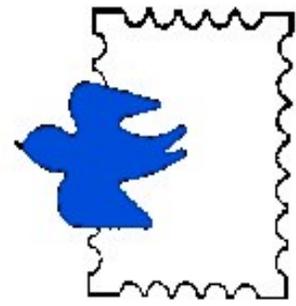


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, April 2

5:30 pm - Buy, sell and trade

View auction lots

7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

Tuesday, April 15

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade

View auction lots

10:00 am - Auction

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

Our Treasury stood at \$4,267. A full accounting for the show will take place at the April 2 meeting. **Terry Kurzinski** donated his identification binder to the club. See President's message for more details. Thank you, Terry!

We had a better auction than usual with more lots and more bidding! Keep bring lots to sell.

Volunteers came forward to staff the front table. We are all set for the show on Saturday & Sunday.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - a) letter to Tom Johnston in 1954 (former member) b) Tonga Tin Can Mail cover c) Draft for Riot Damages (see page 2 for more).
2. **Frank Schmitt** - a) a very nice color chart from Washington stamps he got in Janesville b) German Aid Society 1938 Inverted c) NY Central Lines RR Seal with BIF4 perfin.
3. **Gary Barrett** - acquired a collection from son-in-law. No interest by grandkids. Noone wanted to buy it. He found a \$5 Lantern SHEET of 100. That's \$500 face!
4. **Jeff Hall** - a) Topeka to Princeton cover b) Leavenworth City to Bethlehem cover.

Bring something interesting from your collection to a meeting and show it off!

No Mystery box was offered.

Member Health and Welfare

Matt Mace has been improving and was in attendance at the show! He's still dealing with some effects but it doing much better.

Gerry Van Alstyne came to the show Saturday. He still has may have more appointments and surgeries coming up in the near future!

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

Great start on Saturday morning with big crowds at the dealers tables, viewing the exhibits and perusing the auction lots. We stayed busy the whole day. See pictures on page four.

Welcome New Member

Tom Kendell Rockford

Tom joined at the show. We should be seeing him at a meeting soon! Make sure to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Fri-Sat Apr 25-6 MSDA Joliet

Joliet, IL. With the Will County Stamp Club. Messiah Lutheran Church, 40 Houbolt Road. Hours Fri 10-5 Sat 10-4. Bourse only. Free admission.

Sat-Sun May 3-4 Wiscopex 2025

Fond du Lac, WI. 93rd Convention & Exhibition. Radisson Hotel & Convention Center, 625 W Rolling Meadows Dr, Hours Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. Exhibits, bourse and more. Free admission.

Fri-Sat May 16-17 MSDA Chicagoland

Skokie, IL. Oakton College-Skokie Campus, 7701 Lincoln Ave. Hours Fri 10-5 Sat 10-3. 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!

Battlefields of the American Revolution

First Class Forever (73¢)
 Pane of 15 (10 images)
 Apr 16 - Concord, MA

Marking the 250th anniversary of the start of the Revolutionary War, this pane of 15 stamps invites us to witness and remember five turning points in the fight for American independence.

Watercolor paintings depicting scenes of five battles appear alongside photographs of sites involved in each battle. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with art by Greg Harlin and photographs by Jon Bilous, Richard Lewis, Tom Morris, Gregory J. Parker and Kevin Stewart.

