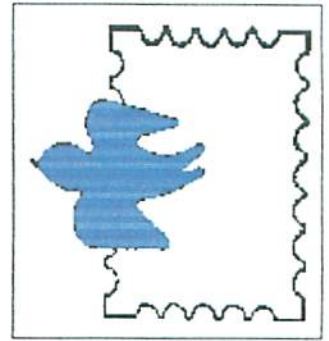


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Monthly meetings at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

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

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

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

1st Wednesday Update: On Wednesday November 4th we had 30 members and Bill, Janesville Stamp Club VP, as a visitor.

Ted Gifford reported that the meeting site committee has been checking out potential new sites and recommended the VFW at 2018 Windsor Rd. in Loves Park. Motion made and passed to have officers investigate the site.

Tim Wait reported for the Nominations Committee. Current slate of officers is running again and Terry Kurzinski was nominated to fill the open Directors slot.

Ted brought up distributing the By-Laws. After discussion members could sign up if they wanted a copy.

Show and Tell; Stanley Campbell brought pamphlet giving rules for WWII soldiers writing home and some fantasy stamp collecting labels. Ruth Young brought some stamps, souvenir sheets and post cards from her Mystery Box winnings.

Phil Bratta won the Mystery Raffle Box.

Get ready for the Rockford Stamp Show—see page 3.

DECEMBER - the Wed., December 2nd meeting is our annual Christmas Party. Coffee and cold drinks will be provided and everyone is asked to bring some cookies or other desert to share. Tues., December 15th there will be coffee and donuts provided by Steve and Hank!

At the Wednesday meeting ONLY—ALL Auction lots are for donation and ALL proceeds will go to the Ken-Rock Kids after school program for their Christmas party or to purchase items for their program. Please bring some worthwhile donations for the auction.

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday November 17th meeting 25 members almost enjoyed 116 auction lots. We didn't even have time to finish all the lots! The kids came and helped move the tables. Auction netted \$45 with \$14 from club donations. Thank you all!

The Tuesday morning group is thinking about having a future meeting in Beloit or south of Rockford. There is also talk about having another sub-group meet in Beloit on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday. Come to a Tuesday meeting to express your opinion.

The Tuesday meetings are now in the lunch room.

Welcome New Member

**Karin Gray
Rockford**

Karin has been attending Tuesday meetings. Welcome to the club and we hope to see you Wednesday night too.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Dec 12-13 - MSDA West Suburban Show
Lombard, IL. Linder Conference Center, 610 E. Butterfield Rd. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Jan 16-17 - MSDA Winter Show
Prospect Heights, IL. Comfort Inn & Suites, 600 N. Milwaukee Ave. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 Dealers. Free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

U.S. 2015 New Issues

Quilled Paper Heart January 12—Dallas, TX



The 2016 Love stamp features an elegant heart created using the ancient art of quilling. Quilling—also called paper filigree—involves rolling and shaping narrow strips of paper, laying them on their edges, and gluing them in place to form intricate designs. The name “quilling” likely comes from the original tool used to create the paper curls, the base of a feather or quill.

Artist Yulia Brodskaya used heavy paper strips to create her design, choosing bright colors that would be appealing and eye-catching. She curled the strips into curved lines and drop-let shapes. After applying a small amount of glue to each shaped strip, she set them into place, slowly creating her design piece by piece. The heart shape in the center of the stamp art is made from paper strips of many colors and is surrounded by white paper swirls. The background is white with shadows cast by the dimensional pieces of quilled paper. The words “Forever” and “USA” appear below the design

During the last 20 years, quilling has gained a new popularity. Craft guilds in several countries are forums for enthusiasts, and numerous books, blogs, and websites provide instruction and projects for the expert and novice alike. Exhibits by paper artists introduce the art form to a new audience. It is a technique that has changed very little with the passage of time and is accessible to anyone. Modern-day quillers only need a few tools to get started—paper, scissors, glue, and a quill-like implement for curling the strips.

Botanical Art January 29—Atlanta, GA (AmeriStamp Expo)

The U.S. Postal Service continues its tradition of beautiful floral-themed stamps with Botanical Art, a booklet of 20 stamps featuring vintage illustrations taken from 19th - and early-20th-century plant and seed catalogs.

The stamp art features ten individual designs, each a detail of an illustration from an American nursery catalog printed between 1891 and 1912. The catalogs are part of The New York Botanical Garden’s Nursery and Seed Catalog Collection, one of the largest and most important collections in the U.S. The NYBG collection and similar collections in other institutions are treasure troves of historical information for scholars and scientists studying a wide range of subjects, including the history of botany, horticulture, commercial agriculture, landscape design, plant exploration, graphic arts, and publishing. The artists responsible for the work seen on early nursery catalogs are mostly unknown to us now, but their captivating work lives on.

