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Springtime 2021 Project: Philately *by Sahitya Setty*

During 2021 spring break, my Dad asked me to do a project in philately as I had adequate time during this national health crisis period due to COVID-19. There is not much travelling or entertainment due to the restrictions. Attending online classes, swim practice and meeting friends occasionally is all that I was doing. He wanted me to research and prepare some exhibit pages on my thematic collections and write an article about my experience and view on stamp collecting. He has a pretty good collection of stamps and coins, which I will inherit anyway as I am the only child. So, he wants me to learn about stamps and coins, and their value and rich history. He always tells me if any time in my life I lose interest in them, I should pass it on to an interested member in the family or at least I should know how to properly dispose of the collection. I am member of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and Tallahassee Numismatic Club (TNC) and recently my Dad got me the annual membership for Tallahassee Stamp & Cover Club (TS&CC) which is just $5. He has been a member of the TS&CC since 2005.

I just turned a teen, but I am not new to philately 'Stamp Collecting' or numismatics 'Coin Collecting'. I have been at-

Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2021

Jan. 12, Mike Francis - Determining Color
Feb. 9, George Harmon
Mar. 9, General Discussion
Mar 27-28 TALPEX Cancelled
Apr. 13, General Discussion
May 11, General Discussion
Jun. 8, General Discussion
Jul. 13 Mike Francis, Leaving Your Stamps
Aug. 10, Mike Francis,
Sep. 14, TBA
Oct. 12, Single Page Exhibit
Nov. 9, TBA
Dec. 14, Christmas Party

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- **It is obvious from the Meeting Dates & Presentations, 2021 that the club needs presenters at two club meetings. Remember that the topic can be anything related to philately and can be from 5 minutes to 30 minutes or more. If you need help with your presentation just ask one of the club officers or any member for that matter.**
- **This is another appeal for articles for the *Postscript.* As editor of the *Postscript* I am more than willing to help you with your article and edit it for you if needed. As a member, you pick the topic even if it has been published before. A fresh perspective on any topic is always welcome.**
- **Keep bring those wonderful items for the silent auction. It has been an extremely popular and profitable event at the club meetings.**

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tending club meetings and shows since before my first birthday. Year 2020 and 2021 has not been so great for any hobby enthusiasts as there are no meetings or shows due to pandemic, I really miss all the fun activities.

At December 2008 TS&CC Christmas party with President Dr. Mike Francis and my Dad (Dr. Hemanth Setty). My first Stamp Club Meeting appearance when I was just 11 months old.

I regularly attend TS&CC Annual Stamp and Coin show TALPEX, Tallahassee and FLOREX, Orlando. Interacting with dealers and seeing various exhibits at the shows has helped me to learn the importance of stamps and postal history that has played a vital role in human life. It also helped me to learn geography and various flora, fauna and cultures existing throughout the world. Shows have also exposed me to various philatelic materials and resources that I can collect and cherish my whole life. I always get freebies at the shows either by the show organizers or dealers. It is a kind gesture to encourage stamp collecting among kids. Apart from that I like raffles and show souvenir covers and medals released during shows. My Dad always gives me a few dollars to buy whatever interests me. I always look for colorful butterflies and Disney stamps. Most of the time dealers give me either discount on stamps or sometimes even for free. That's how I have accumulated quiet a good collection over a period of the time.

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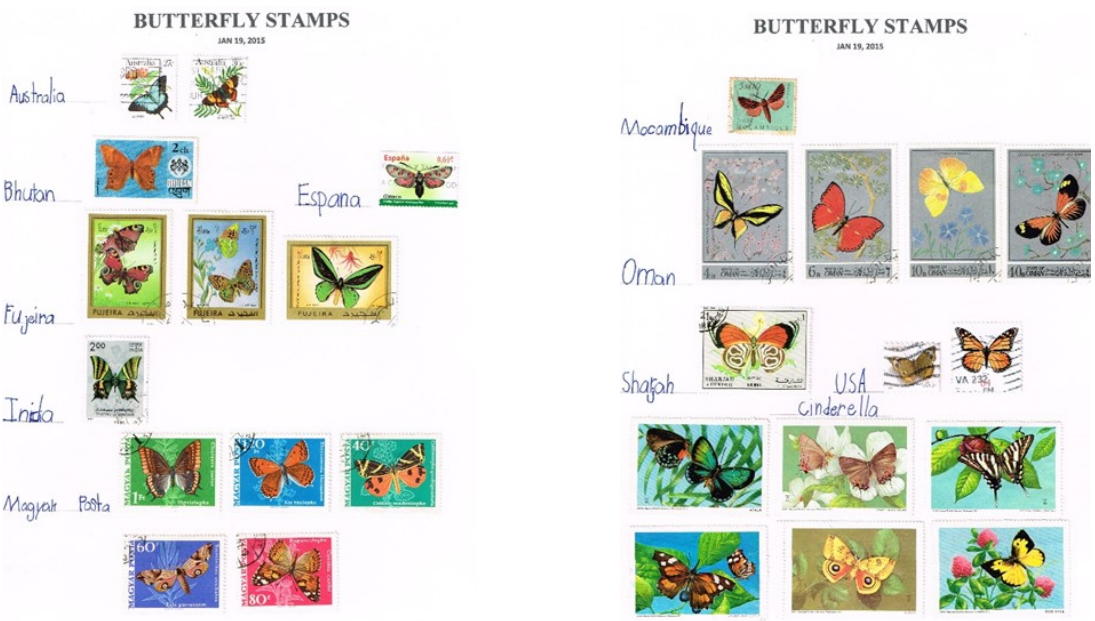

