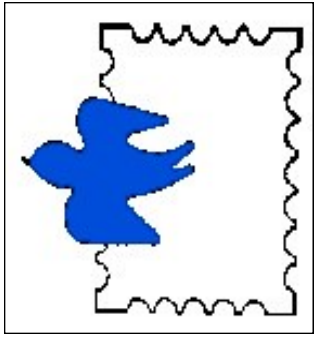


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, CANCELED

6:00 pm - Buy, sell and trade

View auction lots

7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

Tuesday, CANCELED

9:30 am - Buy, Sell and trade

View auction lots

10:00 am - Auction

Wednesday, March 4th: 21 members attended our last Rockford Stamp Club meeting before the Covid-19 Pandemic began to shut down America.

The Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo was discussed and we were pretty much all ready to go..... Unfortunately we all know what has transpired since then.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Hand Fox** - brought two 1999 Rockford Stamp Show covers and donated them to the club archives.
2. **Stanley Campbell** - showed Cuban FDCs that supported North Viet Nam from 1970 and 1971.

Good & Welfare: Gerry Van Alstyne attended the meeting after recovering from surgery. Don & Edna Arnquists's funeral was finally held in February. Lee Barrie's wife Francine successful transplant operations at Loyola before Lee had to leave due to Covid-19 restrictions! She is now in rehab in Schaumburg.

IMPORTANT MEETING NOTICE

As you are all VERY aware, we are in unprecedented times in these UNITED States of America and around the World. Almost half of our population in under "stay at home" orders with more restrictions announced daily.

Our meeting facility is closed and may not re-open! Ken-Rock is a very vulnerable organization and was in the midst of trying to get their new facility and operations approved by the city.

Due to all these issues, we are postponing all Rockford Stamp Club Wednesday night and Tuesday morning meetings and auctions until further notice.

You will not receive another Rockford Stamp Notes until we are able to schedule another meeting. At that time we will announce dates and times and LOCATION.

Be safe and healthy!

Tuesday, March 17th: was not held.

Semi-Postal - Charity Stamps

The March *Rockford Stamp Notes* had a feature article on page four about Semi-Postal or Charity stamps. I guess I was seeing into the future by bringing up how postal services around the world had help raise funds for various charity's and relief efforts.

Perhaps, in the future the USPS will issue a Semi-Postal for relief from Covid-19?

Air Post Semi-Official Stamps (CL1-2)



Buffalo Balloon
June 1877



Rodgers Aerial Post
October 1911

If you have an immense amount of disposable income, this area is for you! Mint CL1 \$7,500 - CL2 \$55,000. On cover \$100,000+ - \$75,000+.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

All shows canceled through April and into May. Check APS website for future shows at www.stamps.org.

The USPS has been reacting to the Covid-19 crisis and First Day ceremonies have been canceled and stamps may or not be released on the dates planned. Go to www.usps.gov to get the latest information about stamp releases.



Earth Day

First Class Forever

Double sided pane of 20

Apr 18—Denver, CO

Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the Postal Service issues a stamp featuring a playful painting of the planet, with small green lines surrounding Earth and hand-lettered text. Environmental groups have sought to make Earth Day into a day of action to change human behavior and provoke policy changes. Walt Kelly created an anti-pollution poster featuring his comic strip character Pogo with the quotation “We have met the enemy and he is us” to promote the 1970 Earth Day. Preceded by various environmental-themed stamps, the first USPS Earth Day stamps were not issued until 1995. Art director Antonio Alcalá was the stamp artist and designer. Ricky Altizer was the typographer.



Chrysanthemum

Global Forever Rate
Pane of 10

Apr 24—Burlingame, CA

Chrysanthemum is the design for the new Global Forever international rate stamp that can be used to mail a 1-ounce letter to any country where First-Class Mail International service is available. At January 1, 2020 that rate currently remained at \$1.15. The stamp is round and features a photograph of a pink chrysanthemum on a white background. Taken from above, the photograph highlights the intricate features of the bloom. The art director was William J. Gicker. Greg Breeding designed the stamp with an existing photograph by Hong Vo.

The Postal Service celebrates the beauty of American gardens in a pane of 20 stamps that feature these 10 different photographs of botanic, country estate and municipal gardens: Biltmore Estate Gardens (North Carolina); Brooklyn Botanic Garden (New York); Chicago Botanic Garden (Illinois); Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens (Maine); Dumbarton Oaks Garden (District of Columbia); The Huntington Botanical Gardens (California); Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park (Florida); Norfolk Botanical Garden (Virginia); Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens (Ohio); and Winterthur Garden (Delaware). Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with existing photographs by Allen Rokach.

American Gardens

First Class Forever

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May 13—Winterthur, DE



Earth Day—25th

In 1995 the USPS issued four stamps for “Kids Care” about Earth Day. All designed by children.

Scott #3951-4



New Issues continued on page five.

