

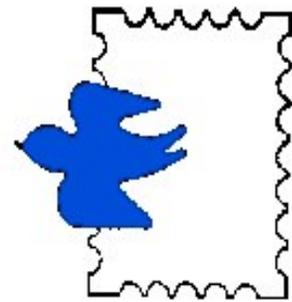
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Monthly meeting/auction at Ken-Rock Community Center, 625 Adams St., Rockford, IL

### Wednesday, August 7

5:30 pm - Buy, sell and trade  
View auction lots  
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

### Tuesday, August 20

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade  
View auction lots  
10:00 am - Auction

**Wednesday, Jun 5th:** we had 20 people including an old member visit, **Jonathan**. He was a regular member before Covid and Tim saw him and invited him back.

**Board Meeting:** we had a board meeting before the regular meeting. Show items discussed were that we booked the Hoffman House Convention Center for 2025-2026-2027. Favorable rate with a discount and no charge for the room in the back for our banquet.

**New Business:** We would like to resume having a program at our Wednesday meetings. 10-20 minutes. Any philatelic topic is welcomed.

**Elections:** Wednesday August 7. Ballot will include nominated people, room for nominations at the meeting and anyone who wants to put in a write in. **COME TO THE MEETING TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.**

### Show & Tell.....

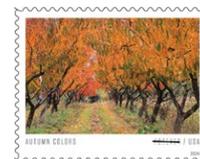
1. **Stanley Campbell** - a) Chinese envelope with Chairman Mao quote b) Dahkow concentration camp political message.
2. **Jeff Hall** - Flag Day and 4th of July Ship covers.
3. **Gary Barrett** - two Canada hobbies together. Personalized stamps printed in Canada of model cars. Interesting process and a GREAT model car he made from scratch.

**Bill Lothery** won the mystery box!

### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyne** has been informed he needs four or five surgeries after his prolonged wait. His first one is scheduled June 11th for very serious abdominal surgery. He said to say Hi and that he misses coming to the club meetings. Please keep him in your prayers.

Great American Stamp Show (GASS) USPS Issues



**Pinback Buttons Forever Stamp** (10 designs)  
August 15 | Hartford, CT (at Great American Stamp Show) |  
PSA pane of 20

**Autumn Colors Forever Stamps** (10 designs)  
August 16 | Hartford, CT (at Great American Stamp Show) |  
PSA pane of 20

Full images will be in September newsletter.



### Upcoming Stamp Shows

**Sat-Sun Sep 7-8 MSDA Chicago Suburb Show**  
Glen Ellyn, IL. College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd.  
Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

**Sat Oct 5 Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show**  
Monroe, WI. Monroe Stamp and Postcard Club. Monroe Moose Lodge, 639 3rd Ave. Hours 9-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

**Sat Oct 19 CENWISPEX 2024**  
Stevens Point, WI. Central Wisconsin Stamp Club. The Elk's Club, 1132 Clark St. Hours Sat 10-4. Bourse only. Free admission.

Ask other members if you are interested in going to a show. Ride sharing can be a big savings and fun!

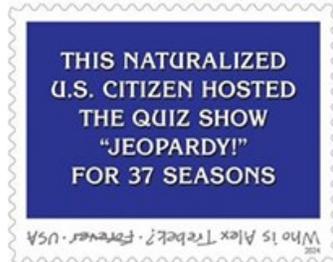


## Low Denomination Flower Stamps (1,2,3,5 and 10 cents)

Panes of 20  
Coils of 10,000  
Jul 18 – Berkley, CA

A new series of low denomination stamps will debut in 2024. Each stamp will showcase a different flower design: 1-cent fringed tulip, 2-cent daffodils, 3-cent peonies, 5-cent red tulips and 10-cent poppies and coneflowers. Photographer Harold Davis combines innovative technology with digital painting and photographic techniques to arrive at his unique floral designs. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps.

**Alex Trebek**  
First Class Forever (68¢)  
Pane of 20  
Jul 22 – Culver City, CA



Alex Trebek, who, as host of the popular television quiz show Jeopardy! for 37 seasons, became a respected and beloved presence in millions of homes. The innovative pane design features a grid of 20 identical stamps resembling the array of video monitors that form the Jeopardy! playing board. On the stamp is written the prompt, “This naturalized U.S. citizen hosted the quiz show ‘Jeopardy!’ for 37 seasons” and underneath, upside down, is the correct response: “Who is Alex Trebek?” Above the stamps are category headers at the top of each column, and to the left is a photograph of Trebek with a portion of the Jeopardy! set behind him.



