

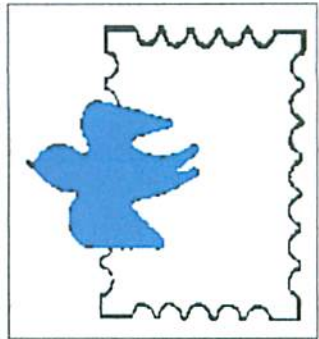
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

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

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

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

1st Wednesday Update: At the Wednesday September 7th meeting there were 22 enthusiastic members present. **Tammy Copus** let us know that she has resumed with the Loves Park Panther Stamp Club and has been in contact with a Montessori school in the Rockford Public School system about forming another club.

Under old business, **Ted Gifford** made a motion to amend the by-laws to allow everyone to vote. After much discussion, a revised motion was made, seconded and approved. See further information on page four.

Cachet Chairman, **Ted Gifford**, presented the cachet for Rockford 2017 commemorating the entry of the US into WWI. After some discussion, it was accepted pending review of the cancel by Show Chairman, **Tim Wait**.

Show and Tell's were presented by **Ted**; impressive full sheets of the 1c and 2c National Parks, the Farley issues. **Lee Barrie** showed FDCs with Tarzan references. Lee collects everything Tarzan!

Ruth Young won the raffle.

October is National Stamp Collecting Month

October is - National Stamp Collecting Month, an annual event that began in 1981 as a joint venture by the Council of Philatelic Organizations and the United States Postal Service.

For the first National Stamp Collecting Month, then-postmaster general William F. Bolger published a statement in the *Postal Bulletin*, a publication for USPS employees that was issued once every two weeks. Bolger called stamp collecting "the world's most popular hobby," and urged "employees and customers alike to discover the joy of stamp collecting — the hobby of a lifetime." The Postal Service has continued to promote National Stamp Collecting Month by issuing special pictorial stamps intended to stimulate public interest in the stamp hobby. What do you do to celebrate National Stamp Collecting Month?

3rd Tuesday Update: At the Tuesday September 20th meeting we set a new record with 162 lots! Not sure if that is good or bad but there was a lot to choose from. **Winston A.** continued his kind act of donating a few for the club and we more than covered our room rent on the lots and the mini-affle.

New member **Mike Burdett** brought his three year old son Andrew. Not that brought down our average age!!!



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat Oct 8 - Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show

Monroe, WI. Monroe Stamp & Postcard Club. Monroe Moose Lodge, 639 3rd St. Hours 9-2:30. 14 dealers, free admission.

Sat Oct 8 - Will County Stamp Show

Joliet, IL. Philatelic Club of Will & Naperville Stamp Club. Messiah Lutheran Church, 40 S. Houbolt, Rd. Hours 10-4. 14 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Sat-Sun Oct 15-16 - CUPEX 2016

Urbana, IL. Champaign-Urbana Stamp Club. Urbana Civic Center, 108 E. Water St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. 12 dealers, exhibits, free admission.

Sat Oct 15 - CENWISPEX 2016

Stevens Point, WI. Central Wisconsin Stamp Club. Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave. Hours: 9-4. 14 dealers, free admission.

Sat-Sun Oct 29-30 - TOSPEX 2016

West Allis, WI. Wauwatosa Philatelic Society. Gonzaga Hall, 1435 92nd St. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 14 dealers, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

U.S. 2016 New Issues

Kwanzaa Holiday Oct 1 - Charleston, SC



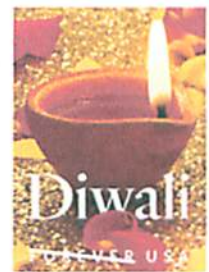
Kwanzaa is a festive, non-religious holiday that takes place over seven days, from December 26 to January 1, and brings together family, community, and culture for many African Americans. December 26, 2016, marks the 50th anniversary of this holiday. Created in 1966, Kwanzaa draws on African traditions, deriving its name from the phrase "first fruits" in Swahili, a widely spoken African language.

With its origins in first harvest celebrations that occurred across the African continent in ancient and modern times, Kwanzaa synthesizes and reinvents these tribal traditions as a contemporary celebration of African-American culture. The holiday honors seven principles—unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith—based on values prevalent in many African cultures. Each day of Kwanzaa is dedicated to the focus of one of these seven principles. They light seven candles known as the *mishumaa saba*, each representing one of the founding principles, and share in a feast that celebrates their shared heritage.

The joyous Hindu festival of Diwali is the latest religious celebration to be recognized by the U.S. Postal Service. Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Diwali is a shortened version of the Sanskrit word Deepavali, which roughly translates as "a necklace of lights." On the Hindu calendar, it falls on the eve of, or on, the new moon that occurs between mid-October and mid-November. In 2016, the main day of the festival will be celebrated October 29 for South Indians and October 30 for North Indians. Diwali also marks the new year for people in Gujarat and a few other states of India.

