

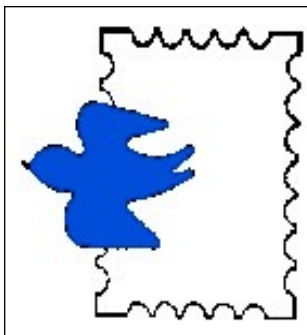
ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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Monthly in person meetings & auction: **To Be Determined**

Wednesday, October 14th

7:00 pm - ZOOM Meeting

Tuesday, October 20th

CANCELED

Virtual Meeting Wednesday, October 14th

Due to the Covid-19 situation we are not ready to have in person meetings yet. We have scheduled a Virtual meeting for Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00PM. You do not need to have a camera on your computer to participate but you must have a microphone. Most all laptops have microphones built-in, but make sure the sound is turned up.

To participate in the meeting you will need to send an email to Frank Schmitt at prevent1@comcast.net no later than Tuesday, October 13th.

Frank will reply with the link to the meeting. On the day and time of the meeting, re-open his email and click on the link. If you have ZOOM loaded on your computer it should take you to the meeting. If you don't know, click on the link a few minutes early and it will instruct you on how to load ZOOM and then take you to the meeting.

We will give this a try and see how many members attend. If you have any questions about ZOOM, please contact Frank at 815-226-4391 or Tim at 815-670-5869 (after 7pm).

This is easy, free and RISK free! Please make an effort to reach out via this call to your friends and fellow members. We all miss you!

Wednesday ZOOM Presentation

During a ZOOM meeting anyone can "Share their Screen" and show stamps covers or make presentations from files or images on their computers. Anyone is welcome to have a show and tell, whether in a file to share or just hold it up to the screen for all to see. I will have a presentation on a few interesting Civil War revenue documents from my collection. Join in and enjoy being "together" with other members.

Philately on the Internet

One of the few good things to come out of our enforced separation is a significant acceleration of on-line activity. Many clubs are having Zoom meetings and presentations and posting them on their website for anyone to view.

The APS is leading the way in on-line content. At www.stamps.org click on the "Learn" button to open an extensive catalog of informative content.

The Collectors Club (New York) on-line content, available at www.collectorsclub.org, under "Videos" has many presentations.

The Collectors Club of Chicago has many philatelic exhibits to view and learn more about collecting and exhibiting.

If you are a member of other national clubs, check out their websites for lots of informative content to help get your philatelic fix.



John W. Donaldson 1937 - 2020

John passed away June 21st. John served in the U.S. Army from 1957-1962. He was previously employed by the Plumbers & Pipefitters Union. John was an active bidder in our auctions, specializing in US. He was a very friendly man and interesting to talk to at the meetings. We'll all miss his friendship. Rest in peace.



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Looks like almost all shows are canceled through the end of 2020! Check APS website for future shows at www.stamps.org.

The USPS has been reacting to the Covid-19 crisis and most First Day ceremonies have been canceled. Go to www.usps.gov to get the latest information about stamp releases.



Hannukkah
First Class Forever
Pane of 20
Oct 6—New Rochelle, NY

This stamp celebrates the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. The stamp art's colorful digital illustration shows the lighting of the nine-branched Hanukkah menorah on the last evening of the holiday. All eight of the Hanukkah candles have been lit, and the child is reaching up to replace the shamash, the helper candle used to light the others in the menorah. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamp with original art by Jing Jing Tsong.

Choice of New Rochelle for the First Day of Issue for the Hanukkah stamp is timely. After a synagogue in New Rochelle was designated as a possible source of a Covid-19 outbreak in early March, the citizens of the town and surrounding Westchester towns pulled together to help stop the outbreak.

The first US Hanukkah stamp was issued in 1996.



