

# Oneal and Cassandra Tyler

We started collecting and exhibiting after Ricky Johnson (ESPER member) invited Neal and spoke to him about stamp collecting. Next the South Carolina members shared a dinner and stamp gathering at the home of Sumpter ... their many encouraging voices and helpful support. We attended some functions in NC and Bea Cox and their stamp club embrace us like family.

We're constantly try to encourage individuals to appreciate our heritage on stamps. With this thought through our seminars. Students learn a little history, given the opportunity to touch and look at various stamps, select what they like or don't like about a stamp, discuss and research historical facts, and maybe create a product or spark an interest in stamps. Also, our exhibits follow the same pattern- the displays are set up to catch the eye as students and adults as they pass or walk-through using colors, themes, informational folders, the stamps (framed and unframed), the collection books and ESPER Reflection Newsletter like a gallery.

## Schools/Churches/Community Centers:



Kwanzaa Dec.22



Feb.-Black History Exhibit



Killian Elementary School Feb. 2022



Home/ Charter School End of Year- May 24, 2019



Esper Cachet Winners (SC)

December 2022, **Kwanzaa Exhibit** Columbia, SC

March 2021, March Exhibition

February 2021, Black History Exhibition

February 10, 2022, **Killian Elementary School** (District 2) 2621 Clemson Rd. Columbia, SC the entire student body K-5<sup>th</sup> grades. We had 88 kindergarten, 107 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 110 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, touring the exhibit at various pre-assigned time with the help of SC Chapter member Willie Amaker who also assisted with setting up the exhibit on the stage.

May 24, 2019, **Home and Charter School End of year activity**

Our Lady of the Hill Catholic Church Cola, SC

High School- Primary Grades. Rotated groups of students listened to a presentation on various stamps, highlights of a stamp exhibition (pointed out) and shared stamp collection books were passed around... They had an opportunity to share how their granddads as well as parents collected stamps. We also provided donated stamps on a table they could select 1-3 to keep. A student mailed us a stamp to add to our collection later.

2020 St. Martin de Porres PTO Exhibit of student's work

May 21, 2019, Tuesday Columbia, SC **Club and Boy Scouts Badge Stamp Workshop** Northminster Presbyterian Church 6717 David St, Columbia, SC 29203 Troop leaders- Anthony Peppers, Shirley Nelson, and Carolyn Walker.

Rotated groups of the Scouts listened to a presentation on various stamps (framed poster size prints and other historical figures on stamps), highlights of the stamp exhibition (pointed out) and shared stamp collection books were passed around... discussions on the process to be selected as a stamp ... the number of Black Heritage stamps and how to start a stamp collection... Mr. Tyler shared information on coins featuring blacks.

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February 20 - 22, 2016 Esper Postal Stamp Exhibit at St. Martin de Porres Church(foyer) and school (Monday, February 22).

February 28, 2016, Sunday Putting Our Stamp on History, Seneca Institute Family Life Center Seneca, SC **the Oconee County Branch NAACP 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Black History Tea**

The attendees participated in viewing the exhibition presentation, discussion, and questions.

June 26, 2016, Sunday **Grant Educational Development Center Opening Dedication**

Fernandina Beach, Fl.- Men's Day celebration and surprise naming and opening of the Grant Development Center. The center honored Mr. Grant a former principal in Nassau County School system. Various attendee enjoyed the exhibition and discussions.

April 21-23, 2017, **Peck Center Library Open House** Fernandina Beach, Fl

We shared how to study and view Black history using postage stamps with the American Youth Inc. after school program of Fernandina Beach (25-30 students and three adult leaders) as they viewed the display. Also shared our website and membership brochure. On Saturday (approx. 15 adults 5 students) and Sunday (15 adults) we were available (1pm-3pm) as people came to the library. We shared and discussed stamp information and answered questions.

April 4, 2018, Waverly Community Columbia, SC **First Calvary Church 1401 Pine Street**

Columbia, SC. The community members participated in viewing the exhibition presentation, discussion, and questions.

We placed stamp unveiling, shows and announcement news in our Church organization newsletters and our church bulletin regularly and shared with other community groups.



Black History Displays



Women History



SC & NC Chapters at Cola Philatelic Stamp show at Spring Valley HS



Our Heritage - Negro League



Cola Philatelic Stamp show at Spring Valley HS/guest contributor

## Columbia Philatelic Stamp Shows at Spring Valley High School

ESPER'S, SC Chapter exhibits follows a gallery pattern set up– the displays are set up to catch the eye as people pass or walk-through using colors, themes, colored informational folders, the stamps (framed and unframed), the collection books and ESPER'S Reflections Newsletter ... Two shows a year the Fall show held in August and Winter show held in January.

August 20, 2022

2022- 2020 ESPER South Carolina Chapter did not participate in shows due to Covid-19

January 18,2020, They aspired to go to the Moon so others could Dream ....

January 19, 2019, Winter Stamp Show Our Heritage- Negro League

August 18, 2018, Women's History

August 17, 2019, Angels of Hope featuring Dorothy Height, Sarah Vaughn, Michelle Obama, Mary Mcleod Bethune, Shirley Chisholm, Maya Angelou, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Dorothy Vaughan

January 21, 2017, Winter Stamp Show Kwanzaa

August 13, 2016

January 10, 2015

### North Carolina Stamp Chapter and Club Unveilings:

NC Zoom Webinar on stamps and black History during covid-19 shut down.

Mrs. Bea Cox and NC Chapter have always invited us (SC Chapter) to all their stamp related events and willingly shared information. They have embraced, tutored, and mentored our SC Chapter and both of us willingly share information and resources.

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March 5, 2020, Gwen Ifill in North Carolina at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

July 27, 2019, Charplex Show

March 19,2019 Gregory Hines in North Carolina at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

March 20, 2018, Lena Horne Commemorative Stamp Dedication in NC at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

March 21, 2017, Dorothy Height Commemorative Stamp Dedication in NC at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

July 30, 2016, Charpex Stamp Show

Maya Angelou Commemorative Stamp Dedication in NC at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

### **Charleston, SC**

October 1, 2016, Charleston, SC MOJA Art Festival - Kwanzaa first day issue ceremony Kwanzaa Forever Stamp at the park and Avery Research Center... SC Chapter Exhibit at the park and presented Synthia Saint James an artifact apron at the stamp meeting at Avery Center.

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### **Columbia, SC**

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March 2021 Women's History Exhibition

2020 St. Martin de Porres Student's Cachets Exhibition at the PTO  
Stamp Seminar approx. 2 -3 weeks

2019 Stamp Cachet Winners - Amira Linnen and MacLean Tollefson  
Cachet Seminar Tuesday, March 25, 2019 – April 9, 2019, classes were usually thirty - forty minutes (Introduction, objective, historical information, viewed various stamps using posters stamp collection booklets/books, students selected a historical figure depicted on a stamp, completed farther research including a quotation).

2018 Stamp Cachet Winners – Mr. Dwayne Perry jr. (cousin of one of the students), MacLean Tollefson (church member) and Fallon Covington.  
Cachet Seminar

2017 Stamp Cachet Winner – Fallon Covington(9yrs.old)  
Cachet Seminar

2016 Stamp Cachet Winner – Derek Harrison II (8yrs. old)

2015 Exhibit Book(s) three books were created at the end of a Stamp Seminar

- Richland School district Book contest – We won first place certificate for our category. The book was on display with over 25 other hand made books.
- St. Martin de Porres Library have a copy of the book
- Dr. Esper G. Hayes (ESPER founder) was given a copy at the celebration cookout we had with NC chapter at Sesquicentennial State Park
- We also have a copy of the book.