**Hank Arron**  
First Class Forever (68¢)  
Pane of 20  
Jul 31 – Atlanta, GA

The stamp celebrates the life and career of Hank Aaron, a giant both on and off the field, who rose from humble beginnings to rewrite the record books while prevailing in the face of racism. The stamp art features a digital painting of Aaron as a member of the Atlanta Braves, showing his famous right-handed batting stance. The selvage showcases a digital painting of Aaron watching the ball he had just hit for his record-breaking 715th home run on April 8, 1974.

In an oddity of scheduling, the First day of Issue ceremony will be held in Atlanta while the Braves are in Milwaukee, playing the Brewers. A USPS spokesperson stated, “This was the date MLB, the Atlanta Braves, and the Aaron family agreed upon and made available.” The connection may be that Aaron finished his career with the Brewers and described Milwaukee as his baseball home.



**Dungeons & Dragons**  
First Class Forever (68¢)  
Pane of 20 (10 designs)  
Aug 1 – Indianapolis, IN

This issues marks the 50th anniversary of Dungeons & Dragons, described by its owners as “the World’s Greatest Role-playing Game,” that has become a cultural phenomenon. By inviting participants to imagine themselves as wizards, warriors and other adventurers in exciting and treacherous fantasy worlds, Dungeons & Dragons opened doors to whole new universes of creativity for generations of players.

The pane of 20 stamps features 10 different designs that highlight characters, creatures and encounters familiar to players of the game. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps and pane with existing illustrations.



## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Rockford Stamp Club is back in session. You can stop looking for your July newsletter because our Editor took a well-deserved break as well and there wasn't one. For the hardcore, can't take-a-break members, we did have the June and July third Tuesday morning auctions to prevent withdrawal symptoms.

Our August meeting is a very important as we will be holding elections for all club officer and board of trustee positions. Due to confusion in the expirations of terms of office and an oversight, elections were not held this past November as they normally should have been. All officer positions will be for a 2-year term and the board of directors' terms will be for a 2-year, 4-year, and 6-year term. Each individual candidate for the board will select the term they are running for. Nominations were accepted at the June meeting and will be accepted from the floor at the August meeting with the election to follow upon closure of the nominations. Please attend this meeting if possible so you can vote for your candidate of choice in any contested positions. Warning! You do not have to be present to win.

An often-heard question is what is the future of stamp collecting? Is there a future? Is anyone interested anymore? As many of you know I have actively been working on getting my grandchildren interested in stamp collecting and regularly send them topical stamps of their interest. They were here in late June and early July for a visit. At the ages of 12, 9, and 7, I thought it was time to introduce them to a stamp show. On June 29<sup>th</sup> we headed on over to Galena for the MSDA show at Turner Hall, a first time show in the area.

We entered Turner Hall and as we approached the tables of Itty Bitty Stamp Company of Hart MI, the kids were immediately greeted by Jim Jeffery and asked if they were interested in collecting stamps and he received a resounding "YES"! He immediately reached into a bin and presented each with a packet of stamps at no charge (\$5.95 each). Their eyes lit up and each of them was sporting a big smile. They then looked through some of the items and each made a purchase of a few items that were of interest to them (their picks). We were greeted by every dealer with a smile.

It was fun to watch as they engaged with Tom Kinberg, of Stamp Art from Lincoln City, OR. He had some nice souvenir sheets on display which they looked through and chose a few. He asked a few questions about their interests and off they were into the red boxes he suggested and then were even requesting some by country all on their own. Being the novices they are, they messed up the order in one of the red boxes, but Tom was very nice about it and said he would take care of it, and then explained how to properly handle the red box order. All three had an absolute blast and loved the stamp show experience.

A couple of days later we had a rainy day, so we decided to spend the day at home. Out came the treasures from the stamp show and the fun began. It was amazing to see the interaction as they sorted through their stamp packets and other purchases. There was sorting, trading, placing in stock pages, discussing certain stamps, likes and dislikes. This went on for an uninterrupted three hours. Lunch was the spoiler. It was all quite amazing to watch.

Bottom line; there just may be hope for the future of stamp collecting. Kudos to the dealers and their interaction and patience with three young boys and the impression they made on them. Our next stop is the Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, CT. and I can't wait to see the look on their faces as we enter the great hall.

Don't forget your show and tell and auction lots for the meeting and remember to come and vote.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and Happy Collecting!

