

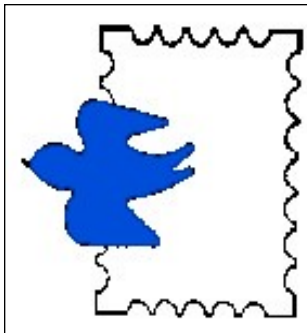
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Monthly meeting/auction at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

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

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday March 7th meeting we had 26 members and welcomed a new member from Janesville, **Aimee Devine**.

Hank Fox, Treasurer gave an estimate of \$200-\$300 profit from the show.

The upcoming Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo was discussed and final preparations were underway.

Ted Gifford gave a follow up talk on Rotary vs Flat printing based on plate blocks.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** showed a cartoon from the 1975 Rockford newsletter, which was edited by Bob Wait. He also showed a 'California Fixer-Upper' postcard of a broken down shack for just under \$1 million!
2. **Terry Kurzinski** discussed his recent article in *The United States Specialist* "New Find: Prexi Used "Out of the Mails".
3. **Tim Wait** showed postcards featuring the state of Illinois,.

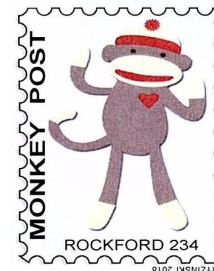
No Mystery Box Raffle. There will be one each day at the Show!

3rd Tuesday Update: Tuesday, **March 20th** we had 21 members in attendance. We generated \$69.50 on donated Club lots from **Winston** and sellers lots. Out of 125 lots 83 were sold.

The Tuesday "meeting" is being officially turned into the "Tuesday Morning Auction" in future updates and advertising. No club business is conducted but it sure is a great place to buy and sell in the auction!

MONKEY POST

Terry Kurzinski, our famous national stamp dealer inaugurated his "Monkey Post" local post at Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2018. Did you get your new stamp?



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Apr 7-8 - MSDA Northside

Wheeling, IL. Ramada Inn, Chicago North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3, free admission.

Sat Apr 7 - PARFOREX 58

Flossmoor, IL Flossmoor Community House, 847 Hutchinson Rd. Park Forest Stamp Club. Hours 10-5. Seven dealers, judged exhibits, free admission.

Sun Apr 8 - DANPEX '18

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

Sometimes I lie awake at night, afraid I'll never get to use all my Forever stamps!



Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

USPS 2018 New Issues

STEM Education

1st Class Forever Rate
April 6—Washington, DC



The United States Postal Service is issuing a set of four nondenominated (50¢) forever stamps April 6 to commemorate the subject of STEM Education. **Each stamp characterizes one of the four educational disciplines represented by the STEM acronym: science, technology, engineering and math.**

The 11 a.m. first-day ceremony will take place in association with the USA Science and Engineering Festival in Hall E of the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW, in Washington, D.C. David Plunkert of Baltimore, Md., designed and illustrated the stamps, working with USPS art director Antonio Alcalá.

Each stamp shows a young person's face in profile, the name of the education field represented on the individual stamp, and design elements associated with that branch of learning. "Designed to pique the curiosity of the viewer, "each stamp features a collage of faces, symbols, drawings, and numbers that represent the complexity and interconnectedness of the STEM disciplines."

In the lower left corner of each stamp is one large letter from the STEM acronym next to three stars on a blue field. The Science stamp shows the letter S, plus part of a molecule model, a small part of the periodic table of elements identifying transition metals, a sine wave and other symbols. The Technology stamp, with the letter T, features circuitry, binary code and more. Along with the letter E and other design elements, the Engineering stamp shows what appears to be a schematic design of the command and service modules of the Apollo spacecraft. The Math stamp with the letter M depicts numbers, letters, symbols and equations, including an infinity symbol (or lemniscate), a dodecahedron, the pi symbol and an equals sign.

In 2010, the American Society for Biochemistry and molecular Biology stated: "There is growing concern that American education in science, technology, engineering and math — known as STEM — is coming up short. Worried about the long-term health of the American economy, industry leaders recently testified before a congressional committee that American students are not prepared adequately for careers in STEM disciplines." Addressing those concerns has been a priority at the highest levels of government.

The Postal Service said, "These stamps celebrate the role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in keeping our nation a global leader in innovation and providing new opportunities for all Americans to learn and explore the world." The stamps will sell at post offices in panes of 20, and the panes may not be split for individual stamp sales, according to the Postal Service.

U. S. Airmail

1st Class Forever Rate
May 1—Washington, DC



Peace Rose celebrates one of the most popular roses of all time. The peace rose revolutionized hybrid tea roses with its unique coloring, hardiness, and disease resistance. Although the USPS has not provided additional information on the release site, one of the oldest festivals in the South, Holiday in Dixie will be held April 13-April 21. The event celebrates the beginning of spring and commemorates the Louisiana Purchase.

