

# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Monthly meetings at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

### Wednesday, April 5, 2017

6:00 pm - Buy, sell and trade  
View auction lots  
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

### Tuesday, April 18, 2017

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade  
View auction lots  
9:30 am - Meeting & auction

**1st Wednesday Update:** At the Wednesday March 1st meeting we had 24 members attending. We continued discussing a new meeting place with some options discussed and dismissed, and more work to do.

Show Chairman, **Tim Wait**, gave a report on the show and everything was in place, including possibly two USPS representatives. 24 competitive 2-3-4 frames, three club member one frames and exhibits from the Loves Park Panthers Stamp Club will be part of a total of 32 frames. The dealers were all primed to make this a wonderful show.

No raffle box as Hank is getting two awesome boxes ready for the show!

#### **Show and Tell -**

1. Hank Fox - Cut squares and a wrapper needing research!
2. Stanley Campbell - a) interesting things in the mail featuring miniature moccasins from WI and a pillow from AZ b) Cuba stamp booklet from 1988.
3. Tim Wait - 8c Airmail Coil Stamps box for 50 rolls of 100 stamp coils. From Terry K.
4. Steve Capone - CDVs from the 1870s, a Stamp Collar Envelope and a Hand bill from the WI Institute for the Education of the Deaf & Dumb from Delevan, WI, 1859.

Bring something to share and/or discuss to the Wednesday meeting to share with your fellow members. We thank EVERYONE who has made this a such a fun and informative part of the meeting!

#### **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo a HUGE Success!**

The exhibits were interesting and fun, the dealers were dealin' as fast as they could on Saturday and the banquet was plentiful and we had a nice little awards ceremony. See more info and pictures throughout this issue.

**3rd Tuesday Update:** The Tuesday March 21st meeting had twenty one on board and 108 lots with a club profit of \$62! Don't forget to attend if you can, for some bargains and more philatelic fun!

#### **In Memorial**



We are saddened to report the passing of another LONG time club member **Gordon "Gordie" Carlson**. Gordie was a very active member of the club throughout the 1980's-2000's. He passed February 24 at the age of 90, again showing the benefits to longevity of our hobby.

Gordie regularly came up with the "Rochelle" gang, which continued to bring him up after he could no longer drive. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



#### **Upcoming Area Stamp Shows**

##### **Sun Apr 9 - DANEPEX '17**

Madison, WI. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4402 E. Washington St. Badger Stamp Club. Hours 10-4. 14 dealers, judged exhibits, free admission.

##### **Sat-Sun Apr 23-24 - MSDA Spring Stamp Show**

Prospect Heights, IL. Comfort Inn & Suites, 600 N. Milwaukee Ave. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. 20 dealers, free admission.

##### **Fri-Sun May 19-21 - COMPEX 2017**

Arlington Heights, IL. Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd. Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 40+ dealers, over 150 exhibits, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

# USPS 2017 New Issues

## Robert Panara

70¢ Two Ounce Rate  
April 11—Rochester, NY



The 16th stamp in the Distinguished Americans series honors Robert Panara, an influential teacher and a pioneer in the field of deaf studies. During his 40-year teaching career, Panara inspired generations of students with his powerful use of American Sign Language. He taught at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. for nearly 20 years and at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (part of the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York state). Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp with an existing photograph by Mark Benjamin, official photographer of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) in Rochester. The stamp features a 2009 photograph by Mark Benjamin, official photographer of the NTID. Panara is shown signing the word "respect." Issued in PSA panes of 20.

## Delicioso

49¢ Forever  
April 20—Albuquerque, NM

With the release of these six new "Delicioso" stamps, the Postal Service highlights the influence of Central and South American, Mexican and Caribbean foods on American cuisine. The stamps depict, in a bright, colorful way tamales, flan, sancocho, empanadas, chile relleno and ceviche, with the name of each dish appearing in a festive font above each image. The culinary traditions represented on these stamps were brought to the United States by immigrants coming into the country as well as by American tourists visiting the nations of origin. Once here, they have become staples in the diets of many Americans eating at home or dining out at the growing number of restaurants serving or specializing in these cuisines. Issued in PSA booklet of 20.

On April 20, the National Hispanic Cultural Center at 1701 Fourth St. SW in Albuquerque will host its free Salud y Sabor: Nuevo Mexico food and entertainment event in the Domenici Education Building.



## RECENT ACQUISITIONS (or Neat Stuff I Really Like) By Tim Wait



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103 East Birch Street  
St. Nazianz, Wisconsin 54232



Being an accountant and CPA, this is a favorite to collect. Do you or did you have a profession that a stamp was issued for? Have you considered collecting that stamp or related stamps?

## President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Rockford Stamp Club Members:

I extend a personal thank you to the Show Committee and all members that helped make the inaugural **2017 2-3-4 Rockford Stamp Expo** a **HUGE** success. Your input, help, and support are what make this annual event what it is.

