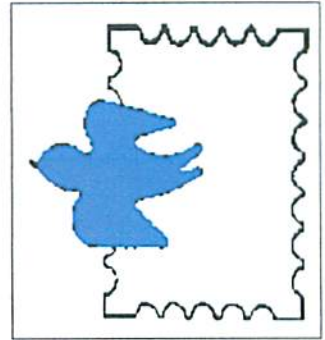


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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

1st Wednesday Update: The Wednesday April 6th business meeting was attended by 24 members and one guest wanting to sell a collection. Treasurer's report showed a \$222 Profit on the show.

The issue with the Rockford Post Office and the commemorative cancel not being ready was discussed. For 2017, Ted G. is talking about the 100th anniversary of WWI. Tim W. will assist with getting the cancel for next year.

Our webhost is raising the fees so we will probably be going with a new hosting company.

Washington 2006

This beautiful souvenir sheet was issued for Washington 2006. It reproduces the three high values of the 1922 regular issue showing the *Lincoln Memorial*, *U.S. Capitol* and *Head of Freedom, Capitol Dome*. Very fitting stamps for a World show in DC. Plus it had a face value of \$8! Smart marketing by the USPS. See the stamps for the New York show on page three.



3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday April 19th get together we had 21 members, almost more than Wednesday night! 130 lots generated \$46.15 income.

We were glad to see so many of our members at the Madison show on April 10th. Over 10 members were spotted and Tim W. was judging the exhibits.

Hungary-May Day 1961

May Day is an ancient sprint festival in the northern hemisphere and a traditional spring holiday in many cultures. Dances, singing, and cake are usually part of the celebrations that the day includes. It's earliest appearance was in pre-Christian times.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Apr 30-May 1 - WISCOPEX 2016

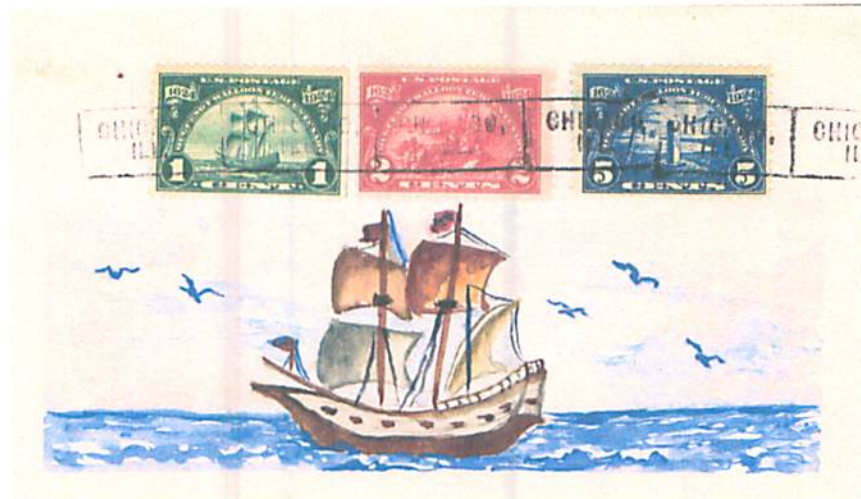
Fond du Lac, WI. Holiday Inn, 625 Rolling Meadows Dr. Hours Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 20 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Fri-Sun May 20-22 - COMPEX 2016

Arlington Heights, IL. Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Rd. Hours Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. 50+ dealers, over 100 exhibits, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

What is a Huguenot-Walloon and Why Were Stamps Issued?



Hand Painted by Julie Betjeman

Did you ever ask yourself that question? Why did the United States Post Office Department (USPOD) issue stamps in their honor?

A **Huguenot**; French: is a member of a French Protestant denomination with origins in the 16th or 17th centuries. Historically, Huguenots were French Protestants inspired by the writings of John Calvin (*Jean Calvin* in French) in the 1530s, who became known by that originally derisive designation by the end of the 16th century. The majority of Huguenots endorsed the Reformed tradition of Protestantism.

Barred by the government from settling in New France, Huguenots led by Jessé de Forest, sailed to North America in 1624 and settled instead in the Dutch colony of New Netherland (later incorporated into New York and New Jersey) A number of New Amsterdam's families were of Huguenot origin, often having emigrated as refugees to the Netherlands in the previous century. Source: Wikipedia.

A **Walloon**; French: is a French-speaking people who lived in Belgium, principally in Wallonia. Walloons are a distinctive ethnic community within Belgium. Walloons are the descendants of Gallo-Romans with Germanic Frankish admixture.