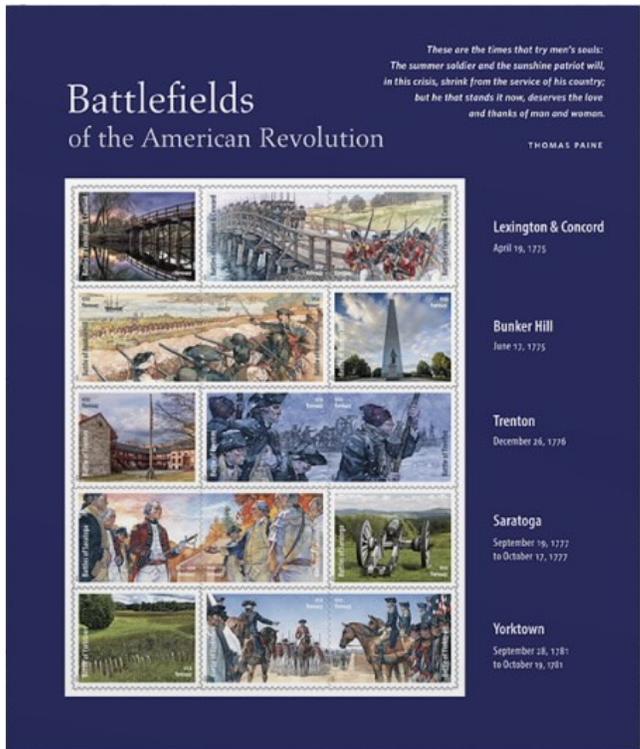
Powwows

First Class Forever (73¢)
 Pane of 20 (4 designs)
 Apr 25 - Albuquerque, NM



Dahlias

First Class Forever (73¢)
 Booklet Pane of 20 (10 designs)
 Coils of 3,000 & 10,000
 Apr 26 - Burlingame, CA

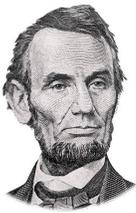


Celebrating Native American Culture stamps honor these vibrant North American Native gatherings and their unique contribution to our American culture. Four new stamps, in a pane of 20, showcase original paintings of four Native American powwow dancers by Cochiti Pueblo artist Mateo Romero. The dances featured are Crow Hop, Women's Traditional, Women's Fancy Shawl, and Men's Hoop. A large powwow drum is showcased on the selvage along with the title of the issuance. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamps and the stamp pane.

Ten new stamps highlight the beauty of dahlias in bloom. Close-up photographs feature showy dahlia blossoms in a multitude of colors. Dahlias stamps will be sold in booklets of 20 stamps, and in coils of 3,000 and 10,000 stamps. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps using existing photographs by Denise Ippolito.



Show & Tell - A riot took place in NY City in July 1863 after Gettysburg. A fund for "Riot Damages" was established and paid June 14, 1864, out of the County Treasurer of New York. Properly NOT taxed the 2¢ Bank Check tax because it was drawn on a government entity.



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:



It's history, Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - 2025, except for finalization of reconciling income and expenses to determine the financial impact on the club. We can take a very short breather and then move on to preparation for Rockford Stamp Expo 2-3-4 - 2026, both as a club and individually.

A big **Thank You** to all members that volunteered their time and made the show the success that it was. It appears all the dealers were satisfied with the attendance, and many were very happy with sales. Hopefully each of you were successful in finding that must have stamp, cover, or ephemera you have been searching for over the years. Personally, I added some nicer classic U. S. to my albums completing some sets that needed that one stamp for quite some time. Our mix of dealers offered the opportunity to shop and compare quality and price allowing me to find a quality stamp within my budget, underlining the true benefit of attending stamp shows. Share your **"BIG"** find at our next meeting. It was nice to see so many members at the show, especially those of you that have been in recovery mode from illnesses and surgeries.

Spring has sprung, daylight saving time has returned, and hopefully many of members will take advantage of the better weather and later sunsets and return to attending our Wednesday meetings and Tuesday morning auctions. A successful club requires active members to support and promote the club. It provides you with the opportunity to share your knowledge and/or benefit from the knowledge of other members in many aspects of our hobby. We have recently been having some interesting questions, comments and discussions at our meetings and even some spirited bidding in the auctions, don't miss out. If meeting days or times are problematic for members, we are always open for discussion and suggestions.

The Rockford Stamp Club was recently presented a wonderful reference resource donated by member Terry Kurzinski. It is a reference manual assembled by Terry to help identify stamp colors, secret marks, color changelings, watermarks, genuine vs. counterfeit stamps, postmarks, and much more. This resource will be available at all meetings for anyone that would like to use it, however, it currently will not be allowed to be checked out. This is an invaluable resource for the club members, and we offer a big **THANK YOU** to Terry for his generous donation, which took him many years to assemble.

