

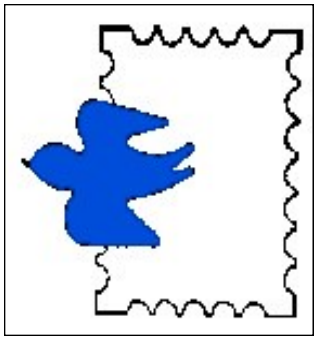
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, May 4

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

### Tuesday, May 17

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

**Wednesday, April 6th:** 18 members and three guests, **Steve Taylor and his father. Steve Pasartan** saw us on-line and wanted to visit but then Covid-19 hit. We're glad he made finally made it to a meeting! He is new to the area and collects US, Canada & provinces, Germany, Imperial Russia and Austria. He enjoyed the auction and got some lots for his collections. Our attendance keeps growing! Let's keep it climbing. Maybe we'll see YOU at the next meeting.

It was discussed, voted and approved, that we should re-join the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. We were a member club for many years and let our membership laps after they decided to have their shows at one permanent location. We might be able to have a WISCOPEX show at Rockford again in the near future.

Illinois had a federation, IFSC, up until it folded up in the early 1990's. Rockford was one of the 12 founding clubs back in the 1940's.

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** - Dickinson, Milwaukee Buffet brochure.
2. **Stanley Campbell** - Sweden PO new issue promotion. He even had extras to give away! Thank you Stanley.
3. **Jim Young** - Cinderella stamps of the Ukraine Museum in Chicago and Czechoslovakia labels too.
4. **Tim Wait** - stamp club publication in a large envelope with 39 stamp paying the postage!!

Hank brought our popular and money making Mystery Box Raffle! The winner was Richard Mayo from Janesville.

### Member Health and Welfare

Reporting on our members...

**Gerry Van Alstyne** had his gallbladder taken out April 21. Let's wish him a speedy recovery.

**Tuesday, April 19th:** 12 members and one guest. 76 lots with lots of bidding! Don't miss out in may.

### Global Pandemic Issue of the Month



THAILAND 2021  
WORLD POST DAY  
POSTMAN IN VIRUS  
19 PANDEMIC



UKRAINE 2020  
POTENTIALLY TWO  
FRONT LINES -  
COVID AND WAR  
NOW A REALITY



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

#### Sat-Sun Jun 4-5 MSDA Madison

Madison, WI. Doubletree-Madison EAST, 4402 E. Washington Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. Bourse only, free admission.

#### Sat-Sun Jun 18-19 MSDA Chicagoland West

Countryside, IL. Operating Engineers Hall, 6200 Joliet Road. Hours: Sat 10-5 Sun 10-3. Bourse only, free admission.

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

**Eugenie Clark**  
**First Class Forever (58c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 May 4 - Sarasota, FL



Affectionately known as the “Shark Lady,” pioneering marine biologist Eugenie Clark (1922-2015) spent her career working tirelessly to change public perception about sharks as well as to preserve marine environments around the world. The stamp art features a digital collage, including a photograph of Clark and a lemon shark. Wavy blue elements in the background evoke an undersea scene.

**Mighty Mississippi**  
**First Class Forever (58c)**  
 Ten designs  
 Pane of 10  
 May 23 - Memphis, TN



- Top row: Minnesota and Wisconsin;
- Second row: Iowa and Illinois;
- Third row: Missouri and Kentucky;
- Fourth row: Arkansas and Tennessee; and
- Bottom row: Louisiana and Mississippi.

**Women’s Rowing**  
**First Class Forever (58c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 May 13 - Philadelphia, PA



These stamps celebrate women’s rowing, a graceful but demanding sport in which American women have excelled, including in the Olympics. The artwork, which covers the entire pane, is a stylized illustration of five eight-person rowing teams competing or practicing. Four stamp designs are featured in a pane of 20 stamps arranged as five staggered rows of four.

