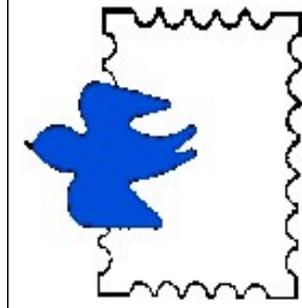


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, March 5

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

Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, Feb 5th: there were 12 members at the meeting. **Tammy** brought a guest, Wendy.

Due to NO INTEREST in the auction lots that were brought in, we did not have the auction. We've brought this up before; less members bring less lots results in less bidding and less lots and less members!! PLEASE come to the meetings and bring some auction lots!

We asked for any final nominations for the "**Rockford Stamp Club Achievement Award**". The award will be given at the show banquet.

Welcome Desk at the show - we still need volunteers for Sunday. **Tammy Copus** is coordinating Sunday. See her to volunteer. If you want to volunteer but won't be at one of the meetings before the show, email **Tim** at t.wait@comcast.net.

All other show items are on track. We have 12 dealers and 8 exhibits. Get your auction lots ready!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Steve Capone** - showed a nice collection of Smokey Bear covers, labels and other items.
2. **Frank Schmitt** - showed an Art Ducks FDC that was silk embroidered.

No Mystery box was offered.

Member Health and Welfare

Matt Mace had a stroke that he is gradually recovering from. He might have to get a pacemaker. He is getting around the house OK but it's still hard to concentrate and work on stamps. He might come to the show on Sunday if he's feeling up to it. Take care Matt!

Gerry Van Alstyne was last seen at the Janesville Stamp Show. He is doing better but may have more surgeries in the coming up in the near future!

LAST CHANCE - DUES NOTICE
\$15 for a printed newsletter / \$8 for the electronic.

Anyone NOT paid by the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo on March 8-9 will be dropped from membership and will not receive future Rockford Stamp Notes.

Unpaid - Pay at the Registration Desk

Printed \$15

Butch Colombi
Sidney Haffenden
Pat Mattison
David Mui
Stephen Pousardien
Jon Sevall
Danny St Jacques
Gary Wentworth

Email \$8

Earl Button
Ted Gifford
MaKenna Hopkins
Tom Matteson
Ray Moderhack
Randy Riese
Bill Ryerson
DuWayne Stanis
Bill Wheeler
Jim Wilson
Michael Burdett



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Mar 1-2 MSDA Appleton Show

Appleton, WI. Double Tree by Hilton, 150 Nicolet Rd.
Hours Fri 10-5 Sat 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

Sat-Sun Mar 8-9 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

Rockford, IL. Hoffman House Conference Center, 7550 E. State St. Attached to Holiday Inn. Hours Fri 10-5 Sat 10-4. Exhibits, bourse silent auction. Free admission.

Sat Mar 22 Baypex

Green Bay, WI. St. Matthew Catholic Church Multipurpose Room, 2575 S. Webster Ave. Hours 10-5. Exhibits and bourse. Free admission.

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

Fresh Water Fishing Lures

First Class Forever (73¢)

Pane of 15 (5 designs)

Mar 13 - Springfield, MO



Recreational fishing attracts more than 55 million anglers to America’s lakes, rivers, and oceans each year — and lure designs for different environments are part of its growing appeal. These stamps feature brightly detailed photographs by Sarah Cramer Shields showing five lures considered icons of the sport. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps.

Crankbaits, or plugs attract a variety of fish, including bass, walleye and pike. Their unique swimming action is generated by a plastic lip and curved body, which make the lures dive and wiggle just by reeling them in. An in-line spinner lure is made to mimic the movement of a swimming bait fish, attracting predator fish with a spinning blade and a weighted body that create vibration in the water. They often have tails dressed with feathers, animal hair or rubber skirt-ing. Spoon lures have been around since the 1800s and are named for their concave shape. It is believed that a blacksmith in Vermont created the first spoon lure by sawing off the handle of a spoon and attaching a hook. Topwater lures are extremely popular and are designed to be used on the surface of the water. Wakebaits use metal or plastic wings to create a commotion like the wake of a boat as they skim the surface. A popper has a concave face that creates a popping sound when it is pulled across the water.

Vibrant Leaves

First Class Post Card Forever (56¢)

Pane of 20 & Coils 100 (5 designs)

Mar 14 - Strongsville, OH



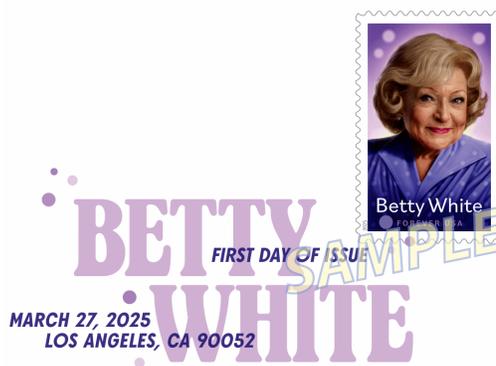
Evoking the colorful sights of a seasonal walk in the woods, the photographs on five new postcard stamps depict leaves on trees found in the United States. The stamps showcase photographs of different leaves in various colors. One leaf from each of the following trees is featured on a stamp: **aspen, sassafras, oak, maple, and sweetgum**. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamps using existing photographs.