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Decisions, decisions, decisions, that is what your Club Officers and Board of Directors was faced with concerning the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, "the show that wasn't". While working through the options (or lack of options) with venues, dealers, and members, our decision was essentially made for us by state, county and local officials. **No show**, in the interest of protecting public health. Then came the issue of meetings and auctions, same thing, no venue due to closings, therefore no meetings or auctions.

We all know by now that the causation of the cancellations is the COVID-19 virus and all of the certainties and uncertainties associated with it. It goes without saying that the demographics of stamp collectors places us in the group considered to be high risk, hence the wisest choice was for cancellation. That decision had already been made by the club leaders prior to venue closures. With that being said, **ALL Rockford Stamp Club meetings and auctions are cancelled until further notice**. The obvious reason is for the protection of the health of all of our members. The other reason is we have no venue available at this time and depending on the length of the "house arrest" we are not certain where are venue location will be.

Tim will probably cover this elsewhere, but the decision has been made to make full refunds to all of our dealers. Forest Hills Lodge has relieved the Stamp Club of all monetary/contractual obligations for the 2020 show including our deposit. The club's financial liability is limited to printing and postage for postcards announcing and cancelling the show, advertising that could not be cancelled, and some other incidental expenses. Total exposure to the club should be approximately in the \$500 range.

Now the bright side. Due to all of the restrictions placed upon us we now have all of this time to spend with our stamps, covers, postal history and collections. Undoubtedly, within the next few days we will be ordered to our stamp dens, rooms, or what have you, by our spouse, significant other, dog, or cat. Seriously, we stamp collectors are fortunate to have our hobby to occupy our time. It is inconceivable listening to others, or their postings on social media, about the sheer boredom of being restricted to home. Personally, I have spent more time with my collections than I have had time to in quite some time and it has been most satisfying. Hopefully, you are able to do the same.

I ask that everyone do their part in containing this virus, practice "social distancing", limit your travels (no stamps shows to attend anyway) and just limit your exposure and stay healthy. Take time to write an article for this newsletter, assemble items for show and tell, identify those items you would like to sell at auction, relax and enjoy your hobby.

We will keep you updated on the status of our meetings and auctions and of course location.

Remember, all supplies, stamps, and other materials are only a phone call away to your favorite dealer and/or on-line. The dealers need our support now more than ever.

Happy collecting until we meet again.

Remember When...Looney Tunes on U.S. Stamps by Tim Wait

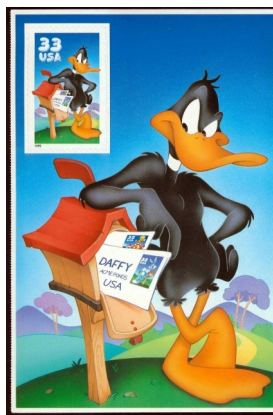
The Looney Tunes series. One per year, 1997 - 2001. Wonderfully violent cartoons for Kids!



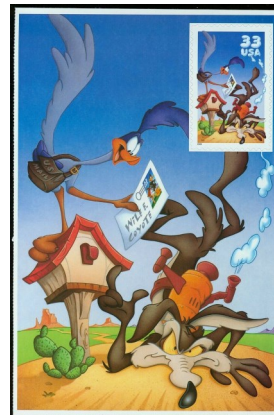
Bugs Bunny
May 22, 1997
Scott 3137c



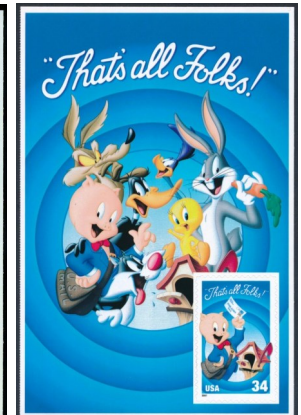
Sylvester & Tweety
April 27, 1998
Scott 3204c



Daffy Duck
April 16, 1999
Scott 3306c



Road Runner & Wile E. Coyote
April 16, 2000
Scott 3391c



Porky Pig
October 1, 2001
Scott 3534c

A "State" of Confusion at the USPOD by Tim Wait



September 4, 1961 - Saint Mande, France - Registered Airmail - Airmail Potage 1.75fr Registration 4.15fr
PASSED FREE / U.S. CUSTOMS / TERMINAL STA. / SEATTLE, WASH.

Mailed to Jack Story, 1404 So. 12th St. Mt. VernonNO STATE!

A postal employee wrote "WASH" in pencil so it entered the US through customs at Seattle. In Mount Vernon, Wash., it was marked "NOT" and WASH was crossed off. Per the backstamps, it was forwarded to Mount Vernon, NY! There it was marked Return to Writer, Unknown. Upon arrival back in France it was marked "REBUTS", French for return.



October 30, 1961 - Saint Mande, France - Registered Airmail - Airmail Potage 2.60fr Registration 5,65fr
PASSED FREE / Midway Airport / U.S. Customs / No. 7 / Chicago, Ill. P. O.