The issue honors the Mississippi river with a portfolio of ten different photographic images. Arranged on the pane in five rows of two stamps each, the images correspond to the states’ north-south and west-east sequence along the Mississippi River. Small type on the margin of each stamp indicates its location.

The reverse features a map of the central United States detailing the river’s course and its major tributaries. It is superimposed on a blue monochromatic version of the selvage images. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp pane using existing photographs.

Ed: I like this issue celebrating the Mid-West and the Mighty Mississippi. Some of the pictures are identifiable such as the St. Louis Arch, and some are representative. I think they are all beautifully done in miniature to enhance our mail!



## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

The adage, "time flies", proves itself true as another month has passed us by already. On a positive note, it will be time to attend another Rockford Stamp Club meeting filled with our meeting, educational stamp collecting and postal history tidbits, show and tell, and auction. All that fun in one tidy little package so come and join us and bring a friend!

Our attendance numbers are increasing slightly and guests (who are always welcome) have started to join us again as well. Auction lots have been plentiful, and some have generated some spirited bidding and some very good deals. If you haven't started to join us again, please do. If you need a ride, reach out and we will see if we can make that happen.

Our website has been receiving a fair number of inquiries about our club and wanting to know about how to donate or dispose of stamp collections, most of which have been "inherited" in some manner. Unfortunately, most think they have something of great monetary value which most often isn't the case. One individual had a collection of plate blocks from 1946 to 1967 and was interested in selling them. She found that any offers made were a very small percentage of face value and was very disenchanted. In another email she said she was disposing of the albums by giving them to an older gentleman that recently started collecting again and was involving his two grandsons. I believe that is a very positive outcome as it saved the plate blocks from becoming discount postage and perpetuates our hobby into another generation.

We will be rejoining the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs in accordance with the vote of our April meeting. This should enhance the visibility of our club to a larger area and include us in a broader reach for advertising our show and club meetings and happenings. It will also bring us the Federation's newsletter and keep us up to date on what is happening within the collective stamp clubs and stamp collecting community. This membership comes with a nominal cost to the club of \$1.75 per member.

Due to the increased cost of our newsletter (ink, paper and postage) and the dues to the WFSC we are faced with having to increase our annual dues. A dues increase would be necessary even without the WFSC membership. There has not been an increase in several years and it is always a difficult decision to do so but the time has come. We will discuss the dues increase at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and come up with a reasonable amount. This will not go into effect until 2023 membership renewal.

Hope to see you at the Wednesday night meeting and the Tuesday morning auction. Remember to bring a show and tell, some auction lots, and a friend. Consider submitting an article for the newsletter or making a presentation at a meeting.

Stay well and happy collecting.

## The Civil War in Covers and Cards by Jeff Hall

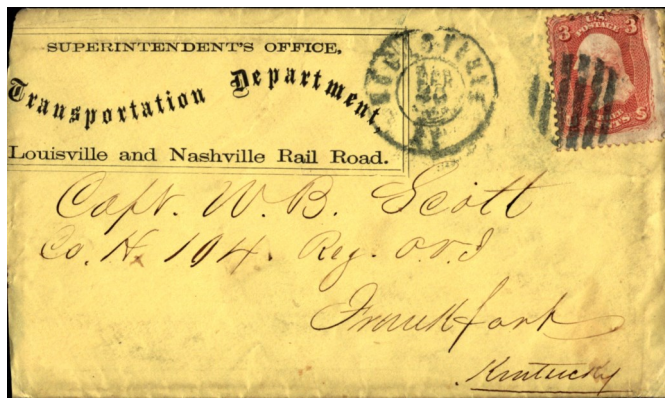


Scott U10 Nesbit envelope with an April 12 Newnan, Ga. cancel. Enclosed letter is dated April 11, 1861 sent to a Col. J.B. Smith in, Columbia, Ga. The main topic was the sender, B. BURRMHEAD, saying that **listening to reports coming out of Charleston S.C. we might be at WAR tomorrow.** As he predicted, at 4:30 a.m., the firing started on Fort Sumter starting the Civil War on April 12, 1861. **Written on the last day of peace and sent on the first day of war.**

