

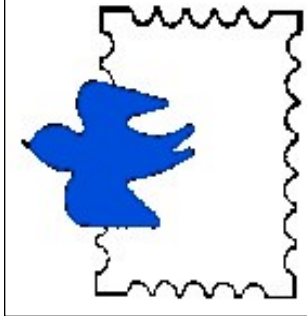
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 15

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

Wednesday, February 2nd: 10 members so attendance is increasing! Maybe we'll see YOU at the next meeting.

We discussed all the late preparations for the Show. Everything was ready to go in two weeks.

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - a) 1838 Post Office check, b) non-philatelic but fun, sheet music from the 1917 Camp Grant Septet!
2. **Tim Wait** - U.S.P.O.D. forms from 1962-1963 telling a rural delivery customer he needed to fix the ruts and put his name on his mail box!

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo February 19-20

Saturday was cold and windy, but clear. Sunday we all warmed up with the high above 50! Nice weather for February. Big crowds built through the morning on Saturday and it stayed steadily busy until later in the afternoon. We had a nice banquet at the Stockholm Inn where we announced the winning exhibits. See list on page 5.

The auction was very well stocked with pretty good sales from members and dealers. WIFR 23 came out and we had a nice spot on 6:30 and 10pm news Saturday night.

Overall the dealers were satisfied with their sales. We had 70 people sign in on Saturday plus quite a few who didn't. On Sunday there were fewer but over all attendance was pretty comparable with 2018-2019 at an estimated 120.

We had eight 2-3-4 frame exhibits in competition. Rob Henak had to cancel judging Friday night due to storm damage but Kathy Johnson filled in.

It was GREAT to see many members who have not been regularly attending the Tuesday or Wednesday meetings. Hopefully you all can make it to a meeting soon.

Tuesday, February 15th: eight members came to bid on 62 lots. Covid-19 is still keeping many members inside and staying safe.

Global Pandemic Issue of the Month



2020 Stop the Pandemic

São Tomé and Príncipe, is an island country in the Gulf of Guinea, off the western equatorial coast of Central Africa.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Mar 12-13 Stampfest '22

Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza-Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only, free admission. Contact: Robert J. Mather; 262-968-2392; burrobob@wi.rr.com

Sat Mar 12 Moline Stamp Fair

Moline, IL. Faith Lutheran Church, 1611 41st St. Hours 9-3. Nine dealers and 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!



Title IX
First Class Forever (58c)
 Pane of 20
 Mar 3 - Washington, DC

This stamp release commemorates the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX, the civil rights law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in any educational program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. Applied at educational institutions over a wide range of programs, its most visible impact has been on school athletics. Four different stamps feature dark blue silhouettes of one of four female athletes: **a runner, a swimmer, a gymnast and a soccer player. Yellow laurel branches, symbolic of victory, rest in their hair and on the swimmer's cap.**

Mountain Flora
First Class Forever (58c)
 Booklets of 20
 Coils of 3,000 & 10,000
 Mar 14 - Alpine, WY

These four new stamps celebrate the beauty of mountain flowers. Each Mountain Flora stamp features a different flower: a purple pasqueflower, an orange-red wood lily, a bright yellow alpine buttercup and a dark pink Woods' rose. The artist's hand-drawn illustrations, refined digitally, create a block-print aesthetic.



Tulips
First Class Forever (58c)
 Pane of 20
 Mar 24 - Mount Vernon, WA



The Tulips Forever stamp features a luminous, almost ethereal assortment of overlapping tulips in red, orange, yellow, purple and white against a bright white background. Similar in design to the 2-ounce Sunflower Bouquet stamp, this stamp can be used on RSVP envelopes often enclosed with wedding invitations. In addition to regular correspondence, it is also perfect for party invitations, thank-you notes and important announcements. This stamp was designed by art director Ethel Kessler, with digital photography by Harold Davis.



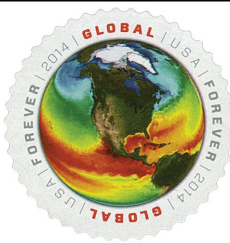
This round, Global stamp can be used to mail a 1-ounce letter or postcard to any country to which First-Class Mail International service is available. It will have a postage value equivalent to the price of the single-piece First-Class Mail International 1-ounce machineable letter in effect at the time of use (\$1.30 as of January 1, 2022).

The latest version of the Global Forever Rate issues features the intricate design of a colorful African daisy, photographed from above. Native to southern Africa and often called the African daisy, plants from the *Osteospermum* genus are widely available in U.S. nurseries. Greg Breeding designed the stamp with existing photography by Cindy Dyer. William Gicker was the art director.

African Daisy
Global forever (\$1.30)
 Pane of 10
 Mar 14 - Kansas City, MO



#4740 First Global
 Forever Stamp
 Jan. 28, 2013



#4893
 Apr. 22, 2014



#5058
 Feb. 22, 2016

Global Forever Stamps

01/28/2013	#4740	\$1.10	Earth
10/24/2013	#4814	\$1.10	Christmas Wreath
04/22/2014	#4893	\$1.15	Sea Surface Temperatures
10/23/2014	#4936	\$1.15	Silver Bells Wreath
02/22/2016	#5058	\$1.20	Moon
04/28/2017	#5198	\$1.15	Echeveria
08/26/2018	#5311	\$1.15	Poinsettia
04/24/2020	#5460	\$1.20	Chrysanthemum
03/14/2020	#	\$1.30	African Daisy

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

We did it, we did it, we did it! We hosted a successful Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. While it certainly was not without its challenges, from the uncertainty of COVID-19 mandates, our significant change of dates, fading memories of how we did some things in the past, we were successful in our endeavor. A big **THANK YOU** to each member and dealer that made the show a show. I would like to name each member by name for their help but in the fear of missing someone I won't attempt to embarrass myself.

