



# Sno-King Stamp Club Philatelic News

Everett, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 7:30 PM – 9 PM  
Snohomish County PUD  
2320 California Street

Edmonds, 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 7 PM – 9 PM  
South County Senior Center  
220 South Railroad Avenue

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## Our Stamp Show - THIS SUNDAY March 11th - full details page 6

### Everett Meeting Wednesday, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30 PM

- **Sell/Buy/Barter Night** - Similar to the Friday Edmonds meetings - bring stamps for sale to other members. Try to bring fresh material - pay attention to presentation. Mount stamps in albums with prices & details, or house them in display cards or organize in presentation boxes (such as the red boxes you see at dealer tables).

Contact Steve L. if you need him to bring the APS circuit books again before they are mailed back.

Most meetings also include **show-and-tell**, along with time to **buy and sell** stamps

[**Edmonds** meetings are on hold until further notice to sort out some  
how / where / when details]

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**Everett 2018** meeting dates at the Snohomish P.U.D. (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month):  
3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, (Aug BBQ), 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, (Dec Dinner)

# President's Column

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...\*anuZ' {n'yVaZX| jZ'ž ZMjZx'3b'a'y'nx'k ZZ{b`y'x'nk` ` ux{b' {axn| `a'3nfZk UZx'a''\*, b'j' b' f'Z' {aZ' l' b' Z'XZMjZxy' yVaZX| jZX' {n'M'iuZM' M' {aZ' @ n'Ob` `@Mk u'f' j| Uf'y'MI | M'yan, {n'xZyZxfZ' {aZ'b'n, l' ž ZMjZx'3b'a'f'a''` k M'k | k' n'yZfZi ž ZMjZx'3b'a'y', b'j'UZ' M'f'j' MjZ'a'' nx' {anyZ'k nl {ay', f'a' l' n'ž ZMjZx'3b'a' {S, Z', b'j' yVaZX| jZ' Z' f'a'Zx'Mj| U'M'V{b'nl' n'x'M'n{aZ'x'n| l' X'n` <@VxV| f'Unni y'a''

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...AaZ' Vj| U', b'j' a'MfZ' M' {MjZ', aZxZ' f', b'j' n' Zx'nx'yMjZ' y' {Mk uy'x'nk' VnjZV{b'nl' y'xZVZi {j' t' Xnl' M'Zx' {n' {aZ' Vj| U' a' 'l' M'X'X' f'nl' Sk Zk UZxy', b'j'UZ' MjZ' {n'yZj' y' {Mk uy'x'nk' {aZ'b'n, l' 'NW| k | jM{b'nl' y'a' AaZ' Vj| U', b'j' {M'Z' ÜÜ' uZxVZi {n' ZM'a'k Zk UZx'f' `nx'y'yMjZy'a''

...l' xZVZi {t'ZM'yS'Vj| U'k Zk UZxy'a'MfZ' `b'Zi `Zi Zxn| y't'n' {aZ'b' {k Z' {n'k' M'IZ' f'y'yan, y'MxZ, M'X'b` ` Z.uZxZi VZ'nx'VnjZV{nx'y'M' X'XZMjZxy' M'b' Z'a' AaZ' Vj| U', b'j' l' ZZX' M'y'k' b' M'Z'nx' {aby' t'ZM' a''@an, Va'M'k' tk' ) Mj' M'X'M' `ZX'nx' {aZ'xZi {M'j'n' {MjZyS, ab'v'a', b'j' M'x'by'Z' M' P'u'k' a''@Mj| xXM'S2 Mva' ÜÜ' a' H'Z', b'j' l' ZZX'k Zk UZxy' , f'a' y' {xnl' `UNM' y' {n'yZ' {aZk' | u'a' /tk' a'M'y' XxM' l' M'yVaZk' M'b'yan, b` , aZxZ' ZM'a' XZMjZx' f'y' {MjZy' M'Z' {n' y' {M' X'a''

