

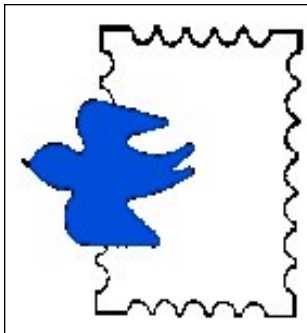
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

6:00 pm - Buy, sell and trade

View auction lots

7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

9:30 am - Buy, Sell and trade

View auction lots

10:00 am - Auction

Wednesday, February 5th: only **16** members braved a snowy night to enjoy the meeting and auction.

Short business meeting with talk of the Show the highlight. **See page five for more show info.**

Building Update: although the building has been sold and Ken-Rock is moving they are still working on getting their new property in shape. We will continue meeting at our current location until further notice.

Happy February 5th Birthday to Hank Fox!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Jeff Hall** - Rockford company H. W. Buckbee, proprietors of "Rockford Seed Farms" and Forest City Greenhouses" postcard with attached reply and a THIRD section. Color card mailed in 1912.
2. **Ted Gifford** - brought his certified UXC1a postal card. This card is printed in deep red instead of red orange. **Tim Wait** brought some more UXC1 postcards and an Ott Light, a true light for examining stamps to illustrate the difference. The UPSS Postcard Catalog lists Light orange-red, orange-red and deep red. With the light we could see the difference's in Ted and Tim's collection.

Good & Welfare: Gerry Van Alstyne is home and doing well. Best wishes to all for a speedy recovery. Note received from **Dave Dini**. Around Thanksgiving he suffered a detached retina in one eye and had to undergo surgery. Can't drive at night yet but he's hoping to get to the next Tuesday meeting.

No Mystery Raffle so no winner!

Wednesday Night Programs

We continue to look for members willing to do a presentation at one of our Wednesday night meetings. What could you share with your fellow members? Five minutes to twenty, anything philatelic. What do you say?

Tuesday, February 18th: 17 members and one guest, Norm from Dundee, came out to bid on 121 auction lots! This is the first time the Tuesday meeting had more members attending than the Wednesday night meeting!

The First Postage Stamp - 1840

The One Penny Black (May 6) gets all the publicity but Great Britain also issued a Two Penny Blue the next day (May 7)!



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Feb 29-Mar 1 Stampfest '20

Milwaukee, WI. St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1441 So. 92nd St. Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15 dealers, free admission.

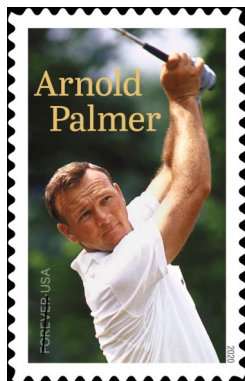
Sat-Sun Mar 21-2 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

Rockford, IL. Forest Hills Lodge 1601 W. Lane Rd. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. 13 dealers, exhibits, HUGE silent auction, free admission.

Fri-Sat-Sun Mar 20-2 ASDA Midwest Stamp Show

Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Holiday Inn Chicago Oakbrook, 17 W 350 22nd St. Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 15+ dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!



Arnold Palmer
First Class Forever Rate
Panes of 20
Mar 4—Orlando, FL

This stamp honors champion golfer Arnold Palmer (1929–2016). With drive and charisma, he helped transform a game once seen as a pastime for the elite into a sport enjoyed by the masses, with “Arnie’s Army” leading the way. The stamp features James Drake’s photo of Palmer at the 1964 United States Open at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, MD. The issue site and date of the stamp is Wednesday, March 4 at the Bay Hill Club during the 2020 Arnold Palmer Invitational. During a nearly decade-long period beginning in 1958, Palmer led the PGA Tour in yearly money winnings four times; twice earned PGA Player of the Year honors; and was a member of six victorious U.S. Ryder Cup international competition teams.

Palmer was successful businessman, lending his name to many ventures that included his favorite drink, a mix of iced tea and lemonade known today as an “Arnold Palmer”. He was also a founder of the Golf Channel and endorsed a line of sportswear and apparel bearing his name. Palmer died at age 87 on September 25, 2016.

This stamp celebrates the 200th anniversary of Maine statehood. Nicknamed the Pine Tree State, Maine was part of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts until 1820, when it voted to secede from Massachusetts to become a separate state. The 150th Anniversary was celebrated with a 1970 stamp. On March 15, 1820, under the Missouri Compromise, it was admitted to the Union as the 23rd state. American painter Edward Hopper was among the many prominent artists who sought the tranquility of the state’s coastal towns during the summer. His painting “Sea at Ogunquit” (1914) captures the rugged beauty characteristic of Maine. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.

Maine Statehood
First Class Forever Rate
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Mar 15—Augusta, ME



The USPS has issued matching wedding stamps for a number of years. The 70c Two ounce rate stamp is used to mail the invitation and the 55c Forever stamp is used to pre-stamp the reply envelope. This years set shows wedding flowers in a very complimentary way.



