436 * TEST STAMPS - NICE SPECIALIZED COLLECTION Photos. Suggested Bid...150-175 Price Realized Unknown.

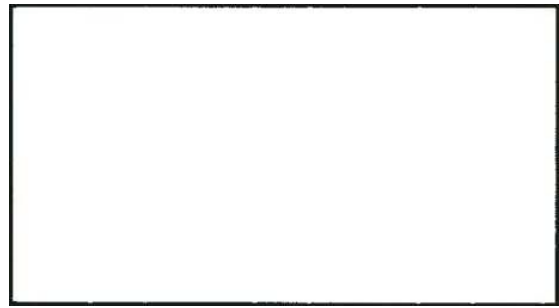
On February 28 - March 1, 2012 R. Maresch & Son Auctions Ltd. held Public Auction #479 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% buyer's premium for this sale.



Lot 3916 TD91, Strip of 4 of the 1944 Coil TEST STAMP. VF, NH Photo. Cat 100.00+ Realized \$40.00



Lot 3917 TDB5, TEST BOOKLET, 1959 blue on pink 97¢. F-VF, NH Photo. Cat 175.00 Realized \$70.00



Lot 3918 TDB61, Blank self-adhesive TEST PANE of 10 in complete booklet with blank cover. VF. Scarce. Photo Cat 150.00 Realized \$60.00

Proposed Future DSSG Projects

Updating Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets

Work is progressing, very much still at a snail's pace, on updating Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets. The last update by Earl McAfee, Dummy Booklets Study Group Chairman, was in 1998. Since then there have been many new discoveries. Many of them have been written up in articles in *The United States Specialist*. Now the time has come to document and illustrate them in a new updated version of Research Paper Number 3. I am in charge of this update project and knowing that it will take quite

a bit of time to complete, have no estimated completion date in mind. I will be asking all of you to join me in this project as I am not able to do it all, nor would you want me to do it all. It is a DSSG project and all members should have a chance to provide their input. Several illustrations are needed and a listing of these will be sent to you when I compile it. Scans at 300 dpi are necessary for clarity. It is anticipated that this publication will be in color. It has not yet been determined if it will be available on CD. □

The Other Projects

There are several other projects currently being worked on by various members of the DSSG. They are as follows:

- Compiling a complete and comprehensive list of dummy test stamp roll sizes, box and roll labels. There are many different styles of labels sometimes found on the same test stamps. This is especially true of Bureau of Engraving and Printing products

- Compiling a complete and comprehensive record of auction appearances and prices realized for test stamps
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive listing of references for test stamps
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive list of plate numbers printed on test stamps and the frequency in which they appear and the frequency of joint lines on test coils when they appear. □

Requests for Articles for *The United States Specialist*

by Terry R. Scott

Leonard Piszkiwicz, Editor of *The United States Specialist*, is always looking for articles of interest for inclusion in our society's monthly publication. The type of articles Len needs most are the shorter ones, one or two-page articles. If you are considering writing an article for *The United States Specialist*, please contact him for instructions. If the article is regarding dummy stamps, I would appreciate knowing about it also. Many members of the DSSG have

written articles on dummy stamps and other stamps for this publication. It is rewarding and other USSS members benefit greatly from the information that is published in *The United States Specialist*.

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