“AaZ Vj| UbyMfb` k nl Zt Ut Xnb` {aZ VjZM1| u byZj\_a@Mfbx) Mj VaM` ZyZ. {xMb\_b'aMyn'uZx\_nxk {aZ VjZM1| u^1Mj{tZMSVj| U'k Zk UZxy, nxi ZX, b'a Z. {xMnxXb Mx'uxZVbybml {n Vnk ujZ{Z VjZM1| u jZyy{aM'nl Z'an| xMfZx{aZ yan, VjnyZX^a`{aZjuy'b, Z {MIZ'uMb y{n'Mfbk'k Mb` Mk Zyy'n\_{aZ i b'VaZi 'MZY^a`AaZ Va| xVa, M'ujZMjZX, b'a {aZ VjZM1| u M'XZ.uxZyyZX'anuz, Z, n|jX| yZ by'aMj {aby'tZM^a`

“?ZVZI {jtS\*UZVnk Z'M MZ'n\_{aZ \_Mf{aM'MjZMj{nl Z'XZjZxbyMjZx' b' {n yZi {y^\*ZI Vn| xMIZ Vj| U' k Zk UZxy|M'X'M{ZI XZZy{n'Mfbk', ZMxb` y{xnl` uZx\_k Zy'nxVhjn` I Zy^\*Mjyn yan|jX'k ZI {bml {aM'@Mfbx' ) Mj XnZy'l n{Mjn, Xn` y^1Mj{tZMS^aM`{n Z.ujMb {aby'unjbt' {n'nl Z'XZjZx'xMzjt'yZZI `b` u| UjV', b'an| {` aby\_Mf{a\_j'VMl b'Z\_xbZI X^a`

“` xZk b XZx©2 MVA ÜÜby{aZ\_bxy{XM'n\_XMjba{yMfb` {tk Z^a`Bunl` xZ{b` `@M| xXM'I ba{SUZ'y| xZ {n'yZ{tn|xVnVi y'nl Z'an| xy'MaZM^a`\_tn| Mxb'Z'M'ÜÜS{ab i b` b'fy'nl jt'ÜÜStn| x'yi`k byb` n| {nl {aZ VanbZ' Vn| I {xt VhjjZV{bml y'n\_ZxZX Ut'nl Z'XZjZx^a`AanyZ VhjjZV{bml y{tubMj't Xb'MuuzM'X| xb` {aZ\_bxy{ÜÜk b | {Zy'n\_Myan, ^a`

“` y'k Mf'tn`tn| i l n, S, Z'k n'fZX{aZ yan, {n'@Mfbx) Mj jMj{tZM'UZVM|yZ{aZ` fZxZ{{'an{ZjS, ab'a'any{ZX'n|x'yan, \_nxyZfZxVj'tZMysUZVnk Z| I M'fMjZ^1Mj{tZMSb, Mj'l n{M'fMjZ'UZVM|yZ I Z, n, I Zxy, ZxZ' xZI n'fMl b` {aZ y{x| V{ xZ^a`Aaby'tZMSb, Mj'l n{M'fMjZ'\_nxn{aZxZMynl y^a`{xZ Nb yM'nu{bml \_nx'YÜÜä^5|xXZVbybml, bjj'xZy{Sb`uM{Snl, aM'uZI Vjyn| {`b MlVb'jt^a`

“H Z'k M'aMfZ XnX` ZX'XbyMj{Zx{aby'tZM^a`AxMkbml Mj'tS, Z'aZjX'n|x'yan, nl {aZ @ I XM' {aM' Mjy X| xb` <xZybZi {yž M', ZZi ZI X^a`Aaby'tZMS{aM', n|jX'aMfZ UZZI` ZUX| Mx'Üä^a`H Z'k n'fZX{aZ yan, {n'2 MVA ÜÜ'UZVM|yZ VZx{Nb`XZMjZxy, ZxZ' I n{M'fMjZ` ZUX| Mx'Üä^a`Aaby'MuuzM'y{n'aMfZ UZZI` M'nx{| b'n| y'k n'fZ^a` @ n, UjMl i Z{ZX'@ nank bya'f n| I {t` ZUX| Mx'Üä^a`{yZzZk ZX'Xb'fb` Vnl Xb'bmly, nxyZi ZX{aZ`\_j x{aZx'l nx{a'nl Z{xMfZjZX, b'ab {aZ'f n| I {t^a`AaZ, ZMaZx, n|jX'aMfZ i Zu{k Mf't yan, xZ` |jM'yM'ank Z^a`

