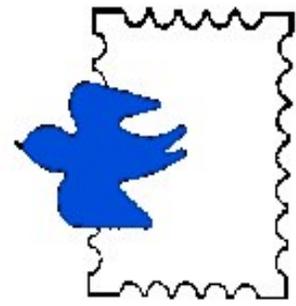


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, April 3

5:30 pm - Buy, sell and trade

View auction lots

7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

### Tuesday, April 16

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade

View auction lots

10:00 am - Auction

Wednesday, March 6th: we had a bigger group with eighteen members! Nice crowd for the auction.

Updates on the show and everything was all set to go! EVERYONE should be there!

**Terry Kurzinski** presented an idea to recognize Rockford Stamp Club members. The "Rockford Stamp Club Achievement Award".

Eligibility: Current or deceased member. Member must have made significant contributions.

Nominations: By club members in Jan & Feb.

Selection: Made by Board of Directors

Presentation: At March Stamp Show Banquet

We will be discussing at future meetings. Let us know your thoughts and ideas.

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Terry Kurzinski** - Polish/German stamps used on covers in September 1939 right after invasion. Rare.
2. **Bruce Marquardt** - Bhutan plastic 3D stamps from 1971. One of their early creations!
3. **Jim Young** - Rockford Stamp Club meeting simple typed postcards from 1933, 1935 and 1947. Big difference to today's *Rockford Stamp Notes*!
4. **Tim Wait** - Post Office Return Receipt from 1943 sent Special Delivery! Only one seen in many years of looking at postal history.

**Tom Matteson** won the mystery box!

### Member Health and Welfare

**Hank Fox** has relocated to Aden Debes Rehab Center, 550 S. Mulford. He has good and bad days but still enjoys visitors. Stop by to say hello and pick up his spirits.

**Gerry Van Alstyne** continues his long Odessey thru the VA Health Care system. Possibly being readmitted again! Keep them both in your thoughts and prayers.

### NEWSLETTER CONTENT NEEDED

How about this? Just take a nice, straight picture of something from your collection and send it to me with a little write up for the newsletter. How much easier can that be?

If you can scan on your computer, you can scan stamps, covers, album pages, anything! I'll clean up the scan. Just include some information to use.

Or, do you have a question item to send in? Up to you!



### Upcoming Stamp Shows

#### Sat-Sun May 4-5 WISCOPEX 2024

Fond du Lac, WI Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs 92nd Convention, Raddison Hotel & Convention Center, 625 W. Rolling Meadow Dr. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Exhibits and bourse. Free admission.

#### Sat-Sun May 18-19 MSDA Spring Show

Elk Grove Village, IL. Holiday Inn Chicago-Elk Grove, 1000 Busse Rd. Hours Sat 10-6, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

#### Fri-Sat Jun 14-15 Milcopex

Brookfield, WI. Brookfield Conference Center, 325 S. Moorland Rd. Hours Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5. World Series of Philately national show. Exhibits, seminars and bourse. One of the "big" shows near Rockford. Free admission.

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



### \$1 Floral Geometry

Pane of 10  
Apr 10 – Burlingame, CA  
WESTPEX Stamp Show

This stamp complements the similarly designed \$2 and \$5 stamps issued in 2022 and the \$10 stamp issued in 2023. The stamps lend an elegant and contemporary appearance to packages, large envelopes and other mailings. The stamp art features a series of overlapping geometric shapes that mimic the symmetry of floral patterns found in nature. The watercolor background and the glimmer of the foil-stamped design and typography create a sophisticated look. The stamps were designed and created by the firm Spaeth Hill. Antonio Alcalá served as art director for USPS.

