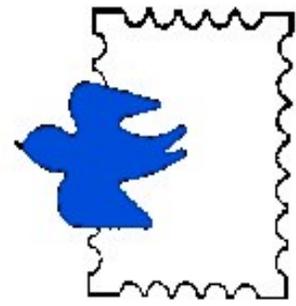


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, August 6

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

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, June 4th:

We again had 15 members and lots of lots! **Let's keep attendance increasing and bring more lots to sell.**

The bus trip to GASS from Madison and Janesville is still under consideration. (Ed note. The bus trip did not materialized).

Treasurer's report—\$4,450 in checking and cash.

We discussed portions of the June newsletter.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - 1976 Rockford Show Program.
2. **Jeff Hall** - a) 1938 FFC. Port Washington, IL to Bermuda b) 1948 Air Races with all Female pilots c) Three Around the World Zeppelin covers, one signed by Dr. Eckner with different rates for each flight.
3. **Frank Schmitt** - Monaco stamps ordered came in an 8x11 inch box for one stamp!!
4. **Steve Capone** - Picture of the Meat market from 1900-1910.

Thailand & Cambodia Border Clashes in the News



Member Health and Welfare

Gerry Van Alstyne has an appointments with a heart surgeon for possible open heart surgery. He still has a long road to go to get all his problems addressed. Keep him in your prayers.



Dr. Richard "Rich" Londo 1946—2025

A long time member, Rich peacefully passed away May 27th. He was a true Family Physician practicing in Morrison, IL. Returning to Rockford, he taught medical students and was Medical Director of N.I. Hospice until his retirement in 2017.

Being from Whiteside Co., Rich collected and exhibited its postal history. He formed a very nice US used collection as he favored stamps that showed their purpose. He also collected Japan and the Netherlands. A newer pursuit was covers of the Washington Bicentennial stamp of 1932.

Rich was an active member and volunteer at the show. He will be remembered fondly.



Upcoming Stamp Shows

August 14-17 - Great American Stamp Show

Schaumburg, IL American Philatelic Society. Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 North Thoreau Dr. Hours: Th-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4.

This is the biggest annual stamp show in the US, held around the country.

There will be over 75 dealers, 800+ exhibit frames, and many seminars and society meetings. For all the details, go to www.stamps.org. **Don't miss it!**

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

SpongeBob SquarePants
First Class Forever (78¢)

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Aug 1 - New York City, NY

The blend of humor, wit, and absurdity in the Nickelodeon animated series “SpongeBob SquarePants” created by Stephen Hillenburg has made it one of the most beloved television shows of the 21st century. Each episode features the perpetually optimistic and generous main character SpongeBob SquarePants as he embarks on adventures in Bikini Bottom with a colorful cast of characters. These stamps will amuse and delight their recipients, whether your card or letter is addressed to a house across town — or a pineapple under the sea.



Two bright yellow stamps feature closeups of SpongeBob’s face. A third stamp showcases a host of Bikini Bottom characters including (left to right): Sandy Cheeks, Patrick Star, Plankton, Mr. Krabs, SpongeBob, Gary, and Squidward Tentacles. The fourth stamp shows SpongeBob and Patrick frolicking on the sandy ocean floor. The selva design is in blue with a Tiki-style flower pattern; the title of the issuance “SpongeBob SquarePants” is at the top. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps using artwork provided by Nickelodeon.


Boston 2026
First Class Forever (78¢)

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Aug 14 - Schaumburg, IL

**Great American
Stamp Show**

For one week in May 2026, the world capital of stamp collecting will be Boston, host of the Boston 2026 World Expo, the 12th international philatelic exhibition of the United States. To build anticipation and commemorate this confluence of art, history and international goodwill, two intaglio-printed stamps will highlight the special role of Boston in the American Revolution as we prepare to celebrate the nation’s 250th anniversary. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed these stamps with digital illustrations by Dan Gretta featuring the Old North Church and a “midnight rider” on horseback in Colonial garb.

The United States hosted its first international philatelic exhibition in New York City in 1913 and has hosted similar expos once a decade ever since. In 1926, the U.S. Post Office Department issued a special souvenir sheet commemorating the 1777 Battle of White Plains with text promoting the second international philatelic exhibition on the selva, the start of a tradition of commemorating or promoting the exhibition through stamps. Since the 1970s, a tradition of issuing special U.S. stamps to commemorate the international philatelic exhibition at the event itself has, with some exceptions, generally given way to the release of stamps to promote the exhibition in advance. Today, many other nations issue stamps, sometimes three years beforehand, to build anticipation and commemorate a gathering that celebrates, as no other event can, the confluence of art, education, history and international goodwill.

This new stamp for irregularly sized envelopes features a luna moth (*Actias luna*), considered one of the most beautiful moths in the United States. Artist Joseph Scheer created this composite image by using a high-resolution scanner with extended focus to capture multiple layers of a preserved moth.


