

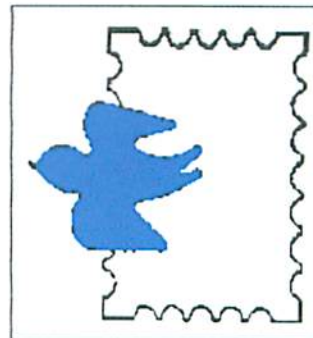
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, January 4, 2017

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

### Tuesday, January 17, 2017

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

**1st Wednesday Update:** At the Wednesday December 7th meeting we had 27 members. This was our annual Christmas Party and donation auction for the Ken-Rock Kids. We raised \$200 for their Christmas Party. Lots of treats and lots of spirited bidding!

**Hank Fox, Treasurer,** reported we have a balance of \$3,126.35. This is before any 2017 show income or deposits. All the raffles, auction donations, the Tuesday meeting auction and some profitable shows have made this possible. Thanks to you for all the hard work and contributions, we are now on a firm financial footing.

We had FOUR raffle winners at the meeting. **Winston A.** won and said "draw again". **Tim W.** won the next two times, (should have played the lottery!), and said "draw again twice". Finally **Jeff Rieken** took home the Mystery Box!

#### Show and Tell -

1. Stanley Campbell - Rockford real picture postcards of Rockford locations.
2. Hank Fox - Dec. 7 USS Arizona, Denver Stock Yards PC, IBM Punch card.
3. Dick Bildahl - USS Arizona information, Perry Arnquist information.
4. Terry Kurzinski - more color changelings, Boulder Dam, Upside down Liberty bell.
5. Steve Capone - 1974 APS magazine with Tim Wait pictured as VP of Junior Writers Unit #30.

Show and Tell is becoming a great way for our members to share something from their collections. More members are joining in on the fun every month. These can be brief 1-2 minute descriptions and then pass it around, or you can go into more details and share a more in-depth item or items. If you want to share something more substantial, see Frank before the meeting so we can schedule some time. Why don't YOU bring something to share at a future Wednesday night meeting?

**3rd Tuesday Update:** At the Tuesday December 20th meeting there were 17 members. 108 lots at the Tuesday Mega Auction resulted in \$37.50 for the club.

There was some confusion due to the start times listed above in prior newsletters. As now state above, the meeting starts at 9:00 and the auction starts about 9:30.

#### 2017 Officers

President	Frank Schmitt
Vice President	Ward Miller
Secretary	Tammy Copus
Treasurer	Hank Fox
Director (3 years)	Steve Capone
Director (2 years)	Terry Kurzinski
Director (1 year)	Matt Mace

Please welcome our officers for 2017. They wish to work with our members to improve all aspects of our club meetings and show. Please let them know if you have any suggestions or ideas.



#### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

##### Sat-Sun Jan 21-22 - MSDA Snowpex

Milwaukee, WI. Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3. 18 dealers, free admission.

##### Sat Feb 11 - Janesville Stamp Show

Janesville, WI. Ramada Inn, 3900 Milton, Ave. Hours 9:30-4. Exhibits and dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

# USPS 2017 New Issues

## Year of the Rooster

January 5—Seattle, WA



The Year of the Rooster stamp is the 10th of 12 stamps in the current Celebrating Lunar New Year cycle. Compared to the design of most previous stamps in this current stamp series, the animal is pictured prominently, in the form of a rooster emblazoned on a red envelope. Parents present red envelopes containing money to children and loved ones during Lunar New Year celebrations. The color red symbolizes luck in Chinese culture, while rooster imagery is often used to ward off evil spirits.

The Year of the Rooster begins January 28, 2017 and ends February 15, 2018. In popular Chinese culture, people born in the Year of the Rooster, among other traits, symbolize fidelity and punctuality—the rooster being known for waking up people regularly and on time.

