

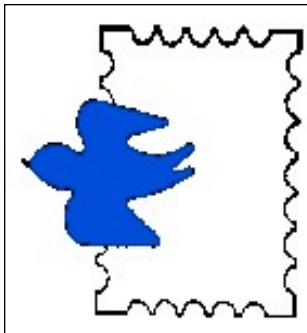
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, December 4, 2019

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

### Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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

**Wednesday, November 6th:** VP Matt Mace presided with 19 in attendance. The Slate of Offices is the current officers with Steve Capone repeating for Director.

Pursuant to our By-Laws change, officers will be elected for two year terms instead of one year. The directors will be for two, four and six years. **Voting on December 4th.**

2020 Show topic - possibly 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, 400th Mayflower Landing, 90 years of Rockford Stamp Club. Any more ideas? **Gerald Zimmerman** will be coordinating the cancel and cachet for 2020.

**Club Welfare...Butch Columbi** had hip surgery in AZ. **Gerry Van Alstyne** had eye surgery but made it to the meeting. **Ward Miller** is doing well and getting about.

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Mike Peters** - Galesburg to Decatur cover.
2. **Tim Wait** - Greetings from Capron, IL postcard.
3. **Lyman Hensley** - letter from Tim Wait with no street address. Returned to Tim even though Lyman is a famous stamp collector in Sycamore!

Thank you all for participating.

No Mystery Raffle. Hank promises a Special one for December!

### December-Holiday Party & Auction

**Dec 4th is our annual Charity Auction for Ken-Rock Kids. All lots are donated and the proceeds go to their Holiday Party. Bring a treat to pass, and enjoy some other goodies.**

**Bring some of those extra stamps or covers sitting around in your stamp room to make room for some new stamps or covers to enjoy!**

**Coffee and milk provided. See you there!**

**Tuesday, November 19th:** 19 members battled over 121 lots! The lots produced \$58.75 for the club.

**Lorne Laidlaw**, a Tuesday regular, continues to support the club with postage donations. Thank you Lorne.

Come join the fun and find some goodies for your collection at the next Tuesday meeting!



Donald R. Arnquist 1926 - 2019

Don passed away November 7th, just 14 days after his wife of 71 years, Edna, died on October 24th. Don was an active member of the club since the early 1960's. He served as our club auctioneer at meetings and ran the show silent auction as long as we can remember!

Don was a part time stamp dealer and ran mail auctions for many years. In later years Don would get a ride to the meetings from Edna or a helpful club member.

One of our longest and oldest members Don is remembered by all and will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace.



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

#### Sat-Sun Dec 7-8 MSDA Madison Show

Madison, WI. Crowne Plaza - Madison, 4402 East Washington Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

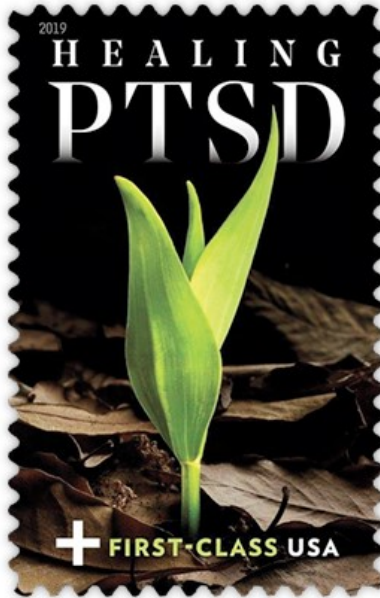
#### Sat-Sun Dec 14-15 MSDA West Suburban Show

Oak Brook Terrace, IL Holiday Inn Oakbrook Terrace, 17W350 22nd St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

### Healing PTSD

1st Class Forever Rate  
Semi-postal  
Pane of 20  
Dec 2—Charlotte, NC  
55¢ plus 10¢



This new semi-postal stamp will help raise funds for those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The illustration of a green plant sprouting from the ground, which is covered in fallen leaves, symbolizes the PTSD healing process.