Before the festival, many Hindus traditionally go shopping, clean their homes, open their doors and windows, create intricate rangoli—a vibrant floor pattern traditionally made from materials such as rice powder, colored sand and flower petals—and light diyas with hopes that Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and prosperity, will visit. The stamp design is a photograph featuring a traditional lit diya oil lamp, sitting on a gold background. Diya lamps are usually made from clay with cotton wicks dipped in a clarified butter known as "ghee".

Festival of Diwali Oct 5 - New York, NY



Hanukkah Holiday Oct 6 - New York, NY



Hanukkah spans eight nights and days of remembrance and ritual. Hanukkah is the Hebrew word for "dedication." Tradition relates how a miracle took place during the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, which had been desecrated by conquering armies. The sacramental oil, thought to be enough for only one day, burned for eight. This miracle of the oil is at the heart of the ritual of the lighting of the *hanukiah*, a menorah—candelabra—with nine branches, one for each of the eight nights and days of Hanukkah, and the ninth, the *shamash* or "servant," used to light the other candles.

Hanukkah is a joyful time for gatherings of family and friends with feasting, games, and other activities. Children play a game spinning the dreidel, a four-sided top with letters on each side that form an acronym for the Hebrew saying "A great miracle happened there," referring to the miracle of the oil.

The U.S. Postal Service celebrates Christmas with a new stamp featuring a traditional Nativity scene. The Gospel of Luke relates how Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem to register for the census decreed by the Roman emperor, and with no room in the inn, Mary gave birth to Jesus, wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger.

Artists through the centuries have celebrated the Nativity in painting and sculpture. St. Francis of Assisi, a 13th-century Italian preacher, is credited with creating the first crèche. His simple crèche—the manger with an ox and a donkey standing nearby—has been embellished and re-created all over the world. From the 13th century, Nativity dramas, with live animals and people taking part in the story, became an important element in municipal and church celebrations of Christmas. Later, artists and artisans began making figurines to illustrate the Nativity story. They created crèches in styles ranging from small, simple scenes for use in the home to elaborate, life-size Nativity sets designed for churches.

Nativity Christmas Holiday Oct 6 - New York, NY



See page three for more Holiday issues.

U. S. 2016 New Issues



Holiday Windows

Oct 6 - New York, NY

The 2016 contemporary holiday stamps will highlight the role windows play during the holidays. Portraying four “windows on the holiday world,” the stamps are intended to add a dash of winter bliss to letters and cards during the year’s coldest months.

Two of the designs show views from the inside looking out: a single burning candle sits on a sill and a simple star ornament hangs from a hook attached to the window sash, out of sight. Two other designs show views from the outside looking in: a brightly lit Christmas tree contrasts with the snowy shrubs on the other side of the glass and a snow-covered wreath hangs in front of frosted window panes.

This 2016 Christmas stamp features a detail of *Madonna and Child*, a 15th-century tempera-on-panel painting in the Widener Collection at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The painting is dated to circa 1470, and its anonymous artist is known only as “a Follower of Fra Filippo Lippi and Pesellino.”

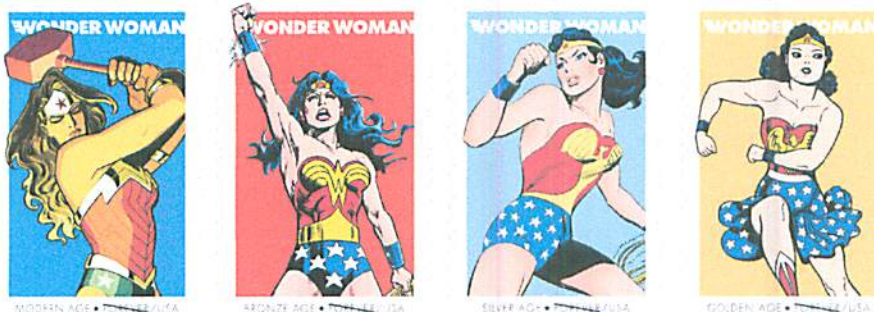
Art historians have long sought to identify the artist who created this painting. Scholars have recently concluded that the painter was heavily influenced by two prominent 15th-century Florentine artists, Fra Filippo Lippi and Francesco Pesellino. The specific painting on this stamp is believed to be based on a Pesellino painting, now in the Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lyon in France, which shows a very similar Madonna and Child against a different background.

Florentine Madonna and Child Holiday

Oct 11 - Washington, DC



And what Holiday wouldn't be complete without WONDER WOMAN!