Two new intaglio-printed forever stamps celebrating the centennial of United States airmail service will be issued on separate dates. The horizontal stamps share identical designs but differ in color.

A blue stamp will be issued May 1, and a carmine red stamp will have its first-day ceremony "later this summer," according to the Postal Service. The stamp design features a Curtiss JN-4H biplane, the U.S. Army airplane that inaugurated the nation's airmail service in 1918. It's the same aircraft that is immortalized in the first three airmail stamps issued that year by the U.S. Post Office Department (Scott C1-C3).

Peace Rose

1st Class Forever Rate
April 21—Shreveport, LA



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

A huge thank you to everyone that helped with our 2018 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. It appears to have been a great success and Tim will have a more complete report for us elsewhere in this newsletter and at the April meeting. I can comment that the auction was a huge success this year, I will leave the details to Tim so we are not duplicating a lot of information. Also, thank you to all that attended our banquet Saturday evening. Thirty-seven people attended the banquet and there was a lot of good conversation at the tables.

Unfortunately, due to grandfatherly duties, I will not be able to attend the April 4th, Wednesday evening, meeting. There is no scheduled program for this meeting. I would like everyone to bring that special find that they were able to purchase at our stamp show and do a short show and tell style presentation on it. You can explain what makes it special, how it fits into your collection, how long you have been searching for it, and if it is an old or new interest in your collecting interests.

The show committee, Board of Directors, and officers will be having a meeting to discuss and evaluate the show and determine how we may make improvements. If you have any suggestions please seek out one of the officers or directors and share your idea/s. You may also write down or e-mail a suggestion to any of us as well.

Thanks to Ted Gifford for his presentation on flat press printing and how the numbering system of plate blocks evolved from a random system by the private printers to a more organized system introduced by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. I would appreciate if someone would offer to do a presentation at the May meeting. The subject area is of your choice. Join in and enlighten us.

The attendance at our March, Wednesday meeting was still a little light and auction lots were few but that was to be expected because of the show that was that weekend. The March Tuesday auction was well attended with many lots and very spirited bidding. Thanks to all for your participation and support.

Please offer Tim Wait a big thank you for being our Show Chairman and using all of our resources, (including us the club members), to push this show to being the success it is. We are seeing a lot more Chicago area collectors attending our show each year due to Tim's personal invitations and word of mouth of those attendees. I think that with this will continue to help our show grow.

Happy collecting and I will see you in May.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

Once again thanks to **YOU the membership** for making our second Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo **bigger and better than last year!** Attendance was up and dealer sales were strong with many reporting more business than last year. Unfortunately, the Rockford Post Office did not coordinate any presence by the USPS but we are already working to get this set up for next year. The show cachet, Illinois Statehood (200th Bicentennial) was a success. See page five for more details about the cachet and FDC for the issue.

THE AUCTION....broke all records with total sales of over \$4,000 generating income from donated lots and seller lots of \$505.60. This was \$100 more than last year! **Frank Schmitt, Club President and Auction Chairman** had everything well in hand by passing out signup and lot sheets at the past months meetings. In 2011 our auction income was only \$108! Great success Frank!

Overall everything ran very smoothly and attendees all seemed to be having a great time. We hope you attended and participated to add to your enjoyment. We will be discussing the show at the April 4th meeting.



We again saw substantial crowds on Saturday and Sunday was better attended than last year. The dealer's booths were busy both days, the auction was a busy buzz of activity and the wonderful exhibits received a lot of attention!

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - Exhibition Awards

Grand Award & Large Vermeil *The Library of Congress & Copyright 1865-1930* **Larry T. Nix**

Large Vermeil *Finland: Uses of the Blue Lions of 1930-1952* **Michael Ley**

Also Collectors Club of Chicago Philatelic Exhibitor's Award

Vermeil *Christmas in July Penguin Style!* **Jean Stout**

Also American Association of Philatelic Exhibitor's Silver Award of Honor

Large Silver *Forerunners of the Holyland – The French Postoffices* **Dr. Robert B. Pildes**

Also Women Exhibitor's Sterling Achievement Award

Silver *The Free State of Danzig 1919-1939* **William P. Winter**

Also American Association of Philatelic Exhibitor's Silver Award of Honor

Denmark Encased Postage **Kathryn Johnson**

Atlantic Coast Air Services Early Issues for Lundy Island **Richard Drews**

Registered Mail Usage During the Washington Franklin Period 1908-1922 **Gerald Nylander**

Silver-Bronze *Columbian Expo Postal and Post Cards* **Lyman Hensley**

Certificate of Participation *The Bear Necessities* **Richard Drews**

Club Member One Frame Exhibits

First Place – *Postal History of Fenton Township, Whiteside County, Illinois* **Dr. Richard Londo**

Second Place – *U.S. Airmail – Selected Pages* **Timothy G. Wait**

Loves Park Panthers Youth Awards

First Place – *Walt Disney*

Second Place – *Sea Life*

Third Place – *Mexico*



Grand Award Winner **Larry T. Nix** receiving his “Rockford Sock Monkey” award at the frames Sunday morning!



