

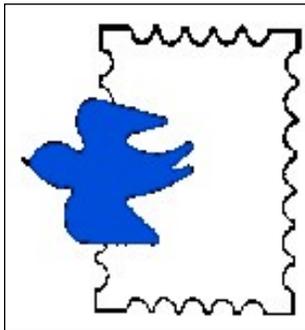
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, March 6, 20189

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

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

1st Wednesday Update: The Wednesday February 6th meeting was cancelled due to icy conditions. Unfortunately the building landlords don't maintain their parking lot very well and the officers determined it was too dangerous to have our members on the lot or the road late at night. All the members that we have phone numbers for were contacted. If you did not get a call please make sure to give your number to Hank.

Show & Tell....I'm sure everyone had something great to share. Please bring it to the March meeting.

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday February 19th get together had 17 members on board and 101 lots at auction. We earned \$\$19 from club lots and \$31 from the sellers lots.

The meeting room is available later now so we are going to start the meeting at 9:30 and the auction at 10:00am. You can all sleep in a half hour later!

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

March 9-10 next weekend!

Everything is in place for a GREAT SHOW! Even though we didn't meet last month, information was sent out to distribute for our advertising. Our dealer line-up has had a couple changes with **Al Lenz** finally having to retire. **John Steele, John's Stamp Den** will also not be able to attend due to health issues. We wish both of them the best.

There is still more for YOU to do. Have you **signed up to help at the reception table**? Got your **auction lots** ready to go? Planned to **arrive at 8am to help with setup**? Can **help with the auction** Saturday or Sunday? Willing to **stay a little late on Sunday for takedown**?

All these things add up to help our dealers and guests enjoy the show. **We need YOU to make it successful!**

We want to see ALL our members having a good time!

Wednesday Night's Program

Show and Tell night extravaganza **redux!** You've had an extra month to find something to bring and share with your fellow members. **We want to see YOUR name listed as a participant next month!**



Think Spring!

Everyone must be tired of our winter weather this year! It's been harsher than most.

Eventually we will see spring flowers like these depicted on US Scott #3900-3 issued March 15, 2005.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Fri-Sat-Sun Mar 22-24 ASDA Chicago Show

Oak Brook Terrace, IL. Holiday Inn Oakbrook terrace, 17W350 22nd St. Hours: Fri-Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Apr 6-7 MSDA Spring Show

Wheeling, IL. Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. Ramada Inn, 1090 S. Milwaukee. Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, free admission.

Sat Apr 6 PARFOREX 209

Flossmoor, IL. Park Forest Stamp Club. FCC Community House, 847 Hutchinson Rd. Hours: 10-5. 10 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

Star Ribbon

1st Class Forever Rate
Coils of 3,000 and 10,000
Panels of 20
Mar 22—Oakbrook Terrace, IL
ASDA Midwest Stamp Show



The **Star Ribbon** is a First Class Forever rate stamp designed to meet the needs of business mailers. The artwork features a digital illustration of a star made of red, white and blue ribbon. The white space in the middle of the ribbon creates a second smaller star. According to the Postal People, “the tri-colored ribbon, folded into a patriotic symbol, is intended to evoke the connectedness of the American people.” The stamp will be sold in coils of 10,000 and in panels of 20. Greg Breeding was the art director. Aaron Draplin designed the stamp and created the artwork.

Marvin Gaye is the subject on the latest stamp in the Music Icons series, The “Prince of Soul”—one of the most influential music performers of his generation is seen in a portrait of Gaye inspired by historic photographs. The stamp pane is designed to resemble a vintage 45 rpm record sleeve. One side of the pane includes the stamps, brief text about Gaye’s legacy, and the image of a sliver of a record seeming to peek out the top of the sleeve. Another portrait of Gaye, also inspired by historic photographs, appears on the reverse along with the Music Icons series logo. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp pane with original art by Kadir Nelson.



Marvin Gaye
Music Icon Series
1st Class Forever Rate
Pane of 20
Apr 2—Los Angeles, CA

Coral Reefs

1st Class Postcard Rate 35¢
Coil roll of 100 Pane of 20
Mar 29—St. Louis, MO



Coral Reefs are the subject of four new postcard stamps that celebrate the beauty and wonder of coral reefs. Each stamp depicts a type of stony coral, along with associated reef fish, in a highly stylized manner: elkhorn coral, shown with two French angelfish; brain coral, with a spotted moray eel; staghorn coral, with bluestriped grunts; pillar coral, with a coney grouper and neon gobies. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps. Tyler Lang created the stamp art.



Post Office Murals. A sneak peak at a fascinating design of stamps that will be issued in April!

