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National Postal Museum

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# SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

- One of 19 Smithsonian Institution museums and research centers
- Opened 1993, in the old City Post Office Building next to Union Station
- William H. Gross Stamp Gallery opened 2013

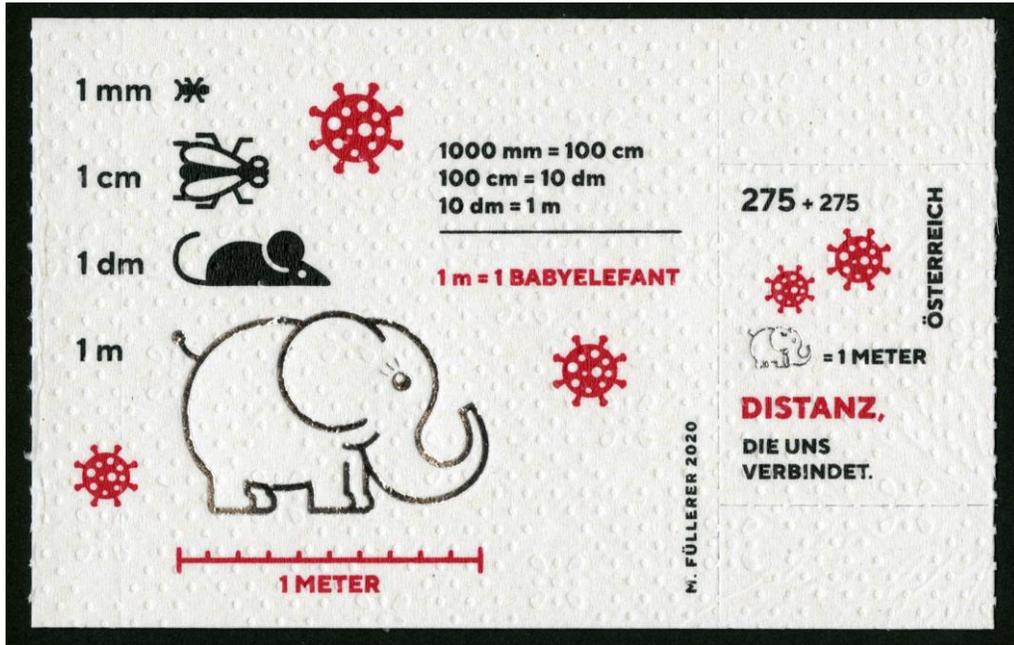


# NATIONAL PHILATELIC COLLECTION

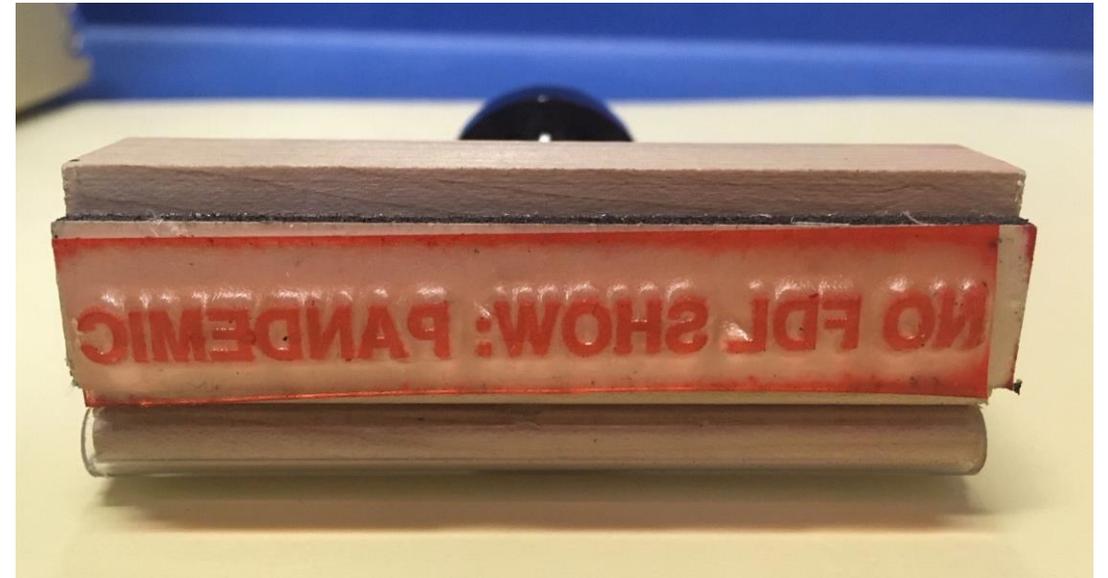
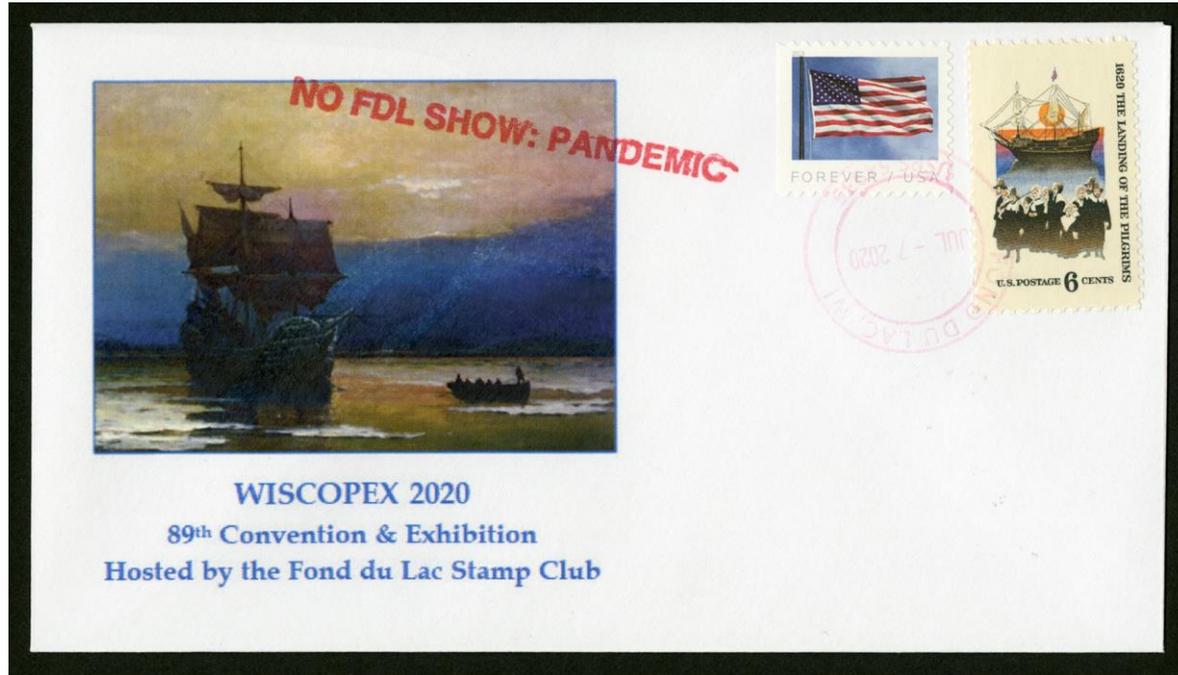
- Began in 1886
- The National Philatelic Collection is one of the largest, most comprehensive philatelic collections in the world, totaling 5.9 million objects.
- Caring for this national treasure and providing public access to it are the NPM's major responsibilities.

# WHAT WE HAVE COLLECTED TO DATE

# POSTAGE STAMPS



# POSTAGE STAMPS: CANCELLED SHOWS



# VOTE BY MAIL: POSTCARDS

If you plan to vote by mail,  
plan ahead.



Please read this important information for U.S. citizens.

## Make your plan to vote today.

**Early Voting Starts **December 14th****  
Find your early voting location and hours at [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov).

**Vote on Election Day, **January 5th****  
**Polls are open 7am – 7pm.** As long as you are in line by 7pm, you are eligible to vote. Find your polling location at [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov).