In 1678, a small but brave group of French-speaking Huguenot-Walloon refugees from what is today southern Belgium and northern France set out to create a community of their own and so began an American story that continues today. Source: Wikipedia.

On May 1, 1924, these three stamps were issued to commemorate the role of European Protestants in colonizing America. They were issued for the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Huguenot-Walloons and the founding of the Presbyterian or Reformed Church of America.

The set is similar to the 1920 Pilgrim Tercentenary issue.

The 1¢ stamp depicts a likeness of the *Nieu Nederland*, the main ship in a fleet of two or three that carried the emigrants from Holland, landing in Hudson River country in May or June 1624.



The 2¢ stamp shows a group of *Walloons Landing at Fort Orange*, on the banks of the Hudson River.



The 5¢ stamp shows a stone pillar known as the *Jean Ribault Monument*, which was installed at Mayport, Florida, which is now part of Jacksonville. This was the site of Fort Caroline, the French Huguenot establishment established by Rene Laudonniere in 1564, that failed and ended disastrously.



All three stamps were issued May 1, 1924 in Washington, D.C. and 10 different cities: Albany, NY; Allentown, PA; Charleston, SC; Jacksonville, FL; Lancaster, PA; Mayport, FL; New Rochelle, NY; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; and Reading, PA.

What is a Huguenot-Walloon and Why Were Stamps Issued?

Due to so many church groups, congressmen and organizations involved by the sponsoring committee, it was inevitable that there would be a clamor for inclusion as first-day cities. This was by far the most cities that had ever been designated as first-day sites.

The origination of the First Day Cover (FDC) was for the Harding Memorial issue of 1923 so FDC preparation was still in its infancy. Most FDC's of the time were not cacheted. At right is a Philadelphia FDC with all three stamps of the set.



May 9, 1924, just eight days after issue, used by the Post Office Department, Division of Stamps, to mail a stamp purchase using Registered Mail. Registration 10c and postage 2c for a one ounce letter.

U.S. 2016 New Issues

World Stamp Show-NY 2016
May 28—New York, NY



Held approximately every ten years, the first International Philatelic Exhibition to be hosted by the United States was held in New York City in 1913. These souvenir sheets commemorates the 11th International stamp show to be held in the U.S., from May 28 to June 4, 2016, at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. The designs are based on the two stamps issued in 2015 to announce the upcoming World Stamp Show-NY 2016 and inviting philatelists and amateur stamp enthusiasts to attend. Two sheets of 12, one red and one blue.

World stamp Show-NY 2016 promises to be a visual wonder for the philatelist.

Repeal of the Stamp Act
May 29—New York, NY



This issue commemorates the 250th anniversary of the repeal of the Stamp Act, British legislation that galvanized and united the American colonies and set them on a path toward revolution. The act required payment of a tax on a wide array of paper materials, such as newspapers, pamphlets, legal documents, licenses, mortgages, contracts, and bills of sale. A stamp would be embossed on these papers to indicate payment. The stamp art depicts a crowd gathered around a "liberty tree" to celebrate the repeal of the Stamp Act. The selvage area displays a proof print of a one-penny revenue stamp and includes a famous slogan from the era: "Taxation without representation is tyranny," a theme that has once again become popular with some groups of citizens. Sheet of 10.

U.S. 2016 New Issues

Honoring Extraordinary Heroism

May 30—New York, NY



This issue continues a Postal Service tradition of honoring the bravery and achievements of members of the U.S. Armed Forces. Previous issues having depicted the Medal of Honor, these new stamps honor recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross (Army), Navy Cross (Navy and Marine Corps), Air Force Cross, and Coast Guard Cross. These decorations are awarded for acts of extraordinary heroism in which an individual braved enemy fire, made bold decisions, and took selfless actions to rescue or protect fellow service members. Pane of 12.

Views of Our Planets

May 31—New York, NY



Pluto

May 31—New York, NY



This issue showcases some of the more visually compelling full-disk images of the planets obtained during this era of space exploration. All eight planets are shown; Pluto, no longer a "planet", is not.

Some stamps show the planet's "true" color—what we might see with our own eyes if traveling through space. Others use colors to represent and visualize certain features of a planet based on imaging data.

Still others use the near-infrared spectrum to show things that cannot be seen by the human eye in visible light. The verso text explains the images and identifies the space crafts and telescopes that helped obtain them. Pane of 16.

This issue recognizes the history-making first reconnaissance of Pluto in 2015 by NASA's New Horizons mission. This souvenir sheet contains two new stamps. The first stamp shows an artist's rendering of the New Horizons spacecraft. The second shows the spacecraft's striking image of Pluto near its closest approach.

