

# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

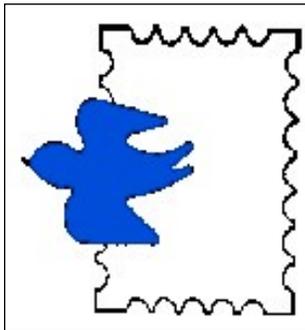
## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, December 5, 2018

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

### Tuesday, December 18, 2018

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

**1st Wednesday Update:** At the Wednesday December 5th Holiday Party there were 21 members bidding on 67 donated lots. Thanks to YOU we raised \$255 for the Ken-Rock Kids! This is the only funding they get to hold a Christmas party and it is MUCH appreciated!

Election - results were unanimous for the existing officers to continue and **Ted Gifford** was elected to a director position replacing **Terry Kurzinski**. Thank you Terry!

There was a discussion of the Perry Arnquist Award which was referred to the Board to develop criteria.

The New Website was approved and checks were sent. Frank will be working with our website developer to get it up before year end!

#### Show & Tell.....

1. **Hand Fox** passed around the postcard he received from fellow member **Matt Mace** and his wife Sandy from their recent trip to Cambodia.

No **Mystery Box Raffle** as it was the Holiday Party.

Everyone left with elevated blood sugars and a full stomach from all the wonderful treats!

### Wednesday Night's Program

The January program will be ( I promise!) **Civil War Documentary Tax Stamps** by **Tim Wait**. This is a great introduction to understanding US Documentary revenue stamps, Scott R1-R152.

There is usually spirited bidding on revenue auction lots so I know many of you have an interest in revenues. This talk will give you an additional perspective on the reasons for all the stamps and how they were used.

### Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

Is coming soon! March 9-10. Have you signed up to help? Sign up to exhibit? Get ready for philatelic fun!

**3rd Tuesday Update:** December 18th 18 members and 159 auction lots! Total income \$85.25, including \$59 from donated club lots. Thank you to those who contributed material for the club.

Come hang out with your stamps friends and maybe sell some old stuff to get new, better philatelic treasurers!

### Postage Rate Increase

Effective **Sunday, January 27th** the cost to mail a one ounce 1st Class letter is going up to **55¢**. The additional ounce cost is being reduced to only **15¢**. Postcards stay the same at **35¢**. Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express rates Flat Rate prices are also changing and two new stamps will be issued. See new issues listing on page two and five. **Buy Forever stamps NOW and save big!**

### Dues Notice!

Dues are due for 2019. \$10 for the award winning *Rockford Stamp Notes* in the mail and \$6 for email delivery. Plus you get to enjoy all your stamp friends twice a month and a Holiday Party!



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

**Sat-Sun Jan 19-20 MSDA Milwaukee Stamp Show**  
Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

**Sat Feb 9 Janesville Stamp Show**  
Janesville, WI. Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington PL. Hours: 9:30-4. Dealers, exhibits, auction, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

**Love Hearts Blossom**

1st Class Forever Rate  
 Pane of 20  
 Jun 10—San Juan, PR

Hearts Blossom is the latest stamp in the Love series from the U.S. Postal Service. The stamp art features the word “Love” in cursive script below 12 colorful hearts meant to visually express love’s joyful, bountiful nature. The color palette — red, purple, orange and pink — is intended to create a happy and positive feeling. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp.


**Year of the Boar**

1st Class Forever Rate  
 Lunar New Year Series  
 Pane of 12  
 Jan 17—Houston, TX

The Year of the Boar is the 12th and final stamp in the Celebrating Lunar New Year series. The Year of the Boar begins on Feb. 5, 2019, and ends on Jan. 24, 2020. The stamp art depicts several bright pink peach blossoms on a branch. Peach blossoms, which often bloom just in time for Lunar New Year, mark the beginning of spring in Chinese culture. Artist Kam Mak created this original painting. Art director and stamp designer Ethel Kessler incorporated elements from the previous series of Lunar New Year stamps — Clarence Lee’s cut-paper design of a boar and the Chinese character for “boar,” drawn in grass-style calligraphy by Lau Bun — to create continuity between the series.


**Gregory Hines**

1st Class Forever Rate  
 Black Heritage Series  
 Pane of 20  
 Jan 28—New York, NY

The 42nd stamp in the Black Heritage series honors Gregory Hines (1946–2003), whose unique style of tap dancing injected new artistry and excitement into a traditional American form. A versatile performer who danced, acted and sang on Broadway, on television and in movies, Hines developed the entertainment traditions of tap into an art form for a younger generation and is credited with renewing interest in tap during the 1990s. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp, which features a 1988 photograph by Jack Mitchell.

