



# Denver Postcard Club



## HAPPY TRAVELS FROM THE PRESIDENT JUNE 2025

I just returned from a trip to the United Kingdom - we visited Scotland and England; my favorite stop was Highclere Castle - where the award-winning TV series Downton Abbey was filmed.

Another unique stop was Stonehenge. There's evidence that site used to function as a meeting spot for feasts. I also learned there's notches in the standing stones so the horizontal ones on top can stay in place.

I had the privilege of mailing postcards from inside Edinburgh castle walls - the bright red

post box looks out of place against the medieval setting!

Enjoy your summer travels wherever they take you.



See you at the meeting,

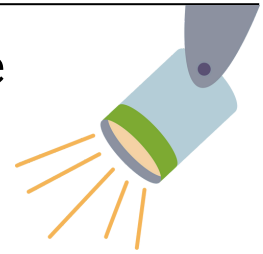
*Liz Franco*

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# June Speaker Spotlight: Beth Tallmadge

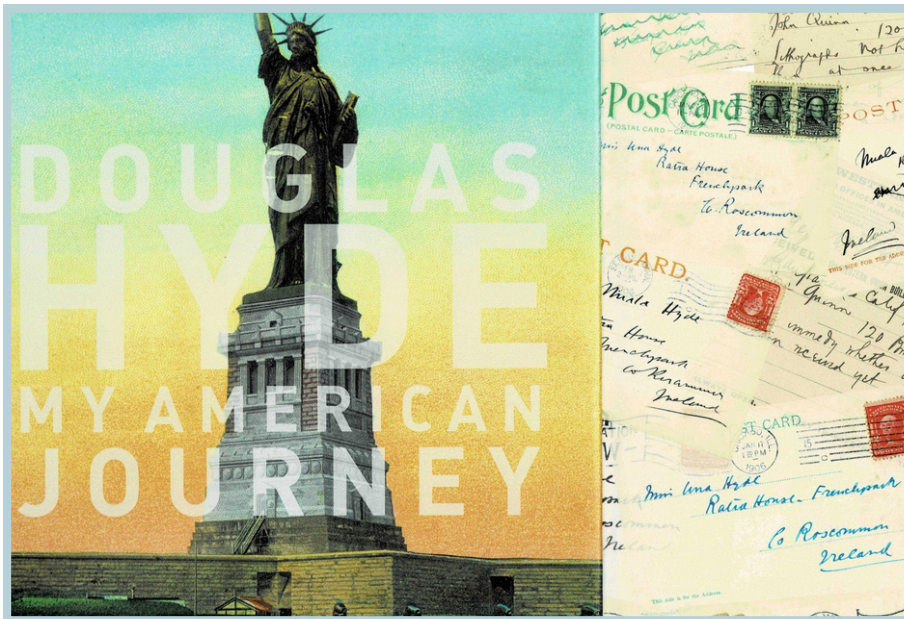
Topic: *A Post-Pandemic Obsession – Finding duplicate postcards from a book!*



What did you obsess about in 2020 and after? One thing for me was finding out that an Irish cousin-in-law was a co-author of a fascinating Irish history book, so I made sure to put that on my Christmas wish list. And then getting the book only to find that nearly all the illustrations in it were American scenic postcards!

In 2019, the book *Douglas Hyde: My American Journey* was published. It is based on the journals of Douglas Hyde, who would become the first president of Ireland in 1938. In the 1880s, Hyde formed the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language (the Gaelic League), which encouraged de-anglicizing Ireland. Over eight months from Nov 1905 to June 1906, Hyde and his wife traveled the US, meeting with Irish American organizations, immigrants, and enthusiasts to fundraise on behalf of the Gaelic League.

While on that tour, Hyde and his wife sent dozens of picture postcards back home to Ireland, making sure to have the recipients save those postcards for posterity. Now saved in a museum near Dublin, many of those postcards were included in the book to illustrate the nature of the challenges that Hyde met along the way, including being in San Francisco just before the earthquake and fire of April 1906, and what he did afterwards.



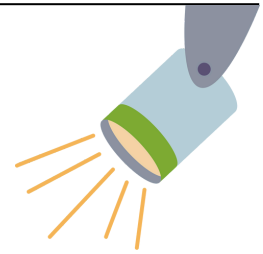
After reading the book (or at least the part that's in English – the second half is in Irish Gaelic), I got the crazy idea to search for as many exact duplicates of those postcards as possible to make an album for myself.



