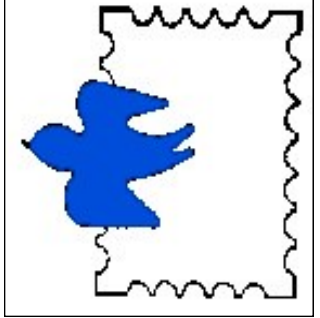


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Monthly meeting/auction at Ken-Rock Community Center, 625 Adams St., Rockford, IL

### Wednesday, January 5

5:30 pm - Buy, sell and trade  
View auction lots  
7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

### Tuesday, January 18

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

**Wednesday, December 1st:** The December meeting is a blur in everyone's memory! **Tim Wait** missed the meeting so he has nothing to report. Sorry folks!

2022-3 Elections were held. All Officers and Board Members continued for another term.

The donation auction and additional donations raised \$375 for Ken-Rock Kids. See President's Message on page three for more info.

Everyone enjoyed that treats and goodies. Thank you all for the treats and being so generous!

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

**You know who you were....thank you!**

**Attendance commentary...** our attendance has been significantly down at the Wednesday night and Tuesday morning meetings. We know there are still some of you who are uncomfortable coming out and that is good you are taking care of yourself and family by being safe.

Unfortunately with the Omicron variant spreading extremely rapidly we all need to take additional steps to stay safe. We will continue to follow all state mandated and facility mandated policies. The amazing spread of Omicron has started to impact everything around us. Thousand's of flights have been cancelled due to staffing. Many other businesses are being disrupted too. Now is the time to be safe and careful. Hopefully, we'll all be able to get together soon at the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, after this wave goes through!

### **Member Health and Welfare**

Reporting on our members...

**Gerry Van Alstyne** reports he is continuing to look for relief. On January 5th he will be having a hepatobiliary iminodiacetic acid (HIDA) scan which is an imaging procedure used to diagnose problems of the liver, gallbladder and bile ducts. Good luck Gerry!

**Tuesday, December 21st:** Only nine members made it out for the Tuesday meeting. No snow so where were you! Four members we don't see that often came from distant Illinois places. **Michael Burdett** from Woodbine, **David Dini** from Davis, **Dan St. Jacques** from Roselle and **Jim Stadermann** from Winslow.

Don't forget about all the auction fun camaraderie to be had at the Tuesday meetings.



### **Upcoming Area Stamp Shows**

#### **Sat-Sun Jan 15-16 MSDA - Milwaukee**

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport. 6401 s. 13TH St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission. (Contact: Michael mules 414-234-9867, msdastampshow.com)

#### **Sat-Sun Jan 29-30 MSDA - Chicagoland**

St. Charles, IL. Kane County Fairgrounds-Robinson Hall, 525 S. Randall Rd. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission. (Contact: Michael mules 414-234-9867, msdastampshow.com)

#### **Sat Feb 12 Janesville Stamp Show**

Janesville, WI. Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Place. Hours: 9:30-4. 12 dealers, exhibits, free admission. (Contact: Aimee Devine 608-758-1354, spanishmoss72@sbcglobal.net)

#### **Sat-Sun Feb 19-20 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo**

Loves Park, IL. Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lane Rd (Hwy 173). Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. 13 dealers, competitive exhibits, daily silent auction, free admission.

**Spread the word if you are interested in going to one of these shows. Ride sharing with other members can be a big savings and fun!**

**Blueberries**
**Make Up 4c**

Pane of 20

Coils of 3,000 &amp; 10,000

Jan 9 - Findlay, OH



The new 4-cent Blueberries stamp features a pen, ink and watercolor illustration of a cluster of blueberries and leaves. Blueberries will join other similarly designed low-denomination stamps: **1-cent Apples, 2-cent Meyer Lemons, 3-cent Strawberries, 5-cent Grapes and 10-cent Pears.**

**US Flags**
**First Class Forever (58c)**

Pane of 20, Booklets of 20

Coils of 100, 3,000, 10,000

Jan 9 - Findlay, OH



The latest U.S. flag stamp art is a painting of three flags in a circular formation, reminiscent of the 50 flags encircling the Washington Monument. The artist used three photographs of the same flag taken seconds apart as reference and stitched together the images into a single composition. **Findlay was officially recognized as "Flag City, USA" on May 7, 1974.**

Two new Love stamps celebrate the joy that flowers bring. Inspired by old European folk art, the stamps feature digital illustrations with similar designs: three round, stylized blooms ranging symmetrically along the top, with smaller round blossoms in each of the lower corners. Twisting vines, which hold small multi-petaled flowers, form abstract heart shapes. The letters of the word "LOVE" are interspersed among the decorative vines.