A special thank you to Tim Wait, our show chairman, for his ingenuity in launching the new 2-3-4 frame exhibition format that was the first of its kind in a stamp exhibition. I believe it was a very successful and interesting format which will undoubtedly be adopted by many other exhibition venues in the near future. Eventually it will probably be an exhibition category used in larger APS shows and we will proudly be able to say, "We did it first". Many of you may be unaware, but Tim also invited many high profile members of the philatelic community to visit our show and view the exhibition and provide invaluable feedback on this concept. I will leave it to Tim to comment on any feedback he received.

The new frames were a great addition to the exhibition portion of the show and made set-up and tear down much easier and looked great. I heard no reports of anyone receiving slivers this year as was common in the past with the old wood frames. I must confess I did not assist in the set-up of the frames so I am only going by what I heard.

It was also nice to see all of the members, dealers, exhibitors and guests enjoy the social side of our hobby by attending our annual show banquet at Stockholm Inn. Although the food had mixed reviews, it was plentiful, the fellowship was even better, and the conversation was enlightening (well...).

Tim Wait, as one of the judges of the exhibits, announced the winners of the exhibition and displayed and explained each of the awards. Richard Drews was also a judge for the exhibits but was unable to attend the banquet. Both Tim and Richard did a walk-through of the exhibits at the show and explained their scoring and provided exhibitors with comments and/or suggestions on possible improvements. I applaud all who exhibited; a job well done and to be proud of.

I believe it would be fair to say that the **2017 2-3-4 Rockford Stamp Expo** put us on the "map". Reports are that the dealers were happy and most, if not all, want to come back and others have expressed interest. The auction was the most successful ever. In my opinion, the attendance on Saturday was the best in a number of years. Sunday attendance may have been a little weak but one day is always better than the other, such is life.

Again, a huge thank you to all that assisted with the show in so many ways and if not for you and your support the show wouldn't be.

## 2017 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - Exhibits

### The Coveted "Rockford Sock Monkey" Grand Award



APS Accredited Judges  
Tim Wait and Richard Drews



Judges discussing "The Artist Tax"  
with exhibitor Lyman Hensley

The smaller 2-3-4 frame concept was a welcomed idea and allowed more collectors and non-collectors to enjoy a wider variety of interesting exhibits. We will continue this idea for future shows and will have up to 48 frames of these exhibits at the 2018 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo next year!

### Grand Award and Large Gold

*Holyland Forerunners – Austrian Foreign  
Postoffices*

**Dr. Robert Pildes**

**Vermeil**

*The Artist Tax*  
**Lyman Hensley**

### Club Member One Frame Exhibits

**First Place – Postal Uses of the 1904 Livingston Stamp (Large Gold)**  
**Terry Kurzinski**

**Second Place – U.S. Pre-1900 Stamps – The First Half Century**  
**Michael Burdett**

**Third Place – 1934 National Park Stamps and 1<sup>st</sup> Day Covers**  
**Jeff Rieken**

## 2017 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

**A HUGE SUCCESS!** By all accounts the Inaugural Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo was successful in every way. Set up of the new frames went very smoothly. The exhibits went up quickly and we were all set before the show opened. Forest Hills Lodge did an outstanding job setting up the tables and chairs. We didn't have to move anything!

One dealer, John's Stamp Den, John Steele, was unable to attend at the last minute due to health issues but the other 13 dealers almost all reported great business on Saturday with many 'best show recently' and 'best show at Rockford in years' comments. The new dealers this year, Fox River Stamps, Michael Mules, University Ave. Stamps, Dennis Lemke and Vest Pocket Philatelist, Bill Di Salvatore, all had great shows and asked to sign up for next year. Our regular dealers reported brisk business Saturday too. Sunday was slower but there were some nice sales. We had to turn down dealers for this year so next year we will be fine with 14-15 dealers.



Marry Ann from the Winnebago Post Office showed up on Saturday and then the Rockford Post office showed up too! Maureen from the Rockford PO coordinated their attendance and learned a lot about how the show worked and what to bring to sell next year. They both were there Sunday too! This is a great improvement from when the Rockford PO stopped participating in the show a number of years ago after Duane retired and Michelle's position at Harrison was eliminated. We are expecting great things for their attendance and participation at next year's show.

Saturday night's banquet and awards ceremony was a great experience. Unfortunately, not many of our 2-3-4 exhibitors were able to attend but we had a nice time with the awards and I am excited to personally present the Grand Award winner his "Rockford Sock Monkey" at the Collectors Club of Chicago meeting April 13th in front of everyone attending. I'll have that competitive bunch wanting to enter next year after they see the awesome award! Congratulations and thank you to all the exhibitors and especially the club members who exhibited. See page three for details.



In addition to the Grand Award for the 2-3-4 competition, we had awards from the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE), Women's Exhibitors and the Collectors Club of Chicago (CCC).