My earlier exhibit pages

My Dad has shown me how to handle and store stamps in an album and has also taught me how to prepare exhibit or display sheets. Now I know what are hinges, mounts, tongs/tweezers, stamp perforation gauge, magnifiers and their uses. I do have to learn how to identify stamp watermarks, grills and colors as different countries have their own color standards. I hope one day I will exhibit my collections at national and international stamp shows. To start with I would like to participate at TS&CC annual one-page exhibit in October and get some feedback on how to improve my exhibits.

I am slowly realizing that having a hobby in one's life is very important. It not only helps to improve knowledge on various subjects but will also help in studies. It has improved my concentration and helped me in preparing school projects in better way especially in science and history fares. I always talk about this with my friends and the kids who come to TS&CC Annual Stamp and Coin Show. I have been attending that show since it started in 2010. Since, 2015 I am managing the Kids zone table as 'Kids Zone Manager'. It is a fun activity and I love being there and interacting with kids and their parents. Usually we'll have philatelic and numismatic related freebies donated by the club members and dealers attending the show on the table. Also, we have coloring pages related to stamps and coins to keep kids active and busy while their parents browse through the dealers' stocks. I take my stamp collection album and exhibit pages to the show for display. So, having a hobby is indeed helpful.

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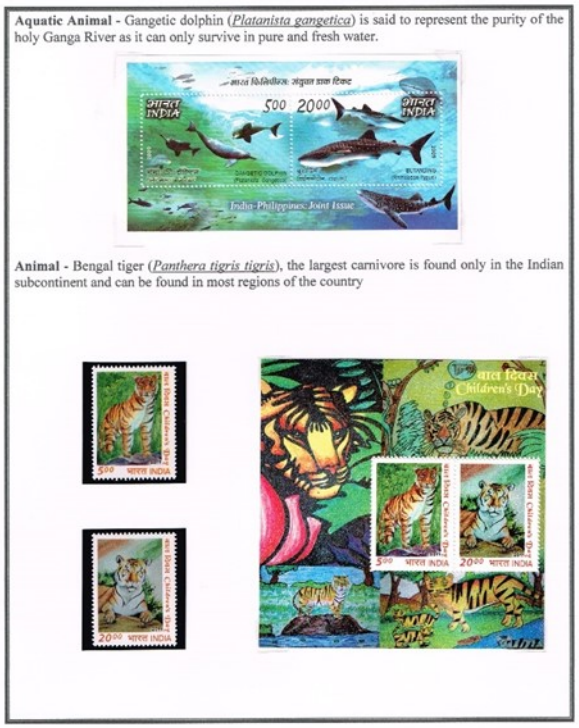