The Postal People remind us that, while the stamps are being issued in advance for use on Valentine's greetings, the Love theme can be applied all year round. The town was named Romeo because the founders wanted something romantic. On February 14 of each year, the village of Romeo offers a special dual postmark with the community of Juliette, Georgia.

**Love Flowers**
**First Class Forever (58c)**

Pane of 20

Jan 14 - Romeo, MI


**Lunar New Year**
**Year of the Tiger**
**First Class Forever (58c)**

Pane of 20

Jan 20 - New York, NY



The third of 12 stamps in the latest Lunar New Year stamp series celebrates the *Year of the Tiger*. Calling to mind the elaborately decorated masks used in the dragon or lion dances often performed in Lunar New Year parades, this three-dimensional mask depicting a tiger is a contemporary take on the long tradition of paper-cut folk art crafts created during this auspicious time of year. The tiger mask design incorporates colors and patterns symbolic to the holiday.

The tiger is the third of the 12 zodiac animal signs associated with the Chinese lunar calendar. As with other zodiac signs, personality traits and other attributes are often associated with people born in the year of a particular animal. Those born during the Year of the Tiger may be seen as brave, confident and well-liked by others. Blue, orange and gray are lucky colors for Tigers, and yellow lilies and cineraria flowers may also bring good luck.


**Edmonia Lewis**
**First Class Forever (58c)**

Pane of 20

Jan 26 - Washington, DC

The 45th stamp in the Black Heritage series honors sculptor Edmonia Lewis (circa 1844-1907). As the first African American and Native American sculptor to achieve international recognition, Lewis challenged social barriers and assumptions about artists in mid-19th century America. The stamp art is a casein-on-wood portrait of Lewis, based on a photograph taken in Boston between 1864 and 1871.

The work of Lewis during her prolific career evokes the complexity of her social identity. Known by an Ojibwe name that translated into English as Wildfire, she made and sold crafts for tourists for part of her childhood when she lived with her aunts near Niagara Falls, NY.

In 1865, Lewis sailed for Europe and settled in Rome, where she created marble neoclassical sculpture that often incorporated African American and Native American subjects.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! What an honor it is to be a member of such a kind and generous group, the Rockford Stamp Club. Through your generous donations of lots for the December auction that benefits the Ken Rock kids, active and competitive bidding, and generous donations in addition to the auction proceeds, a check in the amount of \$375.00 was presented to Ken Rock. This is reportedly their sole funding source for the kids Christmas party. Thank you again for such great support.

Our December meeting also hosted our election of officers and directors. Big surprise, no changes. Next election will be December of 2023, get your nominations in early. Thank you to the nomination committee for their hard work and due diligence in presenting us with a slate of nominees for the election.

We have closed our albums for 2021 and now prepare to reopen them and continue in our joy of stamp, cover, and postal history collecting in whatever aspect we endeavor. It may even be the year to start collecting in a new area or tackle that exhibit to be shared with fellow collectors and the public starting at the 2023 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo!

Collecting has had its challenges over the past two years and it appears that may continue into a third year. The format changed from in-person shows to extensive use of the internet and the many sources of stamps through that venue. Shows have been making a slow comeback with many dates and venue changes due to mandates concerning COVID-19 and its many variants. The shows I attended over the past year, small and large, seemed to be fairly-well attended and it appeared the dealers were happy with the results of the shows, especially with some of the purchases they were able to make. As a result of confinement, a good number of dormant collectors were motivated to dig out their old collections and become involved in this great hobby again. Some good has come from so much bad.

