

Site offers high-tech tools to make collecting easy



STAMPNET

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The organization and storage of stamps occupies the majority of a philatelist's time. Albums, stockbooks and catalogues are expensive and can cost more than the stamps they house. That doesn't seem right somehow, and if you agree, perhaps you should visit the EZ Stamp website.

Located at www.ezstamp.com, this site is owned, managed and designed by Marios Theodossiou from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. Not only this, but he appears to be the main writer and compiler of the many programs that the "SuperPros" have created to assist collectors worldwide.

Upon calling up the site, you will see that it is densely spaced. There is really nothing wrong with this; it immediately reminds me of my stamp room. However, you need to be prepared to look closely to see all that is presented.

It is important to understand that there are several different organizing elements, products, really, that can be viewed and purchased here. EZStamp is one, and the others include Al-

bumGen, EZGrader, WFID (Washington/Franklin Identifier), EZImage, PCVU, EZCoin, and SRS Software.

"EZStamp will help you value, organize and track your collection quickly and easily, giving you more time to enjoy your hobby – the #1 stamp inventory program to manage your collection with 312 complete countries, 338,315 stamps listed and 248,905 images," the site states.

Would it impress you as much as it did me to know that there are 4.1 million market values for stamps in the databases? These are organized with the Scott numbering system, as are all the programs for stamps.

Clicking on the black EZStamp button brings up related links: screen shots of the program, a free downloadable demo, a features presentation, a list of available countries, reviews and comments, updates, an FAQ, and tech support.

The capabilities of this program are truly amazing. You can take inventory of all your stamps, keep track of multiple

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The 2013 Updates are Now Shipping. Order now & start organizing your stamp

Digital tools offered by a website based in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., allow collectors to take inventory, identify stamps, measure perforations and much more.

used and mint copies in various grades and plate blocks, import and export data and images, and provide comprehensive inventory and valuation reports for insurance purposes. Also, you can search the fields by Scott number, topic, year, country and perform cross-referencing.

As a wonderful follow-up, reading the dozens and dozens of superlative feedback comments from happy collectors everywhere convinced me that EZStamp belongs on a need list, not a want list for all.

As for the other philatelic aides, AlbumGen is unique in that it "is powerful and flexible ... capable of using images and data within EZStamp so sizes are pre-supplied ... to design your own" album pages.

"Fantastic for the topical collector or for exhibit pages. Never have to buy expensive album supplements again!" Surely that is a great value to all stamp hounds.

EZGrader is described as "the most intuitive and easy to use philatelic tool to ever come along. ... By simply scanning in your stamp, EZGrader will be able to determine the centering of your stamp and assign a grade to it such as F, VF, XF, and it can also measure the perforations of the stamp!"

Another outstanding and unique product. As with EZStamp, AlbumGen and EZGrader have screen shots and free downloadable demos to see and try before you buy.

EZImage is a high-level tool which can assist in organizing,

editing and scanning all your images. It includes all the tools to give images a professional look.

EZPerf does what you think: it measures perforations. This can be time-consuming with just a few stamps. However, EZPerf allows multiple copies to be scanned and measured. Who couldn't use this feature alone? And it has other features for discovery as well.

Lastly, we have SRS: stamp recognition software. Scan any stamp and it will identify it for you. This is a very handy tool for everyone, but especially beginners, or for one who has inherited a large collection and wants stamps identified, in less than one second, we are told. Again, pretty amazing.

This is a very brief overview of the specialized and appealing products Theodossiou has brought to philatelists worldwide. He is to be commended for these works, which just get better year to year, and I personally thank him for bringing some order to my world and that of many others.

And there is free tech support forever. You can't beat that!

Keep well and try to share some stamps with a young person this week. 🍁

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