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## Meeting Calendar for Second Quarter 2026

**Visitors Are Always Welcome!**

	April 2026		May 2026		June 2026
3	<b>NO MEETING – GOOD FRIDAY</b>	1	<b>Board Of Governors Meeting Program: Show and Tell</b>	5	<b>Board Of Governors Meeting Program: Show and Tell</b>
10	<b>Board Of Governors Meeting Program: “Show and Tell”</b>	8	<b>Club Auction – Guests Welcome</b>	12	<b>Club Auction – Guests Welcome</b>
17	<b>Club Auction – Visitors Welcome</b>	15	<b>Bourse – Guests Welcome</b>	19	<b>SAPA ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC</b>
24	<b>Bourse – Guests Welcome</b>	22	<b>NO MEETING – MEMORIAL DAY</b>	26	<b>Bourse – Guests Welcome</b>
		29	<b>Stamp Program: “Spanish Participation in the American Revolution” – Joe Perez</b>		

All meetings are held at the **MacArthur Park Lutheran Church**, 2903 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX, 78217 in Building 1, which faces Nacogdoches Rd. Doors open at 6:30 PM, BOG meetings begin at 7:15 and all other meetings begin at 7:30.

## **WE WELCOME VISITORS**

SAPA is always happy to welcome visitors. We hope you will enjoy our activities and wish to join us as members. All visitors are welcome to purchase stamps at our auctions and bourses. Anyone wishing to sell or trade at our meetings must be a member.

## **March Stamp Program Reminder**

Don't forget! Howard Wallace will be presenting a stamp program entitled "**The Art of Stamps on Covers and Cards**" on Friday, March 27. I'm certain it will be both interesting and beautiful! And in April Joe Perez will be presenting "**Spanish Participation in the American Revolution.**"

## **New Members**

SAPA added three new members to its membership last quarter, who were officially approved on March 6, 2026. Please welcome **Becky Peterson**, **Greg Peterson**, and **Leo Palencia** to the club!

## **Annual Club Picnic**

This year the annual club picnic will be held on June 19 at 6:00 pm. This year, the club will provide meats and sauces. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

## **Condolences**

SAPA offers our condolences on the passing of **Carol Sue Garten**, wife of SAPA member **George Garten Sr.** Our thoughts are with you.

## **Updates to the Website**

Individually archived issues of **The Philatex** are now available on the SAPA [website](https://www.sastamps.org/archive.html) (https://www.sastamps.org/archive.html). Currently, the archived issues go back to March 2008, and earlier issues will be added in the future. Special thanks go out to our webmaster, **Arlen Greer**, who tirelessly keeps our web site up to date, accurate, and secure in accordance with the latest security standards. He is a tremendous asset to SAPA.

## Did You Know?

According to stamps.org, SAPA joined the American Philatelic Society on 70 years ago on January 31, 1956.

## Talking Stamps

Here's a little stamp humor inspired by Mad Magazine's "Talking Stamps," written and published by Frank Jacobs. I plan to include a new vignette in each future issue of **The Philatex**.



## Feature Article: Farley's Follies (compiled from the Mystic Stamp Company web site)

If you collect United States stamps, you have probably heard of **Farley's Follies**, the famous 1935 stamp scandal that shook US collecting. James Farley was a close ally and supporter of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who appointed him postmaster general after his election. Farley is credited with modernizing the Post Office Department.

The controversy began when Farley removed several stamp sheets from the printing presses before they were gummed or perforated. He signed some of these sheets and gave them to friends, relatives, and political associates. Because these unusual examples were not available to the

public, they instantly became prized philatelic rarities—and collectors were furious when they learned that insiders had received them.

The controversy escalated when a New York City stamp dealer offered for sale a sheet of 200 ungummed, imperforate Mother's Day stamps signed by Farley. To the public it looked like government-created privilege. In response, the Post Office reissued the affected stamps in ungummed condition and, in most cases, imperforate form, in quantities large enough to satisfy demand. These official reissues became known as the Farley Special Printings, and these stamps hold a special place in US stamp collecting. Not only do the stamps combine politics, controversy, and public outrage, but collectors also appreciate the stamps because they offer something visually and technically different from normal issues. Their imperforate, ungummed format makes them instantly recognizable and gives them a distinct place in a US collection.

See the complete article [here](https://info.mysticstamp.com), including high-definition, full-color images (<https://info.mysticstamp.com>).

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## Upcoming TSDA Shows

Hours for all TSDA shows are Friday 10 – 5 and Saturday 9 – 4

**April 10-11** and **June 26 - 27**, Dallas TSDA, Holiday Inn & Suites, 3220 Craig Drive, McKinney.

**April 17-18**, Houston TSDA, Hilton Garden Inn, 12245 Katy Freeway (I-10 and Dairy Ashford Exit), Houston.

**May 8-9**, SAN ANTONIO TSDA, Norris Conference Center, 618 Northwest Freeway Loop 410 (across San Pedro from NorthStar Mall), San Antonio

**The San Antonio and South Texas Postcard Club** meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:00 at the Granados Adult and Senior Center, 500 West Freiling, San Antonio. Gathering begins at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 6:30.