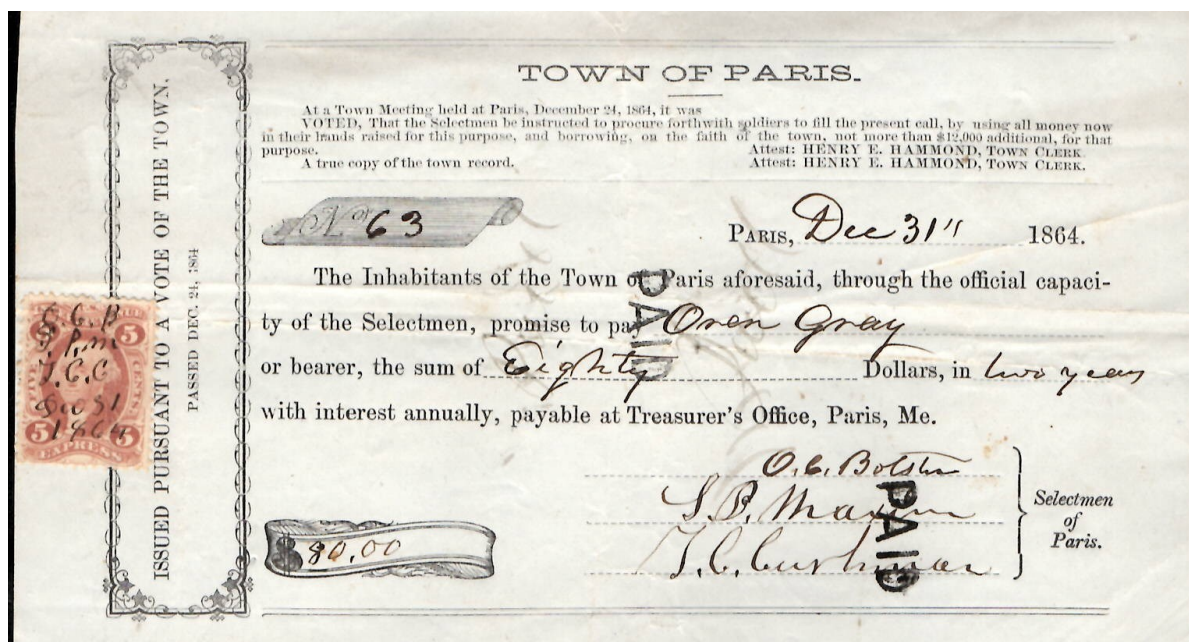
We continue to prepare for Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo scheduled for February 19-20, 2022. Dealer contracts are coming in and hopefully we will meet our minimum to make the show economically positive. COVID could still throw a curve at us but so far so good. We will need volunteers to make this show successful so please share some of your time with us in the many areas of need. We are still planning on the silent auction so continue to prepare your lots (\$5.00 minimum starting bid), 10 lots per day.

We will continue to have our in-person meetings and will abide by current COVID-19 mandates or venue requirements, whichever is more restrictive. Please consider attending for friendship and fellowship, participate in the buy, sell, trade, and of course the auction. Presentations are always welcomed and don't forget an item (or more) for show and tell. Remember, we aren't a club without the most important member, YOU!

Keep in mind the upcoming shows in the area and if possible, share a ride if attending. Our show is fast approaching so maybe save your money to support the dealers at our show.

Looking forward to seeing you soon and happy collecting!

## Civil War Revenue Tax 1862-1872 - Tim Wait



### Paris, ME

...the Selectmen be instructed to procure soldiers to fill the present call, by using all money now in their hands raised of this purpose, and borrowing on the faith of the town.

Paying \$80 in two years with interest for service as a Union soldier

Inland Exchange ( Promise to Pay). Dec 31, 1864. \$80 payable in two years, tax 5¢ per \$100.

# Central America Part 4 - El Salvador - Tim Wait



## Introduction

Central America was first visited and partially subjugated by Europeans from Spain in the 1500's. They partially controlled the region but continually fought with the British in theatres here and world wide! Today Central America is made up of seven countries. Below is their date of first stamp issuance.

- Costa Rica - 1863
- Honduras - 1865
- Nicaragua - 1862
- El Salvador - 1867
- Guatemala - 1871
- Panama - 1878
- Belize - 1981 (formerly British Honduras)

We will start from their first stamp issues - Classic Period to current. **Let's move on to El Salvador, 1867.**

El Salvador, listed under S in Scott's catalog. San Salvador is the capitol to an estimated 6.8 million peoples.

The first stamps issued in 1867 depicted Volcano San Miguel on multi-color denominations of ½, 1, 2 and 4 reales.

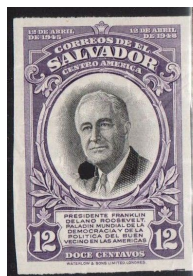


El Salvador issued a second volcano design in 1879, followed by an allegorical figure and another volcano from 1887 to 1892. They are really proud of that volcano!

El Salvador was very conservative with a run of statutes, places and famous men thru the early 1920's. Of course with many issues being overprinted with new denominations to use up the ample supplies that were being printed and went unsold.

