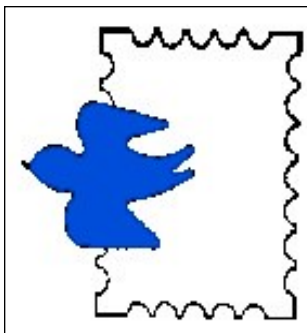


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Next VIRTUAL Meeting:

Wednesday, January 6th

7:00 pm - ZOOM Meeting

Wednesday, December 2nd: We had seven members and one guest call in. Dan Williams, a friend of Frank's, used to collect almost 40 years ago and he is now trying to disperse a friend's grandfather/father's collection. We gave him some advice on how to go about the process.

Bruce Marquart mentioned how he has acquired many new stamps using HIP Stamps, www.hipstamp.com. He likes the site and it is easy to use. Try it out if you are looking for an online source to add to your collection.

David Dini showed his Fountains of Italy collection. See page four for an example and more information.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo will NOT be held in March 2021 due to continued Covid-19 exposure. Even though we now have effective vaccines, they will not be widely available until summer.

2021 Dues Waived

Reminder: Due to the unique world we are now living in and the inability to have physical meetings, we will be **waiving the 2021 membership dues**.

Everyone will continue to receive *Rockford Stamps Notes* via USPS mail or Email.

Happy New Year 2021!

I'm sure everyone will be glad to put 2020 behind us! We're not ready to cheer yet but 2021 will certainly turn out better than 2020.

USPS's only New Year's stamp was issued for 2000, another year of uncertainty that turned out OK.



Virtual Meeting Wednesday, January 6th

Due to the Covid-19 situation we are not having in person meetings yet. We have scheduled a Virtual meeting for Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00PM.

To participate you will need to send an email to Frank Schmitt at prevent1@comcast.net no later than Tuesday, January 5th.

Frank will reply with the link to the meeting. On the day and time of the meeting, re-open his email and click on the link. If you have ZOOM loaded on your computer it should take you to the meeting.

If you have any questions about ZOOM, contact Frank at 815-226-4391 or Tim at 815-670-5869 (after 7pm).

Wednesday ZOOM Presentation

During a ZOOM meeting anyone can "Share their Screen" and show stamps, covers or make presentations from files or images on their computers. Everyone is welcome to have a show and tell, whether in a file to share or just hold it up to the screen for all to see. We look forward to seeing more members too!



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Most stamp clubs are canceling shows for the beginning of 2021. Some of them are still holding on to the hope of putting on a show in late spring or early summer. APS holds its annual show in August and next year it is in Chicago!

August 21-15, 2021 - Great American Stamp Show

American Philatelic Society. Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Rd. Rosemont.

This is the biggest annual U.S. show. It is held around the U.S. The last close show was Milwaukee in 2012.

There will be over 75 dealers, 800+ exhibit frames, and many seminars and society meetings. It will bring philatelists from all over the country and even other countries to Chicago for four days of enjoyment.

On November 17th the USPS released a listing of currently planned issues for 2021. In January there is already another issue for August Wilson that was not included in the original announcement.

Love
First Class Forever
 Pane of 20
 Jan 14—Loveland, CO



The Postal Service continues its popular Love series with a new stamp in 2021. The stamp art features a lighthearted and colorful digital illustration with the word “LOVE” and three large hearts shown in an unconventional palette of color duos, strikingly set against a dark blue background. Greg Breeding was art director; Bailey Sullivan created the original art and designed the stamp.

Brush Rabbit
Additional Ounce (15c)
 Pane of 20
 Coil of 100
 Jan 24—Sacramento, CA



The art features a pencil-and-watercolor illustration of a brush rabbit from pre-existing artwork by Dugald Stermer (1936-2911), an influential magazine designer and wildlife illustrator.

The brush rabbit lives mostly west of the Sierra Nevada range and south of the Oregon-Washington border.



Barns
First Class Postcard (36c)
 Pane of 20
 Coil of 100
 Jan 24—Barnesville, GA

Four postcard stamps celebrating the beauty of American Barns will be issued January 24. Each stamp depicts a different season. A round barn surrounded by hazy light and warm colors of fall, a gambrel-roofed barn in summer, a forebay barn in an early spring countryside and a Western barn on a winter’s night. Ashley Walton designed the stamps with original artwork by Kim Johnson. Greg Breeding was the art director.