Remember to attend our upcoming meeting (and more). Bring a friend and/or potential new member, show and tell, auction lots (club lots are always appreciated), and that big find from the show. See you there.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and 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.



May 7, 1981
#1858

George Mason (December 11, 1725 [O.S. November 30, 1725] – October 7, 1792) was an American planter, politician, Founding Father, and delegate to the U.S. Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787, where he was one of three delegates who refused to sign the Constitution. His writings, including substantial portions of the Fairfax Resolves of 1774, the Virginia Declaration of Rights of 1776, and his *Objections to this Constitution of Government* (1787) opposing ratification, have exercised a significant influence on American political thought and events. The Virginia Declaration of Rights, which Mason principally authored, served as a basis for the United States Bill of Rights, of which he has been deemed a father.

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

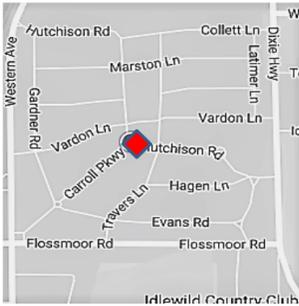
Free Admission and Convenient Free Parking

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 Varden; 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

Rockford Stamp Club Achievement Award

The inaugural Achievement Award was given to Terry Kurzinski at the awards banquet Saturday night, March 8.

Terry has been an active member of the club for many years serving as a Director and long-time show Bourse Chair getting all the great dealers to support our show by having tables and selling all the nice things you buy every year!

Congratulations Terry!



Terry receiving a Sock Monkey mug for his award from Tim Wait, Show Chair.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - 2025



Saturday morning about 11am. Every chair filled on both aisles! We had an excellent crowd that lasted throughout the day. All our members and guests were happily searching for goodies. There were eight excellent exhibits and 28 people in attendance at the banquet in the private Hoffman Room. Sunday was slower, as usual, but those who attended were in the spending mood. Thank you to all who volunteered. We hope you enjoyed the show!

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, 2025

Grand Award and Large Gold

*Post Prohibition Beer Stamps 04/7/1933 through
12/31/1954 (92 pts.)*

Also, United States Stamp Society President's Award

Eric Lee

Most Popular

Wisconsin's State Level Library Agencies 1836-1965

Larry T. Nix

Large Gold

The Postal History of Morocco's Pre Adhesive Period (91 pts.)

Also, Collectors Club of Chicago Gold Medallion

Larry Gardner

Gold

St. Charles Hotel New Orleans (85 pts.)

Doug Weisz

Wisconsin's State Level Library Agencies 1836-1965 (88 pts.)

Larry T. Nix

Gold

Postage Due Stamps of Trinidad, 1885-1961 (89 pts.)

Nigel Mohammed

Large Vermeil

*Insular Gospel Books of Ireland and the British Isles (c. 600-
900CE) (82 pts.)*

Susan B. Jones

The Republic of Central Lithuania (82 pts.)

Dzintars Grinfelds

Vermeil

Celebrating Shakespeare – US First Day Issue (76 pts.)

Alexis Kneeland



Eric Lee receiving the Grand Award from Show Chairman, Tim Wait at the awards banquet.

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 ~ 2025 Dealers

We held another successful Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo last month. The dealers are listed below so you can contact them for follow up or getting those items you were thinking about at the show! Please support our show dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.

David Alex, Sat. Only

Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

Bardo Stamps

Jim Bardo

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Cal's & Friends

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Steve Capone

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Wayne Youngblood

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608-370-9098

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.

The 2025-2026 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt
815-226-4391
Vice-President.....Matt Mace
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Tim Wait
Director(2).....Tim Copus
Director(4).....Steve Johnson
Director(6).....Terry Kurzinski
Show Chairman.....Tim Wait
815-670-5869 / t.wait@comcast.net

NEW - Rockford Stamp Club Achievement Award

In 2025 we inaugurated this new award for deserving members who have served the club by volunteering, provided outreach programs, served as an officer or made a difference in our club.

2025 Terry Kurzinski



See you for some Philatelic Phun!
Wednesday, April 2 at 5:30/7pm
Tuesday, April 15 at 9/10am
Remember we're at 625 Adams St.