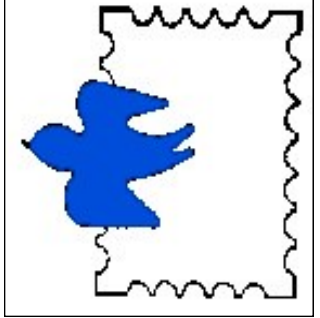


ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

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

Wednesday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 18

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

Wednesday, September 7th: 15 members and two guests. Winston's daughter (driver!) and Tammy's "daughter" were at the September meeting.

We received our first WFSC *Across the Fencepost* newsletter. Copies were distributed. It is a very nice benefit of membership.

Next month Bingo will be starting on Wednesday's so we will be in the room down the hall.

OLD Business: We held a celebration for our oldest member, **Martha Bauch**, who is a PROUD 96! Stanley brought cake and we all sang Happy Birthday! Thank you Martha for sharing your special day with us!

Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** - Great American Stamp Show program from Sacramento and FDCs of the New Pony Cars.
2. **Tim Wait** - Showed off a new earliest documented use of the Rockford Blue Bird on cover.
3. **Frank Schmitt** - inspired by Chad Snee from Linn's Stamp news, who has a "\$ Signs" column on high value US stamps, Frank showed an Express Mail envelope for \$18.80 that included the \$4.05 and \$14.40 X-Plane stamps from 2006. He got it from a fire department job applicant. VERY rare!

Mystery Box winner was Tammy Copus.

New Member

A belated welcome to new member **Stephen Pousardien!** Stephen relocated to northern Illinois from Kentucky because as he said "my kids felt I needed more supervision". Make sure to say hi and make him welcome.

Member Health and Welfare

Gerry Van Alstyne continues to have tests and procedures for his ailments. Feel better soon Gerry!

Tuesday, September 20th: 12 members attended the Tuesday meeting. Auction has 115 lots and made \$20.

Dues Notice

Due to continued increases in ink, paper and postage over the last year, it was approved by the membership to raise dues to \$15 for a mailed newsletter and \$8 for an emailed newsletter. This is the first increase we have had in a long time and it was necessary to cover just the cost of the newsletter.

We hope you can come to a meeting and pay in person, but since attendance has been so much lower we are giving you notice here and you can send your checks to:

Rockford Stamp Club
PO Box 242
Belvidere, IL 61008-0242



Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

Sat Oct 1 Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show

Monroe, WI. Monroe Stamp and Postcard Club. Monroe Moose Lodge (behind Farm & Fleet) 639 3rd Ave. Hours: 9-3. Randy R. 608-558-6430. Free admission, bourse only.

Sun Oct 30 Cedar Rapids Fall Bourse

Hiawatha, IA. Cedar Rapids Stamp Club. Hiawatha Community Center, 101 Emmons St. Hours: 9-3. Free admission, bourse only.

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

Snowy Beauty
First Class Forever (60c)
 Double Sided Booklet of 20
 Oct 11 - Guilford, IN


Bringing to 24 the number of U.S. 2022 stamps devoted to floral themes, these stamps celebrate the warmth and cheer that flowers and berries bring to our natural landscapes, even after a surprise snow. In these hand-sketched and painted designs, the artist uses light, shadow and luminous color to evoke the beauty of 10 species: camellia, winter aconite, crocus, hellebore, winterberry, pansy, plum blossom, grape hyacinth, daffodil and ranunculus. Derry Noyes designed the stamps with original oil paintings by Gregory Manchess.

The Postal Service issues its ninth stamp in celebration of Kwanzaa, a holiday with origins in ancient and modern first-harvest festivities from across the African continent. Kwanzaa incorporates and reimagines many communal traditions as a contemporary celebration and reaffirmation of African American culture.

The stamp design depicts a girl and a boy dressed in robes akin to spiritual garments, with a kinara (candleholder) and seven lit candles (mishumaa saba) in front of them. The kinara is the focal point around which friends and family gather and place meaningful objects. In 2022 Kwanzaa begins on December 26 and ends on January 1. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamp with original artwork by Erin Robinson.

Kwanzaa
First Class Forever (60c)
 Pane of 20
 Oct 13 - St. Louis, Mo

Hanukkah
First Class Forever (60c)
 Pane of 20
 Oct 20 - Chagrin Falls, OH


The Postal Service continues its tradition of celebrating the joyous Jewish holiday of Hanukkah with a stamp design that features an original wall-hanging. The fiber art was hand-dyed, appliquéd and quilted to form a colorful abstract image of a hanukiah, the nine-branch candelabra used only at Hanukkah. The festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum with nine branches, commonly called a menorah or hanukkiah. One branch is typically placed above or below the others and its candle is used to light the other eight candles. Jeanette Kuvin Oren was the stamp designer and artist. Ethel Kessler was the art director. In 2022 Hanukkah begins on the evening of December 18 and ends on the evening of December 26.