In 1948 they issued a bi-colored set of six postage, seven airmail and one souvenir sheet commemorating Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Shown at right is an imperf specimen of #608. Note the circular punch which was common for specimen stamps at the time.



By 1970 they were up to Scott #817. By 2004 they were up to a reasonable #1607. Not as waste full as other Central American countries!

Their airmail policy was much more aggressive with issues up to #C546 from 1929 to 1990! Here is a nice one.



1941 Juan Lindo, Gen, Mallespin and the New National University of El Salvador.

El Salvador differed in their airmail stamp policy in that starting in 1956, the majority of their airmail stamps were the same designs as their postal issues.

Postage due numeral stamps were issued from 1895-1900 and then commemorative postage dues until 1910 Note "Franqueo Deficiente", Postage Insufficient.



There must have been a lot of official mail as 368 stamps, mostly overprinted, were issued up to 1964! Parcel Post, 1895 Q1-5, and Postal Tax stamps, RA1-4 from 1931, round out their postal issues.



Above, the four Postal Tax stamps which were obligatory, in addition to regular postage with the proceeds used to erect a new post office in San Salvador.



Last but not least! Above is a beautiful early 20th century Postal Card that puts those issued by the United States to shame!

Next month Guatemala.

# Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

[www.rockfordstampclub.com](http://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 tell us your comments.**  
Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

## 2021 Cost to Collect U.S. Stamps Drops Significantly

*As reported in Linn's Stamp News, January 18, 2022.*

The cost to collect US stamps and postal stationery dropped by nearly \$30 in 2021. The total single-stamp cost for collectors was down to \$75.34 compared to \$195.94 in 2020 and \$101.35 in 2019.

Most of the drop was due to only one \$7.95 Priority Mail stamp being issued vs multiple issues for \$34.10 in 2020 and \$32.85 in 2019.

The \$7.95 Priority Mail stamp issued Jan 24, 2021.



The last four years of Commemorative stamps averaged \$36.06 with 2021 just above the average at \$38.59. The number of commemorative designs in 2021 was 69 vs the four year average of 65.

Envelopes and cards have also dropped significantly since 2012 when the USPS was issuing stamped Priority Mail envelopes. 2012-2021 averaged \$8.74 vs 2007-2010 cost of \$55.87!

Of course, in order to get one of each stamp at the post office you are often required to buy full panes and booklets adding a huge cost.

That is one of the things that has driven many collectors out of the market. They have to buy all these panes and booklets with no way to use all the excess postage. You can still go to your favorite new issues dealer but you will pay for the service of stocking the issues.

And of course you don't need to collect every stamp but holes in your printed album pages can be very annoying! In my opinion 2021 was made up of many unnecessary, unattractive and puzzling issues!

One issue that I think will get a lot of use is the Happy Birthday Forever stamp issued September 9. This is the first Forever Happy Birthday that can be reprinted and live on for many years. Shown below is stamp with the beautiful USPS Color Digital postmark.



## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2022 Dealers

So far we have **eight dealers** coming to the show! We're confident more will be sending in their applications as the deadline isn't until mid-January. It will be 23 months since Rockford 2019 so we're sure they will have lots of new material for you to consider adding to your collection! Contact them before the show for your special needs! **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

**Terry Kurzinski**  
Cherry Valley, IL  
815-262-9117

**David Alex**  
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847-291-7826

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**Jerry Wessler**  
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**John Phols**  
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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, 625 Adams 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.

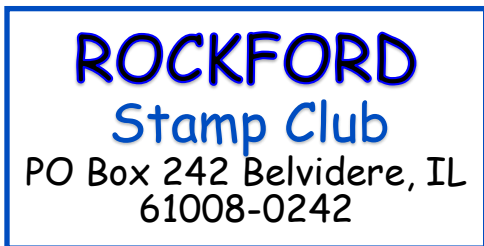
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1991 Perry Arnquist Emeritus	1999 Dwane Kaplenk*
1992 Evert Thelene *	2000 Thomas Johnston
1993 Donald Arnquist	2001 Mike Peters
1994 Otto Ehlers *	2002 Craig Edgington
1995 Dick Wibom *	2003 Earl Button
1996 Dan Hammell *	2004 Timothy Wait
1997 Robert Rosell *	2012 Tim Gallagher *
1998 Matt Mace	

\* Closed album



**IN-PERSON Meetings are BACK!**

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