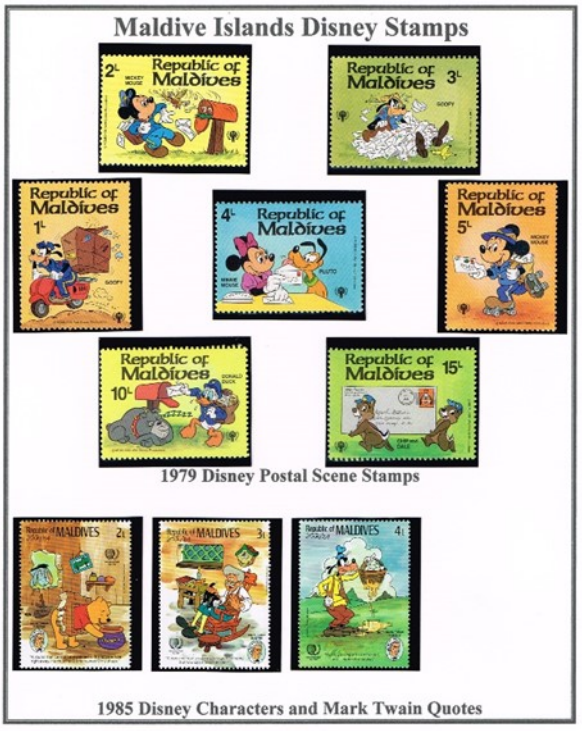

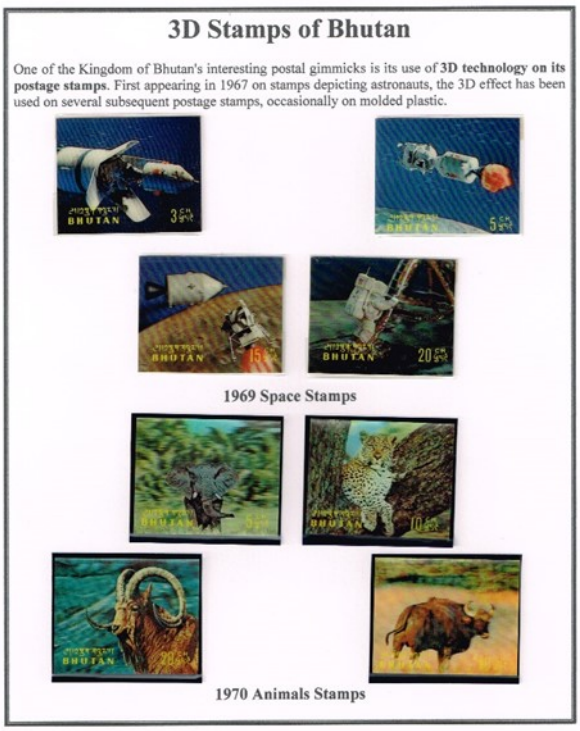

A representation of my exhibit pages that I prepared during this spring break.

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At TALPEX - TS&CC Annual Stamp and Coin show where I volunteer as Kids Zone Manager.

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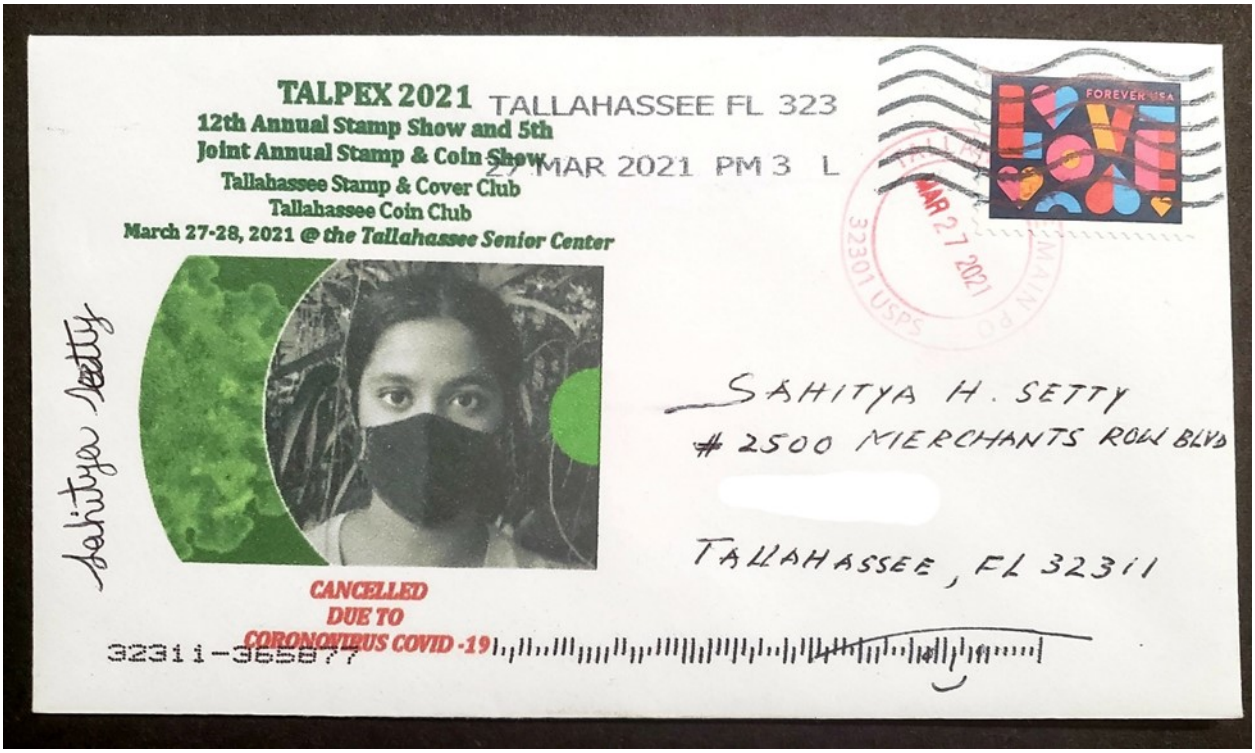

