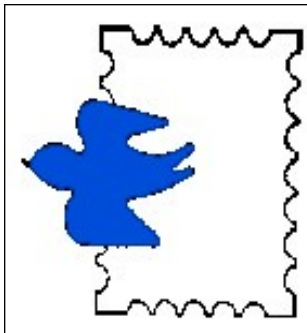


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Monthly meeting/auction at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

9:30 am - Buy, Sell and trade
View auction lots
10:00 am - Auction

1st Wednesday Update: The Wednesday March 6th meeting we had 21 members and one guest, **Dan Martin**, who joined our club! Preparations are all set for the Show. Everyone was reminded to come help out and enjoy the show.

The Perry Arnquist Award for service to the club was discussed from our Boar of Directors meeting.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** - Aruba postcard, 2009 Wiscopex @ Rockford show pictures
2. **Steve Capone** - Postmarks books, unidentified manuscript cover.
3. **Bruce Marquardt** - Boone County Journal newspaper with RFD Mail Wagon picture.
4. **Frank Schmitt** - FDC of Official Mail Passport Envelope. 65c with Eagle hologram.

Thank you all for sharing. What about you next month?

Welcome New Members

Christine Gustafson - Rockford

Jeff Hall - Byron

Dan Martin - Janesville

Please join us in welcoming them to the club. Make sure to introduce yourself and make them feel at home when you see them at a Wednesday or Tuesday meeting.

Wednesday Night's Program

This month's program will be a guided tour of our website at: www.rockfordstampclub.com. We'll go through all the tabs to educate everyone on what is on the site so far, discuss future plans and solicit your ideas on what we could add to make our website a popular, useful sit for philatelists.

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday March 19th get together had 18 members including new member **Christine Gustafson**. The auction had 96 lots and earned the club \$95! Thanks everyone.

The meeting room is available later now so we are going to start the meeting at 9:30 and the auction at 10:00am. You can all sleep in a half hour later!



Albert L. Lenz - 92

Al, who ran Alroy Stamps, was always a friendly and helpful dealer who supported the Rockford Stamp Show for many years. He joined the club and was coming to Tuesday morning meetings the last few years and always brought great lots for the auction! Rest in peace Al.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Apr 6-7 MSDA Spring Show

Wheeling, IL. Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. Ramada Inn, 1090 S. Milwaukee. Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, free admission.

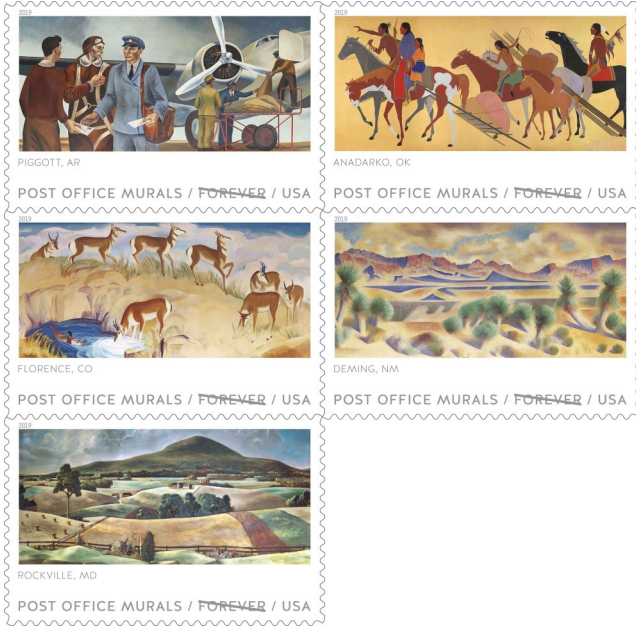
Sat Apr 6 PARFOREX 59

Flossmoor, IL. Park Forest Stamp Club. FCC Community House, 847 Hutchinson Rd. Hours: 10-4:30. 8 dealers, competitive exhibits, free admission.

Sat-Sun May 4-5 WISCOPEX 2019

Madison, WI. Radisson Hotel, 517 Grand Canyon Dr. Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-3. 16 dealers, competitive exhibits, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!



