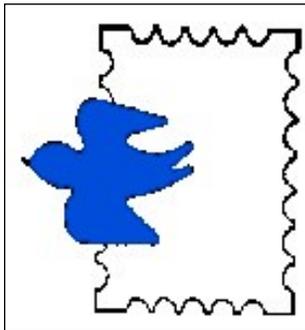


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, April 5

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

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, March 1st: 14 members and one guest driver. See new members on page three.

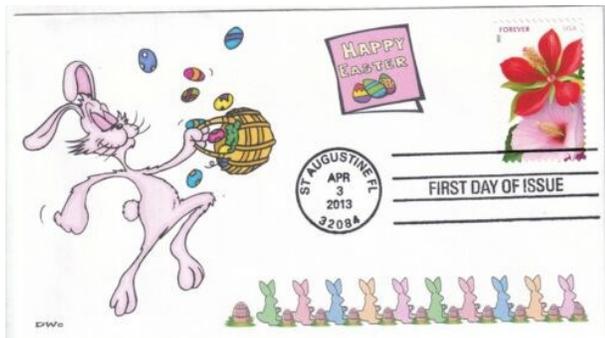
Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$5,470.10.

Show business. Banquet will be held at Gerry's Pizza. Room for about 20. Help always needed. Everything else all set to go. See you there!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Alan Skoog** - brought in a framed restaurant placement with Christmas Seals and his Christmas seal album. Nice pages he personally made up.
2. **Stanley Campbell** - a) Swiss postcard and stamps for Confederation Day, celebrated August 1st. b) Ulrich Wille, Swiss General & negotiator who worked to trade prisoners for both sides during WWI.
3. **Frank Schmitt** - a Rockford post card showing 14thSt (before it became Broadway Ave.)
4. **Tim Wait** - two Washington Bicentennial covers from 1932 that were very messy with PO seals because of damage and lots of auxiliary markings.

Happy Easter!



Member Health and Welfare

Gerry Van Alstyne will be having more surgeries. We hope you are doing better Gerry. Get well soon!

Tuesday mornings continue to be a fun time and great auction! They are always MANY lots to bid on to add to your collection. YOU should bring some lots to sell off your duplicate or unneeded material (nothing is unwanted!) and acquire some great new items!

What do you collect? Please let Tim know some details of how or what you collect. We would like to do a regular feature on one or two members a month to better know our collecting friends. It doesn't have to be anything formal, just your story of how you started, how you r collecting has evolved, how you store you collections or anything else you would like to share. See Tim to tell your story.



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Fri-Sat Mar 31 - Apr 1 MSDA Madison

Madison, WI. Double Tree Madison East, 4402 Washington Ave. Midwest Stamp Dealers Assn. Hours: **FRI-DAY** 10-5, Sat 10-4. Bourse only. Free admission.

Sat Apr 1 PARFOREX 61

Flossmoor, IL. FCC Community House, 847 Hutchinson Road. Park Forest Stamp Club. Hours: 10-4. Exhibits and bourse. Free admission.

Sat-Sun May 6-7 WISCOPEX 2023

Fond du Lac, WI. Hotel Retlaw, One North Main St. Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Exhibits, bourse and seminars. Free admission.

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

Tulip Blossoms

First Class Forever (63c)
Double sided Booklet of 20
Coils of 3,000 and 10,000

Apr 5 – Woodburn, OR



Close-up photographs of 10 beautiful tulips in a rainbow of colors grace this new booklet of 20 stamps. One blossom fills almost the entire frame of each stamp, with just the top of a stem peeking out from underneath. Since Dutch immigrants brought tulip bulbs to North America hundreds of years ago, the flower has become a dazzling part of our landscape. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with existing photographs by Denise Ippolito.

Woodburn, Oregon is home to the annual Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival, which runs in 2023 from March 17 through April 30. The Festival encompasses 40 acres of tulips and over 200 acres of outdoor space and activities. For more information go to woodenshoe.com.

