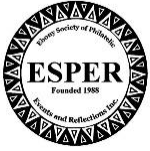


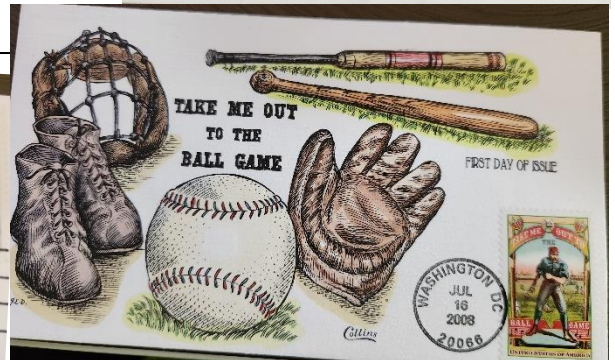
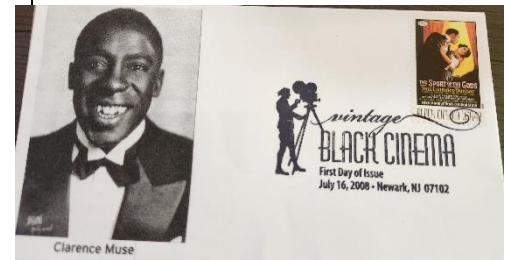
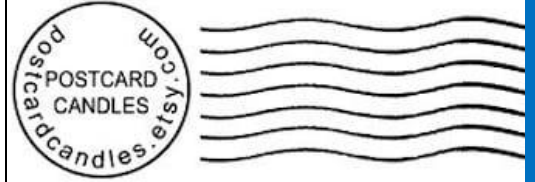
REFLECTIONS BY YOUTH



This year ESPER is sponsoring two contests for children ages 5 – 17 years related to stamps. You can select the contest of your choice. All entries are due by **September 30, 2023**. Awards will be given.

Contest # 1 ~ Eugene Robinson Cachet Contest

Using a stamp issued by the USPS, create an image on an envelope that honors a Person of Color, or an event related to the African Diaspora. **The envelope must have the stamp and cancellation date on it.** Your picture can cover a part of the envelope or all of it. You can include a text or just the name of the subject. The design is up to you. See the examples.



2 ~ "Stamped in My Memory"

Write an essay about any African-American person or event and connect your subject to a stamp issued by the United States. Name the stamp and the year it was issued.

Limit ~ 250 words. Can be submitted by email.

ATTENTION ADULTS ~ Blank envelopes with a current stamp and cancellation can be obtained from the U.S. Postal Service. Older issues can be obtained from an online company such as Mystic Stamps. Information about people and events honored on U.S. stamps can be obtained from our website: esperstamps.org.

Need more information about these contests, contact by email: churchlady0218@gmail.com

REMEMBER ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE POSTMARKED BY SEPT. 30th