This stamp is a continuation of the Postal Service tradition of creating stamps that celebrate love. The first such stamp, issued in 1973, used as the basis for its design Robert Indiana's pop art "LOVE" sculpture. The 2017 Love Skywriting stamp is intended to add a romantic touch to letters and cards, not only on Valentine's Day, but year-round. As described by the USPS, "the stamp depicts the word 'Love' written in white cursive script against a blue sky studded with wispy clouds. Underlining the word is a decorative swirl of smoke. A small, stylized plane, dwarfed by the giant letters, completes the end of the swirl, with smoke trailing from its tail."

The art of skywriting is documented as early as 1915, just a dozen years after the Wright Brothers' history-making flights at Kitty Hawk, NC. In an online series on the history of flight, NBC News reported that stunt pilot Art Smith used flares to accomplish a form of skywriting on the closing night of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco.

## Love Skywriting

January 7—Chino, CA



## Dorothy Height

February 1—Washington, DC



The 40th stamp in the Black Heritage series honors Dorothy Height, an activist who dedicated her life to fighting for racial and gender equality. Starting her career as a caseworker in the New York City Welfare Department, she joined the National Council of Negro Women in 1937, serving as the organization's president from 1957 to 1997.

She became one of the most influential civil rights leaders of the 20th century, providing advice and support to U.S. Presidents from Franklin Delano Roosevelt to Lyndon Johnson. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1994 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2004. She stood with Martin Luther King Jr. as an organizer of the 1963 March on Washington and was an honored guest at the 2008 inauguration of President Barack Obama. Born March 24, 1912, in Richmond, Va., Height died April 20, 2010 at age 98.

## Flash Back ~ U.S. Post Office Department—50 years ago 1967

In 1967 there was a total of 15 commemorative stamps issued, all denominated 5¢. Subjects included; National Grange 100 years, Canada Centenary, 150th anniversary of the Erie Canal, Search for Peace, Lions 50th anniversary, Henry David Thoreau, born 1817, Nebraska Statehood 100th anniversary, Voice of America 25th anniversary, American Folklore-Davy Crockett, Accomplishments in Space, Space-Walking Astronaut-2 stamps, Urban Planning, Finland Independence 1917-1967, Thomas Eakins, painter, Mississippi Statehood 150th anniversary and ONE Christmas issue depicting a Madonna and Child. There were two airmail issues; 8¢ domestic rate, Alaska Purchase 1867-1967, and 20¢ international rate, "Columbia Jays" by John James Audubon. This was basically the same design as the 5¢ stamp issued in 1963.



# Recent Acquisitions (or Fun Stuff I Really Like)

By Stanley Campbell



These are six poster stamps from Rockford in the 1930's (I am guessing). In small print it says along the top of each stamp: "10 Rockford stamps by mail, 6 cents" and along the bottom, "Artstamp Co., Chicago"

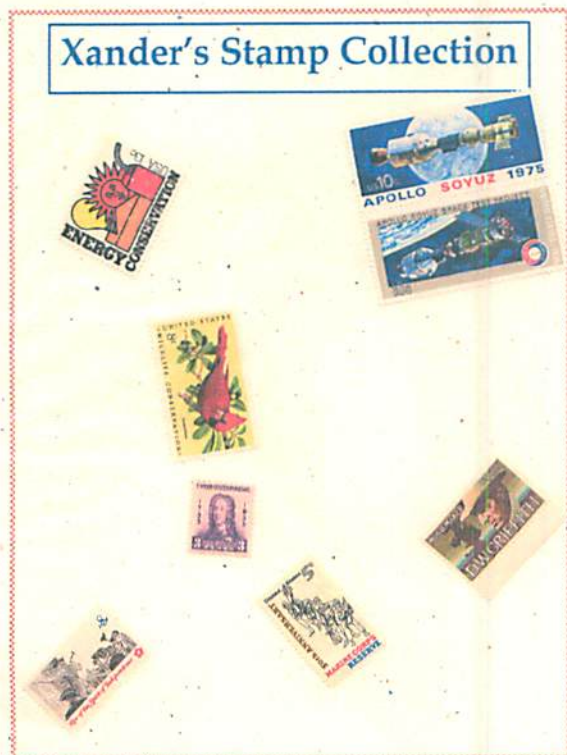
I have all ten of the stamps, each showing a scene and a title such as "A railroad center", "industry", "a City of Culture"...