**California Dogface Butterfly**

70¢ Non-machineable  
 7th Butterfly stamp in the non-machineable series  
 Pane of 20  
 Jan 27—Kansas City, MO



The California dogface graces the seventh non-machineable butterfly stamp for use on irregularly sized envelopes, such as square greeting cards, invitations or announcements. The stamp art was digitally created using images of preserved butterflies as a starting point. The result is a highly stylized, simplified image of a California dogface (*Zerene eurydice*) rather than an exact replica. Nationally known artist Tom Engeman created the stamp art. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.

**U. S. Flag**

1st Class Forever Rate  
 Jan 27—Kansas City, MO



With this new 2019 stamp, the Postal Service celebrates the American flag, the most recognizable symbol of our nation. The stamp features a U.S. flag, one of several on the flagpoles near the end of Chicago’s Navy Pier, waving in a May breeze. The photograph was taken by art director Antonio Alcalá.

The stamp will be issued in a double-sided pane of 20 and coil rolls of 100.

See page five for the Priority Mail and Priority Mail Express stamps.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

As we close our albums for 2018 we are given the opportunity to make our stamp collecting New Year resolutions. There are so many options for us to choose from; finish that collection for which we only need a few more stamps or covers, start a new collection for a country we have never collected before, start a topical or thematic collection, finish (or start) that exhibit we have long been working on (or dreaming of), share our collection, and knowledge thereof, by doing a presentation for the club, promote stamp collecting amongst the young and old. These are only a few suggestions. If your collecting interests have become a little ho-hum, breathe some new life into your enjoyment of the hobby.

Thank you to everyone that attended our December Christmas party meeting and charity auction. **Through your generosity in donation of auction lots and some very spirited bidding and monetary donations we presented the Ken-Rock Kids with a check in the amount of \$255.** One lot had very spirited bidding between Tammy Copus and Jerry Van Alstyne (the successful bidder) that at \$72.00 accounted for nearly one third of the auction proceeds, kudos to both. **Thanks to all for the great food and treats.**

The election of officers and board of directors was also held at the December meeting. All current officers were re-elected to their respective positions. Give a big welcome to **Ted Gifford** to his new position on the board of directors. Thank you to the nominating committee for seeking out nominees and bringing the slate forward.

**Great news**, our new website has been launched as [rockfordstampclub.com](http://rockfordstampclub.com). As soon as it is released and becomes available we will also have rights to [rockfordstampclub.org](http://rockfordstampclub.org) and will maintain both. This is a totally new launch and is still under construction. Please visit the site and if you have any suggestions please present them at the meeting.

Remember our show is fast approaching, if you haven't volunteered to help in one of the several areas in which help is needed please do so. **Start getting your silent auction lots together, finish your exhibit, start saving your money for purchases to support our dealers.** This is our show and it is only as good as we make it. Spread the word and bring friends and family, especially those with a lot of money that like to spend it on Stamp Collecting!

Tim Wait will do his presentation on Civil War Revenue Stamps at the January 2nd meeting. Please consider doing a future presentation and don't forget to bring a show and tell. Also, remember you are allowed 10 lots at the Wednesday evening meeting auction, please consider bringing auction lots on Wednesdays, our numbers have been way down.

Thanks to Hank Fox for his Topical Corner article on James Cook. We will be looking for YOUR submission in an upcoming newsletter. You may also submit material on anything else you would like to share.

Happy New Year, see you January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## The Topical Corner - By Jim Stadermann

I collect Santa Claus stamps of the world. This is an interesting and fun topic to collect, and there are no specific Santa Claus stamps you have to collect. There is no Santa category within the American Topical Association (ATA). Christmas, yes; Santa Claus, no!

What is interesting to me is how many countries have come out with Santa Claus stamps. My collection at present includes about 30 countries. These include some places you wouldn't expect to find on the list like Cuba, Peru, Guinea-Bissau and Rwanda. But these places have good little boys and girls too!

The U.S. and Canada have more than 20 different Santa stamps. Also in double digits are Finland, Great Britain and Christmas Island. Finland has a lot of fun Santa Claus stamps. Some of Santa's elves in Finland are girl elves. They enjoy making toys too.

In Australia, Santa can be found surfing; on Ascension Island he is playing golf. In various countries he is in his sleigh, in an automobile, checking his list, reading letters, dancing with Mrs. Claus, roller skating or tending to his reindeer.

You never know what Santa may be doing, but for an old guy he really gets around!



Serbia #216



Isle of Man #157

US #2108



Cuba #532

Canada #1500



# United States Revenues - Their Purpose Illustrated by Tim Wait

**Motor Vehicle Use (RV) Stamps** for the Motor Vehicle Use Tax were used from February 1942 through June 1946. During World War II, there were serious wartime shortages, including gasoline. The US government imposed the tax to encourage people to use public transportation and to help pay for the war effort.

The new motor vehicle use tax stamps were gummed on the face, to enable them to be displayed on the inside of an automobile windshield. The back of each stamp had spaces for the automobile owner to enter the make, model, engine number. At 42 cents per month or five dollars per year, these stamps were a considerable expense for many Americans. At the time, the national minimum wage was about fifty cents per hour.