Me on 2021 TS&CC Show Souvenir cover that got canceled. Thanks for the club for their acceptance and approval.

Please cultivate the habit of having a hobby, any hobby for your children, it really helps to improve their attentiveness and knowledge development which will ultimately help in their overall progress.

I love stamps and coins……. Happy collecting….!!!

Editor's Note: Sahitya is the only "youngster" member in the TS&CC. It has been a pleasure watching her come to meetings, having fun at the stamp shows and watching her father cultivate her collecting habits. The secret to Hemanth's success is letting Sahitya learn on her own time and not overloading her with too much information or material. I personally have seen well-intentioned grandparents try to cultivate collecting habits in their grandchildren without success. Hemanth has a very good formula!

Finding a Gem in the Pile of Stamps *by Dr. Mike Francis*

As collectors we all go through stacks or piles of stamps, mint and used, looking for material for our collection. We also look through the piles hoping to find that elusive rare gem. Over the last 30+ years I have talked to club member about the tedious but sometimes rewarding practice of checking stacks of used U.S. stamps for some of the more valuable “reds and greens” which are the one cent Franklin and two cent Washington issues. In July of this year I was checking a large pile of “reds and greens” and came across a stamp that simply didn’t belong in the pile. The 2¢ Harding black (see image below.) Most collectors know that this is one of U.S. stamps you always check the perforations and the type of printing, which could be flat press or rotary. There is a tremendous difference in the value of these issues.

This stamp should always be checked for perforations and image size. It could be flat plate or rotary press printing. Scott Catalog number 610 for U.S. is for perf 11, flat plate 19¼mm x 22¼mm image size. Scott 612 for U.S. is for perf 10, rotary press 19¼mm x 22½mm image size. Scott 613 for U.S. is for perf 11, rotary press 19¼mm x 22½mm. The 613 is also known to have a straight edge side.

The collector looks for the Scott 613 because it is valued at $35,000 used in the Scott 2021 catalog. While this stamp is damaged due to the missing perfs on the upper right side, the stamp is a perf 11. Using the Precision U.S. Specialty Multi-Gauge, the stamps identifies as a rotary press stamp. Still using the Multi-Gauge, the stamp fits perfectly in the sizing box for 19¼mm x 22½mm. By all indications, this is one of those elusive 2¢ Harding black memorial issues. Next step is to send the stamp off the be expertized where the committee members use more precise measuring equipment. One can always dream!

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REGIONAL STAMP SHOWS

August 23, 2021: Flagler Country Stamp and Coin Club Show, VFW Post 8696, 47 Old Kings Road N, Palm Coast, FL

September 11, 2021: Florida Stamp Dealers Association Show, Maitland, FL

October 10,2021: The Second Sunday Coin & Stamp Show, Melbourne, FL

October 30, 2021: Sarasota Stamp & Coin Show
October 30, 2021: Stampfest 2021 - Fall, Ft. Walton Beach, FL

President's Message *from Mike Francis*

There is no doubt that Covid-19 has helped rekindle the nature of hobbies and collecting. Even though the vaccine is available, people are still staying close to home where their stamps are at arms length. They have time to go through their collection, make discoveries, find lost or forgotten items, inventory material and fill blank spaces in those albums that have been laying around collecting dust. Unfortunately, we would rather not have a virus be the catalyst for invigorating our hobby but we will make the best of the situation.

There is still caution in the air with the Delta strain of the Covid virus. The City of Tallahassee, including the Tallahassee Senior Center, has reinstituted the social distance requirement at meetings. Volunteer leaders are required to wear masks during functions and to consider the safety and well-being of the guests at Senior Center events. Most all of us members have had the vaccine shots which have proven to be very effective. We should feel comfortable during our meetings but it never hurts to be cautious.

I would like to thank all the members for participating in the raffle and silent auction each month. Both events have been highly successful. I like the raffle because it allows me to remove items from my collection and ensure that fellow collectors have access to them. Of course, the club will accept raffle donations from any member.

Stay healthy and safe. Mike