One shows the Rock River with the old river boat on it, and says "Recreation" (I believe the last riverboat was around 1917?).

I enjoy collecting Rockford items, and was happy to purchase these at the last Chicagopex show in November.

Please welcome our newest, and youngest, **YOUTH** member to the Rockford Stamp Club, **Xander Stark Wait**

Bonnie and I had the pleasure to babysit the Thursday before Christmas and I decided that 17½ months is just the right age to start a new collector. We started by making an "album" page for Xander's Stamp Collection. Next I got out my US postage book and started showing him the stamps. I took one out and told him to pick one and he looked them over and then picked his first stamp, the 3¢ General Oglethorpe issue from 1933. I licked the first few and we stuck them down together, after 15 amazing minutes of picking stamps and licking, by him, and sticking them down you can see the result! We'll get to hinges someday! Boy did Grandpa had fun too!



My theory is, if you get them young enough, you can activate the "collector gene" early. I know he doesn't understand but I told him what each stamp was issued for. I plan to get his collection out whenever he is here and add something new.

Next time we'll get out some foreign stamps and maybe try hinging. I might even pull out a cover to get him started on postal history!

# Feature Article - Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition 1909

The **Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition** was a world's fair held in Seattle in 1909, publicizing the development of the Pacific Northwest. It was originally planned for 1907, to mark the 10th anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush, but the organizers found out about the Jamestown Exposition being held that year, and rescheduled. The fairgrounds became the campus of the University of Washington.

The fair was the idea of Godfrey Chealander, then Grand Secretary of the Arctic Brotherhood, who was involved in the Alaska Territory exhibit at the 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland, Oregon.

Edmond S. Meany proposed that the exposition be held on the then largely forested campus of the University of Washington, which in 1905 had exactly three buildings and little deliberate landscaping. At the time, this was considered rather far from the center of town, but Meany eventually sold the others involved on the idea that the forested campus could, itself, be an attraction for out-of-town visitors.

The state legislature endorsed the fair, with the proviso that it would produce at least four permanent buildings, and that any state monetary contribution would be focused mainly on those buildings. King County stepped up with US\$300,000 for a forestry exhibit—the largest log cabin ever built—and \$78,000 for other exhibits. Because the original Klondike gold strikes had been in Canada, the concept soon evolved to an "Alaska-Yukon Exposition"; later, at the behest of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the "Pacific" theme was also added to emphasize Oriental trade.

The only foreign countries to erect entire buildings at the fair were Japan and Canada, but their presence was enough to validate the "Pacific" theme along with the US territory of Hawaii and the Philippines, recently ceded to the US by Spain. Other foreign countries were represented on a smaller scale.



The Forestry Building

Sources: Wikipedia, eBay, Scott US Specialized Catalog, US Domestic Postal Rates, Beecher/Wawrukiewicz.

## The Stamp

Unlike the stamp issues for Expositions before, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition only had one stamp issued by the USPOD, Scott #370, issued June 1, 1909, and an imperforate version, Scott #371.



Imperforate sheets of 400 were first issued in 1906 at the request of several makers of vending and affixing machines. The machine manufacturers made coils from the imperforate sheets and applied various perforations to suit the particular needs of their machines.



The Mail-O-Meter Company TyIA



U.S. Automatic Vending Company TyII



August 28, 1909 Registered letter sent from Peru, ILL. to Kansas City, Mo. 1st Class letter rate 2¢ per oz, July 1, 1885 to Nov. 1, 1917. Registration 8¢, Jan. 1, 1893 to Oct. 31, 1909. Mute "PERU, ILL." boxed cancel used on registered mail. The Peru Registered CDS should NOT be on the front of the cover. It was to be struck over the envelope flaps on the back.

