

After 85 years....

The Washington Stamp Exchange is Closing

Washington Stamp Exchange was incorporated in 1933, in the depths of the Great Depression, when Leo and Sam August pooled their meager assets to start a business selling first day covers and stamps to collectors under the name of The Washington Press. Stamp collecting and the relatively new specialty of cover collecting were growing hobbies then and collectors quickly embraced the company's new products which included ArtCraft first day covers and White Ace stamp albums and accessories.

Throughout our 85 years in business we have always strived to offer friendly service and the highest quality products at reasonable prices. We believe that the many loyal customers and the friends we've made over the years attest to our success in meeting those objectives. Now, however, the time has come for us to turn the page and begin the next chapter in our lives. So with considerable regret we have decided to close Washington Stamp Exchange at the end of 2018.

Starting immediately and continuing until we've sold out, we will be offering everything we have in stock at steeply discounted prices. **All White Ace and Stampmount products are on sale at a 50% discount.** Place your order on our website washpress.com, and the 50% discount will be applied when the order is processed, call us at the number below, or just write up your order and mail it to us by USPS mail with your check or credit card number and expiration - we take Visa, MasterCard, Discover or AMEX.

Ten lists offering **over 2000 ArtCraft First Day Covers at prices as low as 50¢ each** have been posted on the [Special Offers page](#) of our website. Other special offers will be posted as we prepare them. You will undoubtedly find our other [Special Offers](#) of interest and we suggest that you check back regularly to see what's new.

We are also making available from our archives the **Original Production Artwork and Engraving Plates** that were used to create many of the ArtCraft Engraved Cachets produced between 1939 and 2002. Much of our remaining production artwork is displayed on our [e-bay store](#). You can access that store with one click from the home page of our website.

Engraving plates are priced at \$25, and production artwork not listed on e-bay is priced at \$20.00 each. A shipping charge of \$7.50 will be added to each order for these archival items. To take advantage of this rare opportunity to own a piece of ArtCraft history, ask us about the availability of plates that interest you using our [contact form on the left side of our home page](#) or call us at our toll free number 877-966-0001.

We invite dealer inquiries from anyone seeking to acquire large volumes of collectible items and supplies.

In closing, THANK YOU for the privilege of allowing us to assist you in your philatelic endeavors. We wish you many years of healthy happy collecting enjoyment ahead.

Sincerely,

The Washington Press Family

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