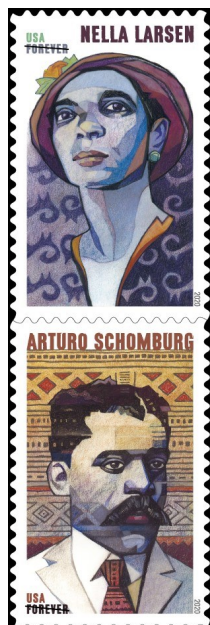
Mailed to Jack Story, 1404 So. 12th St. Mt. Vernon, **Illinois**

This time it went to Midway, the correct Customs office for Illinois mail. Per backstamp, it was received in Mount Vernon, ILL on November 2.

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

WEB SITE UPDATE - See our website for up-to-date information about meetings and auctions. **Please let us hear your comments. Tim & Frank - webmasters.**



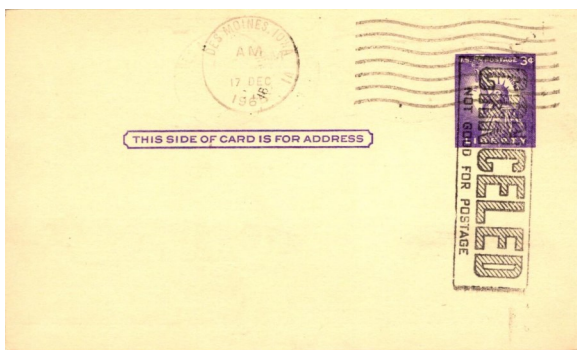
Voice of Harlem Renaissance

First Class Forever
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May 21—New York, NY



Voices of the Harlem Renaissance Forever Stamps These stamps celebrate one of the great artistic and literary movements in American history, the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, which firmly established African Americans as a vital force in literature and the arts. Twenty stamps showcase four stylized pastel portraits of these literary figures: writer, philosopher, educator and arts advocate **Alain Locke**; novelist **Nella Larsen**; bibliophile and historian **Arturo Alfonso Schomburg**; and poet **Anne Spencer**. African-inspired motifs are used as background elements of each portrait. The pane header shows a cityscape in silhouette with a sun in its midst and the title "Voices of the Harlem Renaissance." The artist for these stamps was Gary Kelley. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps.

'Canceled' Stamped Post Cards - The USPOD allowed the return of stamped post cards for credit of the postage.

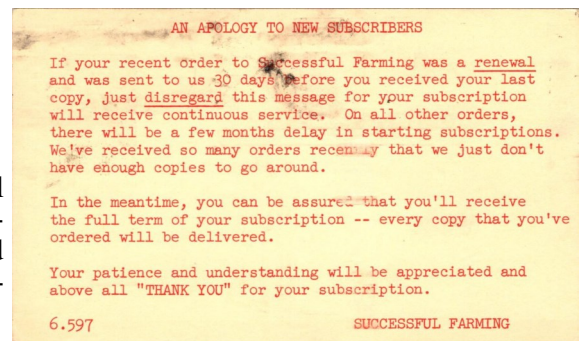


Successful Farming

Des Moines, Iowa

CANCELED
Not Good for Postage

Apparently Successful Farming was very successful! They received too many new subscriptions to handle.



ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2020 Dealers

See below for the 2020 dealer lineup. We have one new dealers this year, Tiger Collectibles from Stoutsville, MO and two dealers returning after multi-year absences, James Newland from Peoria and Pfol's Stamps from Dubuque.

You'll note that some of our regular dealers are not attending this year due to a) the change of date b) MSDA show in Chicago the same weekend or c) health. Hopefully they will be back next year. **Please contact them now to be sure they know your collecting interests and wants and can come prepared to get you what you need!**

Rockford Coin & Stamp

Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Terry Kurzinski
Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

Tiger Collectibles
Scott Couch
Stoutsville, MO
816-405-3633

Applebox Philatelic's

Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

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

David Alex (Sat. Only)
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

Buy the Stamp

Rick Hyams
Arlington Heights, IL
847-414-5408

Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

Pfol's Stamps
John Phols
Dubuque, IA
563-582-6247

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Jerry Wessler
New Lisbon, WI
608-515-6150

Win Schaeffer
Flossmoor, IL
708-715-4321

James Newland
Peoria, IL

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.

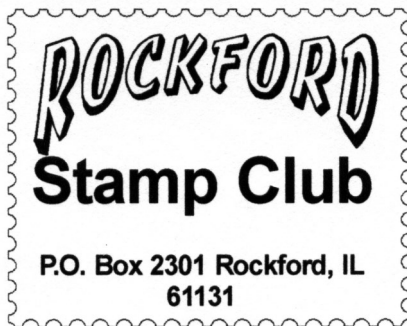
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



No meetings until further notice!

We will send a newsletter to announce when we will resume meetings.

Our meeting LOCATION is also in jeopardy. That information will also be in the next communication.