Tens of millions of Americans will experience PTSD in their lifetimes. The condition develops in some children and adults who have survived a traumatic event. Experiences such as a natural disaster, car accident, physical or sexual assault, abuse, and combat, among others, can trigger PTSD. While post-traumatic disorders have long been a subject of study, PTSD was not officially added to the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders until the late 20th century. Today, the nation is increasingly dedicated to compassionately treating this mental health issue.

The Healing PTSD semi-postal stamp will be sold for 65 cents. The price includes the first-class single-piece postage rate in effect at the time of purchase (now 55¢) plus 10 cents to fund the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which oversees the national Center for PTSD.

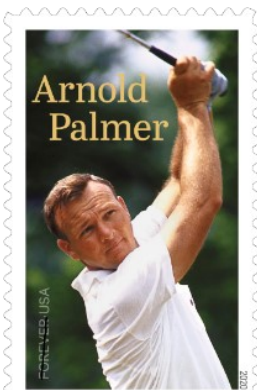
The stamp is the second to be issued following passage of the Semi-postal Authorization Act, now Public Law 106-253, which grants the USPS discretionary authority to issue and sell semi-postal fundraising stamps to advance such causes as it considers to be “in the national public interest and appropriate.”

The Postal Service will issue five semi-postal fundraising stamps over a 10-year period in the current program, with each stamp to be sold for no more than two years. The non-denominated Alzheimer's semi-postal stamp issued Nov. 30, 2017 (Scott B6), was the first stamp issued in the program.

Earlier semi-postal stamps in support of breast cancer research (Scott B1, B5), early responders to the 2001 terrorist attacks (B2), reducing family violence (B3) and animal conservation (B4) were issued in response to legislation passed by Congress. As part of the program, the Postal Service considers proposals for future semi-postal stamps and will do so through May 20, 2023. Guidelines for submitting semi-postal proposals to the USPS Office of Stamp Services can be found online.

## 2020 New Issues - Sneak Preview

The USPS announced some of their 2020 stamps in late October. Here are a few of them that are historical!



More recent history

200th  
Birthday

Not  
Arnie's!



400th  
Anniversary  
Mayflower



100th Anniversary



50th Anniversary



## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

As hard as it is to believe, time to close our albums for 2019 is fast approaching. Hopefully this has been a rewarding year for everyone in the fact that many empty spaces were filled in your albums and exhibit pages in your various collecting areas of interest. In doing so, you may have found duplicates stamps or portions of auction lots that you do not need which would make great auction lots for our December Ken-Rock Kids fundraiser auction.

I was able to work in a stop at the Chicagopex show on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November for a few hours. I made a special effort to make the show because as I mentioned in last months' newsletter a dealer that I made contact with at Indypex was bringing items of interest for me to look at. If you don't already know, having had a career in the fire service, I have a Topical collection of firefighting stamps. A retired firefighter now stamp dealer, Telah Smith deals in firefighting stamps amongst others. When I arrived at Telah's tables he was ready and waiting for me. Little did I know he would have 32, yes 32, counter books of firefighting stamps for me to browse through. Needless to say, I added numerous stamps to my collection. Unfortunately, I ran out of money before Telah ran out of stamps! I have found a good source for my topical stamps and he continues to keep up with new issues, needless to say he will get more of my money in the future!

As mentioned above, the December meeting will be the benefit auction for Ken-Rock Kids (KRK) and all auction lots are donations and all auction proceeds benefit KRK. Please bring in a few auction lots and be sure and bid (often and high) and buy some lots to take home with you. Also, enjoy the fellowship and cookies and other treats that everyone brings to share in the season of giving.

Just another reminder that Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo is fast approaching, and it is time to prepare auction lots, exhibits, and sign up to volunteer in the many areas that help is needed. It is our show and it depends on all of us to make it a huge success.

Congratulations to Matt Mace on his election to office as Vice-President and thanks to all other officers and directors whom continue to serve the club in their respective positions.

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy collecting!

