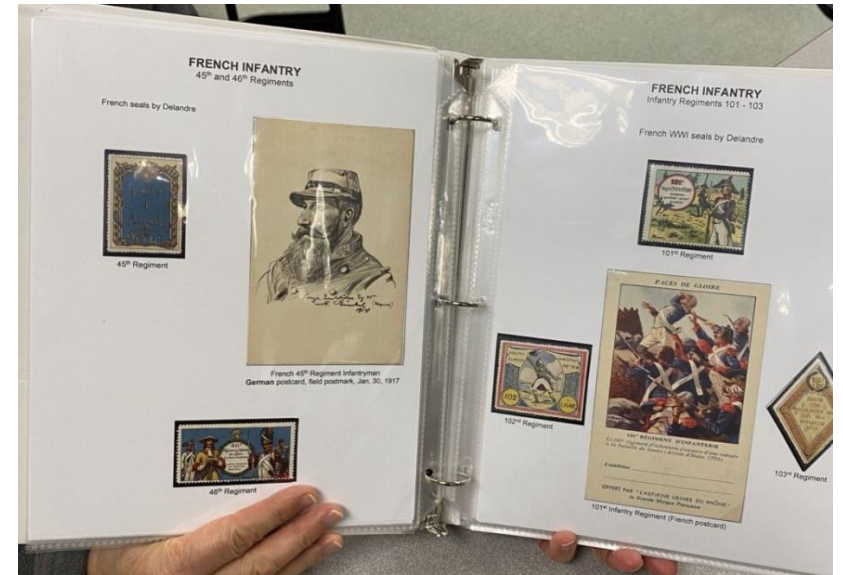


# My Stamp Album

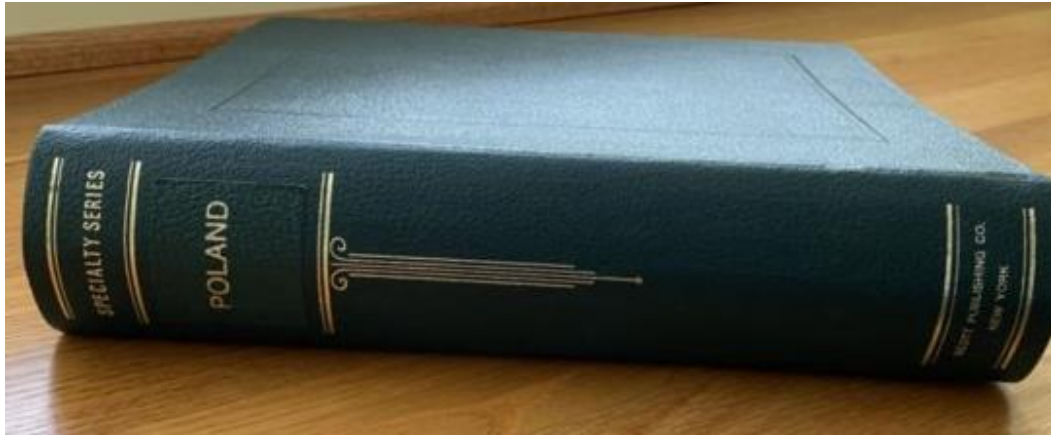
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# My Stamp Album

- Springfield Stamp Club members share the many ways they display and store their stamps and covers
- Members explain why they use the method they do and offer useful tips

# Commercial Album



Scott Specialty Album

## Advantages:

1. Space for every major Scott listed variety
2. Spaces have Scott Number and pictures of stamps to ease placement

## Challenge:

1. Stamps with marginal tabs or blocks of four of the same stamp need to be squeezed in or a blank page needs to be added



# Homemade Albums

To address the shortcomings of commercial albums many members make their own album pages