It was so good to see many faces that have not been attending meetings due to various reasons. The opportunity to catch up with everyone on what is going on in their life and world of stamp collecting was tremendous. Our longtime member Tom Johnston from Green Bay even made an appearance on Sunday afternoon. Many, many, other familiar faces, members and non-members made appearances along with several new faces which is encouraging for the hobby.

Although the internet is handy and allows us to purchase just about anything we may need for stamp collecting, you just can't beat personal attendance at a stamp show. The interaction between fellow collectors and dealers is immeasurable. The opportunity to look at multiple copies/offerings of that particular stamp or supply and compare and select the one that best suits your need has no comparison to an online transaction. The expertise and experience of not one, but many, knowledgeable dealers is right there in front of you and available for no fee.

A quick thank you to everyone that participated in the silent auction whether it be as sellers, buyers, or both. While sales were down from previous years it was still a success and drew a fair number of participants.

A more detailed report about the show will be forthcoming as final tallies are still being made.

Our attendance numbers for our Wednesday meetings and Tuesday auctions are still very low. We (the officers and board members) are in hope that it is weather and COVID related and will improve in the very near future. We are only one more full moon from spring. If there is some other reason that you are not attending, i.e., location, day of week, time of day, lack of programs, or some other issue, please let us know. We do miss you and look forward to seeing you again. We still seem to have an adequate number of auction lots (some nice lots) and some spirited bidding can take place as well. If stamps and camaraderie won't bring you out, would coffee and donuts or beer and peanuts do the trick? Consider bringing a friend or neighbor to the meeting with you next time.

Not to beat a dead horse or lick a used stamp, but as always, your articles for the newsletter are more than welcome as would be any program you may want to share. Bring that show and tell and share the wealth of your knowledge.

Stay safe, stay well, stay with us, and happy collecting!

Civil War Revenue Tax 1862-1872 - Tim Wait



Certificate of Stock - May 11, 1869

Oil Creek & Allegheny River Rail Way Company

25c Insurance stamp pays the 25c Certificate tax applicable to all Stock Certificates.

Incorporated under a special act of Pennsylvania on 17 April 1861 as the **Warren and Tidoute Railway**, it changed its name first to the **Warren and Franklin Railway** on 31 March 1864, and finally to the **Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railway** on 26 February 1868, when it was consolidated with the Oil Creek Railroad, the Farmers Railroad, and the Oil City and Pithole Railroad.

Beautifully engraved detail showing a train, steamboat, and other elements.



The company was sold at foreclosure on 29 December 1875, and was acquired 8 February 1876 by the Pittsburgh, Titusville and Buffalo Railway, which eventually became part of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railway and the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2022



A nice crowd at Steve Capone's table



Michael Mules of Fox River Stamps explaining the intricacies of philately!



Judges Kathy Johnson & Tim Wait hard at work.



Chris Gustafson and Bill Lothary looking at the HUGE Silent auction.



Terry Kurzinski having fun with a customer!



Collectors Club of Chicago members at the Banquet. Jerry Nylander, Kathy Johnson, Terry Kurzinski, Melanie Rogers and Tim Wait.



David Alex making the sale!



Jim Bardo's table with lots of customers including Bruce Marquardt.

As you can see, we had a busy Saturday at the show with brisk business at the dealer booths. We had a nice time at the Saturday banquet. Overall the show went pretty smooth and the dealers all left saying they would plan to return next year!

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 tell us your comments.
Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Awards

Grand Award and Large Gold

Dining Cars – Epicurean Pleasure on the Rails
Bill Schultz

Large Gold

German Postal Agencies in Morocco
Larry Gardner

The Burma Republic New Currency Period 1953-1962
Michael J. Ley

Gold

The US 8 cent Stamp Collecting Issue of 1972 – A Stamp for Stamp Collectors
Kathy Johnson

British Radio Broadcast and Television License Revenues – A Tax and Its Curious Enforcement
Kathy Johnson

also

Collectors Club of Chicago – Gold Medallion

A big THANK YOU to all the exhibitors who supported our show by sharing their exhibits.

Large Vermeil

The Book of Hours – A Medieval Best Seller
Susan Jones

also

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor

Melvil Dewey – An American Library Pioneer & Social Reformer
Larry T. Nix

also

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor

Silver

The 1961 Tourist Set of Greece
Evangelos Kobotis

also

Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award

Jury

Kathy Johnson – Galena, IL
Tim Wait – Rockford, IL

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2022 Dealers

We had **ten dealers** signed up for the show. Unfortunately Bill Burdick had to cancel at the last minute due to his wife's illness. The dealers were all busy Saturday and making good sales. Sunday was slower but still some nice business being made. **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

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Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

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W. H. Burdick
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Fox River Stamps
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Gold Path Covers
Xian (Shawn) Xu
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Double J Stamps
Jeff
Arlington Heights, IL
847-843-8700

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Jerry Wessler
New Lisbon, WI
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Thank you to Josh and Amy from the Elkhorn, WI, Post Office for bringing a great selection of stamps.

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.

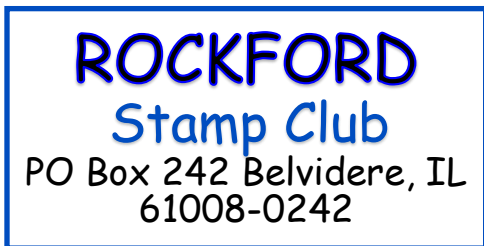
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



IN-PERSON Meetings are BACK!

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Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.