The **Star Ribbon** and **Coral Reefs** stamps will be issued at two stamps show in reach of Rockford collectors. The Star Ribbon will be issued at the ASDA Spring Show in Oakbrook Terrace March 22nd. The Coral Reefs will be issued at the St. Louis Stamp Expo March 29. First day of issue ceremonies can be a fun philatelic event. Why now take advantage of one or both of these Midwestern events!

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It's **SHOW TIME!** Hopefully everyone is ready for the 2019 Edition of the **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo**. This will be the last meeting before the "big show" and it will be your last opportunity to sign-up for one of the many volunteer opportunities for one or both days of the show (we won't turn you down the day of the show). It will also be your last chance to pick-up silent auction lot forms (much easier to prepare prior to the auction). You may also sign-up for the banquet (you can sign up and pay by noon Saturday, March 9th) at Stockholm Inn and join us in friendship and fellowship. The awards ceremony will be part of the banquet.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature yielded a heavy hand the days prior and day of our February meeting and causing the cancellation. Weather conditions alone were enough cause but more importantly Ken-Rock Community Center advised us the parking lot was a sheet of ice and was treacherous for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. As important as our hobby is to us, it does not warrant the exposure to potential injury.

A big thank you to Tammy Copus for her Topical Corner article on stamps of Disney. Remember to submit your article to Tim for inclusion in the newsletter. We do not have a program for this meeting night so everyone please bring a show and tell. This should be easy because you did not get to present your show and tell for the February meeting.

Remember to spread the word about our upcoming show. Bring your friends, neighbors, relatives, a big want list and **MONEY!** A successful show depends on you; from volunteering, exhibiting, purchasing, attending the banquet, and promoting the hobby.

Mother Nature willing, see you Wednesday night.

The Topical Corner - By The Grand Master

Chess on Stamps—is another popular topic that has been around a long time and has been featured on stamps from many countries. Of course, the most famous chess match was the 1972 World Championship between Bobby Fischer of the U.S. and Boris Spassky of the USSR. It was dubbed "The Match of the Century"!

Fischer was the first American born citizen to win the World Championship and peaked the interest of chess in the U.S. and turned thousands of children and adults into avid players.

The reason you look at these matches probably was not so much the chess factor but the political element, which was inevitable because in the Soviet Union, chess was treated by the Soviet authorities as a very important and useful ideological tool to demonstrate the intellectual superiority of the Soviet communist regime over the decadent West. That's why the Spassky defeat was treated by people on both sides of the Atlantic as a crushing moment in the midst of the Cold War.



Iceland #442



Bulgaria #1015
1958 World Student's Chess Games

Unused ticket for game 24 as the match ended after Game 21.



Russia #2676
1962



Hungary 1992
Chess Players



Rockford Stamp Club—2018 Linn's Popularity Poll

The results are in for our unofficial poll. Eleven ballots were turned in at the Tuesday morning auction only since the Wednesday February 6th meeting was cancelled. Not everyone voted in each category and some voted twice in a category. Once Linn's publishes the official results we'll compare. Thank you for voting!

Overall our members were quite diverse in their tastes here with the only run away leaders being Scooby-Do in the Least Necessary commemorative and Statute of Freedom in the Most Important definitive.

Commemorative Stamps

Best Design:

Bioluminescent Life	3
The Art of Magic	2
Illinois Statehood	1
Mister Rogers	1
O' Beautiful	1
Scooby Doo	1
World War I: Turning the Tide	1
Honoring First Responders	1

Most Important:

World War I: Turning the Tide	3
Sally Ride	2
O' Beautiful	2
Honoring First Responders	2
Illinois Statehood	1
STEM Education	1



Worst Design:

John Lennon	3
Year of the Dog	2
Bioluminescent Life	2
The Art of Magic	2
Dragons	1
Hot Wheels	1

Least Necessary:

Scooby-Doo	6
Hot Wheels	3
The Art of Magic	1
Dragons	1



Definitive and Special Stamps

Best Design:

Statue of Freedom	3
Birds in Winter	3
Sparkling Holidays Santa	3
Love Flourishes	1
Sleeping Bear Dunes	1
Madonna & Child	1

Most Important:

Statue of Freedom	6
Madonna & Child	2
U.S. Flag	1
Peace Rose	1



Worst Design:

Peace Rose	2
Frozen Treats	2
Kwanzaa	2
Sleeping Bear Dunes	1
Poinsettia	1
Birds in Winter	1
Madonna & Child	1

Least Necessary:

Frozen Treats	4
Lemon	2
Sparkling Holiday Santa	2
Love Flourishes	1
Kwanzaa	1
Hanukkah	1