Top row from left; Corn Lilies, Tulips, Stocks, Roses, Petunias. Bottom row from left; Tulips Dahlias, Japanese Iris, Tulips, Daffodils and Jonquils.



Year of the Monkey January—TBA



The stamp art features two bright reddish-orange peonies against a purple background. Peonies symbolize wealth and honor in Chinese culture and often decorate the sides of the traditional drums played during the holiday festivities.

The stamp design incorporates two elements from the previous series of Lunar New Year stamps: the intricate cut-paper design of a monkey and the Chinese character for “monkey,” drawn in grass-style calligraphy.



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 the meetings.

ROCKFORD 2016 - March 12-13

The next Rockford Stamp Show is only 3½ months away. Mark your calendar. We are soliciting **exhibits from our members**. No frame fees and no rules! Anything philatelic in nine 8½ x 11 pages per frame. Start getting **auction** lots ready for the two day **silent auction**. A good time to try to sell more expensive material. Also, get your **want lists** ready to shop the dealer bourse.



The **Bull's Eye** postage stamps were the first stamps issued by **Brazil**, on 1 August 1843, having face values of 30, 60, and 90 réis. Brazil was the second country in the world, after Great Britain, to issue postage stamps valid within the entire country (as opposed to a local issue). Like Great Britain's first stamps, the design does not include a country name.

The unusual name derives from the ornamental value figures inside the oval settings, and the arrangement of the stamps in the sheet, which permitted se-tenant pairs that looked like a pair of bull's eyes. There were 1,148,994 30 réis stamps printed, 1,502,142 of the 60 réis value, and 349,182 of the 90 réis stamp. The 90 réis issue were reserved for international mail only. Catalog values for used stamps are \$675, \$300 and \$1,450 respectively. However, on cover they are much rarer at \$7,250, \$5,750 and \$13,000!

Email received—mint Dienmarke Deutsches Reich stamps for sales

From Joyce Rieken, 6556 Laurelwood Dr., Rockford, IL 61108. Email: jebiel@att.net

Uncancelled stamps, full sheets of 5, 30 and 40 with the swastika. They have been folded for many years, they have gum and are detached in some places. Would anyone in your Club be interested?

MEMBER AD	MEMBER AD	NEW MEMBER AD
<p>For Sale: World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020.</p>	<p>Wanted: Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL. Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net.</p>	<p>Wanted: FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank Fox at one of the meetings.</p>

ROCKFORD 2015 STAMP SHOW DEALERS - THANK YOU!

Our Rockford 2015 dealers are listed below. We hope everyone was able to visit all the dealers and find some new acquisitions for their collections. How about sharing one in a Show-and-Tell at a meeting or written up in Stamp Notes?

<p>Double J Stamps Jeff Fishman Arlington Heights, IL 847-843-8700</p>	<p>John's Stamp Den John Steele Washington, IL 309-444-8247</p>	<p>NEW FOR 2015 Phil Edwards Normal, IL 309-452-2593 Pfohl's Stamps John "Kermit" Kirpes Dubuque, IA 563-582-6247 Geezer's (Sat. Only) Dave Birch Oakwood, IL 217-260-9375</p>	<p>Newland Stamps & Post Cards Jim Newland - Peru, IL 815-794-1984 W. H. Burdick Mtn. Home, AR 870-425-7799 William H. Hatton Piqua, OH 937-778-9207 Terry Kurzinski Cherry Valley, IL 815-262-9117</p>
<p>Rockford Coin & Stamp Steve Jennings Rockford, IL 815-282-4444</p>	<p>Steve Capone Rockford, IL 815-394-0537</p>		
<p>Alroy Stamps Al Lenz Schaumburg, IL 847-524-0147</p>	<p>DMS Collectibles Dave Stauffer Normal, IL 309-963-4248</p>		

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 9:30am, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting starts with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

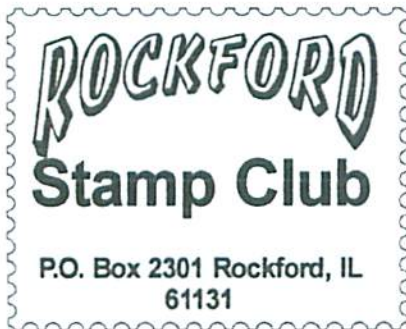
The 2015 Club Officers

President.....Steve Capone
779-771-9527
Vice-President.....Frank Schmitt
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
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815-397-0573
Director..... Ernie Petit
Director..... Matt Mace
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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



Have you been to a meeting lately?

If not, come enjoy the fun

Wednesday, Dec 2 or Tuesday Dec15

Coffee and cold drinks will be served

Wednesday meeting-bring a dessert

**Coffee and donuts will be served at the
Tuesday meeting**