Kwanzaa
Forever Rate
Pane of 20
Oct 13—Nashville, TN

Kwanzaa, the annual Pan-African holiday, takes place over seven days from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, bringing family, community and culture together for many African Americans. The stamp design features the face of a woman in profile with her eyes closed. Her contemplative demeanor signifies the ways in which observers of Kwanzaa reflect on the seven founding principles, the Nguzo Saba, and their role in everyday life. A kinara (candleholder) with the seven lit candles (mishumaa saba) sits in front of her. Cool tones evoke a sense of inner peace, and vibrant design elements give the artwork a celebratory feel. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp with original artwork by Andrea Pippins.

The first US Kwanzaa was issued in 1997.



Drug Free USA
Forever Rate
Double sided booklet of 20
Oct 27—Washington, DC

The stamp will be issued during Red Ribbon Week, the nation's oldest and largest drug use prevention awareness program. In 1988, the National Family Partnership coordinated the first National Red Ribbon Week with President Ronald Reagan and first lady Nancy Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons. The week runs Oct. 23-31 and coincides with National Substance Abuse Prevention Month every October. The Drug Free USA Forever stamp art features a white star with lines of red, light blue and blue radiating from one side of each of the star's five points, intended to suggest the unity necessary at all levels to effectively address drug abuse.



Our Lady of Guápulo
Forever Rate
Double sided booklet of 20
Oct 20—New York, NY

This Christmas stamp features a detail of the painting "Our Lady of Guápulo." Painted in the 18th century by an unknown artist in Cuzco, Peru, "Our Lady of Guápulo" is from the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Enrobed in a pyramidal gown speckled with jewels and holding a scepter woven with roses and leaves, a crowned Virgin Mary looks down at a similarly adorned Christ Child in her left arm. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp.

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President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

There is an old adage, "the more things change, the more they stay the same". Although it is not old, this certainly applies to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 in respect to our lives returning to normal. It is probably quite obvious that there will not be an October meeting and no real indication of when we will be able to safely meet again. At this writing the state mandates will become more restrictive for the Region 1 area of the state which includes Winnebago county.

An email was sent, or attempted to be sent, to all officers and directors of the club to determine if we should try to reconvene our meetings. The consensus of those that responded to the email was the fact there was no plausible reason for us to meet until it is truly considered safe, and possibly not until a vaccine has been developed, approved, and administered.

On a positive (?) note, many stamp issuing entities have issued, or are planning to issue, COVID-19 stamps. There have also been some COVID-19 postmarks discovered in some countries. A brand-new subject for the topical collector.

We are aware that some other stamp clubs and coins clubs are currently meeting. In looking at risk vs. benefit, risk outweighs benefit hands down and in no way can a meeting be justified. We, as a group, are high risk for an untoward outcome if we should become infected with the virus. We also must keep in mind that if we had a meeting and someone in attendance reported they tested positive for the virus a couple of days later, everyone that was in attendance at the meeting would be required to self-quarantine for 14 days, including spouses and other family members.

A ZOOM "meeting" was held on September 16th at 7:00 pm. A total of 6 members participated. It was really more of a social gathering with stamp collecting as a discussion topic and brainstorming on how to deal with life as we know it today. We were treated to a short presentation on the Rockford Bluebird cancel by Tim Wait and enjoyed viewing some beautiful examples from his exhibit pages. Thanks Tim! We were originally allotted 40 minutes by ZOOM for our meeting, but a message popped up removing any time restriction and we wrapped up about 8:30. It was a very enjoyable evening. Check this newsletter for our next ZOOM meeting and please join us.

Please remember our show dealers are only a phone call away and/or online and our local coin and stamp shop is open for business. All of them would appreciate your business during this time. Club members may also interact and/or meet individually or as a small group but shall not be under the auspices, identification or monetary support of the Rockford Stamp Club.

It is with sadness that we note the final closing of the album for John Donaldson, a longtime member and very active bidder in our club auctions and our "Santa Claus".

We will meet again, eventually. Happy collecting, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay positive!

Champion of Liberty Issue 1957-1961 by Tim Wait



Champion's of Liberty stamps were issued in the midst of the Cold War pitting democracy against communism. Some mail to Eastern Bloc countries was returned because of these stamps. The 4c stamps paid domestic first class postage and the 8c paid international surface rate.

