

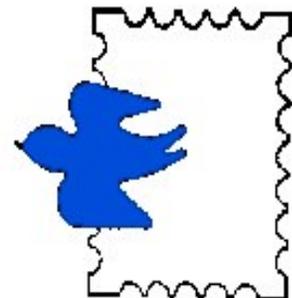
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, September 4

5:30 pm - Buy, sell and trade

View auction lots

7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

### Tuesday, September 17

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade

View auction lots

10:00 am - Auction

Wednesday, Aug 7th: we had 13 members including Jonathan Gaenzle who joined at the meeting.

**Election Results:** Thank you all for attending and voting.

President	Frank Schmitt
Vice President	Matt Mace
Secretary	Tammy Copus
Treasurer	Tim Wait
Director - 2 years	Tim Copus
Director - 4 years	Steve Johnson
Director - 6 years	Terry Kurzinski

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Jeff Rieken** - a) First Flight Cover - Chicago Heights 1938 National Airmail Week b) 1955 Soo Lock Canal Centennial Ticket.
2. **Jeff Hall** - Olympic items a) 1936 Berlin postcards b) 1956 Helsinki c) 1932 US.
3. **Bruce Marquardt** - just a tell that Swaziland became Eswatini in 2018. Do they now issue stamps?

**Tim Wait** made a 10 minute presentation on Auxiliary Markings on covers. These are additional markings added by the Post Office to give information about mail processing.

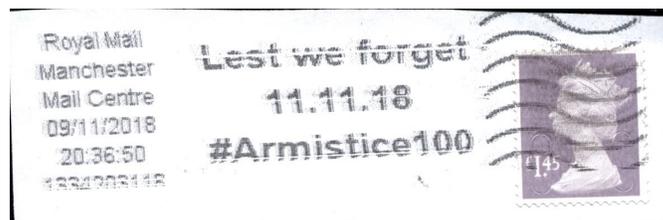
## Welcome New Member

**Jonathan Gaenzle  
Rockford**

Returning to the club after a few years absence. Please join us in welcoming him back to the club. Make sure to introduce yourself and say hello.

### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyn**e had surgery on August 7th and is mostly recovered. He still has SIX more surgeries that he needs to have on various ailments. Keep him in your prayers.



I received this on an order from a British stamp dealer back in Sep. 2018. The slogan cancel is for British Remembrance Day for WWI Armistice. This was the 100th anniversary of the end of the *War to End All Wars*. The French & British both lost almost an entire generation of young men. They consider this as their Memorial Day. Looking at the mailing date of 9/11/2018, I realized it was the 17th Anniversary of 911 in America.



## Upcoming Stamp Shows

### Sat-Sun Sep 7-8 MSDA Chicago Suburb Show

Glen Ellyn, IL. College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Blvd. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

### Sat Sep 28 2024 Quad City Stamp Fair

Davenport, IA. Quad City Stamp Club. American Legion Post 26, 705 W 35th St. Hours 9-3. Nine-twelve dealer bourse. Free admission and free parking.

### Sat Oct 5 Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show

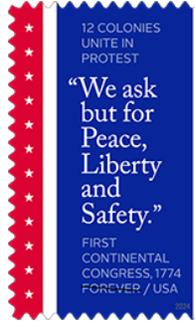
Monroe, WI. Monroe Stamp and Postcard Club. Monroe Moose Lodge, 639 3rd Ave. Hours 9-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

### Sat Oct 19 CENWISPEX 2024

Stevens Point, WI. Central Wisconsin Stamp Club. The Elk's Club, 1132 Clark St. Hours Sat 10-4. Bourse only.

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

**First Continental Congress, 1774**  
**First Class Forever**  
 (73¢)  
 Pane of 20  
 Sep 5 – Philadelphia, PA



In 2024, the Postal Service commemorates the 250th anniversary of the First Continental Congress. Made up of delegates from 12 of the 13 Colonies, the First Continental Congress convened in 1774 to decide how the Colonies should respond to increasing threats to their freedom. In addition to denouncing taxation without representation, the Congress called for a general boycott of British goods. It also issued a declaration of rights that included life, liberty, property and trial by jury, and laid the foundation for government during the American Revolution. The stamp art features a quote from the Congress’s protest letter to the King of England. The 12 stars stand for the 12 Colonies represented at the meeting. (Georgia did not agree with the protest and did not send representatives.)

A new traditional Christmas stamp will be issued in 2024 featuring the Madonna and Child from the Workshop of Sassoferrato. Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (1609-1685), gained popularity for his modestly scaled depictions of the Madonna and Child. It is not known whether he painted this work or if it was painted by another artist in his workshop. The painting is in the collection of the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields. William Gicker was the art director for the project. Greg Breeding designed the stamp, which will be sold in booklets of 20.