## What I Collect - Jim Stadermann

As a kid I collected only United States stamps. They were only three cents tops, and this was not too painful. As the cost of postage rose, my passion for stamp collecting, as with many others, decreased. And with no end to new stamps always coming out, it seemed too big a task to get them all anyway.

Fast forward, I have made a return to stamp collecting. But without the former desire to get every U.S. stamp. What I have branched off into, regarding U.S. stamps, is areas of collecting that have both a beginning and an end. Such as: Panama, Canal Zone, and the Philippines under American Dominion (1899-1946). Stamps of Hawaii, before its U.S. acquisition, also have their own time frame.

In a wider realm of areas that have both a beginning and an end, I have come to collect East Germany (DDR) and Third Reich. There is an ancestry connection here because my forebearers were Eastern German who came to this country even before there was a federated Germany. And the descendants of other unknown family members are probably still in Germany and lived through much that these stamps depict.

I also collect German States, British Honduras/Belize, and Newfoundland and Canadian Provinces. And I have found a few interesting topical areas in which to collect. As many of you know, I have a growing, fun collection of Santa Claus stamps of the world. I also collect Presidents shown on stamps worldwide.

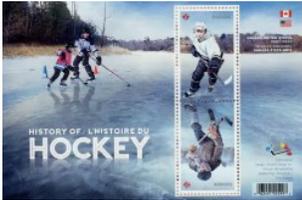
## Souvenir Sheets by Garry Barrett - Part 2

The main problem with these stamps is that, while postally valid, most will never be used in the mail. Some of them can never be used. The sale of these stamps is a huge windfall to the post office. So, I object... half-heartedly... but still buy them... if they're Canadian.

The author of that angry letter has cause for some legitimate discontent. But I think it's expressed too generally. It could be claimed with equal force that souvenir sheets are a benefit. Here are some concrete examples.

	<p>2238a: a consolidation of variously denominated stamps (regular in this case)</p>
	<p>1814i: a convenient way to purchase a single stamp</p>

The list is short but many Canadian souvenir sheets fall into the first category. For that reason, I conclude that I'm entitled to my rather ambivalent attitude on the subject. I can wax poetic, however, when a souvenir sheet adds artistic value. Here's a remarkable example: a joint USA-Canada issue commemorating the history of hockey. For artistic value, I think that the US version got it better.

 <p style="text-align: left; margin-top: 5px;">USA 5253c</p>	 <p style="text-align: left; margin-top: 5px;">Canada 3039</p>
	<p>2027: considerable added value to the stamp in the middle</p>

Then there are the souvenir sheets that *could* be objectionable when considered while in a bad mood.

	<p>2567: souvenir sheet merely duplicates the booklet, though with embossing</p>
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# Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

[www.rockfordstampclub.com](http://www.rockfordstampclub.com)

**WEB SITE UPDATE - Please take a moment to go to our webpage listed above. We need to do some updates but what else would you like to see? Please tell us your comments.**  
Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

## Souvenir Sheets by Garry Barrett - continued

	2291: a useful consolidation but no added value
	1818: Proliferation (17 different sheets in series), common across many countries at the turn of the millennium
	2409b: a puzzle in this case, valid but not primarily intended for postal use

Strong feelings might be cooled somewhat by considering one purpose of souvenir sheets. For collectors whose interests center on stamp design, not so much on gum, perforations, paper type, etc., souvenir sheets save the expense of redundant copies that come in larger quantities (e.g. booklets, coils). Thought of this way, souvenir sheets should be loved, not hated. On the other hand, collectors who strive for completeness may be excused for sometimes being a little annoyed... but only a little.

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 ~ 2024 Dealers **Thank You!**

These dealers participated at the 2024 show. We hope you were able to visit many of them and find something for your collection. All the dealers reported strong sales and were pleased with the show and especially the new location!

**Did you see something you didn't buy? Maybe it's not too late to call or email! Please support our show dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

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# ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meeting and an auction are held the first Wednesday beginning at 6:00pm, every month except July. An auction takes place the third Tuesday of every month beginning at 9:00am. Both are held at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 625 Adams St., Rockford, Illinois. We start with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages and collecting levels from beginner to advanced are welcome.

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1995 Dick Wibom *	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

\* Closed album



**See you for some Philatelic Phun!**  
**Wednesday, August 7 at 5:30/7pm**  
**Tuesday, August 20 at 9/10am**  
**Remember we're at 625 Adams St.**