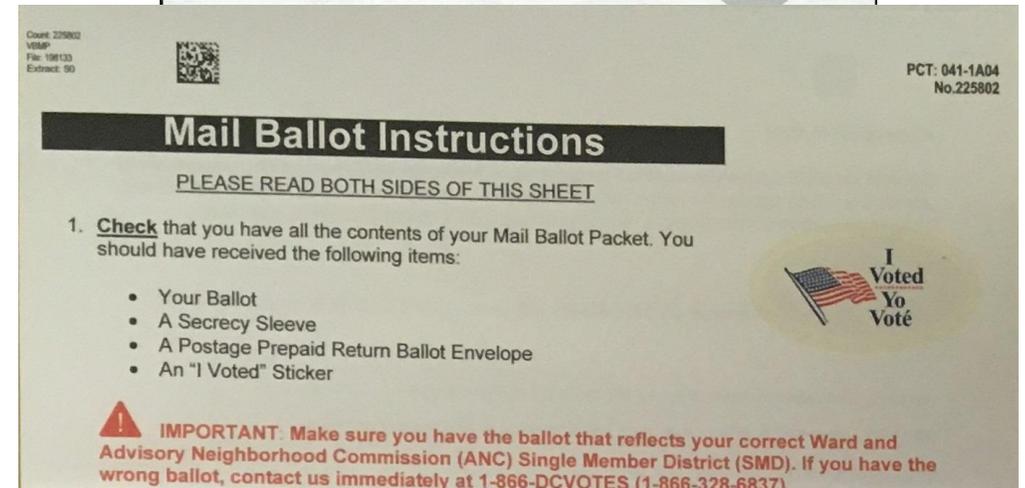
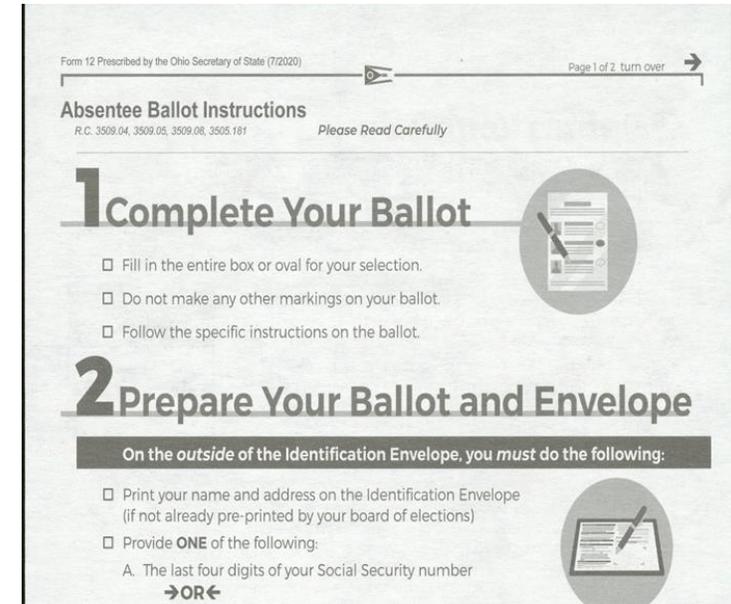
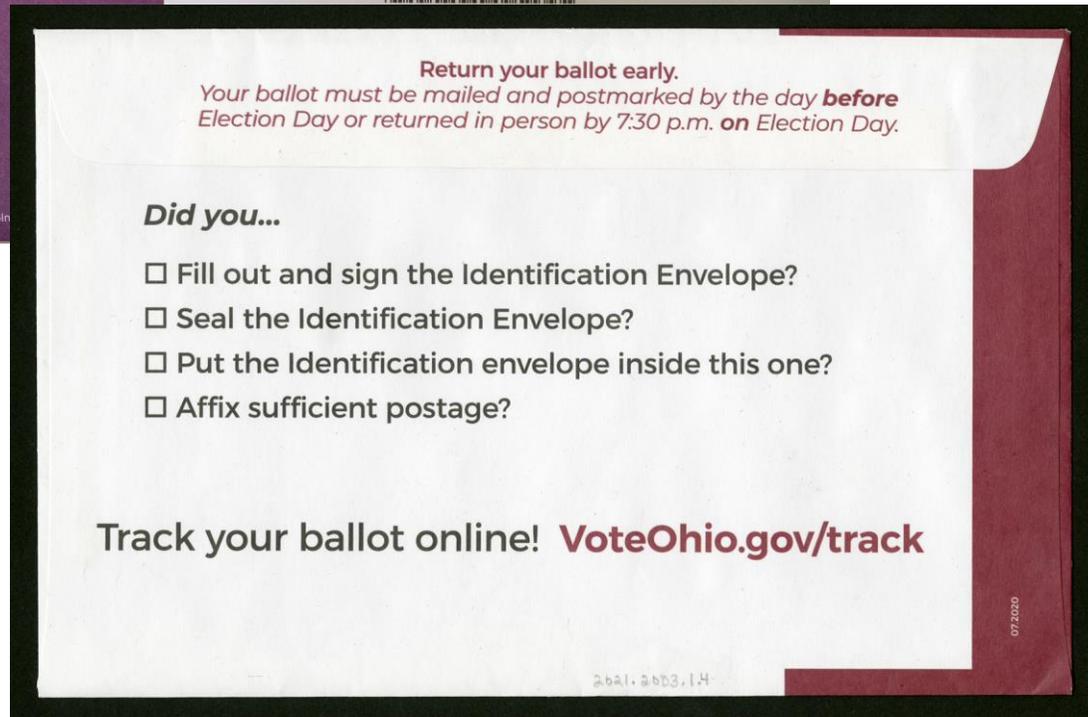
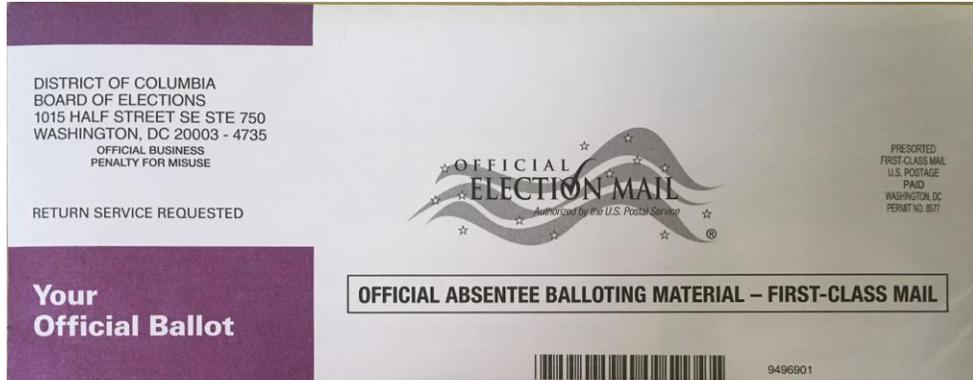
**Vote Absentee**  
If you can't vote early or on Election Day, request your absentee ballot **TODAY** at [ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov](http://ballotrequest.sos.ga.gov). Once you receive your ballot, return it immediately by mail or in an official ballot drop box. **Your ballot must be received by 7pm on January 5th.**