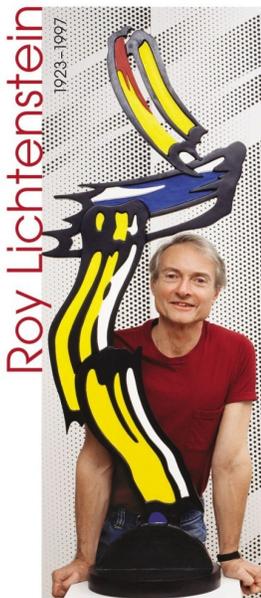
Freedom

First Class Forever (63c)
Double sided Booklet of 20
Coils of 3,000 and 10,000

Apr 10 – Freedom, ME



The Postal Service continues its tradition of celebrating the U.S. flag with this stamp, available in panes of 20, booklets of 20, and coils of 100, 3,000 and 10,000. The stamp art bears a straightforward graphic design of Old Glory. Providing a solid foundation for the flag are the word "FREEDOM" in gray and, below it, "FOREVER/USA." Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp with existing art by Hong Li.



The work of the iconic American artist of the pop art movement, Roy Lichtenstein (1923-1997) is celebrated with a stamp issuance in his honor. Each of the five stamps in this pane of 20 features one work of art by Lichtenstein: "Standing Explosion (Red)" (porcelain enamel on steel sculpture, 1965); "Modern Painting I" (oil and magna on canvas, 1966); "Still Life with Crystal Bowl" (oil and magna on canvas, 1972); "Still Life with Goldfish" (oil and magna on canvas, 1972); and "Portrait of a Woman" (oil and magna on linen, 1979).

A native New Yorker, Lichtenstein's works were previewed and displayed at the Leo Castelli Gallery in Manhattan, where many were acquired by leading collectors and museums. The selvaige will feature a photograph of Lichtenstein by Bob Adelman with the artist's face framed by a model of his 1983 sculpture Brushstrokes in Flight, which stands at the John Glenn International Airport in Columbus, Ohio. Derry Noyes served as art director and designer for this issuance.

Roy Lichtenstein

First Class Forever (63c)
Pane of 20 (Five designs)
Apr 24 – New York, NY



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2023 has come and gone. I would declare the show a success; we had quality dealers, we had collectors, we had the Post Office, we had exhibitors, we had a silent auction, and we had fun! On the downside, this was our last show to be held at Forest Hills Lodge which has been our venue for the past 30 years, give or take a year or two. It was goodbye to an old friend and the employees that made things happen to meet our accommodations. Sometime in June or after the building will be demolished followed shortly thereafter by the Rockford Speedway. The property will then be redeveloped in a manner which is still top secret. The final curtain has been drawn at this venue, but the memories will live on.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2024 doesn't have time to sit on the back burner. We are actively seeking a new venue for the show. One, that is course economically feasible, and hopefully allow us to continue to maintain a small profit to allow us to continue hosting the show for many years to come. Most venues are booked a year or more in advance, so time is of the essence. **Some members have shared potential locations with us already, but we are open for any other suggestions you may have to offer.** Ultimately, the venue needs to be spacious, provide tables (we must rent them if not), table covers would be nice, electricity accessible to the dealers, easily accessible from the I-90 corridor, food and lodging nearby. I am sure we will succeed in presenting Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2024 with a little ingenuity and help from our members.

Thank you to everyone that made the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2023 a huge success! The number of lots placed in the silent auction was down substantially when compared to previous years but a healthy profit was still made. Overall, it currently appears the show made a small profit, the dealers seemed happy with their sales (and purchases). We also had many positive comments from collectors that attended the show. If you were able to attend the show you hopefully had time to view some very interesting exhibits. Our "banquet" at Gerry's Pizza was a bit of a challenge as far as seating, service was a bit lacking due to the huge groups of people in the restaurant, but the food was good and plentiful. We will certainly attempt to improve on the banquet for next year as well and are certainly open to suggestions.