Castillo de San Marcos
cos
\$7.95 Priority Mail
 American Landmark Series
 Jan 24—Barnesville, GA

The United States Postal Service will continue its American Landmarks stamp series in 2021 with a new stamp to be issued in January that shows a historic Florida fort.

The \$7.95 Castillo de San Marcos stamp will fulfill the new rate for the most commonly used version of the Priority Mail flat-rate envelope. That new rate is expected to go into effect Jan. 24. The new stamp is the 25th in the American Landmarks series. All of the stamps in the series feature illustrations by Dan Cosgrove.

A stamped envelope with the same design is anticipated but has not been announced by the Postal Service.

The Castillo de San Marcos historic fort is located in St. Augustine, Fla. “Castillo de San Marcos was for many years the northernmost outpost of Spain’s vast New World empire,” according to the National Park Service’s park brochure. “It is the oldest masonry fort and the best-preserved example of a Spanish colonial fortification in the continental United States.”

There will surely be more surprises in the USPS 2021 stamp program from the issues shown in December *Rockford Stamp Notes*.



August Wilson
First Class Forever
 Pane of 20
 Black Heritage Series
 Jan 28—Pittsburgh, PA

One of America’s greatest playwrights, Wilson is hailed as a trailblazer for helping to bring nonmusical African American drama to the forefront of American theater. Wilson collected innumerable accolades for his work, including seven New York Drama Critics’ Circle Awards; a Tony Award, for 1987’s “Fences”; and two Pulitzer Prizes, for “Fences” and 1990’s “The Piano Lesson”. Wilson will be the 44th honoree in the Black Heritage series.

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

As we close our albums on a nearly virtual everything in 2020, hope is on the horizon for a better 2021, although it may be a slow start. Regretfully, we have had to cancel the 2021 Rockford 1-2-3 Stamp Expo. There are just too many "ifs" putting us at risk of having to cancel later or suffering a huge dollar loss in our show account, including venue, dealers, state and local restrictions regarding gatherings, safety measures that may have to be put in place, and attendance. We may possibly consider looking into having a bourse only later in the year, if feasible.

Even with the vaccine being distributed and administered it is too early to determine when we can meet in person and resume our normal meeting activities. Things are running slower than expected with vaccinations and now there is the new strain to contend with as well. We will meet as soon as health officials determine it is safe. Please be patient and understanding. We are protecting ourselves and each other.

If you haven't yet, it is time to put some ZOOM in your life, especially the Rockford Stamp Club Zoom Meeting. The December ZOOM meeting had the typical number of attendees but was a great meeting with a great presentation on *The Fountains of Italy* presented by David Dini. David took a small number of stamps and put together a fantastic and descriptive album/exhibit of the stamps with a great backstory of how it came to be. The presentation was really a great inspiration of how to research, display and share some of the stamps in your collections and promote the hobby. Great job David and a big thanks for sharing. Personally, I have learned more about some of our members and their collecting interest and beyond from these ZOOM meetings than I could have ever anticipated. Please join us, I guarantee it doesn't hurt. A big thank you to Eric Welch for hosting our "unlimited time" meeting.

I have been fortunate to maintain a COVID-19 free status to date, however that was not the case of my computer. It was infected by COVID-19, or a mutation, and resulted in a complete loss of all data on the computer. Apple had to wipe the computer clean and reinstall the operating system which resulted in the loss. Now I am unable to access the backed-up files/data on the external hard drive for unknown reasons with no resolution at this time. Then the virus decided to attack a water valve causing a slow leak that went undetected for 2 days and saturated the carpeting in my "office/stamp room". There was little water damage to my stamps and related collectibles and at first glance it appears little or no damage from the high humidity level but that is still being assessed. Moral of the story, back your computer up to the "cloud" in addition to external hard drives and have a water/moisture sensor alarm to protect your prize (?) possessions. Both prevent hair loss as well (keeps you from pulling it out).