**Dues are Due!** It's time to pay for your membership in the Rockford Stamp Club. Dues are \$10 to receive *Rockford Stamp Notes* by USPS Mail and \$6 to receive it via email. Please pay Hank at the meeting. If you are unable to attend a meeting in January, please mail a check to the Rockford Stamp Club at PO Box 2301, Rockford, IL 61131. You don't want to miss any edition of *Rockford Stamp Notes!*



**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 a meeting.

### Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

We have almost filled our dealer bourse for 2017! I have received the first exhibit entries for the inaugural **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo on March 11-12, 2017**, and am soliciting many more to fill 30-40 frames.

If you are interested in participating in the 2-3-4 competition, see me or go to our website, rockfordstampclub.org to get the prospectus and application.

We will still have a **Club Members Only, one sixteen (16) page frame**, exhibits so keep working on anything you would like to show. See me for more details or assistance in preparing your exhibit.

### United States Revenue Stamps

At our Wednesday night auctions whenever there is a US Revenue lot there is spirited bidding. Are you one of those US Revenue collectors? Here is a the story of how revenue stamps were first used in the United States. **A revenue stamp shows that a government tax or fee has been paid. They have been around much longer than postage stamps.**

In 1755, Massachusetts enacted the first stamp duty law. The first "stamps" were colorless embossments indicating the State and amount of tax. Individuals had to buy the stamped vellum, paper or parchment with the embossments to use on the taxed transactions. British Revenue stamps for use in America started November 1, 1765. This was the dreaded "Stamp Tax" that the colonists fought so successfully and Great Britain capitulated repealing the tax on June 30, 1766.

The first of three issues of Federal Tax stamps using embossed paper was authorized by the Act of July 6, 1797, effective July 1, 1798 and were used until February 28, 1801. The second Federal issue was in use from March 1, 1801 to June 30, 1802, when all internal revenue taxes were abolished. After a gap of 12 years, with the country needing funds to wage the War of 1812, the third Federal issue was enacted and effective from January 1, 1814 to December 31, 1817.

These stamps can be found in the Scott catalog under the RM heading, The early stamps before 1798 are pretty pricy but many of the First, Second and Third Federal issue stamps catalog under \$50 for a **clear impression on entire documents**. Isn't it extraordinary that you can own a 18th century revenue tax item for less than \$50!

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

### THANK YOU - ROCKFORD 2016 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

We had a great show with 14, yes 14 dealers on Saturday with two not being able to stay for Sunday. All the dealers were doing brisk business Saturday morning, which continued throughout the weekend.

<u>New for 2016</u> David Alex Glenview, IL 847-291-7826	John's Stamp Den John Steele Washington, IL 309-444-8247	Rockford Coin & Stamp Steve Jennings Rockford, IL 815-282-4444	W. H. Burdick Mtn. Home, AR 870-425-7799
Applebox Philatelic's Richard Duda Mt. Prospect, IL 847-439-7614	Alroy Stamps Al Lenz Schaumburg, IL 847-524-0147	Pfohl's Stamps John "Kermit" Kirpes Dubuque, IA 563-582-6247	Terry Kurzinski Cherry Valley, IL 815-262-9117
Farrell Stamps Len Farrell Brookfield, IL 708-280-7114	Geezer's Dave Birch Oakwood, IL 217-260-9375	Phil Edwards Normal, IL 309-452-2593	DMS Collectibles John Butler Normal, IL 309-963-4248
		Steve Capone Rockford, IL 815-394-0537	Newland's Stamps & Post Cards Jim Newland Peru, IL 815-794-1984

# 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 9:00am, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting begins with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

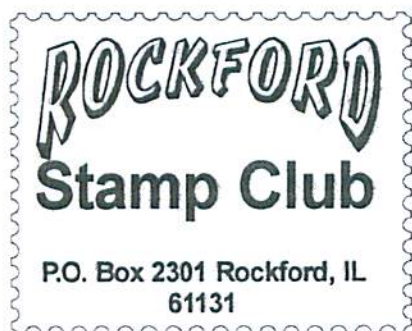
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplen*
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



## JANUARY Meetings

Wednesday, Jan 4 and Tuesday Jan 17

Don't miss out on the fun!