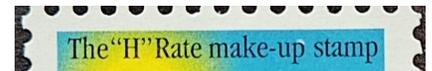
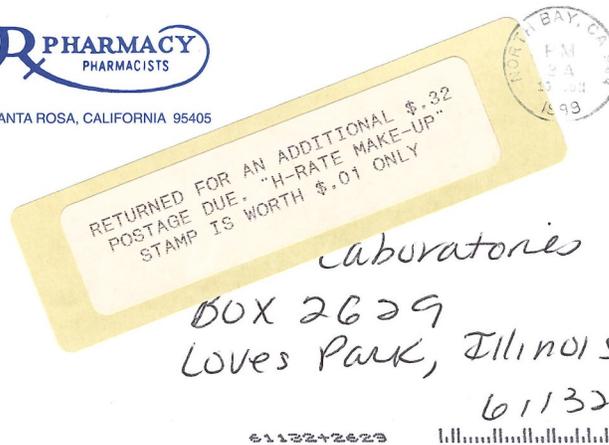
This stamp celebrates the life of Betty Ford (1918–2011), wife of the 38th president, Gerald R. Ford, and first lady of the United States from 1974 to 1977. As first lady, Mrs. Ford won widespread admiration for her candor and support for women’s rights. The stamp art is a detail from the official 1977 White House portrait by Felix de Cossio (1913–1999). The oil-on-canvas portrait shows Mrs. Ford dressed in a pale blue chiffon dress. The seated portrait was cropped to accommodate the stamp format. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.



**Betty Ford**  
**First Class Forever (68¢)**  
Pane of 20  
Apr 5 – Rancho Mirage, CA

**First Ladies on US Stamps** - The Betty Ford stamp is the seventh First Lady to be honored. The others, in order of their time as First Lady are; 1) Martha Washington was first honored on the 8¢ 1902 issue 2) Abigail Adams was honored on a 1985 22¢ stamp 3) Dolly Madison was honored on a 1980 tiny 15¢ stamp 4) Eleanor Roosevelt was honored on a 1963 5¢ stamp 5) Lady Bird Johnson was honored with a souvenir sheet including her portrait and five Beautify America forever stamps that were reminiscent of the set of stamps issued in 1966 to promote her signature campaign 6) Nancy Reagan was honored on a forever stamp in 2022.

## “H-Rate Confusion” - by Tim Wait



On January 10, 1999 First-Class postage went from 32¢ to 33¢. For this rate increase the USPS was on the letter “H”. Starting in 1978 the USPS issued the first letter stamp, “A” with an eagle. The “H” stamp was sold for 33¢. The 1¢ Rooster weather vane was issued plenty early on November 9, 1998. This allowed everyone to have them available in January.

As shown above, people were still confused! Tuttle’s Pharmacy put this in the mail with just the 1¢ stamp! A blow up tells you that it was just “The “H” Rate make-up stamp”. Caught by the USPS, a sticker was attached and returned to the sender. The notice label was peelable and was supposed to be removed with the 32¢ Yellow Rose was added and remailed and postmarked June 10, 1999.

**A remarkable piece of modern postal history!**





## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Whew! It appears the **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2024** was not only a success but possibly a huge success. Numbers are still being crunched and it remains to be seen which side of the profit/loss column we land on, hopefully close to break even. A full report will be forthcoming.

Saturday attendance at the show was amazing and all dealers' tables were crowded, and transactions seemed plentiful. There was also ample activity on Sunday with more space at the dealer tables and a bit more breathing room. The dealers seemed to be very happy with all aspects of the show, including the proximity of some really good food. Our "banquet" exceeded our original expectations by far and we even had about 10 more individuals than we told the restaurant. It was a good meal followed by a nice awards presentation for the exhibit winners.

A hearty **thanks** to everyone that helped make this show the success it was and will hopefully continue as such. A big thank you is due Terry Kurzinski for his hard work in finding a great selection of dealers for our show. We really don't understand and appreciate the amount of time and effort it takes to assemble the selection of dealers Terry brings us. Special thanks to those that helped with setting up and tearing down the exhibits. Tear down was a little weak on volunteers, but the task was accomplished. I know everyone is tired and anxious to get home, but this is a critical need for assistance. Please keep that in mind at future shows.