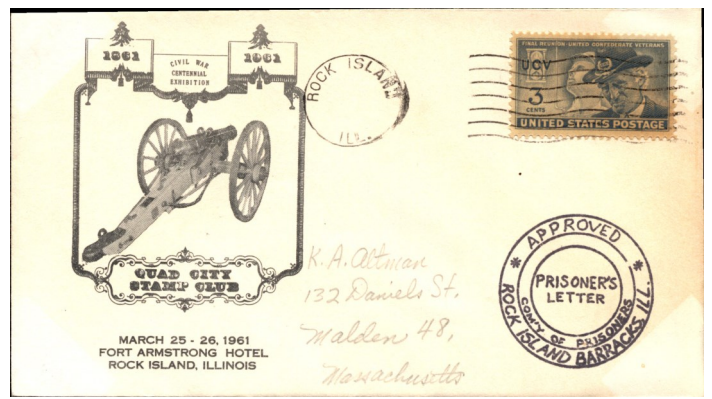


The USS PENSACOLA was a wooden steam frigate launched in 1859. In the Civil War she was the largest warship under Adm. Farragut; defeating the two Confederate forts at the Head of the Passes at the mouth of the Mississippi River which opened the door to capturing New Orleans. After the war she spent 20 years on the west coast. Inactive until 1898 she became a training and receiving ship based at Yerba Buena Training Station, San Francisco. This is where her cancel is from minus the month. The 1909 cancel was a year after the Navy began having postal clerks. She was decommissioned in 1911 and was burned and sunk off Hunters Point in May of 1912. As far as I know, the USS PENSACOLA was the last or close to the last Navy warship that fought in the Civil War to be decommissioned and scrapped.

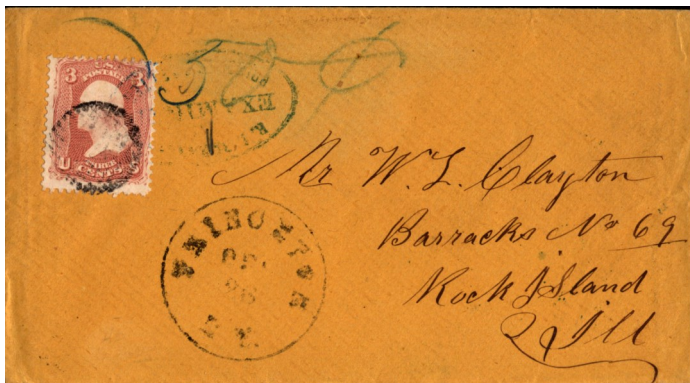
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Cover from late 1862 to early 1863 from the Superintendent's Office, Transportation Dept. of the L&N railroad in Kentucky to Capt. Walter Scott of Co. H 104th Ohio Vol. Infantry. The 104th was detailed to protect the railroad against raiders along the Ohio river in Kentucky, especially around Cincinnati, Ohio.



The QUAD CITY STAMP CLUB commemorated the Civil War on their 1961 stamp show cover being the 1st year of the Centennial. It showed a tracing of the "APPROVED PRISONER LETTER" Censor handstamp used at the Rock Island, Illinois Arsenal Island POW camp.



