

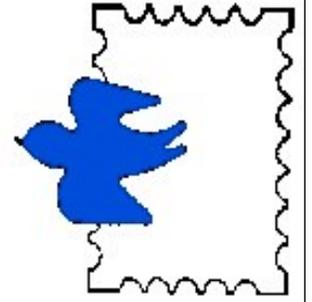
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, December 4

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

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, Nov 6th: there were 14 members at the meeting. Nice to see a few different faces!

We discussed the upcoming Christmas donation auction. See below. It's time to start thinking about the Rockford Show. Exhibits, volunteering, etc.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Tim Wait** - showed two different money order receipts from Belvidere from the 1890's

Matt Mace won the mystery box.

We want to see YOU at the next meeting!

Annual Ken-Rock Kids Charity Auction Wednesday, December 4, 2024

For MANY years our club has held a charity auction at our Wednesday night meeting in December. **ALL lots are donated and ALL proceeds go to our meeting location's Ken-Rock Kids program. This is most of the funding available to give these kids a Holiday party.**

Please bring some decent lots for donation and remember to bid generously so we can continue supporting this excellent organization.

Don't forget to bring a treat so we can have some extra holiday cheer too!

On Tuesday, December 17th it is too late for donations but everybody likes cookies and treats so come prepared for an auction and some calories!

Member Health and Welfare

Gerry Van Alstyne finally had his back surgery scheduled for November 14. He will be at the VA Hines facility in Hines, IL. He will be in the hospital for a few days and then an extended time in rehab. Keep him in your thoughts & prayers.

DUES NOTICE

We're closing in on the end of 2024! That means your 2025 dues need to be paid soon. **\$15 for a printed newsletter and \$8 for the electronic version.**

This is a bargain for all the philatelic fun you have at the meetings, that many of you are missing out on!

See the attached dues notice. We also have three questions asking your opinion about how we can get more member participation at the meetings. Please fill this out and bring to a meeting with your payment or mail it in to the address on the form.

Please pay your dues promptly and please give us your input on the form. Thank you!



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Fri-Sat Jan 10-11 MSDA WI-IL Stateline Show

Kenosha, WI. First Christian Church, 13022 Wilmot Road. Hours Fri 10-5 Sat 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

Sat Feb 8 Janesville Stamp Show

Janesville, WI. Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington PL. Hours 9:30-4. Exhibits and bourse. Silent auction. Free admission.

Sat-Sun Mar 1-2 MSDA Appleton Show

Joliet, IL. Messiah Lutheran Church, 40 Houbolt Rd. MSDA & Will Co. Stamp Club. Hours Fri 10-5 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!

Great Americans Issue of 1980-1999 - Getting to Know Them

This issue depicts some well-known persons as well as many who were lesser known. "The Great Americans stamps may be viewed as a kind of melting pot, although certain mini-topical collecting areas stand out, those mentioned (women, black Americans, native Americans) as well as others (scientists, politicians, doctors, writers, humanitarians)". Michael Schreiber writing in *Linn's Stamp News* on November 24, 1994.

This series of articles will focus on the stamps, beginning with those issued from 1980 to 1985, listed in Scott Specialized Catalogue as #1844-1869. They are shown in denomination order. Wikipedia: Source for bio info.



Abraham Baldwin (Nov 22, 1754–Mar 4, 1807) was an American minister, patriot, politician, and Founding Father who signed the United States Constitution. Born and raised in Connecticut, he was a 1772 graduate of Yale College. After the Revolutionary War, Baldwin became a lawyer. He moved to the U.S. state of Georgia in the mid-1780s and founded the University of Georgia. Baldwin was a member of Society of the Cincinnati.