“2 nxZn'fZxS{aZ`ZMj{b|j'@MfbxVa| xVa`k Zk UZx', an'by'uMk {n'k MIMZ'xZyZx'fMl y'M'@Mfbx) Mj'k byZX' Va| xVa'yZx'f'Zy{aM'XM'UZVM|yZ'n`b't'xnM'Vnl Xb'bmly'b`aZx'l Zb'aUnxannX'l nx{a'n`\_fZxZ{{^a`H Z', n|jX'aMfZ Vh| I {ZX'nl {aM', nk Ml {n'yan, | u'M'@Mfbx) Mj'M'ä`u^k ^a`@ I XM' {n'nuZi {aZ`U| b'Xb` ^a`AaZ Va| xVa` uxnUMj't, n|jX'aMfZ, nxi ZX'y'nk Z{ab` n| {SU| {b'uxnUMj't, n|jX'aMfZ k ZMl {MjMj'y{M'f^a`

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“` uxj'uxnk byZy'MaZMf't yVaZX| jZ'n\_y{Mk u'yan, y'b {aZ'xZ` bml ^a`f njjZV{nxy, bjj'aMfZ {aZx'ubM' n`n|x'yan, y'b {aZ`^a`VhnxXnxSM'y, Zji M'y{aZ`Ml | M'ua'b'MjZ'b'ytk unyd k`b`2 nyZy'1MIZ` uxj'ä`^5l {aZ`yMk Z`@M| xXMfS {aZxZ', bjj'UZ'Myan, `b`Zjzb`^aMk ^a`AaZ'yZk bk nl {ajt` ZI, b' yan, , bjj{MIZ'ujMwZ`b`?ZI {nl '@ I XMfS` uxj'ä`^a`AaZ`5j'tk ubM'@Mk u'f j| U', bjj'anjX'by'ubMl | M'yan, '@M| xXMfS` uxj'ÜBSb` f aZaMjy^a`AaZ`\_fZx`xZZI` @Mk u'f j| U', bjj'any{by', n^1XM'ZfZI {b`OZI {` uxj'YÜ'M'X'Y^a`

“AaZ 5jt+k ubMj| U'nxb b Mjt yVaZX| jZX'by'yan, 'nx" uxj àŠanub` {n{M'ZMk', b'a" ZI, bM a"Š'k nfZX{aZ' yan, XMZ{ n" uxj ÜBŠuZxaMryyZZI b` {n'Mfnb'Vnl jbv', b'a {aZ'ŁZjjb` aMk' yan, a" yMxZy| j{Stn|', nl Ę' l ZZX{n VaMk{ZxMIZMk'bz{ b'tn| 'anuZ{n M{ZI X'Un{a"

"\*M{ZI XZX{aZ'ŁZjjb` aMk' yan, b' YÜÜa"Š', My'MI ZI hntMjZ'n| {b` a") n, ZfZxSyb.n\_{aZ'yZfZI 'XZNYZxy' , ZxZ{anyZ'\*\_xZw| ZI {jt'ZI Vh| | {Zx'M'@M{fZ'IMZMYan, y'a"\*\_n| | X' {aZ'Ł aZaMjby'yan, " MfZ'k Z'Z.uny| xZ{ n' XZNYZxy\*yZZ jZyy\_xZw| ZI {jt'a"Š' {aZ'ZfZI {\*M{ZI X' {aZ'Ł aZaMjby'yan, Š\*, ZjVnk Z'uMyyZI `Zxy'a"Š' nl {Mk' ZŠb' b {ZxZy{ZX'a"

"5I Z'VaMjZi`Z', bjj'UZ{n'M{ZI X'Mj' {aZyZ'yan, y'MIX'yMfZ'xnnk' b' 'tn| xy{Mk' u|U| X' Z' {nx{aZ'xZ' bnl Ę' NjM uatjMzjb'ZfZI {a" < \* < " | {MIZyujWZ" xXMŠ2 M'ÜÜŠ{axn| ` a @ | XMŠ2 M'ÜPŠb' <nx{jMIX'a"