Contemporary Boutonniere is a new Forever stamp similar in design to the new 2-ounce Garden Corsage stamp. In addition to wedding RSVP cards, it can be used for party invitations, thank-you notes, birthday cards, and other occasions. The stamp features a photograph of an arrangement of a burgundy mini-cymbidium orchid bloom, a succulent and a touch of green hydrangea, accented with loops of variegated lily grass, as arranged by floral designer Carol Caggiano and photographed by Renée Comet. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp.

Contemporary Boutonniere
First Class Forever Rate
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Apr 2—Crestwood, KY

The Postal Service introduces Garden Corsage, a new 2-ounce stamp similar in design to the Contemporary Boutonniere 1-ounce rate stamp. It can accommodate the weight of heavy invitations as well as mailings such as small gifts that require extra postage. The stamp features a photograph of a corsage containing a spray of peach roses and a pink ranunculus, accented with deep-pink heather and seeded eucalyptus. A cream-colored lace ribbon entwines the flowers. The corsage was arranged by floral designer Carol Caggiano and photographed by Renée Comet. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp.



Garden Corsage
70c Two Ounce Rate
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Apr 2—Crestwood, KY

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It's that time of year and you can feel it in the air. Spring? Yes, but more importantly the Rockford Stamp Expo 2-3-4. With that in mind it is time to sign-up on the volunteer sheets if you haven't already, put the finishing touches on your exhibition, prepare your silent auction lots, complete and verify your personal want list for your collections, save up for your purchases. Remember to allow time to visit all of the dealers and enjoy YOUR Stamp Expo and bring family and friends. We are still working on the location of the banquet and will hopefully have that information out soon.

I was able to attend the Janesville Stamp Show on February 8th and saw many familiar (Rockford Stamp Club) faces there. It was a very nice show, well attended, with some dealers that we do not see at our show. The Janesville Club is very appreciative of our support and I am sure we will see many of their members at our show, please make them feel as welcome as they did us.

I was remiss last month in not offering a thank you to our auctioneers, Steve Capone and Matt Mace, for the great job they do at our club auctions, thank you, gentlemen. This past Tuesday morning auction offered many lots and exhibited some very spirited bidding amongst the members. Thanks to both sellers and buyers for supporting our club auctions.

Remember to bring your show and tell to the Wednesday meeting to share with all. Thanks to Ted Gifford and Tim Wait for the great show and tell and short presentation on UXC1a, the first Airmail Postcard "red" color error, featuring Ted's certified copy and Tim's numerous non-error and color variation examples for comparison.

Happy Collecting!

1920 in U.S. Philately by Tim Wait

The austerity of WWI caused a long drought for US commemorative stamps. The last stamps before the war were issued in 1913 for the Panama-Pacific Exposition held in San Francisco from Feb. 20 - Dec. 4, 1915. Everything issued from then until the Victory Issue on Mar. 3, 1919 was just the USPOD tinkering with papers, perforations and watermarks on those beloved Washington-Franklins.



Finally in 1920 an event anniversary came up that had to be commemorated. On Nov. 19, 1620 N.S., the passengers of the *Mayflower*, after two months at sea, sighted Cape Cod. This was truly the beginning of permanent European colonization of what would become the United States of America.

Three stamps were issued Dec. 21, 1920 for the Tercentenary (300 year) anniversary. The stamps were for the postcard rate, letter rate and UPU international letter rate in the UPU prescribed colors for each rate.



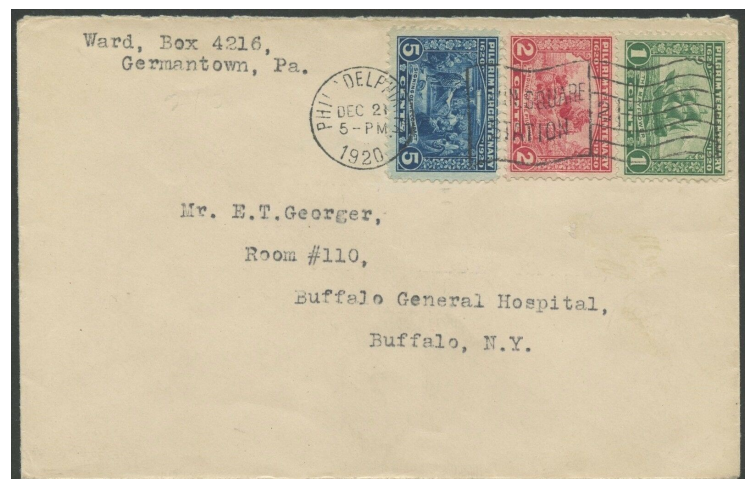
The designs showed:

- 1c The Mayflower in full sail
- 2c Landing of the Pilgrims
- 5c Signing the Compact

A mint set cats about \$44 with MNH at \$100.