### Merry Christmas from the US Post Office Department Four and Five cent Christmas stamps from 1962—1967



1962 Scott #1205



1963 Scott #1240



1965 Scott #1276



1966 Scott #1321 / 1967 Scott #1336

The first USPOD Christmas stamp was issued in 1962. In the first six years all but one issue had "Christmas" printed on the stamps. Only the 1964 set of four, Holly, Mistletoe, Poinsettia and Conifer stamps were not specifically identified.

1967 saw the first full commemorative size, a repeat of the design of 1966.



1964 Scott #1254-7



# Ripley's Believe It or Not—New York City



Here's an idea for all those extra in-expensive stamps you all have accumulated.

**Lee Barrie's** son Bradley was on business in New York City and went to Ripley's Believe it or Not. Of course being a good Son he took pictures of the amazing "Stamp Art" on display and sent it to his Dad. Shown is a wall of the art and a close up of a man paddling a small boat.

Amazing work! Thank you Bradley and Lee.

Here are a couple more from the Internet



With a little creativity, and a lot of stamps to choose from, you can make beautiful "Stamp Art". The stamps can be selected for the color component or to represent something like the states in the map to the right.

If you go on the Internet you can see many different types of "stamp Art" created all over the world.





# Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

[www.rockfordstampclub.com](http://www.rockfordstampclub.com)

**WEB SITE UPDATE** - The NEW website was unveiled January 2019! We have started adding content including past issues of *Rockford Stamp Notes* and pictures. **Please let us know your comments. Tim & Frank - webmasters.**

## Rockford Cover of the Month

Mailed Dec. 21, 1911  
from Rockford. A  
Time-Cummins ma-  
chine cancel "Ties"  
the 1911 Christmas  
Seal.



## My Favorite Stamp

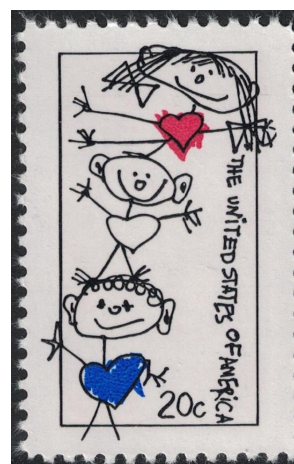
Submitted by Jim Stadermann

My favorite stamp may appear to be a very early Rembrandt. It is, however, the winner of a postage stamp design contest for children.

It was decided in 1984 to issue a stamp that depicted "Family Unity", and kids from across the country joined in the competition. The result was the stamp identified as Scott's US #2104, which was designed by Molly LaRue and issued October 1, 1984.

Postage stamps designed by kids are not unique to this country. You can find them in many countries—all over the world. And most all are happy stamps. The subjects are smiling and they make you smile too. For example, a Bermuda stamp shows Santa Claus standing next to a Santa-sized Bermuda onion, and both Santa and the onion are smiling!

The "Family Unity" people are not only happy but they are good citizens. You will note they are big-hearted and their hearts are red, white and blue.



## This Spot Needs A Stamp

EVERY one of you can come up with a special or favorite stamp that you can share a little story about. We have had a few in the past and I would like to build on this tradition. **Let me know what your stamp is!**

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2019 Dealers

Thank you to our 2019 dealers! 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.

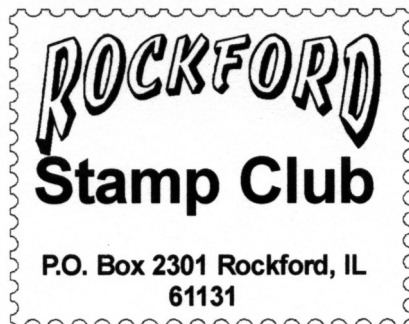
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Director.....Ted Gifford  
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



## December Meetings

Wednesday Dec 4— Tuesday Dec 17

**Wednesday Donation Auction for Ken  
Rock Kids. Bring some nice lots to  
donate and be ready for some deals!**