**Women Cryptologists
of World War II**
First Class Forever (60c)
 Pane of 20
 Oct 18 - Annapolis Junction, MD


This stamp honors all of the women cryptologists of World War II. One of the conflict's best-kept secrets, their service played an inestimable role in the Allied victory. Established in July 1942, the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) were part of the U.S. Naval Reserve. The key to the Purple code was discovered by a female cryptologist with the U.S. Army's Signal Intelligence Service.

The stamp art features an image from a World War II-era WAVES recruitment poster with an overlay of characters from the "Purple" code, used by the Japanese government to encrypt diplomatic messages. In the pane selvage, seemingly random letters can be deciphered to reveal some key words. The reverse side of the pane discloses the cipher needed to read the words.

The National Security Agency Headquarters and the National Cryptologic Museum are located in Annapolis Junction.

President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Come one, come all! It is time for our Wednesday evening meeting again and we have plenty of room and plenty of chairs. One of them has your name on it and we would like to see you seated in it. Members make a club, members make a meeting, members in attendance make a successful meeting. Please join us for our meeting, show and tell, and participate in our auction as a buyer, seller or both. If you need transportation, please let us know and we will see if we can make accommodations for you. We would really like to see you. Remember the third Tuesday auction as well.

We are slowly ramping up to the fall stamp show schedule. Milcopex was held September 16-18 in Brookfield, WI. I had the opportunity to attend on Friday, September 16th. This was a new location and venue for the show which was very nice. The only problem encountered was getting to the location due to heavy road construction in the immediate area. The third try was a charm, I finally made it. There was a good number of dealers with a good selection of material to search through and a huge selection of supplies. I found a few treasures. Hopefully, other members that were able to attend will make a report at our meeting. Remember to check this newsletter for upcoming shows.

Our meeting site, Ken-Rock Community Center, will be holding Bingo on a trial basis Wednesday evening so we will be meeting in the banquet hall again. **I don't know what impact this will have on parking so you may want to plan on arriving a little earlier.** We will evaluate and discuss the impact this has on the club at the meeting. Tuesday auction location will remain in the bingo room as far as we have been told.

Please remember to bring yourself (and another if possible), a show and tell, or other presentation and join in on the fun.

Stay safe and happy collecting.

Lake Geneva Post Office - Tim Wait

On a recent mini-vacation to Lake Geneva I was able to visit their historic Post Office which is located right on Main Street on the East end of the shopping strip. The building was dedicated in 1939 when James A. Farley was PMG. A name most US stamp collectors are familiar with.



Posted on the Window:

The mural above was painted in 1940 by the artist George Adams Dietrich of Milwaukee who, like many unemployed artists, was hired by the W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration) Federal Art Project to paint murals in public buildings, including post offices, throughout the United States as part of an effort to combat the effects of the Great Depression.

The artistic works of George Adams Dietrich (1905-1999), many of which won prizes, may be found in venues all across the United States, including the U.S. Naval Academy, Chicago's O'Hare Airport, Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, California, Texas and Washington. He passed away on January 20, 1999 in Madison, Florida at the age of 93.

The mural is among the most significant public works of art in Lake Geneva.

Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission. 2022.

United States Post Office Murals were produced from 1934 to 1943. The principal objective was to secure artwork that met high artistic standards for public buildings, where it was accessible to all people. The murals were intended to boost the morale of the American people suffering from the effects of the Depression by depicting uplifting subjects the people knew and loved.

Murals were commissioned through competitions open to all artists in the United States. Almost 850 artists were commissioned to paint 1371 murals, most of which were installed in post offices.

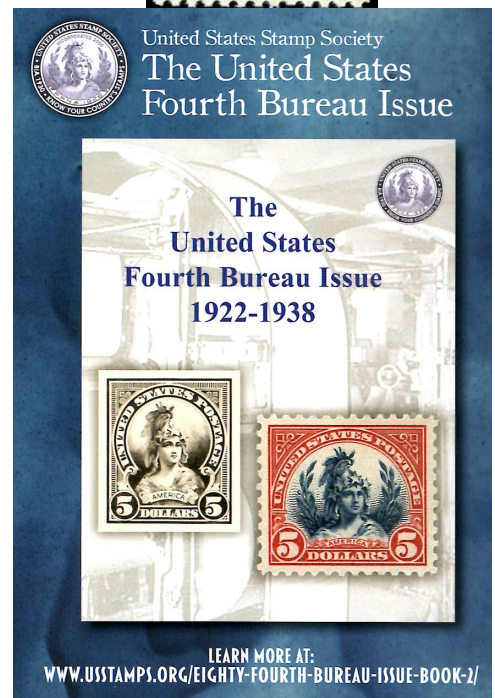
Artists were asked to paint in an "American scene" style, depicting ordinary citizens in a realistic manner. Abstract and modern art styles were discouraged. Artists were also encouraged to produce works that would be appropriate to the communities where they were to be located and to avoid controversial subjects. Projects were closely scrutinized for style and content, and artists were paid only after each stage in the creative process was approved. Source: Wikipedia.