**Don't Forget Your Photo ID** If voting in person, bring a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, passport, or voter identification card.

**Our future is on the line.**  
Canceling rent and student debt, rooting out systemic racism, and guaranteeing healthcare for all are on the ballot. On January 5th, this runoff will decide our future.

Have questions about voting or need help?  
Call 866-OUR-VOTE or visit [866OurVote.org](http://866OurVote.org)

# VOTE BY MAIL: BALLOTS AND INSTRUCTIONS



# WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO COLLECT

# EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS

- to postal workers as front-line employees



# MEDICINE AND THE MAIL

- PPE in sortation and pharmacy facilities
- specimen PBM packaging
- COVID testing specimens and at-home testing kits sent through the mail

# IMPACT ON MAILING INDUSTRY

- Pictures of mail processing centers, building meter machines and other equipment while distanced
- mail/ship from home marketing efforts
- catalog sellers adjusting messaging during pandemic; catalog covers featuring essential products
- picking and fulfillment center photos

# ORAL HISTORIES

- work with APWU, NALC, NAPUS, mailing industry
- members of HQ Response Team
- postal workers who became infected

# POST OFFICE SIGNAGE

- Both official (centrally-supplied) and local



# COVID-19 SUPPLIES COMMAND CENTER

- Topeka, KS
- document its activities

# MILLION MEALS PROGRAM

- USDA collaboration
- USPS performed final delivery



# PUBLICITY

- <https://postalmuseum.si.edu/object-donations>
- <https://link.usps.com/2022/05/16/making-history-4/>

# THANK YOU

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