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## June Speaker Spotlight continued...

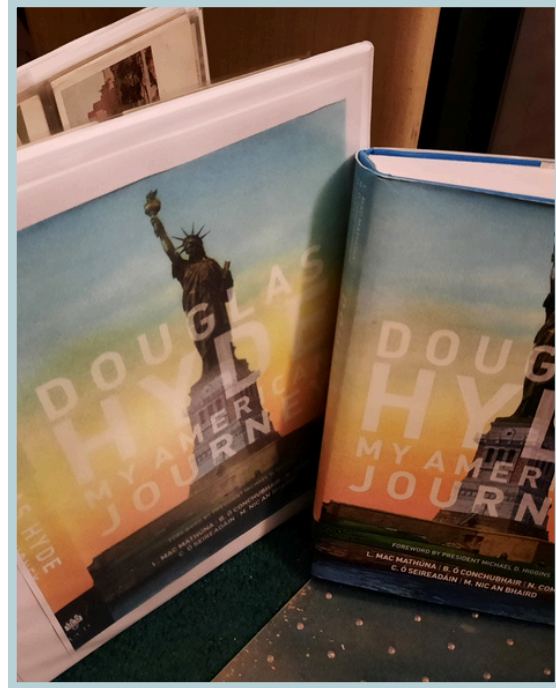
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I'll share a summary of the US tour that Hyde took, my collection of the 33 (out of 34) postcards that I bought over a course of 2 years which match those in the book, as well as sharing my family connections to the co-author.

### *Official book description:*

First published in Irish in 1937, this collection of journal and diary entries is a compelling first-hand account of Douglas Hyde's eight-month fundraising odyssey through the United States from 1905 to 1906. Published for the first time in a bilingual edition, complete with newly discovered archival material and extensive illustrations, this book navigates Hyde's thoughts on his journey in their original Irish, accompanied by a faithful English translation.



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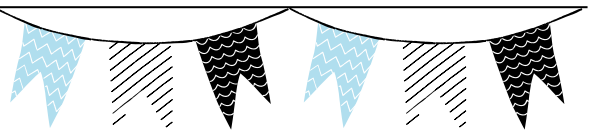
## May Meeting Recap

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In May, Lee & Jane Whiteley presented their documented trek along Cherry Creek Trail in their newest book. We learned Lee's family used to take the train and pick cherries as a fun family outing! You have the "follow the path to explore the past."



# Member News & Events



**DENVER POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW**  
Fri-Sat July 18-19, 2025  
Friday 11am-6pm, Saturday 9:30am-4pm  
**General Admission \$5**  
**Early-bird Admission \$20 Friday 10am**  
**Holiday Inn Lakewood, CO**  
7390 W Hampden Ave. Lakewood, CO 80227  
[www.denverpostcardshow.com](http://www.denverpostcardshow.com)



## Show and Tell Topics

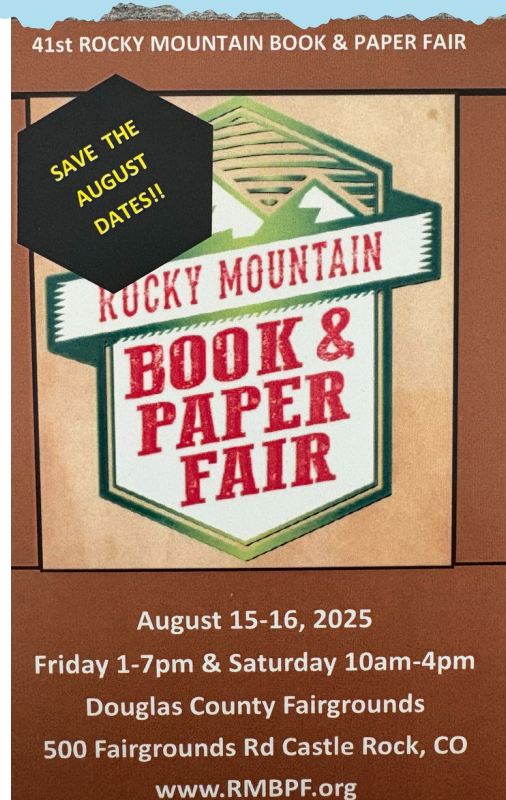
Bring a postcard from your collection or find one in the club's boxes that includes the designated monthly topic.