Jan 25, 1985
#1850



Henry Knox (July 25, 1750 – October 25, 1806) was a Boston bookseller, military officer and politician. A Founding Father of the United States, he became a senior general of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, serving as chief of artillery in most of Washington's campaigns. Following the American Revolution, he oversaw the War Department under the Articles of Confederation from 1785 to 1789. Washington, at the start of his first administration, appointed Knox the nation's first Secretary of War, a position he held from 1789 to 1794. He is well known today as the namesake of Fort Knox in Kentucky, the repository of a large portion of the nation's gold reserves.

Jul 25, 1985
#1851



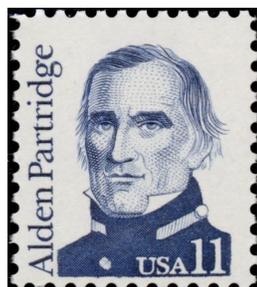
Colonel and Brevet Brigadier General **Sylvanus Thayer** (June 9, 1785 – September 7, 1872) also known as the "Father of the Military Academy", was an early superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point and an early advocate of engineering education in the United States.

Jun 7, 1985
#1852



Richard Brevard Russell Jr. (November 2, 1897 – January 21, 1971) was an American politician. A member of the Democratic Party, he served as the 66th Governor of Georgia from 1931 to 1933 before serving in the United States Senate for almost 40 years, from 1933 to 1971. Russell was a founder and leader of the conservative coalition that dominated Congress from 1937 to 1963, and at his death was the most senior member of the Senate.^{[1][2]} He was a leader of Southern opposition to the civil rights movement for decades.

May 31, 1984
#1853



Alden Partridge (Feb 12, 1785–Jan 17, 1854) was an American author, legislator, officer, surveyor, an early superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and a controversial pioneer in U.S. military education, emphasizing physical fitness training, advocating the concept of citizen soldier and establishing a series of private military academies throughout the country, including Norwich University.

Feb 12, 1985
#1854



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

2024 is coming to a close, Thanksgiving is behind us (although there may still be some leftovers), Christmas is fast approaching, and we will soon be closing our albums for the year, hopefully to quickly open them for the New Year. Out of curiosity I discovered there are 91 topical stamps depicting turkeys, 768 depicting Santa Claus or related (we have a collector amongst us), and 610 related to New Years. If you are into the holidays, there is plenty to collect.

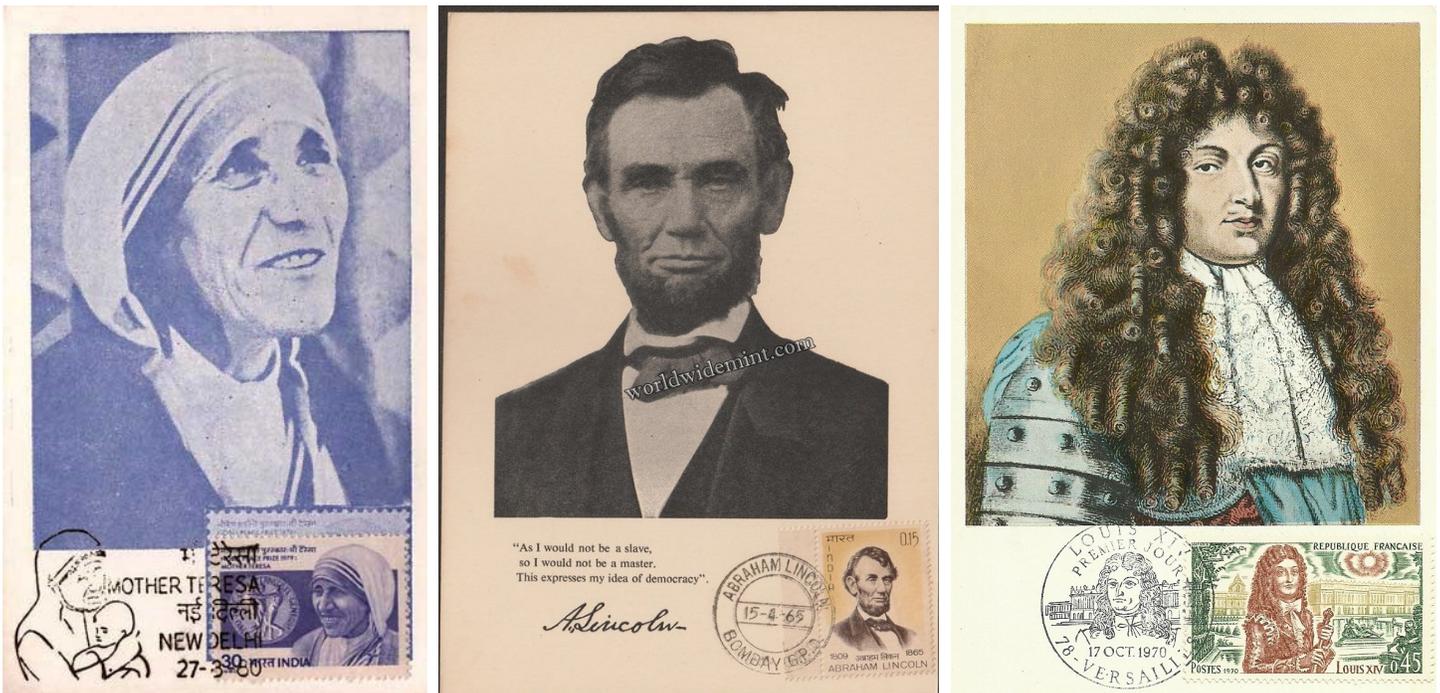
Remember, our December meeting is our Christmas/Holiday party, and we ask everyone to bring a treat to share. We also host our annual charity auction that benefits the Ken-Rock Kids. All auction lots are donations and all proceeds are donated to KRK. Please bring several lots for the auction and bid freely in the spirit of giving. Cash donations are also welcome. Let's help make it a joyous Christmas for the kids.