Post Office Murals

1st Class Forever Rate
Panes of 10
Apr 10—Piggott, AR

Post Office Murals features five different murals designed to add a touch of beauty to Post Office walls and help boost the morale of Americans during the era of the Great Depression. On the stamp art, the town or city and state in which the work of art is located is printed underneath each mural. The murals included are: “Kiowas Moving Camp” (1936) Anadarko, Oklahoma; “Mountains and Yucca” (1937) Deming, New Mexico; “Antelope” (1939) Florence, Colorado; “Sugarloaf Mountain” (1940) Rockville, Maryland; and “Air Mail” (1941) Piggott, Arkansas. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamps.

“Little Mo”

1st Class Forever Rate
Pane of 20
Apr 23—Dallas, TX



This issue honors tennis champion Maureen Connolly Brinker. The stamp art features an oil-on-linen painting of the tennis star by Gregory Manchess. Based on a black-and-white photograph taken in 1952, the portrait is described as “a colorful interpretation” of Connolly hitting a low volley. Nicknamed "Little Mo," the 5-foot-4-inch dynamo used powerful groundstrokes to become, in 1953, the first woman to win all four major tennis tournaments in a calendar year. Her tennis career was ended in 1954, at the age of 19, when her right leg was injured in a horseback riding accident.

The stamp will be issued at Southern Methodist University. She and her husband, Norman Brinker—a member of the 1952 Olympic equestrian team for the United States—settled in Texas, where she established the Maureen Connolly Brinker Foundation to promote junior tennis. Starting in 1964 she attended SMU, but was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 1966 and died in 1969.

USPS Announces 50th Anniversary of Moon Landing Stamps

“One stamp features a photograph of Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin in his spacesuit on the surface of the moon,” the Postal Service stated in a March 13 press release. “The image was taken by astronaut Neil Armstrong.

“The other stamp, a photograph of the moon taken in 2010 by Gregory H. Revera of Huntsville, Ala., shows the landing site of the lunar module in the Sea of Tranquility. The site is indicated on the stamp by a dot. The selvage includes an image of the lunar module.”

On July 21, 1969, Armstrong and Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the moon after the Apollo 11 lunar landing module Eagle carried them to the surface from the orbiting command module Columbia, piloted by Michael Collins.



No issue date or location
has been announced.

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

We can take a moment and catch our breath; the 2019 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo is history and from my perspective a great success. The success of this show is due to you, the members, who so generously gave of your time and talent to make things happen. Don't become too comfortable though, we have the 2020 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, March 21st & 22nd waiting in the wings for our attention. If you noticed any areas that need improvement or have suggestions to make the show better please share them with the show chairman, Tim Wait. Hopefully, everyone that attended the banquet enjoyed the food, the friendship, and the fellowship of the evening. A big **Thank You** to all!

A big thank you to the Grand Master for the Chess on Stamps article for The Topical Corner. Do you know who the Grand Master is? Remember to share your topic that you collect and enjoy by submitting a short article/description for the newsletter. Actually, any article on any subject or matter of interest of philately will be welcomed.

We will have a short presentation on our new website for our April meeting. Bring any ideas that you have to improve or expand the value of the website. I must share with you that we had an email inquiry through the website from Algeria. A father is inquiring if we would have any stamps that we would care to share with his 7-year-old son whom he is introducing to stamp collecting. If you have a few stamps you would care to share, please bring them to the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you Wednesday night.

A First Day Ceremony – The Star Ribbon by Frank Schmitt



The **Star Ribbon** is a First Class Forever rate stamp designed to meet the needs of business mailers. The artwork features a digital illustration of a star made of red, white and blue ribbon. The white space in the middle of the ribbon creates a second smaller star. According to the Postal People, “the tri-colored ribbon, folded into a patriotic symbol, is intended to evoke the connectedness of the American people.”

On March 22, 2019 I had the opportunity to attend the First Day Ceremony for the Star Ribbon stamp in Oakbrook, IL at the ASDA Spring Stamp Show. While I have attended a few of these ceremonies this is the first that I have attended that involved professional dancers. It is also the first time I have ever seen anyone dance to three musical selections to celebrate the issuance of a stamp; “Born in the USA”, “America the Beautiful”, and “God Bless America”. I might add “America, the Beautiful” was sung acapella by Oak Brook Firefighter/Paramedic Glen Washington.

There was also a local connection in the official dedication of this stamp. Michael J. Elston, Acting Secretary of the Board of Governors, United States Postal Service, Washington, D.C., performed the official stamp dedication. He announced he was born and raised in Rockford, IL and that is why he sought the opportunity to dedicate this stamp.