Wonder Woman

Oct 7 - New York, NY

First seen in October 1941 to test her appeal at a time when female superheroes were rare, Wonder Woman quickly broke out and headlined her own title by the next year. Subsequent generations came to know her via her hit 1975-79 television series and roles in animated shows and movies, as well as her appearance on the cover of *Ms. Magazine* #1 in 1972. This past March, Wonder Woman was seen for the first time in a live action motion picture with her introduction in the movie “*Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*.” Now her 75th anniversary is being celebrated on a set of four new stamps that trace her development through four eras: Golden Age (1941–55), Silver Age (1956–72), Bronze Age (1973–86) and Modern Age (1987–present).

With these issues we have the last of the announced USPS issues for 2016. A very interesting year with lots of new stamps! We'll have to see the final tally early next year to see what the cost of the 2016 USPS stamp program is.

Did you get them all? Next February we will have the annual Most Popular stamps poll from Linn's Stamp News for everyone to register their opinions.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS (or Neat Stuff I Really Like) By Tim Wait



I have been collecting the Illinois Sesquicentennial stamp (Scott # 1339) for about 10 years now. I have over 75 different FDCs but recently acquired the two shown above.

In the 1960's and 1970's at least one collector was making FDC envelopes out of state highway maps. There could have been more than one person doing this and it is unknown how many were made for each issue but they can be found for many first class and airmail stamps of the era. The map was usually folded so the town of issue is shown. I have circled Shawneetown, deep in southern Illinois.

The second cachet "Commemorating the 50th anniversary of * Illinois * admission to statehood" by C. E. Reid No. 2717 is a nice design showing a block of four with the machine cancel used on all mail processed for this issue.

Do you see anything wrong with this cachet? Let's review. This stamp was issued for the Sesquicentennial of Illinois statehood. Isn't a sesquicentennial 150 years? The cachet reads "50th anniversary"!

I guess he just forgot to put 150th. You can even do the math with the dates on the stamp!

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB By-Laws Amendment September 7, 2016

Pursuant to Article V Officers and elections, Section IV Elections, currently reading;

The president shall upon taking office name a nominating committee of three members in good standing. The nominating committee shall present a slate of officers and directors at the regular November meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the regular December meeting and the election of CLUB officers shall occur at the same December meeting. The election shall be held under the supervision of the nominating committee. New officers and directors shall take office at the annual (January) meeting.

Amended Section IV Elections;

The president shall upon taking office name a nominating committee of three members in good standing. The nominating committee shall present a slate of officers and directors at the regular October meeting. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the regular November meeting. The nominating committee shall have a ballot, listing the slate of officers and any further nominations from the floor at the November meeting, prepared and mailed to all members with instructions to mail to the CLUB PO Box to arrive before the regular December meeting. The election of CLUB officers shall occur at the December meeting and all mail in ballots shall be opened at the meeting and be included in the tally. The election shall be held under the supervision of the nominating committee. New officers and directors shall take office at the annual (January) meeting.

At the Wednesday, September 7, 2016 regular club meeting the above Motion was made, seconded and approved by more than two-thirds of the membership voting. Further review by the Officers and Board of Directors confirmed that the Amended Section IV Elections as stated above complies with that motion.

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The Rockford Stamp Club

 American Philatelic Society Chapter # 735

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.

The Presidential Election

Unless you have been living totally off the grid in a cave deep in the forest you have noticed that we have an interesting US Presidential Election coming up in just over 30 days. Here are some philatelic reminders to vote.



Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo

The Rockford Stamp Club will be hosting its first **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo** on **March 11-12, 2017**, at our long time location, Forest Hills Lodge. With up to 50 "Ameripex" style 16 page aluminum frames available, we will be **limiting our competition to two, three and four frame exhibits**. We will still have a **Club Members Only, one sixteen (16) page frame**, competition too.

The **Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo** will be a new concept exhibition to exclusively feature these smaller exhibits. The show will be judged by APS certified judges and will have Grand and Reserve Grand award winners and will follow APS judging standards with Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze award levels.

If you want to exhibit either in the 2-3-4 Stamp Expo or the Club Member One Frame competition, please contact Tim for more details. Exhibit forms will be available soon.

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

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.

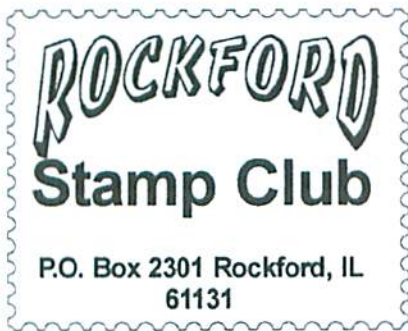
The 2016 Club Officers

President.....Steve Capone
779-771-9527
Vice-President.....Frank Schmitt
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Hank Fox
815-397-0573
Director.....Matt Mace
Director.....Tim Copus
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
Webmaster.....Ted Gifford
Show Chairman.....Tim Wait
815-670-5869

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



OCTOBER Meetings

Wednesday, Oct 5 and Tuesday Oct 18

See YOU there!