Luna Moth
Non-Machinable Surcharge (\$1.27)

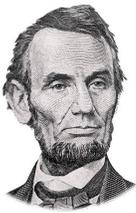
49c Surcharge

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Aug 16 - Schaumburg, IL

**Great American
Stamp Show**

A pale green luna moth graces the latest non-machineable stamp for use on irregularly-sized envelopes, such as square greeting cards, invitations, or announcements. The stamp art was created using a high-resolution scanner with extended focus, which captured multiple layers of the preserved moth individually to ensure that all parts appeared in sharp focus. The final image was a composite of these images. Noted for their lovely green coloring and larger than average size, luna moths (*Actias luna*) are among the most beautiful moths in the United States. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp with an existing image by Joseph Scheer.



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Summer break is over, and we're back in collecting mode, or at least newsletter mode. Albeit we did not have a Wednesday meeting last month, we did have a nice Tuesday morning auction on the third Tuesday with a good number of lots. Thanks to members that participate in these activities. Just a reminder, there is always room for more auction lots, so if you have items you would like to turn to cash, please place them in the auction and help with fresh offerings.

I am sure everyone is aware GASS (Great American Stamp Show) is fast approaching, August 14-17th, in Schaumburg, IL. It's never going to be closer than this and it is a must attend event. I would strongly suggest attending more than one day because of the number of exhibits, society meetings, auction firms, and of course bourse dealers. Don't forget there are also First Day of Issue ceremonies scheduled as well and is an event worth experiencing. Go to www.stamps.org for a show program.

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, the proposed bus transportation opportunity did not come to fruition. The good news is there is easy on/off access from I-90 to the convention center and parking is free. If you prefer not to drive on the "big" road and pay tolls, there are numerous alternate state highway routes to get you there. Ride sharing is also a great way to travel to and from the event.

For our September meeting we would like each member that attended GASS to bring an item (s) purchased, or an experience/s, to present at our meeting. It would also be nice if everyone could take the time to look at the exhibits and make a few comments about the one that interested you most. This will be in addition to our regular show and tell period, feel free to participate in both.

Hoping to see a good attendance at our Wednesday evening meeting and remember to bring a friend or relative, show and tell, auction lots and any other points of interest. See you there.

Stay safe, stay healthy, 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.



Jun 10, 1983
#1861

Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet (December 10, 1787 – September 10, 1851) was an American educator. Along with Laurent Clerc and Mason Cogswell, he co-founded the first permanent institution for the education of the deaf in North America, and he became its first principal. When opened on April 15, 1817, it was called the "Connecticut Asylum (at Hartford) for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons", but it is now known as the American School for the Deaf.

Gallaudet's path in life was altered when he met Alice Cogswell, on May 25, 1814, the nine-year-old deaf daughter of a neighbor, Dr. Mason Cogswell. Gallaudet had returned to his parents' home in Hartford to recuperate from his seminary studies. On that day, as he observed Alice playing apart from other children, he wanted to teach her. Gallaudet started to teach Alice what different objects were called by writing their names and drawing pictures of them with a stick in the dirt.

In 1815 Dr. Cogswell, with several businessmen and clergy, asked Gallaudet to travel to Europe to study methods for teaching deaf students. These studies eventually became the basis for the American School for the Deaf.

It was founded April 15, 1817, in Hartford, Connecticut, by Gallaudet, Cogswell, and Laurent Clerc and became a state-supported school later that year.

US Liberty Coil Stamps

UNITED STATES COIL STAMPS

LIBERTY ISSUES OF 1954-1973

BEGINNING IN 1954 THE PRESIDENTIAL COIL ISSUES WERE GRADUALLY REPLACED BY THE NEW LIBERTY SERIES. A TOTAL OF EIGHT LIBERTY STAMPS WERE ISSUED IN COIL FORMAT. THE PRODUCTION OF THESE STAMPS OCCURED DURING A PERIOD OF MAJOR CHANGES IN STAMP PRINTING TECHNOLOGY. THE FIRST CHANGE WAS THE TRANSITION FROM WET PRINTING TO DRY PRINTING WHICH PERMITTED PRINTING ON PAPER WITH A LOWER MOISTURE CONTENT AND VIRTUALLY ELIMINATED THE PROBLEM OF UNEVEN PAPER SHRINKAGE.

THE TRANSITION TO THE TAGGING OF STAMPS ALSO BEGAN DURING THE LIBERTY PERIOD AND PROBABLY WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE IT OPENED THE WAY TO THE AUTOMATION OF MAIL PROCESSING.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDED EXPERIMENTATION WITH NEW GUM TYPES SUCH AS SO-CALLED "DULL" OR "DRY" GUM RATHER THAN CONVENTIONAL DEXTRIN GUM, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FULLY AUTOMATED COILING EQUIPMENT.

FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF THE BASIC LIBERTY DESIGNS PLUS A TABLE SHOWING THE RANGE OF VARIETIES WHICH EXIST FOR THESE STAMPS:



STAMPS	WET (1) PRINTING	DRY PRINTING	TAGGED	DULL (2) GUM	LARGE AND (3) SMALL HOLES
1¢ WASHINGTON	X	X			X
1½¢ SANTA FE		X			X
2¢ JEFFERSON	X	X	X	X	X
2½¢ BUNKER HILL		X			X
3¢ STATUE OF LIBERTY	X	X	X		X
4¢ LINCOLN	X(PC ONLY)				X
4½¢ HERMITAGE		X			X
25¢ REVERE		X	X	X	

(1) All untagged with shiny gum and large holes

(2) Tagged varieties only

(3) Untagged and shiny gum only

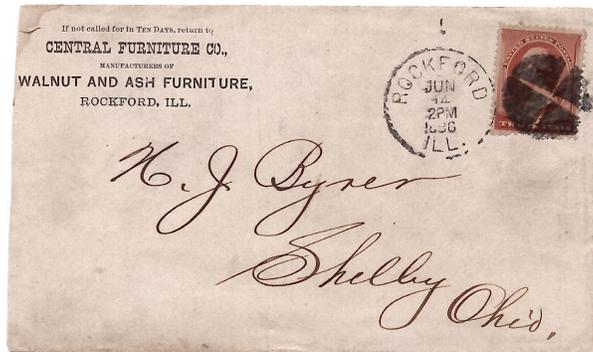
Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

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.

Always Check Out the Back of a Cover - Tim Wait



I have saved searches on eBay for a few topics including "ROCKFORD". I recently acquired this rather worn and dirty 1886 cover on eBay for only \$6.33!

From the initial listing it was nothing special but I didn't have a corner card from the Central Furniture Co. Pulling it up I saw there was a second scan of the back and WOW!

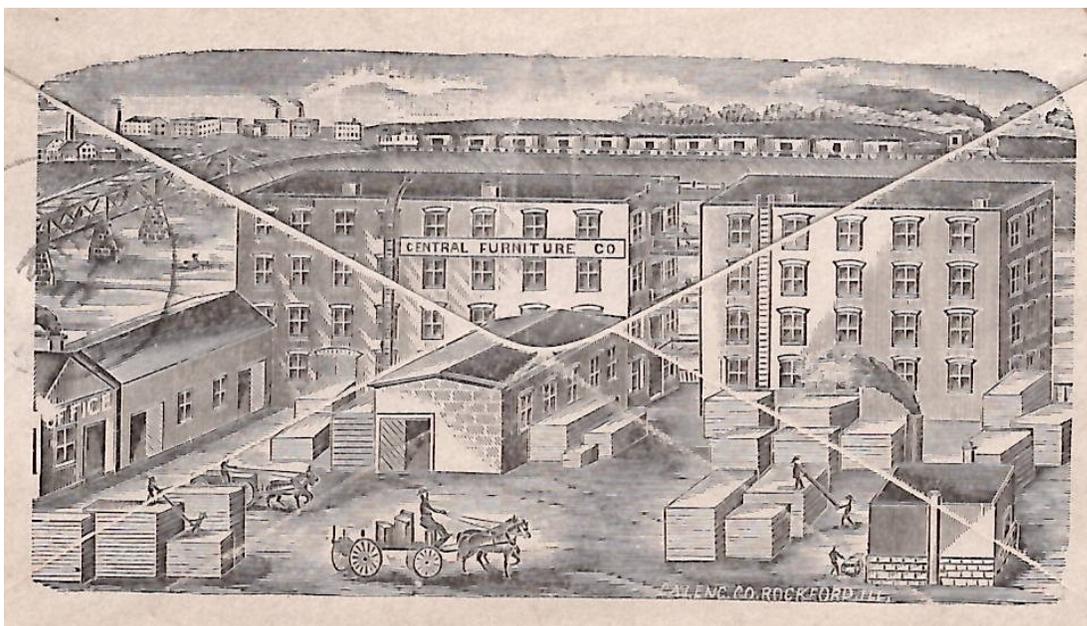
Check out the detail on this beautiful lithograph. You can see a bridge over the Rock River and even a locomotive going north on the tracks. Other factories can be seen in the distance.

The **Central Furniture Co.** was established in 1872 (per logo and 1920s ads). It was formed by a group of 46 Swedish stockholders who each put up \$500.

It was located at the corner of Rave and Mill Streets in the Water Power District.

In 1892 they employed 140 people and made a variety of household furniture.

It was closed in the late 1930s, probably a victim of the Great Depression.



ROCKFORD 2-3-4 ~ 2025 Dealers

We held another successful Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. 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

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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.

The 2025-2026 Club Officers

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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, August 6 at 5:30/7pm
Tuesday, August 19 at 9/10am
Remember we're at 625 Adams St.