It's not too early to start planning for Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, March 8 & 9, 2025. Exhibits, auction lots, volunteer opportunities to make the show a success, attendance and supporting the dealers. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

Remember to bring a show and tell to the meeting. Friends, relatives and prospective members are always welcome. Please try to join us for an evening of fun and giving. Dues and your surveys will happily be accepted.

Stay well, stay safe, happy collecting.

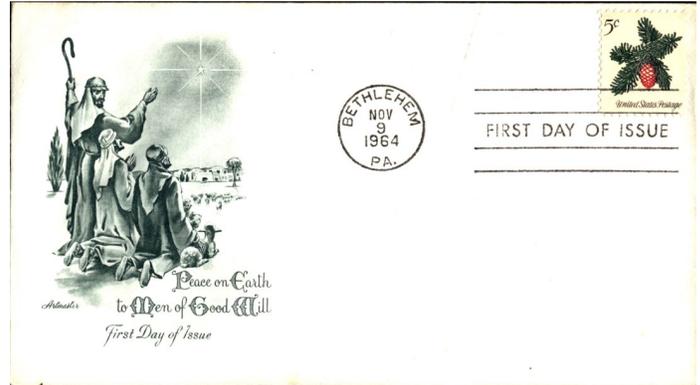
Maxim Cards



Maxim Cards - A true maxim card replicates the stamp design exactly. Other cards, still considered maxim cards have a picture that depicts the subject of the stamp. Here are three for famous people and one for Covid-19 related stamp.

These can be very colorful and add to your stamp collection with interesting details, similar to a First Day Cover.

Christmas Cachets

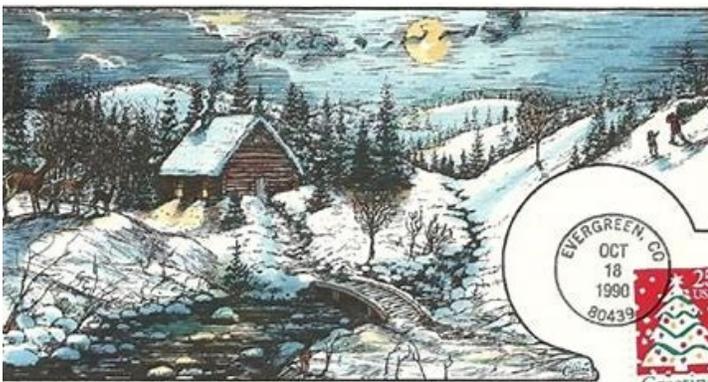


This one has the first seven years of Christmas stamps.