The reaction from attendees was very positive both for the "new" 16 page frames and the 2-3-4 frame exhibiting concept. Other exhibitors at the show were interested and I think everyone was better able to enjoy the smaller exhibits instead of the large, up to 10 frame exhibits, that can be overwhelming.

A press release was sent to Linn's, APS, AAPE and American Stamp Dealer & Collector Magazine. The CCC and Chicago Philatelic Society also received the information to help bring awareness to the Chicago philatelic community.

2017 was just the beginning of the next chapter for the Rockford Stamp Club and its Annual Show. We will continue to build the 2-3-4 competition and I also hope to build interest in our members doing a One Frame exhibit to start YOU on your way to the fun and excitement of exhibiting. Start with one frame and go from there!

We only rent two-thirds of the space at Forest Hills Lodge so we have room to continue to grow. More exhibits, more attendees from Chicago and beyond, means that we can continue to grow and have the demand to add more dealers at future shows.

Lastly, I also want to give a big **THANK YOU** to all the members who came early Saturday ready to work, helped dealers unload, made the auction a great success, worked the front table greeting our guests and helped with take down. Also, **THANK YOU** to the show committee for all their hard work before and during the show! Tim....

# The Rockford Stamp Club



American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

**WEB SITE UPDATE** - We are looking to get more information on the Website. Please log on and take a look. Contact Webmaster, Ted Gifford with any comments or bring it up at a meeting.



## South America

- Panama - First issue August 1904
- Ecuador - First issue January 1, 1865
- Colombia - First issue August 1859
- Venezuela - First issue January 1, 1859
- Guyana (British Guiana) - First issue May 26, 1966
- Suriname (Dutch) - First issue October 1, 1873
- French Guiana - First issue December 1886
- Inini (now part of Guiana) - First issue April 7, 1932
- Peru - First issue March 10, 1858
- Brazil - First issue August 1, 1843
- Bolivia - First issue 1867
- Paraguay - First issue August 1, 1870
- Uruguay - First issue July 1, 1859
- Chile - First issue July 1, 1853
- Argentina - First issue August 21, 1856
- Falkland Islands (British) - First issue June 19, 1878



Since 1939 South American very little has changed in the geographic make up of the continent. The stamps of these countries are very historical and colorful. Above Argentina & Chile #1.



### MEMBER AD

**For Sale:** World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020.

### MEMBER AD

**Wanted:** Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL. Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net.

### NEW MEMBER AD

**Wanted:** FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank Fox at one of the meetings.

## ROCKFORD 2017 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

Our 14 stamp dealers had a great crowd of customers on Saturday. We hope you were able to find something for your collection. Remember, the dealers are the backbone of our show and their support allows us to put on this event.

### New for 2017

**Fox River Stamps**  
Michael Mules  
Salem, WI  
414-234-9867

**University Ave. Stamps**  
Dennis Lemke  
Middleton, WI  
608-831-1277

**Vest Pocket Philatelist**  
Bill DiSalvatore  
Cherokee Village, AR  
870-287-2809

**John's Stamp Den**  
John Steele  
Washington, IL  
309-444-8247

**Alroy Stamps**  
Al Lenz  
Schaumburg, IL  
847-524-0147

**Double J Stamps**  
Jeff  
Arlington Heights, IL  
847-843-8700

**Rockford Coin & Stamp**  
Steve Jennings  
Rockford, IL  
815-282-4444

**Phil Edwards**  
Normal, IL  
309-452-2593

**Steve Capone**  
Rockford, IL  
815-394-0537

**Applebox Philatelic's**  
Richard Duda  
Mt. Prospect, IL  
847-439-7614

**DMS Collectibles**  
John Butler  
Normal, IL  
309-963-4248

**W. H. Burdick**  
Mtn. Home, AR  
870-425-7799

**Terry Kurzinski**  
Cherry Valley, IL  
815-262-9117

**David Alex**  
Glenview, IL  
847-291-7826

# ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meetings are held the first Wednesday at 6:00pm, every month except July, and the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting begins with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

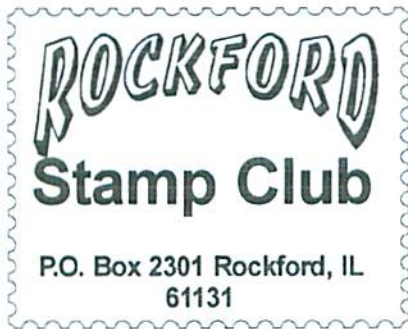
## The 2017 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt  
815-226-4391  
Vice-President.....Ward Miller  
Secretary.....Tammy Copus  
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815-397-0573  
Director.....Matt Mace  
Director.....Terry Kurzinski  
Director.....Steve Capone  
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Show Chairman.....Tim Wait  
815-670-5869

## 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



## April Meetings

Wednesday, Apr 5 and Tuesday Apr 18

Be there or be inside two right angles!