First Day covers were not popularized until 1923 when George Linn created cacheted envelopes for the Warren Harding issue.

A three stamp franking from any city cats \$2,250!



First Day Cover Dec. 21, 1920 (eBay \$1,800)

Semi-Postal Stamps by Tim Wait

A semi-postal stamp or semipostal stamp, also known as a charity stamp, is a postage stamp issued to raise money for a particular purpose (such as a charitable cause) and sold at a premium over the postal value. Typically the stamp shows two denominations separated by a plus sign, but in many cases the only denomination shown is for the postage rate, and the postal customer simply pays the higher price when purchasing the stamps.

The first semi-postal stamps were issued by New South Wales in June 1897 and were quite beautiful! Issued on the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The amount over postal value was donated to a fund for a home for consumptives (a wasting disease, especially pulmonary tuberculosis).



Semi-postal stamps became popular in European countries in the 20th century. This became a simple way to raise funds from the general public a few cents at a time. What follows is a selection of European semi-postal issues.



Iceland - Apr. 28, 1933 - Scott #B1-4

Receipts from the surtax were sent to a fund for use in various charitable works as depicted, Sea Rescue Work, Children Asylums and Aged Asylums.



Germany - May 1, 1919 - Scott #B1-2

The surtax was used to assist the WWI wounded soldiers.



Italy - 1915-1916 - Scott #B1-3

Italian Flag - Italian Eagle Bearing Arms of Savoy



Austria - Oct. 4, 1914 - Scott #B1-2

Emperor Franz Josef

The stamps were sold at 2 Heller over face value.



Belgium- June 1, 1910 - Scott #B1-8

Est. Martin of Tours Dividing His Cloak with a Beggar
The surtax benefited the national tuberculosis organization.

Some Belgium stamps had a unique feature from 1893 to 1912 which included a small tab which said "Do Not Deliver on Sunday". If your religious beliefs were that Sunday was holy and should not be disturbed, you left the tab on. If it was not an issue with your or the recipients beliefs, you could take the tab off and the letter could be delivered on Sunday. Yes, many countries had Sunday mail delivery. Ah the good old days!

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

WEB SITE UPDATE - The NEW website was unveiled January 2019! We have started adding content including past issues of *Rockford Stamp Notes* and pictures. **Please let us know your comments. Tim & Frank - webmasters.**

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - March 21,22, 2020

This is our last newsletter before the show. Are you ready to support YOUR club and have a great stamping weekend?

- ◆ Did you sign up for a one hour shift at the registration table? It's fun to greet our visitors and put them at ease.
- ◆ Did you get your auction packet from Frank? The highlight of the show for many, a great opportunity to buy and/or sell philatelic treasures.
- ◆ Is this the year you will finally enter a 16 page exhibit? See Tim for forms and assistance. Deadline March 4th.
- ◆ Did you contact your favorite dealer, see page five, to make sure he brings what you want?
- ◆ Don't forget, set up is at 8am Saturday and we can always use more help to make it go smoothly.
- ◆ Take down of the exhibits is at 3pm Sunday. It's a lot easier than set up?
- ◆ We expect to see EVERYONE at the show having fun!

Hildago Del Parral, Mexico - May 13, 1931

This cover has it all!

- Airmail
- Special Delivery
- Certified
- Postal Tax stamp



Certified oval postmarks
and fantastic certified seal!



15 cent - Domestic Airmail - Scott #C22
20 cent - Special Delivery - Scott #E2
20 cent - Certification - Scott #655 x 2
1 cent - Postal Tax - Scott #RA8

Total stamp catalog value!
\$1.05
All together on one
cover

A beautiful multi-color cover with three services and a special service stamp. Postal Tax stamps were compulsory from 1925 to about 1950. The money obtained from their sale was used for child welfare work.

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2020 Dealers

See below for the 2020 dealer lineup. We have 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.

You'll note that some of our regular dealers are not attending this year due to a) the change of date b) MSDA show in Chicago the same weekend or c) health. Hopefully they will be back next year. **Please contact them now to be sure they know your collecting interests and wants and can come prepared to get you 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

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

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

Riverbank Treasurers
Jerry Wessler
New Lisbon, WI
608-515-6150

Win Schaeffer
Flossmoor, IL
708-715-4321

James Newland
Peoria, IL

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.

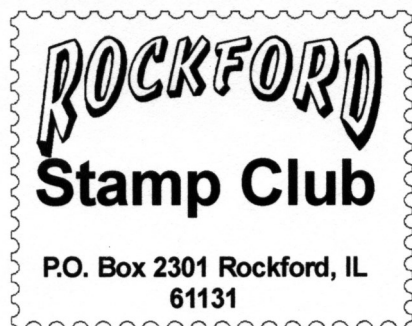
The 2020-2021 Club Officers

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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 4 - Tuesday Mar 17

**Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo
March 21-22**

**Mark your Calendar now.
Get ready to support YOUR show!**