Betty White

First Class Forever (73¢)

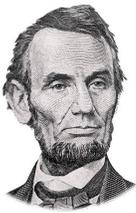
Pane of 20

Mar 27 - Los Angeles, CA



This stamp honors beloved American actress and comedienne Betty White (1922-2021), whose impish smile is depicted on the stamp and lit up performances in a career that spanned more than 60 years. Often referred to as the “First Lady of Television,” White was honored with five Primetime Emmy Awards for her work in television, as well as three Screen Actors Guild Awards, a Grammy Award and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. She was also much recognized for her animal welfare work.

The Betty White stamp features a digitally created portrait of the cherished star against a violet-colored background and, in a lighter shade, bubbly spots that befit her sparkling personality. She is portrayed wearing a polka-dotted blue top. “Betty White” is printed in white near the bottom of the stamp artwork. “FOREVER USA” is printed just below, in violet. Her name also appears centered atop the white selvage, also in violet.



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:



There is an old saying out there that essentially says, "history will repeat itself". I am not sure if that is true, but weather certainly repeated itself for our February, third Tuesday meeting. In the interest of the health and safety of our members it was decided to cancel the meeting. I did have to venture out that morning and it was **COLD!** The Wednesday evening meeting was fine until it was time to go home, driving was enough of a challenge, walking was nearly impossible. The brave survived. Hopefully Mother Nature will be kinder to us for our future meetings.

"IT'S SHOW TIME", Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, March 8-9, Hoffman House. Hopefully, everyone is prepared for another spectacular exhibition and bourse. We appreciate everyone that signed up to help at the show and are happy to invite those that haven't yet to do so. Time is running short to finish your 4-page mini-exhibit, prepare auction lots, and of course finalizing your "must have" want list. Remember, the dealers support our shows, so please support them in return. Postcards have been mailed out but continue to promote the show as much as possible, "word of mouth" is the best way.

It was nice to see so many Rockford Stamp Club members attend the Janesville Stamp Club show on February 8th. Inter-club support of shows and other activities is very important, especially Club or Federation sponsored shows. It is important to keep these shows alive because it is the only access to a show or bourse many collectors have. It would be nice if we could get more of these collectors to enhance their collecting experience by joining a club. Remember to encourage any stamp collector you know, or meet, to join their local stamp club if they're not already a member.

We encourage everyone to attend the banquet and awards ceremony after the close of the show Saturday Evening. It will be held in a private room at the Scoreboard/Hoffman House, just steps away from the show area (you don't even have to go outside). It will be order off the menu with many delicious selections. Please let Tammy know by 2:00 PM that day if you are attending, we need to give them a number for set-up and staffing. Please join us for fun and fellowship.

Please join us for our regular meeting Wednesday, March 5th. We will finalize needs and preparation for the show and accept final nominations for the Rockford Stamp Club Achievement award. Since the meeting falls on Ash Wednesday, the first member to present a valid postage stamp celebrating Ash Wednesday, or a cover postmarked on Ash Wednesday (March 5, 2025, excluded) will be awarded \$5.00 in show bucks redeemable at any dealer at our show. Good luck and happy hunting for that postmark.

See you at the meeting, don't forget your show and tell, auction lots, friend and/or family member. Auction sheets for the show silent auction will be available. While not guaranteed, I believe Mother Nature will be much kinder to us on the 5th.

Stay well, stay safe, happy collecting.

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.

Rachel Louise Carson (May 27, 1907–April 14, 1964) was an American marine biologist, writer, and conservationist whose sea trilogy (1941–1955) and book *Silent Spring* (1962) are credited with advancing marine conservation and the global environmental movement. Carson began her career as an aquatic biologist in the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, and became a full-time nature writer in the 1950s. Her widely praised 1951 bestseller *The Sea Around Us* won her a U.S. National Book Award, recognition as a gifted writer and financial security.



May 28, 1981
#1857

Late in the 1950s, Carson turned her attention to conservation. The result was the book *Silent Spring* (1962), which brought environmental concerns to an unprecedented share of the American people. Although *Silent Spring* was met with fierce opposition by chemical companies, it spurred a reversal in national pesticide policy, which led to a nationwide ban on DDT and other pesticides. It also inspired a grassroots environmental movement that led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.^[4] Carson was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Jimmy Carter.