These vehicle use tax stamps were valid for one year, beginning on July 1 of the current calendar year and ending on June 30, of the following calendar year. The denominations varied, depending on how many months before the end of the fiscal year they were purchased, which created interesting amounts!

Revenue collectors prefer to collect these stamps in mint condition, as used examples are often discolored and mutilated.



Motor vehicle use tax US revenue stamps were produced from February 1942 through June 1945.

All of these tax stamps are offset printed, watermarked, and perforated 11. The central designs of the stamps feature the Liberty Bell.

The catalog details for stamps with gum on the back side are as follows: (1942 FEB - Sc. #RV1) - Light Green.

The catalog details for stamps with gum on the front side and inscriptions on the back side are as follows: (1942 MAR-JUN - Sc. #RV2-5) - Light Green.

The catalog details for stamps with gum and a control number on the front side and inscriptions on the back side are as follows: (1942 JUL 1943 JUN - Sc. #RV6-17) - Rose Red, (1943 JUL 1944 JUN - Sc. #RV18-29) - Yellow.

The catalog details for stamps with gum on the front side and inscriptions and control number on the back side are as follows: (1944 JUL 1945 JUN - Sc. #RV30-41) - Violet.

New, horizontal format, motor vehicle use tax US revenue stamps were produced from July 1945 through June 1946. All of these tax stamps are offset printed, watermarked, and perforated 11. They are gummed on the front side, and they have a control number and inscriptions on the back side. An example is shown above.

The vignette on each of these US revenue stamps features Daniel Manning (1831-1887), *US Secretary of the Treasury from 1885 to 1887*.

The catalog details are as follows: (1945 JUL—1946 MAY - Sc. #RV42-52) - Blue Green & Yellow Green.



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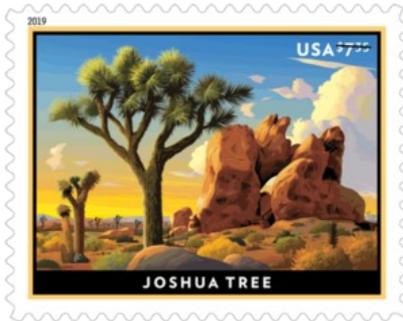


American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

**WEB SITE UPDATE - The website is being designed and should be up in this winter.**

### Joshua Tree

\$7.35 Priority Mail  
Jan 27—Kansas City, MO



Celebrating the desolate beauty of the Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) and its distinct desert environment, this Priority Mail stamp depicts a common scene throughout much of the Mojave and Sonoran Deserts. Using the bold colors of the sun's reflection off the trees, rocks, and other shrubby vegetation, artist Dan Cosgrove illuminates the desert scene in warm, golden hues. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp.

### Bethesda Fountain

\$25.50 Priority Mail Express  
Jan 27—Kansas City, MO



With this Priority Mail Express stamp, the Postal Service commemorates the Bethesda Fountain, one of Central Park's most iconic structures. Dedicated in 1873, the fountain is a gathering place beloved by New Yorkers and out-of-town visitors alike. The stamp art features a stylized depiction of the fountain. The illustration was first rendered as a pencil sketch and then scanned and finished digitally. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp with original art by Dan Cosgrove.



### Loaves Park Panthers Stamp Club

Below is the latest list of topics that members are looking for material to expand their collections. If you have anything in any of these areas that you would like to donate, please bring it to the meeting in January!

France - Sweden

Snakes - Cats - Frogs

Central African Animals

Elephants

Birds - Flowers

Butterflies - Sea Life

Planets - Space

Presidents - Cars

Any and all material relating to the above topics will be appreciated. Some are more advanced than others but Tammy helps them all with their exhibits.

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

The dealers in **RED** have already paid for their tables for the 2019 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. The others are listed as probable. Start putting together your want lists and let them know plenty of time before the show to make sure they bring what YOU want to see! You don't have to wait to see them at our show to continue building your relationship. Dealers are the backbone of philately, working hard to make sure we can fully enjoy our hobby!

**Rockford Coin & Stamp**  
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847-439-7614

**Fox River Stamps**  
Michael Mules  
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**Alroy Stamps**  
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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.

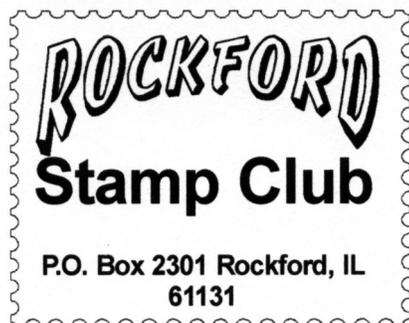
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



## January Meetings

**Wednesday Jan 2 — Tuesday Jan 15**

**With the new years brings new  
philatelic enjoyment!**

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