**Christmas Madonna & Child**

**First Class Forever (73¢)**  
 Double sided booklet of 20  
 Sep 14 – Washington, DC



**Holiday Joy**  
**First Class Forever (73¢)**  
 Double sided booklet of 20  
 Sep 14 – Washington, DC

Four new art-inspired holiday stamp designs feature two colorful Christmas ornaments, a vibrant poinsettia surrounded by greenery, and a whimsical blue flower centered against green leaves and delicate scrollwork.



**Hanukkah**  
**First Class Forever (73¢)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Sep 19– Washington, DC

A new stamp celebrating the joyous Jewish holiday of Hanukkah will be issued in 2024. The art is a graphic depiction of a hanukkiyah, the nine-branch candelabra used only at Hanukkah, with all candles lighted, signifying the last evening of the holiday. The artwork is created mostly in blue and white, common Hanukkah colors.

**Kwanzaa**  
**First Class Forever (73¢)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Sep 25– Pittsburgh,, PA



The Postal Service will issue its 10th stamp celebrating Kwanzaa in 2024. Observed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, the annual pan-African holiday brings together family, community and culture. The artwork for this colorful stamp is a digital collage depicting three figures: a male drummer and two female dancers. The art was inspired by a live performance witnessed by the artist, Ekua Holmes, during a Kwanzaa event.

From August StampShow



**Pinback Buttons**  
**First Class Forever (73¢)**  
 Pane of 20 (10 designs)  
 Sep 15– Hartford, CT

These vibrant stamps will add cheer and whimsical flair to cards and envelopes. The pane features 10 typographic designs by 10 different artists in their unique styles, each with a single word as the prominent element — smile (Don Clark), hello! (Tré Seals), peace (Jay Fletcher), love (Juan Carlos Pagan), fun (Gia Graham), sweet (Jeff Rogers), yes! (Ryan Feerer), cheers! (Lisa Congdon), kudos! (DKNG Studios) and happy (Gina Triplet). The round shape of the stamps, as well as shadowing and reflection effects, give the appearance of three-dimensional pinback buttons. The pane verso features an illustration of a round silver button back with pin fastener repeated 20 times, one for each pinback button stamp shown on the front of the pane.



## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Thanks to the members that attended the August meeting and voted for the officers and board of directors. Welcome Steve Johnson, Sr. as the new 4-year term board of director's position. We look forward to working with him and his ideas to improve the club. Thank you to all that ran for an officer or board of director's position.

It was with great anticipation and excitement that I was able to attend the 2024 Great American Stamp Show in Hartford, CT. A bonus was my son, and his family, was able to travel from Portland, ME and join us. We all had a blast and came away with some "treasures and prize possessions". The grandkids were overwhelmed by the generosity of the many dealers and societies that loaded them down with a variety of free items. They really enjoyed the youth area, and each received huge stamp albums for completing a scavenger hunt which required them to cover the entire show floor.

They really enjoyed the Duck Stamp and Junior Duck Stamp displays and spent quite some time getting the "lowdown" on the program. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife service then presented them with bags of art supplies valued at over \$100. Talk about excitement, my 9-year-old grandson drew his first duck picture when we returned to the hotel.



We also attended two USPS First Day Ceremonies, *Pinback Buttons* and *Autumn Colors* and received all the handout materials associated with each. They scored again.

Yes, they also viewed the Inverted Jenny and an original pane of the Dag Hammarskjöld invert along with other exhibits.

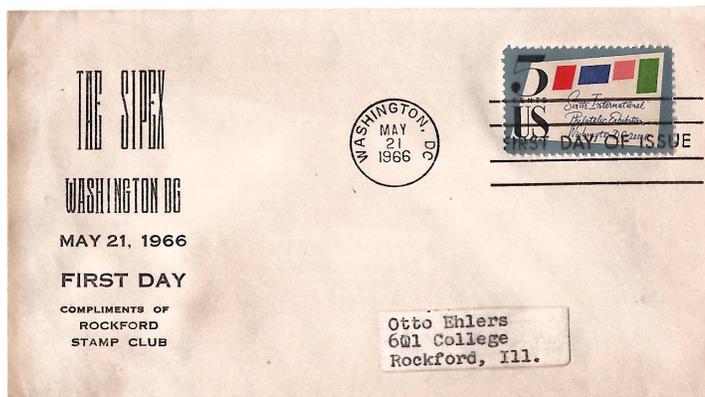


As much as I hate to admit it, my 12-year-old grandson made the show all 4 days, I only made it 3 days. He pulled a fast one on me. Unfortunately, I did not get to see Terry Kurzinski at the show, but I did see his wonderful wife, Nancy. For the Schmitt families it was a great experience with a lot of fond memories were made.