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"5| xUZy{', byaZy{n'OZŁa'2 nxZjMIXŠ, anyZ" \_xM' ž x| k k Zxy{Mk' u {MjZ', bjj'UZ'k byb' ` \_xnk' {aby'fZMĚy' yan, a"OZŁa'2 nxZjMIX'aMj'UZZI 'Mnl yb{ZI {uxZyZI VZ M'@ n'Ob` yan, y'a") Z' {nni 'MabM| y' \_xnk' yan, ' MduZMMVZy{n'xZaMjby'Z' M'Zxi | ZZ'y| x' Zxt'a"Š' H aZi', ZjMj{ {Mj' ZXŠaZ'Z.unZyyZX'anuZ'aZ', n| jX'UZ'MjZ' {n'yZj'aby', MZyM' {aby'fZMĚy' @ n'Ob` yan, a" jMŠxZVnfZxt'ZfXZI {jt'by' {Mib` jnl ` Zx{aM'Z.uZV{ZX'a") Z'by' {bM Z{ZX'\_nx" uxjĚy' ZI, bM' yan, 'MIX'\_nx' < \* < " | a"Š' H Z'anuZ'OZŁa'xZVnfZxy'b' {k' Z'\_nx{aZyZ'ZfZI {y'a") by'y{nM' b' Vj| XZy'uny{Mj'f' | yZX'k MZxMj' {nn'n\_ZI 'MfMjZ'n| jt' b' VMVZjZX' {n'nXZx'\_nxk' a"

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"jZ..) M' j b` ZfXZI {jt'ZI hntZX'xZMk' b` 'Mnl { 'atk yZj\_b' n| x' ZUX| M'f' Z, yZ{ {ZX'a") by'u| Ujb'by{ŠI M' Zjt' atk yZj\_Šfnj| | {ZZZX'M' bZk' \_nx'2 M'Va"Š" jZ..by'MuMzI {jt'M\_njjn, Zxn\_M' MfX' < Z{Zxk M' ŠMjnVj'k M' nUyZyyZX', b'a'uny{Mj'xZVZu{MjZy'a"Š' < Z{Zxk M' k MZ' b'aby'k byb'nl {n{MIZ'MyZj\_b' n\_ZfZxt'nl Z'n\_{aZ'PŠá' u| Ujb'k MjUn.Zy', b'ab' {aZ'VŠ't'n\_@M{fZ'a") Z'Xb'nl Z'MXM'\_nx'PŠá' XM'y'a"Š' 5I " ZUX| M'f' ÜÜŠaZ' b' fZ'X' \_njjn, Zxy{n'unyZ'\_nx'aby'Zj\_b'y{bM' b' \_xnl {n\_l | k UZx'PŠá'a"Š' jZ.., My'nl Z'n\_{anyZ', an'xZyuni XZX'a") Z' xZunx{y'aZ', My'nl Z'n\_{aZ'nl jt' {, n'uZnujZ'b' {aZ'uan{n', an'Mk' | Mj'f' Uxn| ` a{k' Mj' {n'XZuny' b' {aZ' k MjUn.'a@Z" jZ..y|y| Uk byb'nl b' {aZ' l Z. {Mk' b'jZŠ\_njjn, b' ` uMZÄ"

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"H Z', ZxZ'XZjb a{ZX' {n'aZM' \_xnk' Łbj' < M{Zxy'nl Š, ani Zu' | u'aby'k Zk UZxyabw'\_nx'tZM'y', abZ'jb'f' b' ' f' ab'Vn'a") Z' b' Mj'f' ZyM'UZ' {aZ'H b' Xt'f' b't' M'IX'aMj'yz{fZ'X'b' 'yyMw' M'a"Š' H abZ', Z'anuZ' {n'yZZ'atk' M' @ n'Ob` ZfZI {yŠ, Z'xZNY'Z'aZ'k b'a{ \_n| | X'n{aZ'xVj| Uy'k nxZ'Vnl fZI bZI {a' Łbj' Vnl b'ZX'aZ' by'ntb`', b'a {aZ' b'XZVh\_Ěj'bv' b'Mb' ` Ę'aby'uatjMzjb'anjXb` y'a"Š' H Z'anuZ' {aM'Vnl | ZV'b`', b'a jnVj'VnjZV{nxy', bjj' b' X| VZ'atk' {n' UMI bya'y| Va' {an| ` a{y'a"

..xnk '2 NjUn. Zy5 '@MfjZSz MfX' <Z{Zxk MI'  
jaffuy@uk NjUn. Zyn yZMfjZf| k UjxVnk pA

-5I Z'Ut'ni ZS\*Mk 'unyb` , b'a ZfZxt'u| UjbJt'NWZyybJZ'Uj| Z'k NjUn..b '@MfjZ'aAaby'ZMjbt' {aZ'k nyf'  
k ZMIb` jZyy' {ab` '\*aMfZ'ZfZx'Xnl Z'a®