Cover addressed to a W.L. Clayton at the **Rock Island, Illinois Arsenal Island POW camp**. He was in barracks No. 69. Clayton was a private in Co. K, Kentucky Partisan Rangers Cavalry. He was probably captured while with Gen. John Hunt at MORGAN'S 1863 raid into Ohio. The Rock Island prison housed about 12,400 POWs in the 20 months it was open with 1,964 prisoners dying. A mortality rate of almost 16%, one of the highest on either side. Sent from Kentucky with a #65. There is a partial EXAMINED handstamp in blue with 50 in crayon showing that there was 50 cents inside for the prisoner to hopefully buy some extra's



Port Royal S.C. was a Union naval base and headquarters captured in Nov. 1861. The base was home to the SOUTH ATLANTIC BLOCKADING SQUADRON. It was half way between Charleston S.C. and Savannah Ga. The Navy had this base thru the whole war. Postage paid with #65 and addressed to a woman up in Philly. It was probably sent by a sailor or a person attached to the base. The cancel is a double ring PORT ROYAL S.C. dated Apr 14 '65. This was the date that many people & scholars say was the LAST battle death of the civil war. That evening, April 14th, President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth at the Ford Theatre in Washington City, and later died in the early morning hours of April 15th across the street at a boarding house.

Jeff is a student of the Civil War and collects many different artifacts showing aspects of the war and its impact on society both in the North (Union) and the South (Confederacy). This article is just a brief glimpse of how Civil War covers can be researched and explored to enhance your collection. Each cover can tell an interesting story when it is fully developed.



# 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.

## Proposed Postage Rate increase - July 10, 2022

WASHINGTON, DC — The United States Postal Service recently filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of price changes to take effect July 10, 2022. The new prices, if favorably reviewed, include a two-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 58 cents to 60 cents.

The proposed prices, approved by the Governors of the U.S. Postal Service, would raise First-Class Mail prices approximately 6.5 percent which is lower than the Bureau of Labor Statistics annual inflation rate of 7.9 percent as of the end of February. The price changes reflect a judicious implementation of the Postal Service's pricing authority provided by the Postal Regulatory Commission. If favorably reviewed by the PRC, the single-piece letter additional ounce price would increase to 24 cents, the metered mail 1-ounce price would increase to 57 cents and the price of a postcard stamp would increase to 44 cents. A one-ounce letter mailed to other countries would increase to \$1.40 cents. The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for Special Services products including Certified Mail, Post Office Box rental fees, Money Order fees and the cost to purchase insurance when mailing an item.

As inflation and increased operating expenses continue, these price adjustments will help with the implementation of the Delivering for America plan, including a \$40 billion investment in core Postal Service infrastructure over the next ten years. With the new prices, the Postal Service will continue to provide the lowest letter-mail postage rates in the industrialized world and offer a great value in shipping.

The PRC will review the prices before they are scheduled to take effect. The complete Postal Service price filing with prices for all products can be found on the PRC site under the Daily Listings section at [prc.gov/dockets/daily](http://prc.gov/dockets/daily). The Mailing Services filing is Docket No. R2022-1. The price change tables are also available on the Postal Service's Postal Explorer website at [pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index](http://pe.usps.com/PriceChange/Index).

## My Favorite/Interesting/Unusual Item by YOU!

OK people! I know you all have a favorite stamp, cover or other philatelic item that you can share.

I'll expect at least two of you to come up with something at the Wednesday meeting!!



How about a MOB of Kangaroos!

## 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.**

**Terry Kurzinski**  
Cherry Valley, IL  
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**David Alex**  
Glenview, IL  
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**WYstamps.com**  
**Wayne Youngblood**  
Prairie Du Sac, WI  
608-370-9098

**Steve Capone**  
Rockford, IL  
815-394-0537

**Bardo Stamps**  
**Jim Bardo**  
Buffalo Grove, IL  
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**W. H. Burdick**  
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**Fox River Stamps**  
**Michael Mules**  
Salem, WI  
414-234-9867

**Gold Path Covers**  
**Xian (Shawn) Xu**  
Carmel, IN  
415-519-7805

**Double J Stamps**  
**Jeff**  
Arlington Heights, IL  
847-843-8700

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

**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.

## The 2022-2023 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt  
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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!**

**Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30/7pm**

**Tuesday, May 17 at 9/10am**

**Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.**