



Summer Seminar 2018

Detecting Damaged, Altered, and Repaired Stamps

A Four-Day Course Presented by *Irv Miller*

Monday, June 25 – Thursday, June 28, 2018

Condition plays an important role when determining a stamp's value. Enhance your skills for detecting damaged, altered and repaired stamps in order to make better informed buying and selling decisions.

Course Description:

What is regumming and how can it be spotted? How can one tell if a stamp has original gum?

There are a great number of damaged, altered, and repaired stamps available for purchase. Develop the skills for recognizing various types of stamp damage; thins, tears, creases, gum disturbances and other faults. Learn to detect repaired thins, stamps with added margins, and ones that have been rebacked. Become proficient in identifying reperfs and regummed stamps, those with doctored designs, trimmed perfs, and color modifications, plus other types of alterations.

Improve your ability to detect damaged, altered, and repaired stamps during four glorious days at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania!

Intended Audience (who should attend):

- Beginning to intermediate collectors



Participants will need to bring:

- Tongs, magnifier, perf gauge

Meet Irv Miller, Instructor for Detecting Damaged, Altered, and Repaired Stamps

Irv began Miller's Stamp Company of East Lyme, CT, in 2004. However, he has worked as a professional stamp dealer since founding Miller's Stamp Shop (Uncasville, CT) forty-eight years ago. Miller is an APS Member-Dealer, and holds memberships in the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, U. S. Stamp Society, American Revenue Association, and American Stamp Dealers Association. He is an ASDA qualified appraiser and auctioneer, has held almost 200 public stamp auctions, and has been the APS Summer Seminar auctioneer for nearly 20 years. Irv is also a charter member of the Ugly Shirt Society and is always trying to recruit new members (so bring your ugliest shirt to Summer Seminar).