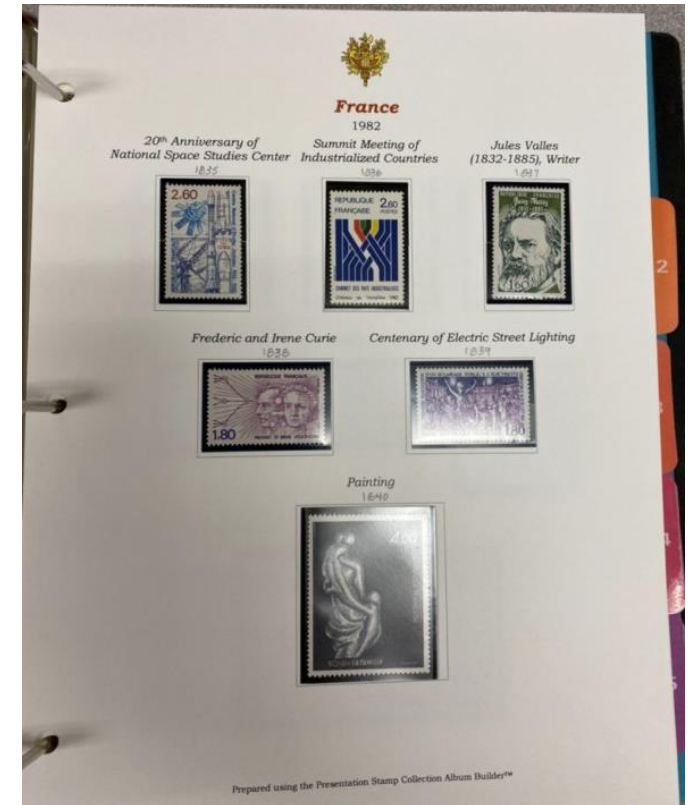
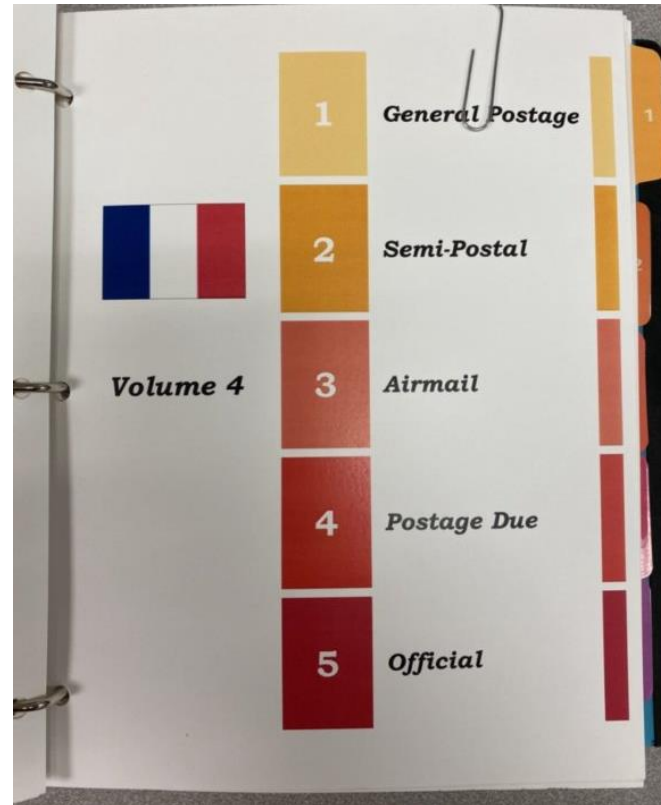
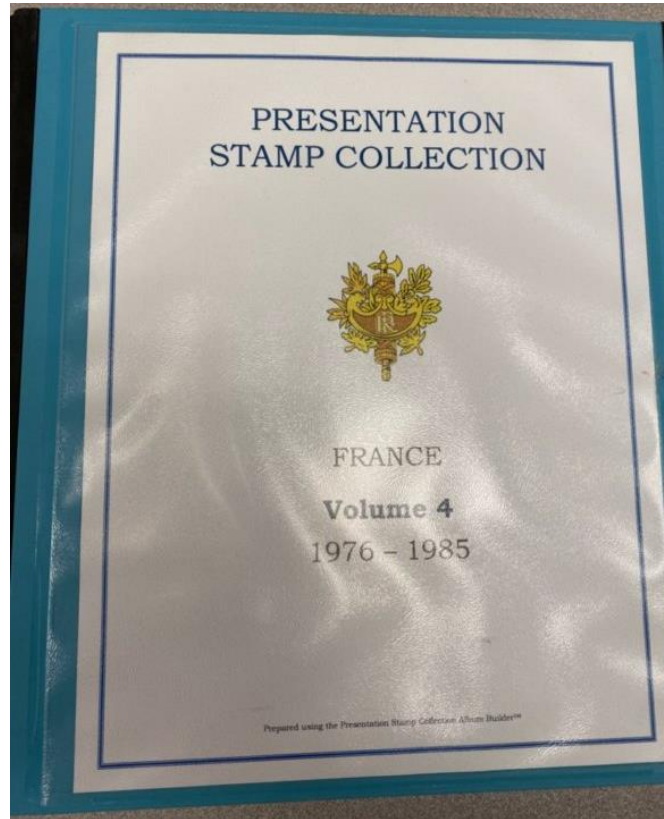
## **Advantage:**