THE PARK FOREST STAMP CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS
OUR 63RD STAMP EXHIBITION AND DEALER BOURSE

PARFOREX 63

Saturday, April 5, 2025
10am – 5pm

Flossmoor Community House
847 Hutchison Rd.
Flossmoor, Il. 60422

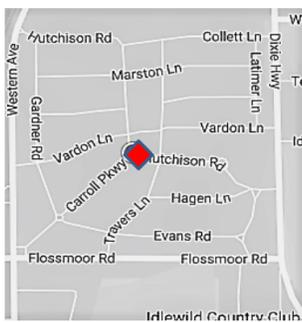
Free Admission and Convenient Free Parking

Dealer Bourse
Free appraisals, buying and selling stamps
Over 500 pages of competitive exhibits,
5¢ stamp table, Beginners table and Door prizes.

COME JOIN THE FUN at Flossmoor Community House

Directions: From US Route 30 (Lincoln Hwy) turn North on Western Ave. drive approx. 3.0 Miles to Flossmoor Road, continue north to right turn on to Vardon; go east to location. Park in lot behind building.

Questions: contact Larry Gardner, phone 219-987-5079 or email: gardnersltd@gmail.com



**DEALERS available for stamp purchases,
sales, and appraisals**

**NEW ONE FRAME EXHIBIT
COMPETITION**

CHILDREN WELCOME!

Park Forest Stamp Club meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Grace United Protestant Church, Park Forest, Ill. 60466

Local stamp shows across the country have been failing for years and Covid-19 saw the demise of many more since.

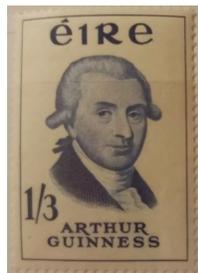
The biggest problem is lack of volunteers due to aging out of the active members. We are fortunate here in Rockford to be able to continue at a high level.

The Park Forest Stamp Club is another example of a successful show that continues. They advertise for our show and we, in turn, have an ad for theirs.

Please consider attending local shows like these to support their clubs and dealers.

They are always listed on page one!

Ireland (Eire) the Emerald Isle



Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

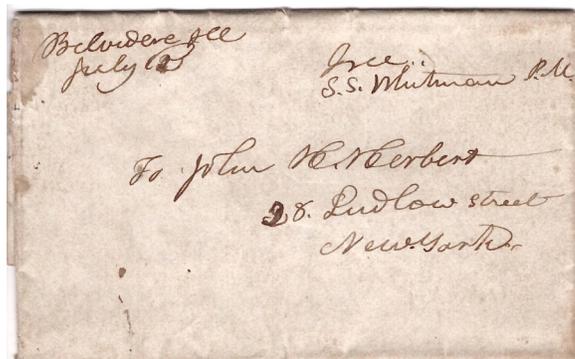
www.rockfordstampclub.com

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.



Monument in Belvidere Cemetery for Seth and Matilda Whitman.



Sent FREE by S.S. Whitman P.M.

Belvidere - July 13, 1837
Earliest Recorded Letter

Belvidere post office opened Feb 15, 1837 while in Winnebago County. On March 4, 1837, Boone County was erected out of Winnebago Co. and Belvidere became the county seat of Boone.

The Rockford post office did not open until August 31, 1837.

Rev. Seth Spencer Whitman

Belvidere 9th July 1837-

Born 12 Feb 1802, Shaftsbury, Bennington County, Vermont. Died 2 Jan 1852, Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. Married Matilda M. Hoffman Nicholas (4 Aug 1832 in Utica, New York), granddaughter of Maj. Samuel Nicholas and Mary Jenkins, daughter of Charles Jenkins Nicholas and Alice Ann Hoffman of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a graduate of and professor at the Colgate Theological Seminary, Hamilton, New York. Had a residence in Belvidere, IL as of December 5, 1836. First teacher of the first school, Newton Academy, Belvidere. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Belvidere, with 14 members. The church building was used as a courthouse; he served as the first circuit clerk and recorder. **First postmaster (15 Feb 1837 – 29 Mar 1843) with the first post office being in his home on the corner of East Lincoln St. and Fairview St. Slots between the roof board and rafters served as boxes for each customer's mail.**

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 ~ 2025 Dealers

Most of the dealers are returning from last year. Wayne Youngblood is coming back after missing last year.

Get ready now to come find items you need for your collection. Contact them before the show to make sure they bring what YOU WANT! 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.

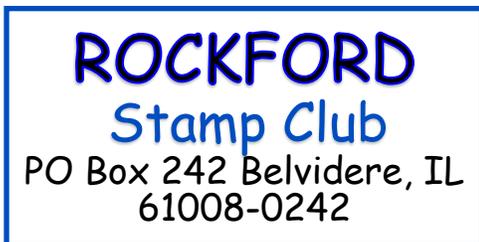
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1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
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1995 Dick Wibom *	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

* Closed album



SHOW TIME - March 8-9

See you for some Philatelic Phun!

Wednesday, March 5 at 5:30/7pm

Tuesday, March 18 at 9/10am

Remember we're at 625 Adams St.