

It is important to note here that it is not known for sure if Vaughn Hord had ever painted any cachets for the Air Mail issues.

Federal Duck Stamps - It is explained to the viewer, at the beginning of this section, as to what a Duck Stamp actually is and why a first class postage stamp is applied along with the Duck Stamp on each cover.

The Duck Stamp covers were placed under this First Day Cover heading because they were cancelled the first day the stamp was put on sale. The exhibitor is aware that the "first day cover" classification of such covers may stretch the term a bit.

It is the opinion of many that in the sections of the Priority Mail, Express Mail, and Federal Duck Stamps is where some of Vaughn Hord's finest covers may be seen.

**SPECIAL COVERS.** This second part of the exhibit shows covers which were specially painted at the request of Vaughn Hord's collector friends. Under Special Covers are the following sections:

Inaugural Covers - These covers were painted on the suggestion of the exhibitor, who also collects inaugural covers.

Combination and Multi-stamped - Covers shown here were painted for a collector who liked unusual covers. These covers have a combination of stamps or multi-stamps of the same issue. The stamps on the combination covers all relate to one another in one way or another. The cachet ties to one or more of the stamps and is described. It is acknowledged that the covers do bear a first day of issue cancel or a first day circular date stamp. These covers are not the normal first day covers and are completely different from other first day covers in the exhibit. It was thought best to put them under the Special Covers because they would never have been painted, as first day covers, had they not been requested by a collector.

The exhibit pays tribute to Vaughn Hord who is acknowledged by his peers as having painted some of the finest cachets in the 1980s and 1990s.

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