Spring has officially, by calendar date, arrived and with that we hope to see many more members at our meetings. It is staying light later into the evening and weather conditions should be well on the way to being much better. Hope to see you at our next meeting, overflowing with ideas of how to improve our club and show, sharing collecting tips and interests, sharing a show and tell (or two), bringing auction lots for the auction and/or being a successful bidder in the auction. Please come join us!

Stay safe, stay well, happy stamp collecting!

Welcome New Members

Susan Jones Pingree Grove

Susan is an active exhibitor at the national level earning Large Gold for her exhibit of Carol Gordon FDCs. She exhibited a small slice of that exhibit at the show and also participated in the four page mini-exhibits.

Makenna Hopkins Loves Park

Makenna has been attending with Tammy & Tim Copus and has finally gotten the collecting "Bug". She has decided to collect Bees on stamps!

Bill Wheeler Rockford

Bill joined at the show. We'll catch up with him at a future meeting to learn more about him.

Loves Park Post Office



Two recent trips to the Loves Park PO show that they really get into the appropriate frame of mind for the season!



In March, their friendly clerk even had green braided into her hair.

Nice to see a PO having some fun!

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2023

Our last show at Forest Hills was a fitting end to a long run. We've enjoyed the location and all the people who made it feel like home every year. A special thank you to Kristie who has been serving us at the counter all these years!

We saw a lot of members in attendance and many helped out with setup, greeting our guests at the front table, helping with the auction and finally at take down Sunday. Thanks to all that participated to make our show a success!



Stanley Campbell helping put up exhibits.



Judges Rick Gibson and Rob Henak reviewing and scoring the exhibits.



Dealers Wayne & Dorothy Youngblood at their booth.



Dealer Michael Mules assisting some customers.



Amy from the Elkhorn, WI Post Office brought an impressive variety of stamps from their office. She did brisk business both days as everyone made their purchases and enjoyed her enthusiasm being at the show!



The awards banquet was held at Gerry's Pizza. Although we didn't have a separate room, everyone enjoyed their meals and we were able to make the awards. Here, Tim Wait is discussing the "Coveted" Rockford Sock Monkey Grand Award.

The show came to an end and now we have the opportunity to find a new home, hopefully for years to come!

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 tell us your comments.
Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - March 11-12, 2023

“Coveted” Rockford Sock Monkey Grand Award and Large Gold

The U.S. 10 and 30 cent Issues of 1861-1868 in International Mail (96 pts.)

Rich Drews

Most Popular

The Sports Covers of Carol Gordon

Susan B. Jones

Gold

Spanish Morocco 1903-1935 (86 pts.)

Larry Gardner

*Pursuing the Variant, The Dropped N' Variety on Chili's
Second Airmail Etiquette (86 pts.)*

Carlos Vejera

Hiram E. Deats: American Pioneer Philatelist (88 pts.)

Larry T. Nix

The Sports Covers of Carol Gordon (87 pts.)

Susan B. Jones

Large Vermeil

Special Delivery! (83 pts.)

David S. Ball

Large Silver

The Air Mail Transport Stamps of 1941-1944 (71 pts.)

Timothy G. Wait

Jury

Rob Henak – WI Rick Gibson – WI

Congratulations to all the exhibitors on their awards. We had a diverse showing of interesting and creative exhibits. When told of his win, Rich Drews graciously said; “Now I can stop coveting the Rockford Sock Monkey as I finally received it!” A big thank you to Rob and Rick for traveling down from Wisconsin to judge and talk to the exhibitors. Get started now on YOUR 2-3-4 frame exhibit for 2024!

Thank you! ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2023 Dealers

The below dealers all participated at the 2023 show. If you saw something but passed at the show it's not too late to contact them and still get it for your collection! **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

David Alex, Sat. Only

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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 2022-2023 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt
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Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox
Director.....Tim Copus
Director.....Steve Capone
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Show Chairman.....Tim Wait
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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



We've been missing many of you!
Wednesday, April 5 at 5:30/7pm
Tuesday, April 18 at 9/10am
Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.