It is referred to as a Combo Cachet.

Note the FIRST DAY OF ISSUE machine cancel and then the Bull's Eye cancels on the bottom to catch the rest of the stamps.

More modern First Day Covers are "all Over" and have much better artistic qualities.



Many countries issue Christmas stamps.



Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

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 let us know your comments.

Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - March 8-9

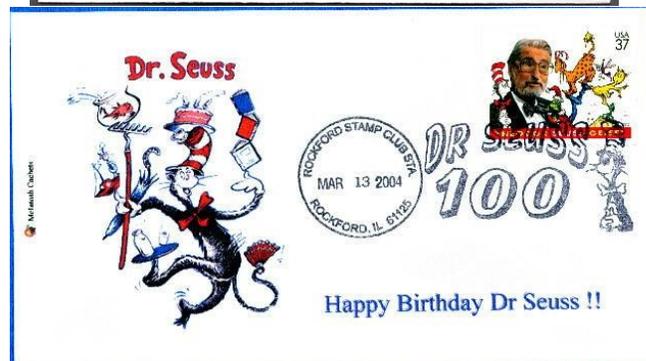
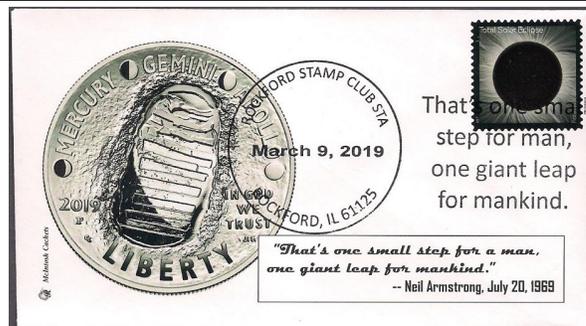
NOW is the time to start thinking about your contribution to making this show the best ever!

- Better **auction lots** \$5 minimum.
- **Four page exhibits** - contact Tim Wait. These can be a fun and easy way to start exhibiting and showing off your collection.
- **Want lists for the dealers.** Contact them ahead of time to make sure they bring what you are looking for. See below for contact info.
- **Time to help out at** - frame/exhibit set up, dealer setup, greeting our guests at the front desk, auction helpers, frame/exhibit take down.
- **Tell your friends and relatives.** The more we get the word out, the more attendance and activity we have at the show.

The Hoffman House Conference Center was a wonderful location last year. The room was spacious and nice. Plus the Scoreboard food was great! Our banquet will be held in a private room in 2025 for a better experience.

This is your show and we can all make it more successful and enjoyable every year **by participating in a variety of ways.**

Rockford Covers



Cachet artists often make their own cachets and request postmarks from the USPS after our show. Above are two by McIntosh Cachet Event Covers produced in 2019 and 2004. The Rockford PO refused to do this a few years ago and we quite doing cachets do to this and low sales.

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.

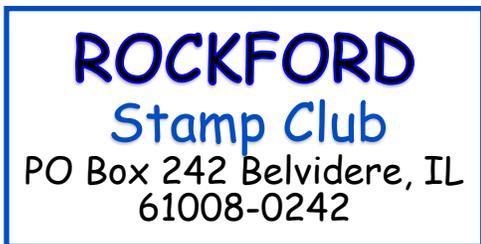
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
1992 Evert Thelene *	2000 Thomas Johnston*
1993 Donald Arnquist *	2001 Mike Peters
1994 Otto Ehlers *	2002 Craig Edgington
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!
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Remember we're at 625 Adams St.