Ramon Magsaysay, 7th President of the Republic of the Philippines 1953-1957 led off the series in a large format stamp. The remaining issues we reduced in size and issued in 4c and 8c denominations. The others were:

Simon Bolivar-Venezuelan statesman and leader
Lajos Kossuth-President of Hungary 1848-1849

Jose de San Martin-Argentine General

Ernst Reuter-Mayor of West Berlin 1949-1953

Thomas G. Masaryk-Czechoslovak politician

Ignacy Jan Paderwski-spokesman for Polish independence

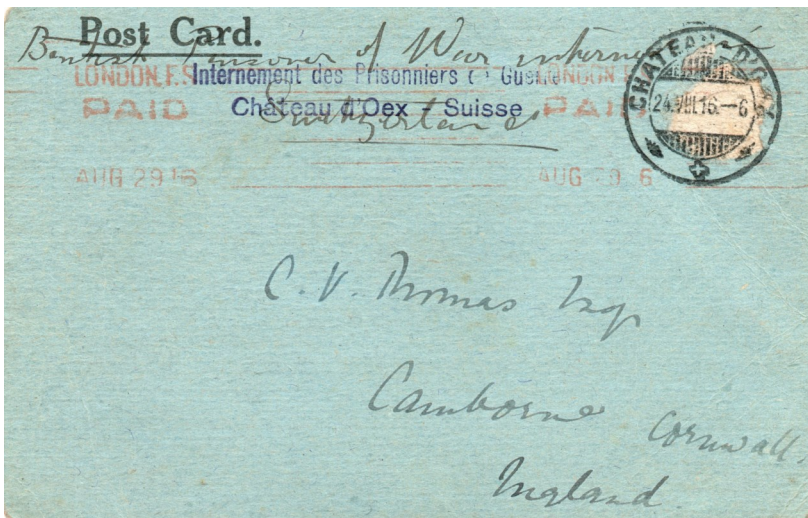
Baron Gustaf Mannerheim-Finnish statesman

Guiseppe Garibaldi-Italian military leader

Mahatma Gandhi-leader of Indian struggle for independence

Most of these individuals are long forgotten except to US stamp collectors. All were leaders in their countries during turbulent times. Their stories are quite interesting. Look them up!

Swiss Internment Mail - Stanley Campbell

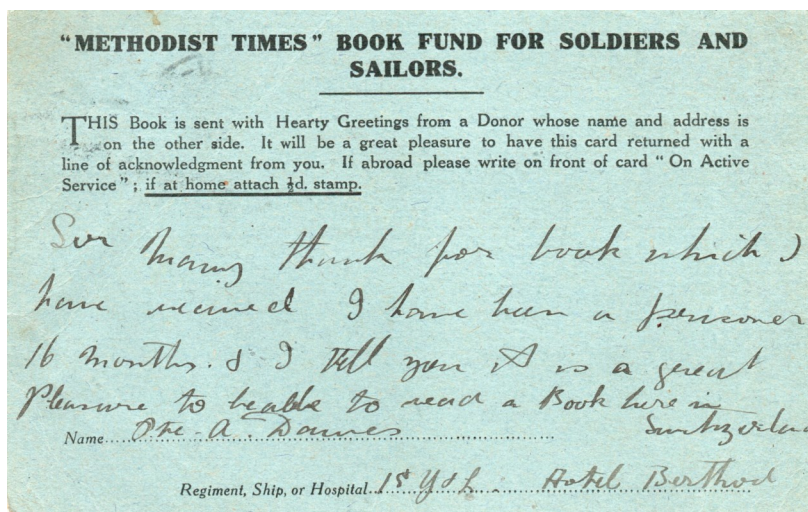


Shown is a "Post Card" postmarked August 24, 1916 from a Swiss Internment Camp for English POWs (Prisoners of War). It's from a "Pvt. A. Dawes" who is using a preprinted card that presumably came with a book in a care package from home. These books were apparently sent to troops in the front and, now, to a POW Camp.