All attendees received a First Day of Issue Ceremony Program in a cover posted with the Star Ribbon Stamp and official First Day of issue Cancellation and a lapel pin of the stamp. After the ceremony the stamps were available for purchase and cancellations were available to service first day of issue covers. The participants at the dedication were also available to autograph the ceremony program.

The stamp was available for sale as a sheet of 20 stamps and coils of 3,000 and 10,000 stamps. Many collectors were disappointed that smaller coils were not available. Fortunately, Jay Bigalke, Editor-in Chief, Linn's Stamp News, stepped up to the plate and purchased a coil of 3,000 at a cost of \$1,650 and, after removing the stamps he needed, made them available to all show attendees throughout the show through dealer Jim Bardo. Thanks Jay and Jim!

If you ever have the opportunity to attend a USPS first day ceremony, do so!



Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - A Great Success!

The Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo was another Great Show! From the opening moment of the doors at 10am Saturday with a BIG crowd waiting outside, see picture below, to Sunday afternoon, the dealers were busy, the auction saw a lot of action and the exhibits were enjoyed by many. If you didn't make it to the show you missed a Great one!

Below are some pictures of all the activity at the show and banquet.



Adrian Stransky

Way back when Adrian was an active member of the Rockford Stamp Club. He was able to come to the show for the first time in years to celebrate turning 100 years old!



What a crowd at the Saturday opening! I've seen less people waiting at national shows!



Winston Ackmann greeting our show attendees at the entrance table.



A Huge crowd at Bill Burdick's table, buying up all the good deals!



Ken Trettin & Kathy Johnson, our judges, hard at work.



Always a crowd at Steve Capone's table digging through covers for treasure!



New Dealer WY Stamps, Wayne & Dorothy Youngblood.



Mike Mules from Fox Rover Stamps with some customers.



Grand Award—John Hotchner. *Rejections & Repairs in US Stamp Production at the BEP, 1919-2003.*



Tim presenting the CCC award to Susan Jones for, *The Coelacanth and the Comores.*

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

WEB SITE UPDATE - The website has been up and running since January! We have started adding content including past issues of *Rockford Stamp Notes* and pictures. Come to the April meeting for a tour by Frank and Tim!

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2019 Exhibitor Awards

Grand Award and Large Gold

Rejections & Repairs in US Stamp Production at the BEP, 1919-2003

John Hotchner

Large Gold

The Coelacanth and the Comores

Susan Jones

also

Collectors Club of Chicago Philatelic Exhibitor's Award

Gold

Free to All – Public Libraries in Midwestern America Prior to 1960

Larry T. Nix

Large Vermeil

The Inverted Jenny Image: Forgeries, Reproductions, Fantasy and Commemorative Uses

Dr. Edwin Andrews

Burma – The Issues of the Republic 1948-1952

Michael J. Ley

Nuances and Unusual Commercial Uses of the First U.S. Aerogram – the 1947 Skymaster

Dan Undersander

Vermeil

A Look at the Philately of Rhodesia and Nyasaland 1954-1964

Christopher Dahl

Club Member One Frame Exhibits

First Place – *2¢ Blue Liberty Tax Stamp 1875-1883*

Timothy G. Wait

Second Place – *Illinois Statehood 1818-2018*

Timothy G. Wait

also

AAPE Award

Third Place – *The Liberty Bell: An American Icon*

Michael Burdett

also

Women's Exhibitor Award

Loves Park Panthers Youth Awards

First Place – *Penguins*

Second Place – *The Elephant*

Third Place – *Mickey Mouse*

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2019 Dealers

Thank you to our 2019 dealers! As you saw in the pictures on page four, we had a tremendous crowd on Saturday. The busiest day we have had in years! All our dealers were busy selling and buying stamps, covers and other philatelic items. The dealers were also major contributors, both selling and buying in our silent auction. Dealers are the backbone of philately, working hard to make sure we can fully enjoy our hobby! Please support them throughout the year.

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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, 3200 11th 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.

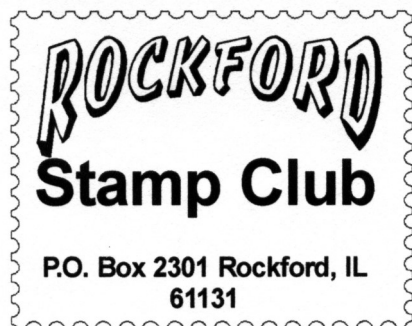
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



March Meetings

Wednesday Apr 3 — Tuesday Apr 16

**Share something you collect for
Show and Tell**