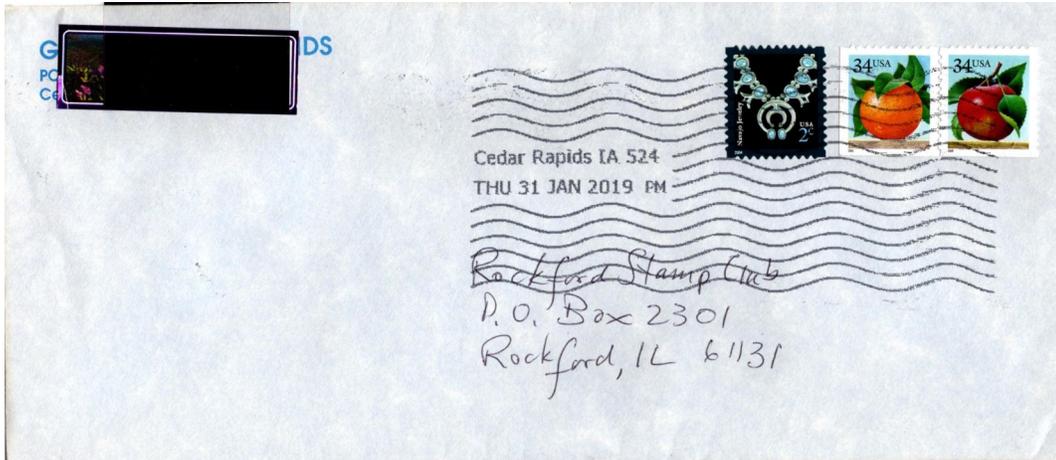
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WEB SITE UPDATE - The website is being designed and should be up in this winter.

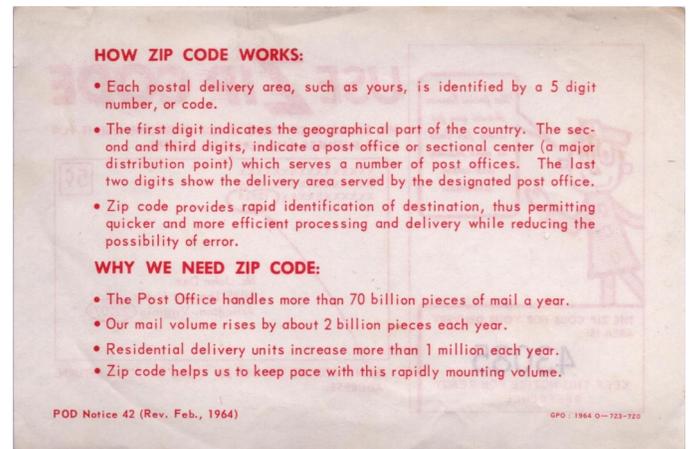
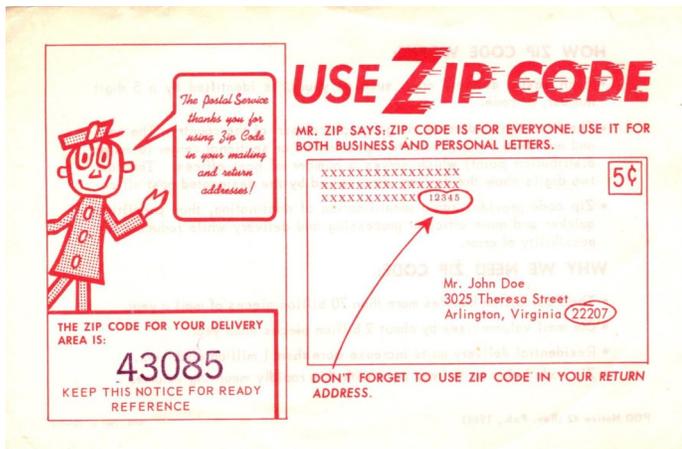


Sprayed-On Postmark

The USPS has a new postmark/cancel in use in Cedar Rapids, IA. This monster measurers 4-5/8" wide by 2" tall!

Is this a new sprayed-on postmark for philatelic mail with multiple stamps? Ha ha! Has anyone seen this type of cancel on their mail?

Just in Case You Forgot How Zip Code Works (from Feb 1964)



ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2019 Dealers

The dealers are all set for the 2019 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. 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!

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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.

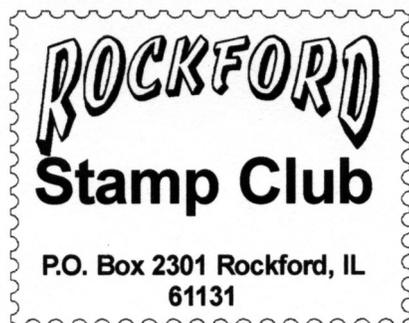
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



March Meetings

Wednesday Mar 6 — Tuesday Mar 19

Rockford Stamp 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

**Forest Hills Lodge
March 9-10**

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