Dawes thanks the person, C. V. Thomas, Esq. from Cornwall, and says "**I have been a prisoner 16 months. I will tell you, it is a great pleasure to be able to read a book here in Switzerland...**" his address is "Hotel Berthod" in "Chateau d'Oex" - "Suisse" (as stamped on the front of the card).

At the time the Swiss were acting as a prisoner exchange as well as capturing people who "strayed" across their border. Purchased on eBay from a gent in England.

The **Methodist Recorder** is an independent weekly newspaper that examines events and current affairs within the Methodist community in Britain and worldwide. It has been published continuously since 1861, absorbing its major rivals the Watchman in 1883, the United Methodist in 1932 and the **Methodist Times** in 1937.



Swiss WWI Military Stamps - Tim Wait



Swiss Military stamps were privately issued in WWI and WWII to raise funds for the families of soldiers. The Swiss army had subscription service and every able bodied man had to serve a term. In WWI a couple hundred stamps were issued. In WWII, many hundreds of stamps were issued perforated and imperforated for collectors. I prefer the less philatelic WWI issues.

The example on the left actually went through the mail, receiving a Swiss Post cancel. The majority of the cards and envelopes prepared were postmarked with the units cancel and sent to soldiers in other units as souvenirs.

Over the years three comprehensive catalogs have been published detailing these stamps. Ask Tim for details.

Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

www.rockfordstampclub.com

WEB SITE UPDATE - See our website for up-to-date information about meetings and auctions. **Please let us hear your comments. Tim & Frank - webmasters.**

Winter Scenes

Forever Rate

Double sided booklet of 20
Oct 16— Winter Park, FL



Winter Scenes celebrates the beauty and serenity of seasonal sights amid snowy landscapes. The 10 different photographs featured in this booklet of 20 stamps showcase the special allure of winter, with iconic scenes from the northern United States. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamps with existing images taken by various unidentified photographers.

The top row features two deer in a wooded area, a male Northern cardinal among snowy branches, snow-covered evergreens with a golden sky background, a red barn with a holiday wreath and a barred owl perched in a tree.

The lower row show a perched blue jay, a red farm building with a snowy roof, a young cottontail rabbit, a snowy path through the woods, and a team of two horses.

The new stamps continue a theme of winter that has appeared on nonholiday stamp sets for the past several years.

ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Dealers

See below for the intended 2020 dealer lineup and some of our regular dealers who had other commitments planned. We had one new dealer this year, Tiger Collectibles from Stoutsville, MO and two dealers returning after multi-year absences, James Newland from Peoria and Pfhols's Stamps from Dubuque.

As almost all shows have been canceled, our dealer friends have not been able to go to shows to buy and sell. Please contact your favorite dealer or two and let them know 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

W. H. Burdick
Mtn. Home, AR
870-425-7799

Applebox Philatelic's

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

Fox River Stamps
Michael Mules
Salem, WI
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David Alex (Sat. Only)
Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

Wayne Youngblood
WYstamps.com
Prairie Du Sac, WI
608-370-9098

Buy the Stamp

Rick Hyams
Arlington Heights, IL
847-414-5408

Steve Capone
Rockford, IL
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Pfhols's Stamps
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Dubuque, IA
563-582-6247

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Jerry Wessler
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Win Schaeffer
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James Newland
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Jeff
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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.

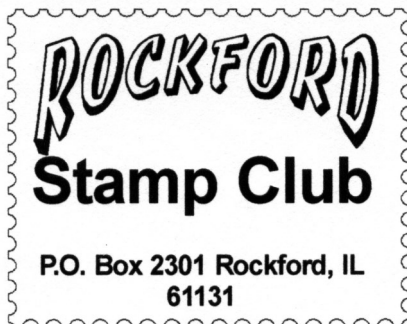
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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



Still NO Physical Meetings Planned!

**ZOOM online meeting planed for
Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm! See
inside on page one for details.**