A big thanks to Tim Wait for continuing to publish such great (award-winning) newsletters and keeping us up to date in the happenings within the hobby. Also, a big thanks to Hank Fox for all his work in keeping us apprised on the happenings with Ken-Rock Community Center and maintaining an open line of communication with them to coordinate our return for meetings (and for maintaining our funds).

Don't forget to ZOOM with us on January 6th at 7 PM. You are welcome to share a show and tell, a story, or what is happening with your collection (you can just listen in too).

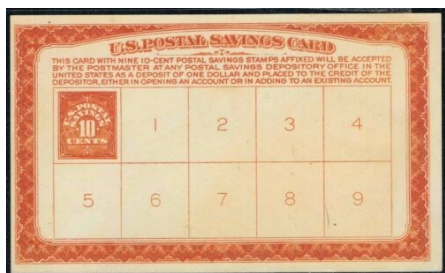
Happy collecting and stay safe.

Postal Savings Stamps (PS) by Tim Wait

Postal Savings Stamps were issued from 1911-1941. Meant as a way for ordinary citizens to save small incremental sums of money by purchasing the stamps and affixing to a USPOD issued booklet. When filled they could be redeemed for U.S. Savings Bonds. Twelve stamps in three designs and two imprinted cards were issued.



PS1 Orange
Jan. 3, 1911
PS4 Blue
Aug. 14, 1911



PS2 Orange 137x79mm
PS5 Blue 133x78mm
Issued Jan. 3, 1911

PS6 Blue
Perf 11 1936



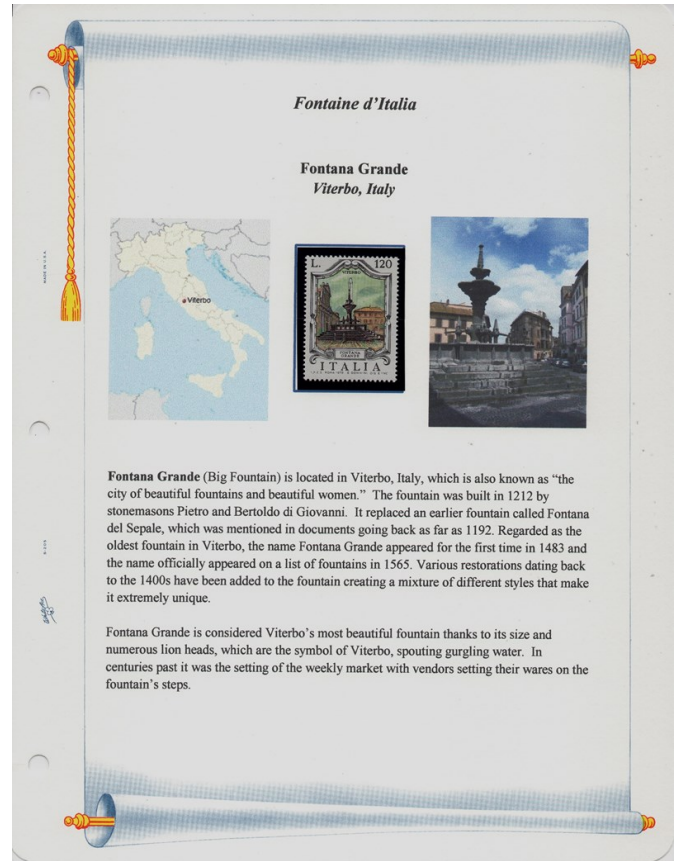
Issued 1940
PS7 10c blue
PS8 25c red
PS9 50c blue green
PS10 \$1 gray black



Issued May 1, 1941
PS11 10c red
PS12 25c blue green
PS13 50c ultramarine
PS14 \$1 gray black
PS15 \$5 sepia



Fountains of Italy by David Dini



From 1973 through 1979 Italy produced a series of stamps depicting the "Fountains of Italy". Three different stamps were issued each year for a total of 21 stamps ranging in value from 25 to 170 lira. Each stamp represented a famous fountain from a different city in Italy. These stamps continue to be collectors' items today.