A big shout out to Steve Johnson for his time spent at the registration table. Steve and his comrades sold more mystery box tickets on Saturday than the last 3-4 years combined. There is no cost for the mystery boxes so the proceeds go 100% towards offsetting the cost of the show. I am not sure what tactics Steve used but the results were very impressive.

Some great "breaking news" will be presented at our Wednesday meeting by our Show Chairman Tim Wait. Also, this will be the time to critique our new venue and what you liked or didn't like which will allow for improvements.

Please remember to bring a show and tell (possibly something you purchased at the show) and bring a friend as well or another member than can't or doesn't drive at night.

I believe we will have a guest or two interested in selling their collection/s or inherited collections. This will occur in the Buy, Sell, Trade period prior to the meeting if they do show up, so come early if interested.

Stay safe, stay well, happy collecting.

## Finds at Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - by Tim Wait



Dec 14, 1870

\$50,000 Promissory Note

"Three months after date, I promise to pay to Order of *Myself* "

Franklin Jowen, Trustee

Collaterals Deposited = 1250 shares of stock of Phila & Rdg(Reading) R.R. Co.

Tax paid 5¢ per \$100 = \$25. Nice solo use of R100 the \$25 Mortgage stamp. Closer inspection revealed that it is the Silk paper variety.

The note was cancelled with the intricate cut cancels.

\$50,000 today is worth over \$1.18 million. A very large transaction!

Acquired at the show from Jim Bardo of Bardo Stamps. Jim has been moving into more revenue stamps and documents in his inventory. It's been working well for me!

What did you find at the show? Bring it for show and tell or send me a scan with a brief write up for the newsletter.



The dealer's had customers packed in Saturday!



Michael Burdett and family shopping with David Alex.



Terry Kurzinski at his booth with Jeff Rieken.



Tim giving a tour of the exhibits to attendees.



More action on Saturday!



Harold the Sock Monkey's new home.

Our new location at Hoffman House Conference Center was a hit! Updated furnishings, fully carpeted, great lighting with lower ceilings and NO wedding decorations! ALL the dealers reported brisk sales both days. They were all happy with the sales and want to come back next year. We had plenty of room for the dealers, exhibits and the auction. We went to the Scoreboard restaurant for dinner and then came back into the show room for the awards ceremony. Worked out OK but in future years we have booked the private Hoffman Room for future banquet and ceremonies.

Please bring up any questions or concerns you had at the show at the meetings so we can make next year an even bigger and better Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo!

# 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.

## Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - 2024 Grand Award and Large Gold

*New Orleans Secession to Occupation in the American Civil War (94 pts.)*

Doug Weisz

### Most Popular

*The "Artist" Tax*

Lyman Hensley



Doug receiving his "Coveted" Sock Monkey Grand Award from Tim at the awards banquet.

### Large Gold

*Wine or Fermented Fruit Juice: A Fiscal and Commercial History (92 pts.)*

Ronal E. Leshner

*Maria Sibylla Merian: Artist, Scientist, Explorer (91pts.)*

Susan B. Jones

*The "Artist" Tax (93pts.)*

Lyman Hensley

### Gold

*Undivided Backs Postcard Views of the Library of Congress  
Jefferson Building (87 pts.)*

Larry T. Nix

### Silver

*Postal Markings of the 1904 World's Fair (69 pts.)*

Terry Kurzinski

*Century of the Telegraph (68 pts.)*

Eric Lee

## 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.

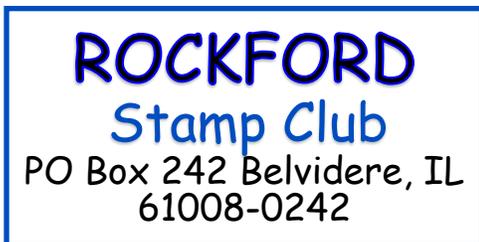
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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!**  
**Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30/7pm**  
**Tuesday, April 16 at 9/10am**  
**Remember we're at 625 Adams St.**