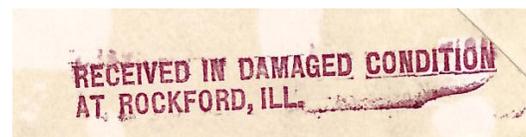
See you at the September meeting. Bring a friend, bring a show and tell, bring auction lots, bring a smile.

Stay safe, stay well, and happy collecting!

## Sixth International Philatelic Exposition - 1966



I had one of these FDCs but I never knew if it was our Rockford Stamp Club. I recently bought the cover to the left on eBay for \$3.58. It wasn't in very good condition but was addressed to Otto Ehlers, a prominent member of our club for many years. Now I had confirmed it's origin! Once received I got an added bonus for my Rockford Postal markings collection. A marking on the back noting the damaged condition.



# These Stamps are for the Birds - by Dave Dini

Although I have been collecting stamps for about 40 years, my adventures in stamp collecting first began in the early 1960s when I was about 10 years old. My dad had acquired a shoe box full of old stamps from my grandmother and her sisters who apparently were avid stamp collectors back in the 1930s and 1940s when the hobby was very popular during the depression and war years. Since I seemed interested in these stamps, my dad got me a Majestic Stamp Album. For the next few years I had fun trying to match and mount my stamps with those pictured in the book. However, my interest in stamp collecting dwindled with school, college, getting a job, and starting a family all occupying most of my time.

In the early 1980s my daughter, who was in first grade, brought home a children's stamp book that she got at a book fair at school. I found her some stamps and thought it was interesting that she seemed to find the same fascination in this hobby that I did at her age. But then the hobby once again started capturing my interest, so we went to the old stamp and coin shop in the Randhurst Shopping Mall where I bought the complete Harris Liberty Album to begin my adventures in collecting all over again!

I concentrated mostly on U.S. 19<sup>th</sup> century used and 20<sup>th</sup> century mint stamps. Collecting foreign stamps seemed to be just too overwhelming for me. My other long-time hobby has been bird watching. I'm not sure what first got me started in that, but even when our kids were a young age, our family often ventured out to the nature preserves to try and find cool and interesting looking birds to identify. Then, for the next 25 years, I was even president of the Park Ridge Audubon Society.

Now comes the interesting part. About that same time, 1982, the U.S. Postal Service issued their famous "50 State Birds and Flowers" stamps which caught the interest of many stamp collectors as well as birders alike. So I thought, what if I combined my interest in birds and stamps into one, and from then on I was hooked on collecting birds on stamps. Little did I realize at the time how many different stamps there were in that topical interest.



Back in the early days most all of my bird stamps were acquired by attending the many stamp shows in the Chicago area. At the time Harris had a nice bird theme topical album with heavy quad ruled paper pages with the heading "BIRDS". I categorized my stamps by country, and then created separate sections for North and South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, etc. As you can imagine, the variety of birds on stamps from countries throughout the world is virtually endless.

In North America alone there are about 900 species of birds, and worldwide about 10,000. Like most serious birders I have a book with a life list of birds that I have seen so far in the wild. I only have a few hundred birds in my book, but some real serious birders with a lot of time and money on their hands can have several thousand on their life list.

One interesting side hobby in bird stamp collecting is trying to keep track of how many different species of birds you can find on stamps. To make it even more challenging, you should only count the birds that are indigenous to country that issued the bird stamp. I have not ventured into doing this yet, but I still hope to someday create a new life list with the thousands of bird species that I have collected on stamps.

Since using popular modern day on-line auction sites like eBay, my collection of birds on stamps has grown to eight (8) books comprising over 500 pages and well over 5000 stamps. I probably now have bird stamps from most every existing country, as well as many countries that are no longer in existence. Today there are even extensive websites dedicated to bird stamp collecting. My most recent acquisition is a very detailed album from a British eBay dealer where the collector had identified various birds by their descriptive features and a map of their migration habitats. Adjacent to each bird's description are several actual stamps of that particular bird.



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# 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.

## These Stamps are for the Birds - by Dave Dini

It's hard to say which of the bird stamps are my favorite. The 50 State Birds and Flowers of 1982 will always be special as that's what got me started. Then there are some China stamps that I got while on a business trip to Japan. The bird stamps from island countries in the Caribbean and South Pacific are some of my favorites because they are very vivid and detailed and look nothing like the birds we have around here. It might not be a rare stamp, but a very rare bird, the whooping crane, appeared on a U.S. stamp back in 1957 (#1098). When you have so many stamps to choose from, it's hard to pick a favorite, but it's always fun to say that collecting birds on stamps are two



## 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.

## The 2025-2026 Club Officers

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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!**  
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**Tuesday, September 17 at 9/10am**  
**Remember we're at 625 Adams St.**