The view, which is color-enhanced to highlight surface texture and composition, is a composite of four images from New Horizons' Long Range Reconnaissance Imager, combined with color data from the imaging instrument Ralph. It clearly reveals the now-famous heart-shaped feature. Sheet of four.

Classics Forever

June 1—New York, NY



Issued in celebration of the long history of U.S. postage stamps, this souvenir sheet features new versions of six of America's earliest stamps, re-issued as Forever stamps to make them easily distinguishable from the mid-19th-century originals.

The selvage is composed of cancellations and script from envelopes contemporaneous with the stamps on a buff-colored background with a textured look intended to evoke stationery of the period. The inner border is meant to be reminiscent of a star-spangled patriotic bunting. Sheet with six designs.



WEB SITE UPDATE - We are looking to get more information on the Website. Please log on and take a look. Contact Webmaster, Ted Gifford with any comments or bring it up at a meeting.

National Parks Centennial

June 2—New York, NY



This set of 16 stamps celebrates the Centennial of the National Park Service. This a preview of **Arcadia National Park, Bar Harbor, Maine**. The complete set of 16 will be in next month's issue

This double sided booklet of 20 stamps contains 10 different designs that are meant to be reminiscent of the Mexican craft of "papel picado". This translates to "pierced paper," although the stamps themselves do not have the paper pierced. According to the Postal People, the intricate designs on the stamps, which show birds, flowers and symbols, "do not strictly follow the thematic traditions of the Mexican art form, but instead are whimsical, colorful vignettes in the style of "papel picado".

This art style is used for many festivities by Mexican-Americans. Issued in a double sided booklet of 20.

World Stamp Show-NY—All the new issues shown this month will be issued at the International Show. These will sure make for exciting First Day of Issue ceremonies the first seven days of the show! This is an event not to be missed!

Colorful Celebrations

June 3—New York, NY



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| MEMBER AD | MEMBER AD | NEW MEMBER AD |
| For Sale: World Wide off paper 4oz special \$6.95. Contact DR Arnquist 815-226-9020. | Wanted: Old letters from Boone & Winnebago County, IL . Contact Tim Wait at 815-670-5869 or email t.wait@comcast.net. | Wanted: FDC-Doris Gold Cachet Unaddressed and signed by Doris Gold. Cash or trade. Contact Hank Fox at one of the meetings. |

THANK YOU - ROCKFORD 2016 STAMP SHOW DEALERS

We had a great show with 14, yes 14 dealers on Saturday with two not being able to stay for Sunday. All the dealers were doing brisk business Saturday morning, which continued throughout the weekend.

New for 2016

David Alex
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

Applebox Philatelic's

Richard Duda
Mt. Prospect, IL
847-439-7614

Farrell Stamps
Len Farrell
Brookfield, IL
708-280-7114

John's Stamp Den

John Steele
Washington, IL
309-444-8247

Alroy Stamps

Al Lenz
Schaumburg, IL
847-524-0147

Geezer's

Dave Birch
Oakwood, IL
217-260-9375

Rockford Coin & Stamp

Steve Jennings
Rockford, IL
815-282-4444

Pfohl's Stamps

John "Kermit" Kirpes
Dubuque, IA
563-582-6247

Phil Edwards

Normal, IL
309-452-2593

Steve Capone

Rockford, IL
815-394-0537

W. H. Burdick

Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Terry Kurzinski

Cherry Valley, IL
815-262-9117

DMS Collectibles

John Butler
Normal, IL
309-963-4248

Newland's Stamps & Post Cards

Jim Newland
Peru, IL
815-794-1984

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

We invite all area collectors to join us at a future meeting of the Rockford Stamp Club. Meetings are held the first Wednesday at 6:00pm, every month except July, and the third Tuesday of every month at 9:30am, at the Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, Illinois. Each meeting begins with a buy/sell/trade session followed by a lively, unreserved stamp auction. Come discover the fun of stamp collecting. All ages welcome.

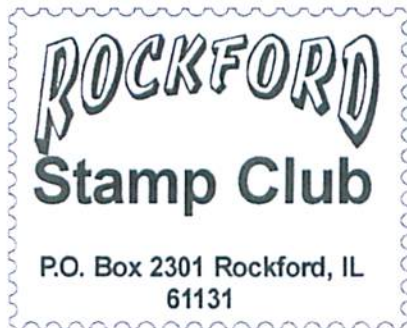
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Show Chairman.....Tim Wait
815-670-5869

Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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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



MAY Meetings

Wednesday, May 4 and Tuesday May 17

See YOU there!