Pages can be customized to display whatever you want

## **Challenge:**

Takes time!

# Homemade Pages



## Specifics:

1. Album pages made using Microsoft Word
2. Pages printed on heavy stock, 54#
3. Housed in three ring binders purchased at Office Depot
4. All stamps in a mount (mint and used)
5. Only makes spaces for stamps in their collection

## Fun Fact:

To date the collector has made 79 albums for their France and French Colonies collection!



# Homemade Pages

Series specific pages for Mexico Exporta stamps and covers

## Advantages:

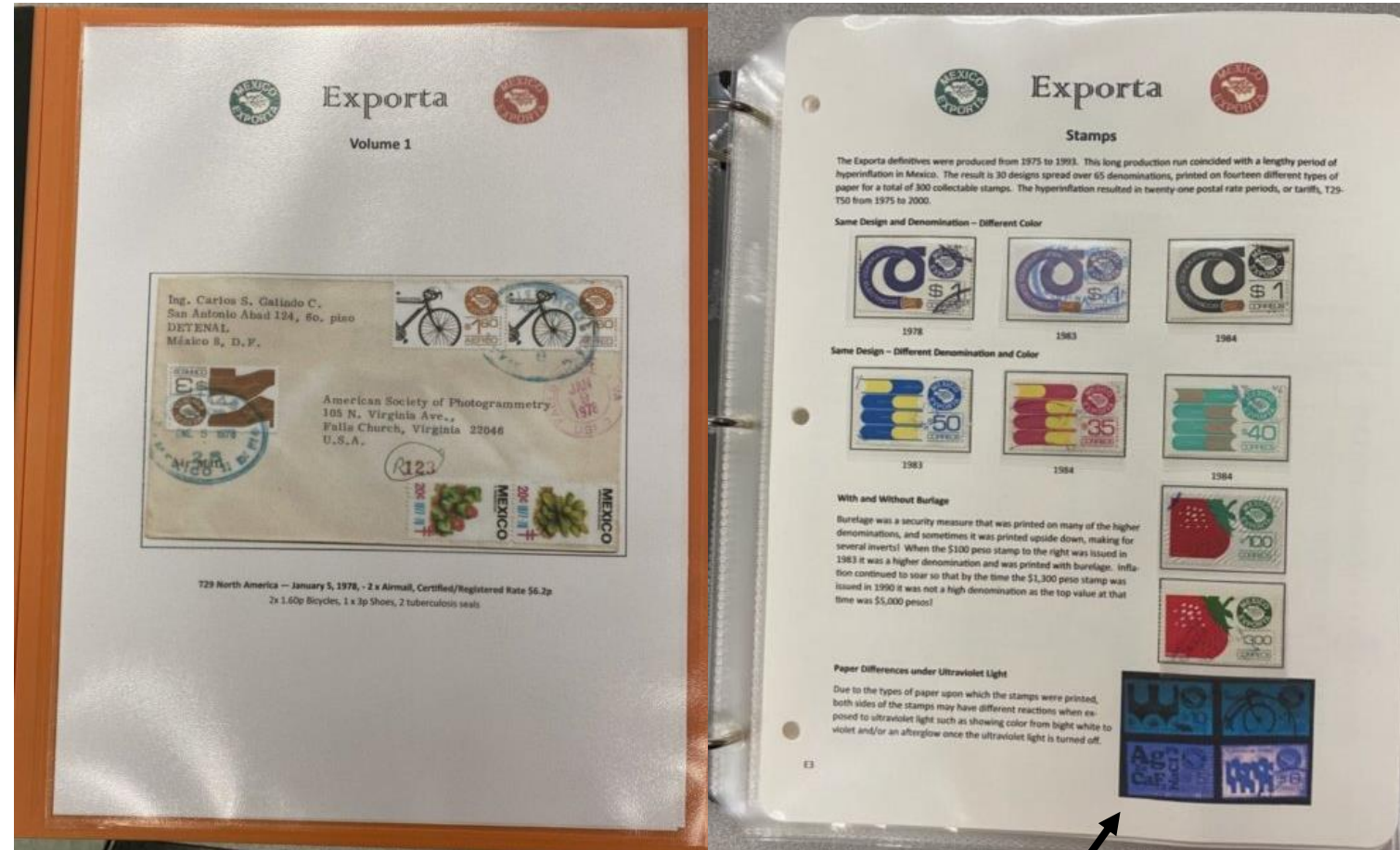
1. Can do any layout you want
2. Can add photos/scans to pages