Year	Value (Lira)	City	Italian	English
1973	25	Naples	Fontana Dell'Immacolatella	Fountain of the Immaculate Conception
1973	25	Palermo	Fontana Pretoria	The Praetorian Fountain
1973	25	Rome	Fontana di Trevi	The Trevi Fountain
1974	40	Bologna	Fontana Del Nettuno	The Fountain of Neptune
1974	40	Florence	Fontana Dell'Oceano	The Fountain of the Ocean
1974	40	Perugia	Fontana Maggiore	The Large Fountain
1975	70	L'Aquila	Fontana Delle 99 Cannelle	Fountain of 99 Spouts
1975	70	Milan	Piazza Fontana La Fontana	The Fountain in Fountain Square
1975	70	Sassari	Fontana Del Rosello	The Fountain of the Rosello
1976	170	Gallipoli	Fontana Antica	Ancient Fountain
1976	170	Verona	Fontana Di Madonna Verona	The Fountain of Madonna Verona
1976	170	Genoa	Fontana di Palazzo Doria	Fountain in the Palace of Doria
1977	120	Gorizia	Fontana Pacassi	Fountain of Pacassi
1977	120	Isernia	Fontana Fraterna	The Fraternal Fountain
1977	120	Palma	Fontana Della Palma	The Palm Fountain
1978	120	Fano	Fontana Della Fortuna	Fountain of the Fortune
1978	120	Genzano di Lucania	Fontana Cavallina	Fountain Cavallina
1978	120	Trento	Fontana Del Nettuno	The Fountain of Neptune
1979	120	Issogne	Fontana Del Melograno	The Pomegranate Fountain
1979	120	Acqui Terme	Fontana La Bollente	Fountain of the Boiling Water
1979	120	Viterbo	Fontana Grande	Big Fountain

David's collection is mounted on White Ace printed pages. He shows the stamp, it's location on a map and a picture of the actual fountain. Each page gives the history of the fountain and other facts.

Twenty-five years ago David went to Italy with his daughters and wandered into a small stamp shop in Rome. He decided to buy the collection and did a wonderful job of creating a philatelic keepsake!

Thank you very much David for sharing this with us on our call.

David used his other hobby, woodworking, to create this map of Italy and placed the fountain stamps on their locations. Very nice tie in to a fun collection.

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

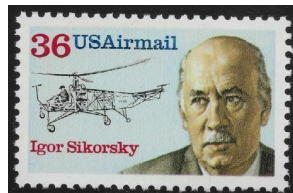
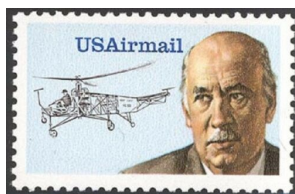
WEB SITE UPDATE - Please take a moment to go to our webpage listed above. We need to do some updates but what else would you like to see? Please let us hear your comments.
Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

Missing Color Errors on US Stamps by Tim Wait

Below are some fun and interesting missing color errors on US stamps. These are usually not as affordable as the perforation errors shown in November but can still jazz up your album pages with stamps varieties.



Scott #1547b
Orange & Green omitted



Scott #C119 var.
Red omitted



Scott #1945e
Dark green missing from left stamp

Scott #2482a
Black omitted
Hank's Favorite Stamp!



Scott #1826a
Red, brown & Blue omitted



ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Dealers

See below for the intended 2020 dealer lineup and some of our regular dealers who had other commitments planned. We had one new dealer 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.

As almost all shows have been canceled, our dealer friends have not been able to go to shows to buy and sell. Please contact your favorite dealer or two and let them know 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

W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

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

Wayne Youngblood
WYstamps.com
Prairie Du Sac, WI
608-370-9098

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

Double J Stamps
Jeff
Arlington Heights, IL
847-843-8700

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.

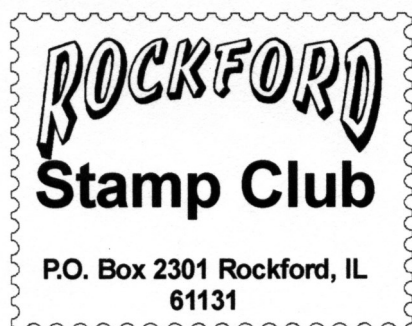
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



Still NO Physical Meetings Planned!

ZOOM online meeting planed for:

Wednesday, January 6th at 7pm

See inside on page one for details