This is optional; if you bring a card there will be time to share it at the meeting.

**June:** Lamp posts



## August Event



**41st ROCKY MOUNTAIN BOOK & PAPER FAIR**

**SAVE THE AUGUST DATES!!**

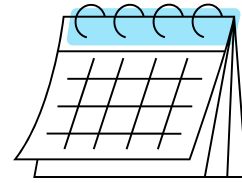
**ROCKY MOUNTAIN BOOK & PAPER FAIR**

August 15-16, 2025  
Friday 1-7pm & Saturday 10am-4pm  
Douglas County Fairgrounds  
500 Fairgrounds Rd Castle Rock, CO  
[www.RMBPF.org](http://www.RMBPF.org)

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# Club Calendar - Plan Ahead!

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**JUNE**

- 6/8 - Club Meeting

**JULY**

- 7/19 - Volunteer Event with Palmer Lake Historical Society

**AUGUST**

- TBD - Summer Picnic

**SEPTEMBER**

- 9/14 - Club Meeting

**OCTOBER**

- 10/12 - Club Meeting

**NOVEMBER**

- 11/9 - Club Meeting

**DECEMBER**

- TBD - Holiday Party

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## June Meeting Structure: *Lunch & Look!*

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Hi club members and happy start to summer! For this next meeting on June 8, 2025, we want to allow time for you to look through all of our boxes of cards - and purchase to your heart's desire! So far this year, we've received over 80,000+ postcard donations.

### **Reminders and meeting format:**

- Doors open at 12:00pm
- Lunch will be provided
- Bring cash or checks
- New door prizes will be added to the table!
- Our traditional meeting will start at 1:00pm with news and announcements
- We'll have a few topics/ideas to vote on as a club
- Club Membership Chair, Beth Tallmadge, will give a short presentation
- Feel free to stay after the presentation to continue looking through the cards, to eat lunch, chat, etc. We typically close up the room around 4:00pm.





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## Club Contact Information

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**2025  
Officers**

**Liz Franco, President**

**Deb Simpson, Vice President**

**Shad Daly, Secretary**

**Jennifer Simpson, Treasurer**

**Charles Twomey, Assisting Treasurer**

**Beth Tallmadge, Membership Chair**



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*Thank you for reading! See you soon.*



## **Denver Postcard Club Membership Form 2025**

denverpostcardclub@gmail.com

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Mail or deliver completed form with payment to: Beth Tallmadge, DPCC Membership Chair 12561 W Alameda Dr Lakewood, CO 80228-2816**

Or bring this form to a Postcard Club monthly meeting (second Sundays at 1pm) at:

Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library (meeting room building)

2048 S Pontiac Way

Denver, CO 80224

Membership includes newsletters, access to club cards for purchase, informative discussions and presentations at meetings, and social events. Family membership members must live at the same address.

Payment methods are **Check or Cash only**. No credit card or app payments.

Make checks payable to **DENVER POSTCARD CLUB**.

Today's Date:		
Name(s):		
Street Address:		
City:		
State:		
Zip:		
	Family Member 1	Family Member 2
Phone (cell/home):		
Email:		
Postcard Topics I like:		

### **Regular Annual Membership Dues** (check one):

<b>Individual - \$15</b>		<b>Family - \$20</b>	
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### **OPTIONAL** Prepaid Lifetime Membership Dues Rates (to avoid annual renewal dues):

Age Range Oldest Member (as of Jan 1)	Under 60		60 – 74		Over 74	
Individual	\$250		\$195		\$60	
Family	\$335		\$260		\$80	

Half Year Dues (First Year New Members **joining after June 30** only) Check one:

<b>Individual - \$8</b>		<b>Family - \$11</b>	
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Supplemental donation for Children's Project work**	\$
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\*\* Denver Postcard Club is classified as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations in excess of membership dues may be tax deductible for certain taxpayers. You will receive a confirmation letter for your donation.

Date Paid:		Check # or Cash:	
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