## Specifics:

1. Album pages made using Microsoft Publisher
2. Housed in three ring binders purchased at Office Depot

## Suggestion:

1. In MS Publisher change “show units of measurement” to centimeters – much easier to work with!



# Homemade Pages – Topical Collecting

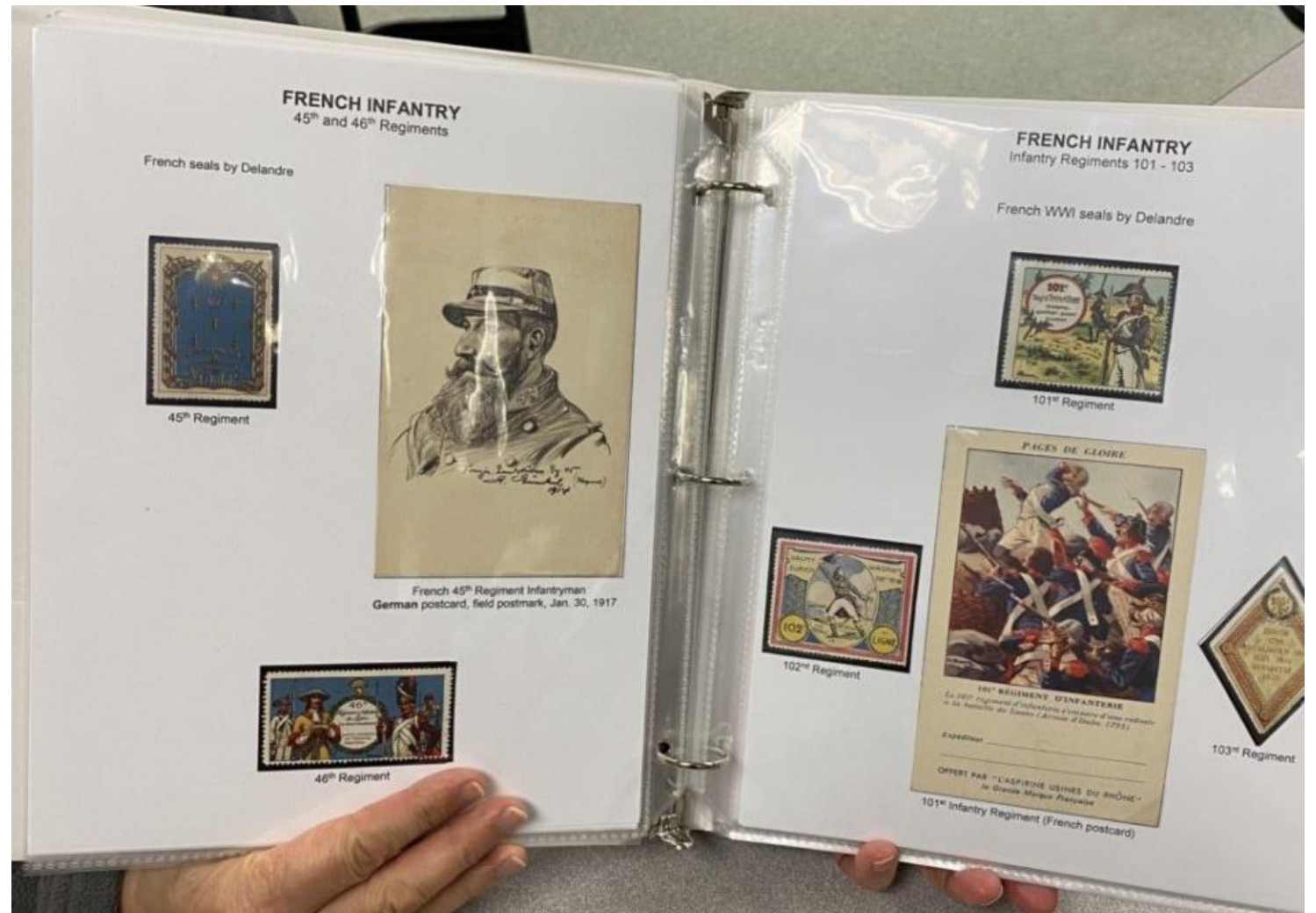
Topical Collecting can encompass a wide range of material for which no commercial album is available

