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Events

CANCELED

July 21, 7:30-9:30pm
Collectors Reception
Danish American Center

CANCELED

July 21-23
Minnesota Stamp Expo
Crystal Com Center

August 13, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Com Ctr.

September 14, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center
3030 West River Pkwy S
Minneapolis, MN 55406

September 23, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Com Ctr.

October 12, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

October 20-21
METROPEX
Roseville Skating Center

November 9, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Fall Auction
Danish American Center

November 17-19
CHICAGOPEX
Itaska, Illinois

December 14, 6pm
Julbord
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

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Minnesota Stamp Expo 2023 **CANCELED**

We regret to announce that circumstances have forced us to cancel the 2023 Minnesota Stamp Expo. Our show has been held at the Crystal Community Center since 1999. This spring, the City of Crystal began a major construction project involving the main parking lot. While the project was to be completed prior to our show, we were recently informed the project will now stretch into August. The show committee considered alternative parking options or relocating the show, unfortunately, no options were viable on short notice. Given all the obstacles, the committee made the difficult decision to not hold the 2023 show. The APS has granted our request for a bye for our show for this year, thus preserving our World Series of Philately status for future years. Thank you for your past, present and future support of the Minnesota Stamp Expo. We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Mark your calendar for our next show, to be held July 19-21, 2024!
www.mnstampexpo.org

Unfortunately the Collectors Reception scheduled on July 21, 7:30-9:30pm, is also canceled. Funds allocated to catering this event will be used for the December 14, 6pm, Julfest, at Danish American Center.



Pictured above is Páll Pálsson (on left) at Nordia 2023 showing Mike Schumacher (on right) his discovery of plate flaws on Icelandic postal stationery that match similar plate flaws on stamps. See page 2.

The same clichés on stamps and postal cards
Páll A. Pálsson

In my research on Icelandic stamps of Christian IX design I found a 10-aur stamp and a 10-aur postal card with the same variant. This made me very happy. I was in seventh heaven.

Last April while putting together a collection of variants of letter cards and postal cards with the image of Christian IX I found two more variants. It is possible that others have seen these variants earlier but I have not seen anything written about them thus far. That's why I wish to convey this now and what better place to do it than at a large stamp exhibition such as NORDIA 2023 currently being held in Garðabær, Iceland. I have located the 10-aur stamp (F 67) variant as position 34 and position 84 on the plate. The stamp is cancelled with numeral cancel "121" of type N1a from Vatnsfjörður in North Ísafjörður county and the double Postal Card TS 22/1 with Reykjavik cancel. (See Figure 1). All of the catalog numbers for the postal cards are identified according to Hálfðan Helgason's *Iceland Postal Stationery* published in 2019. Catalog numbers of the stamps and cancellation types are according to FACIT *Special Classic 2014*.

The 4-aur stamp (F 64) variant is found in plate position number 19 and 69 in the first printing of 1902 and is cancelled with the crown cancel "STÓRINÚPUR". The letter card, type Sb 1b is cancelled "Reykjavik". (See Figure 2).

Thirdly is a 10-aur stamp (F 67) cancelled with type N1a "169" used in Selfoss. The variant is located in position 32 and 82 on the printing plate and also on letter card Sb2. (See Figure 3).

I personally think that this is significant, not least for the sake of being able to locate the plate positions but to also find these same variants on the 4-aur and 10-aur postal cards. Imagine the coincidence in 1902 at the H. H. Theile printing office when in low light the printer reaches into the "box" holding the clichés and pulls out the above mentioned three at random out of a possible 50.

Collectors continue to research as usual!

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The above article was first published in the NORDIA 2023 Exhibition Catalog and reprinted here with the author's permission. The author also received a Vermeil for his exhibit *Variants on Icelandic stamps Christian IX*. Below the variants are pictured. Figure 1 is on upper right with Figures 2 and 3 below.