'5I @| XMS' ZUX| Nt'ÜÜ{aSYÜÜäS° jZ..) Mk jb` 'MfZI XZX'Mk nyf'| | y| MfZfZI {b' {aZ' H MjB` 'nx'MZMh`  
'@MfjZ'a') Z'uMf{nni`b' Muan{n` xMia'Ut'k Nk MI ž MfX' <Z{Zxk MI k Mi b` ž MfX'y`\_b' MjyZj\_b' , b'a'Nj' pBá'  
'@MfjZ'u| Ujb/k NjUn. Zy'a''

° yž MfX'Vnk k ZI {ZX'ni` 'aby' { | k Ujx'Ujn` 'jaffuy@uk NjUn. Zyn yZMfjZf| k UjxVnk pA -AaxZZ'a | XxZX'MIX'  
'\_nx{t'yb.XMy'Mn`\*y'Nk{ZX'uny{b` `ni Z'k NjUn..yZj\_b' MxM'MIX'ynk Zan, 'i Zu{b' | u | | {b`\*aMk` xWUZX'  
'ZfZxt'yb` jZ'ni Z'b` '@MfjZ'a' nx{aZ`\_b' MjUn..S\*u| {n| { {aZ'VMj' \_nx'uZnujZ' {n'imb` k ZSMX`\*aMk M, ni XZx\_j'  
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*(Editor's note: I'm reminded of Sir Edmund Hillary's alleged response for climbing Everest and the variation that would be used here... Exactly WHY would you get a photo with each mailbox?  
"Because they are there.")*

# 2018 new USPS issues for March

March 5 **Illinois Statehood**



SPRINGFIELD, IL

March 23 **Mister Rogers**  
PITTSBURGH, PA



## Our Annual Club Stamp Show for 2018

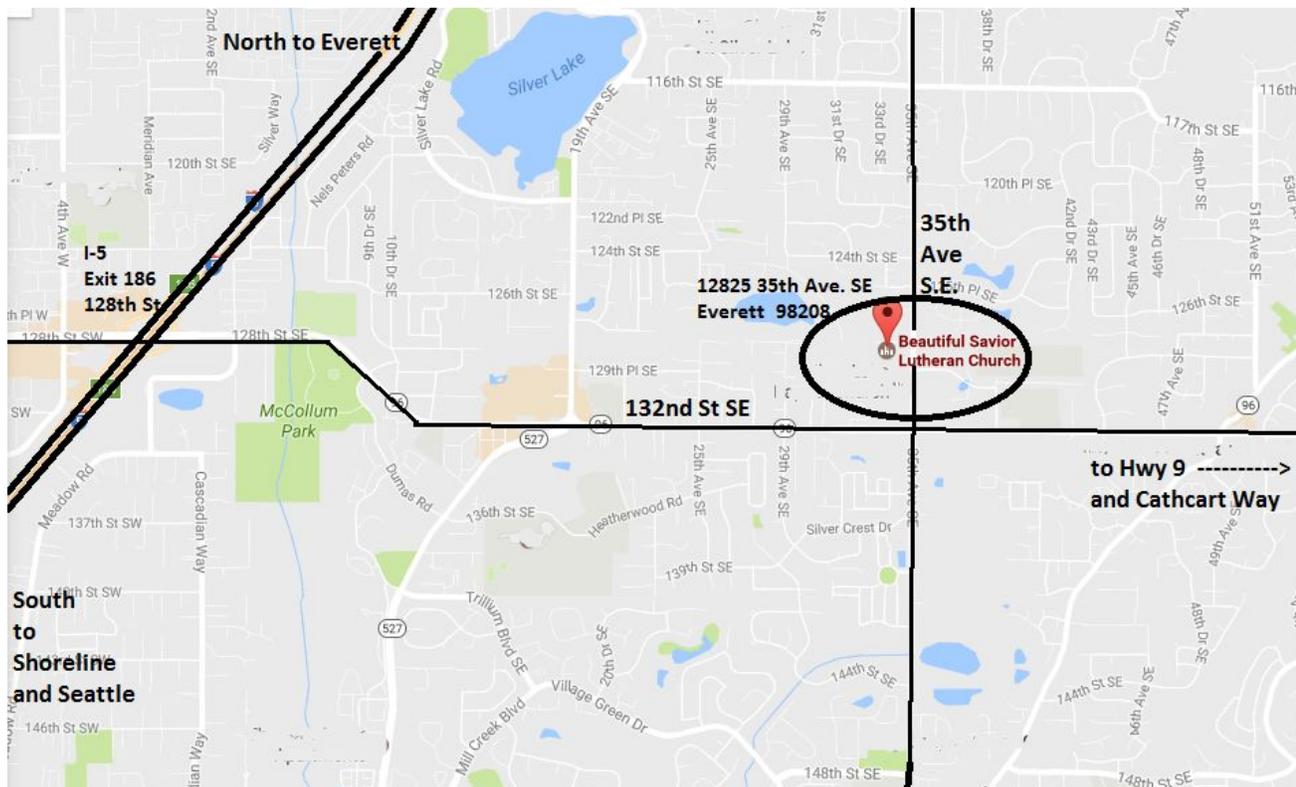
**Sunday, March 11th, 2018 / 10 AM - 4 PM.**