Our guests enjoying the Stockholm Inn buffet at the banquet.



Show Chairman and Master of Ceremony, **Tim Wait**.



WEB SITE UPDATE - The website has crashed and we are currently working on replacing it! Stay tuned.

Rockford 2018 Show Cachet Featuring the Illinois Statehood Issue

Illinois Statehood Bicentennial

Becoming a State
Northwest Territory 1787 - 1800
Indiana Territory 1800 - 1809
Illinois Territory 1809 - 1818
Illinois December 3, 1818



Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo
March 10-11, 2018



This year the USPS cooperated nicely and issued the Illinois Statehood stamp March 5th, just in time for our show. Tim Wait and Frank Schmitt attended the ceremony and got our show cachet cancelled at the FDOI ceremony. The ceremony was held in the lobby of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in downtown Springfield. Chicago artist Michael Konetzka designed the stamp. Gov. Rauner was too busy running for re-election to attend the ceremony!

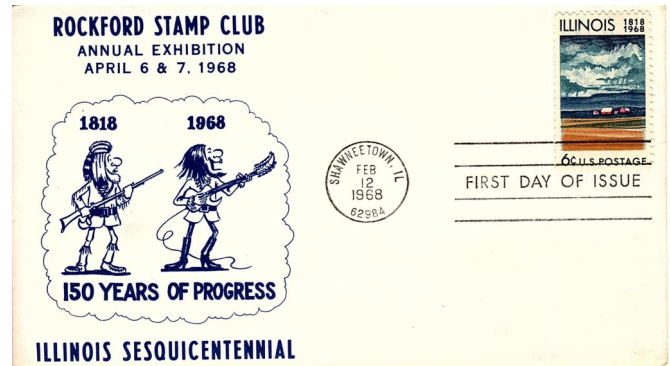
FDC and traditional show cachets with our cancel are shown at left. A few combo covers are also available. See Tim at the meeting to get your favorite while they last.

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March 10-11, 2018



Do you remember this one? In 1968 the USPOD issued the stamp on February 12th, plenty of time for our April show that year too.

THANK YOU TO OUR ROCKFORD 2018 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

Below is the list of dealers that supported our show in 2018. If you saw something you are still interested in, please reach out to them. Remember, you don't have to wait to see them at our show to continue building your relationship. Dealers are the backbone of philately, working hard to make sure we can fully enjoy our hobby!

- Buy the Stamp
Rick Hyams
Arlington Heights, IL
847-414-5408
Riverbank Treasurers
Jerry Wessler
New Lisbon, WI
608-515-6150
Croaker's Collectibles
Marty Croak (Sun. Only)
McFarland, WI
608-838-1553

- Win Schaeffer
Flossmoor, IL
708-715-4321
John's Stamp Den
John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247
Alroy Stamps
Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147
University Ave. Stamps
Dennis Lemke
Middleton, WI
608-831-1277

- Rockford Coin & Stamp
Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444
Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
815-394-0537
Applebox Philatelic's
Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614
David Alex (Sat. Only)
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

- DMS Collectibles
Dave Stauffer
Bloomington, IL
309-963-4248
W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799
Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117
Fox River Stamps
Michael Mules
Salem, WI
414-234-9867

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 at 6:00pm, every month except July. An auction takes place the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00am. Both are at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each begins 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.

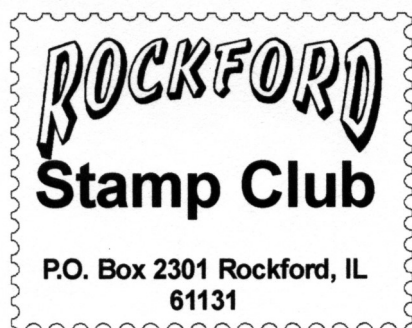
The 2018 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt
815-226-4391
Vice-President.....Ward Miller
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox
815-397-0573
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Director.....Steve Capone
Director.....Tim Copus
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 4 and Tuesday
Apr 17**

**Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo
Recap Inside**

Can you give a brief presentation of
your collecting specialty at a future
Wednesday night meeting?