This is an example of a topical collection devoted to French Infantry in World War I.

Pages include postcards and Cinderella stamps

## Specifics:

1. Album pages made using Microsoft Word
2. Pages placed in sleeves



# Stock Pages – Topical Collection



Topical collection focused on aviation themed stamps

## Specifics:

1. Housed in Vario stock pages
2. Pages organized in alphabetical order by country
3. Applies small sticker to outside of hosing strip with Scott number on top and Stanley Gibbons number on bottom





# Framed Topical Collection



Topical collection of baseball stamps

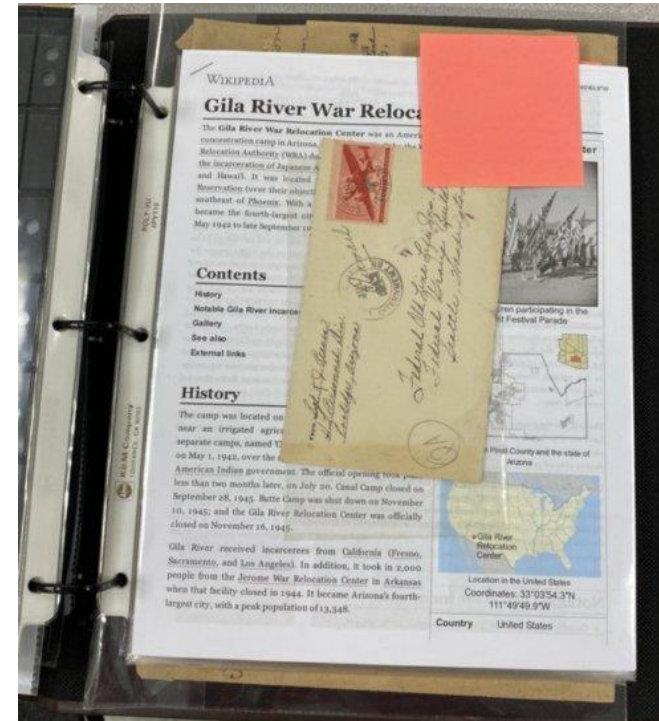
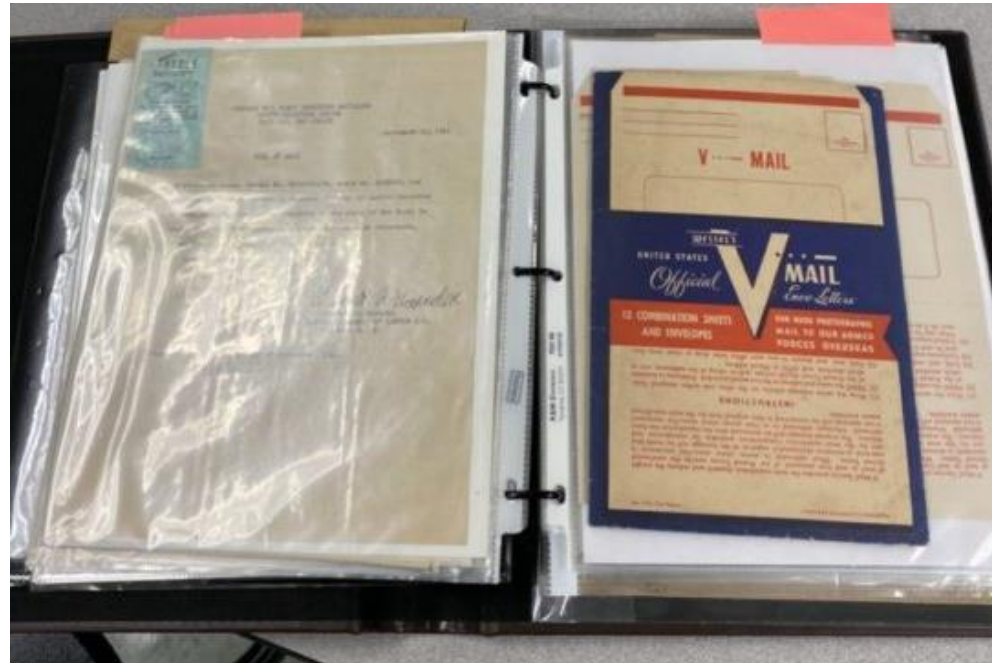
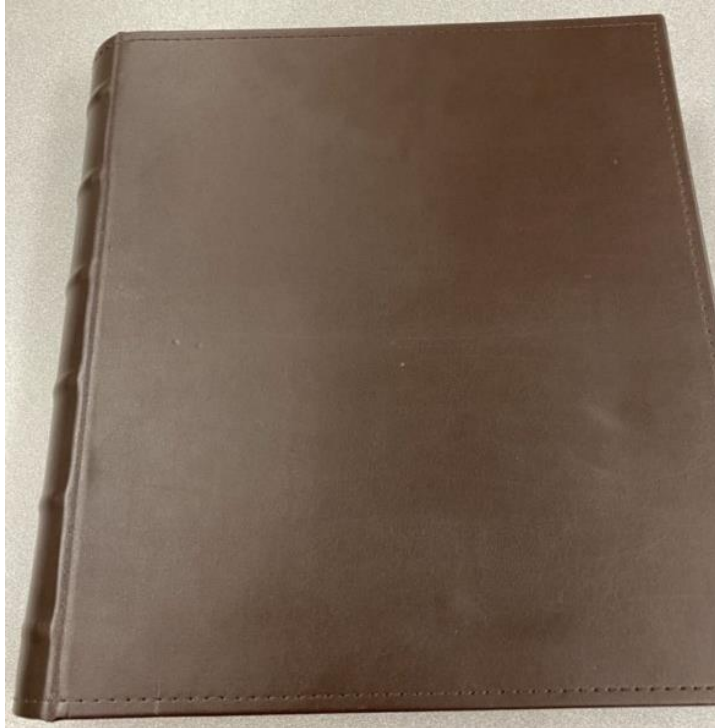
**Specifics:**

1. Housed in wall frame
2. Collection assembled and mounted by Club member's son

**Fun Fact:**

Club member's son was a participant in the American Philatelic Society's Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship (YPLF) program

# Thrift Store Storage Solution



## Specifics:

1. Buys three ring binders at thrift shops
2. Buys stock pages and sleeves at discount at club auction
3. WHY? Club member would rather spend money on philatelic material rather than on expensive storage solutions

## Helpful Hint:

1. To store oversize material, buy an art portfolio

## Fun Fact:

This Club member has won numerous large gold medals for their exhibits



# Modified Commercial Album



## Fun Facts:

1. Club member has 6 Citation albums full of stamps
2. WHY Worldwide?  
"Because I lack focus."

Modified H.E. Harris Citation Stamp Album

## Specifics:

1. Citation is a worldwide album
2. Inserts homemade quadrille pages for stamps not included in album; or inserts pages from other albums

## Helpful Hint:

1. Pages are two sided so insert glassine between pages