**-Location - Same as last year:** Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church - 12825 35th Ave. SE, Everett - (north of Mill Creek).

**-Hours:** 10 AM - 4 PM **Free Admission!**

**-Directions:** In South Everett, I-5 northbound or southbound take exit #186 for "128th St" and head East. That street curves and becomes "132 St SE" which you follow until 35th Ave SE. Turn left on 35th and the church is on the left in a few blocks - it's back away from the road a bit. (Make sure to go a bit beyond the entrance for Silver Lake Baptist Church)

**-Details:** A dealers' bourse with lots of stamps and covers, youth area with free stamps for kids, club sales table. Supplies to satisfy every need - and free appraisals! Dealers in attendance: Aurora Stamps, Steve Inklebarger, Jim Hall, Keith Ferris, Carol Edholm of Peafowl Philatelics, Bel-Kirk Stamps, Jim Huston, Gary Hoecker and Dick Keiser. Keith Edholm will also be present to promote topical collecting.



(From the Wall Street Journal)

## **Bill Gross to Sell Rare U.S. Stamp Collection for More Than \$9 Mill**

The first sale is about 150 items, and they are ‘the greatest hits of American stamp collection’

By Justin Baer  
Feb. 12, 2018 7:06 p.m. ET

Bill Gross, the legendary bond manager, is parting with one of his most-prized investments: His collection of rare U.S. stamps.

Mr. Gross, who co-founded Pacific Investment Management Co. and served as the firm’s investment chief until his 2014 departure, plans to sell the collection through a series of auctions. The first sale, which includes many of Mr. Gross’s most valuable stamps, is set for September, according to Siegel Auction Galleries.

Scott Trepel, Siegel’s president, expects that initial sale to raise more than \$9.1 million, breaking the record—also held by Mr. Gross—as the biggest single-day stamp auction. He had sold his British collection for that price in 2007.

“The first sale is about 150 items, and they are the greatest hits of American stamp collection,” Mr. Trepel said. “When you add it all up, it comfortably breaks the record.”

Among the most prized: a unique block of 24-cent stamps from 1869 that feature an inverted image at their center, that is valued at \$750,000 to \$1 million, and the 2-cent “Blue Hawaiian Missionary” stamp—issued in 1851, before Hawaii became a U.S. state. The stamp is now valued at up to \$750,000.

Mr. Gross, whose impressive record managing Pimco’s flagship bond fund and frequent television appearances earned him the moniker as the “bond king,” has also gained prominence in the stamp world for the collections he has amassed over many years.

Mr. Trepel said he didn’t think Mr. Gross would ever part with his stamps. In the past year, though, he began to ask Mr. Trepel if there was a healthy supply of items for collectors eager to buy.

“He said he wants to return this to the markets and let other collectors have fun,” Mr. Trepel said.

Two years ago, the Smithsonian’s National Postal Museum honored Mr. Gross with its annual Philatelic Achievement Award for his philanthropic contributions. “Stamp collecting has always been a means to an end for me,” Mr. Gross said in a 2016 statement.

The bond manager has donated tens of millions of dollars, in part from the proceeds of other stamp sales. He also gave more than \$10 million to the National Post Museum for its William H. Gross Stamp Gallery.