The United States Fourth Bureau Issue - 1922 - 1938

2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the Fourth Bureau Issue. The first Bureau issue was in 1894 when the Bureau of Engraving & Printing took over the stamp contract from the American Bank Note Co. These were issued from 1¢ to \$5 and are listed as Scott #246-284. The second Bureau issue came out in 1902 and featured ornately engraved stamps in the same denominations. These are Scott #300-322. In 1908 the Bureau began the Washington/Franklin series with Franklin on the 1¢ stamps, Washington on the other denominations up to \$1. Later, in 1918, bi-colored \$2 and \$5 stamps featuring Franklin were issued. These are contained in the Scott range of #331-547. They exist in a huge number of stamps in an infinite number of papers, perforations and watermarks.

The Series of 1922, also known as the Fourth Bureau Issue, consisted of sheet, coil, and booklet stamps. The stamps of this series were printed on flat plate and rotary presses and had several different perforation sizes. The frames, basically uniform in design, incorporated a variety of subjects. Like the previous Bureau Issue, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington were portrayed on the most commonly used stamps, the 1-cent and the 2-cent. Some other subjects in the series had also appeared on U.S. postage stamps. Boldly innovative, numerous stamps featured icons of American culture—an American Indian, the Statue of Liberty, California's Golden Gate (before the bridge), Niagara Falls, a buffalo, the newly-dedicated Arlington Amphitheater and Lincoln Memorial, the U.S. Capitol, and the head of the statue of 'Armed Freedom' atop the Capitol dome (mistakenly called 'America' on the stamp). The 5-cent through 15-cent have a vertical orientation, and values from 17-cent through 5-dollar have a horizontal orientation. Some collectors also consider the Harding Memorial stamp as part of the series.

These are listed in Scott from #551-612 with a few additional issues and overprints in later years. These stamps were the workhouse issue from 1922 until the 1938 Presidential series interrupted by the 1932 Washington Bicentennial issue from ½¢ - 10¢ and the 1934 National Parks issue of 1934.



The United States Stamp Society's new book on the Fourth Bureau is available on their website.

This extraordinary example mailed from The City National Bank in Duluth Minnesota on Sep. 2, 1932 has \$8.52 payment properly using the 50¢, \$1, \$2 and \$5 high values. It is capped off with a 2¢ Washington Bicentennial.

It made the short journey to Minneapolis arriving the next day.

There are an infinite number of rates that could apply to this tag. The code lies under the stamps where the rate is detailed.



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.

Albumpages.net - Bruce Marquardt

Bruce gave a presentation / sales pitch for the website albumpages.net that he used to print over 1,000 page supplements to his albums. Bruce collects a variety of countries including Germany and Russia. He need pages going back a few years and didn't want to spend the "big bucks" to buy the pages from Scott.

Pages are available at 30¢ to 35¢ each for Scott type pages. Very reasonable compared to supplement pages. The only drawback is that the Scott catalog numbers are not printed on the pages. Most collectors can easily work with the catalog to figure out where to place the stamps.

Their website is www.albumpages.net. Take a look. Thank you Bruce!

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo *** March 11-12, 2023

Show details and highlights and important information.

Where: Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 West Lane Rd (Hyw 173), Loves Park.

Hours: Saturday 10-5 (Set up starting at 8am)
Sunday 10-4 (Take down exhibits 3pm)

Volunteer: We can always use volunteers to set up exhibit frames and put in the exhibits. Last show we really needed more help with takedown so please consider staying to help.

Banquet: Last show we were very disappointed with Stockholm Inn. They have put in a minimum count of 25 which we didn't reach and the club had to pay for the under count. We started at 6pm and were informed shortly thereafter that they were closing at 7pm! We are actively looking for a new location. **We need a location to seat up to 25-30 and a private or semi secluded room so we can present awards. If you know of any place, especially closer to the show, please let Tammy Copus or Tim Wait know.**

Dealers: We will be slightly raising table fees this year. Last show we only had 10 paid dealers. We really need 14-15 to cover our increasing costs in 2024.

Auction: Start setting aside special, more costly items for the show auction now! Quite often there is a lot more bidding than at a meeting. Minimum starting price is \$5.

Exhibiting: We will be having THREE opportunities to exhibit at the 2023 show!

A) 2-3-4 frame exhibits that will be professionally judged and compete for the "Coveted" Rockford Sock Monkey award.

B) single frame (16 pages) club frames that will be awarded first, second and third awards.

C) **NEW - 4 PAGE member showcase. This is meant to be a fun way to show a mini-exhibit. This can be an easy way to get started in exhibiting. No judging, no pressure, just show off something special.** See Tim with any questions.

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
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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
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.

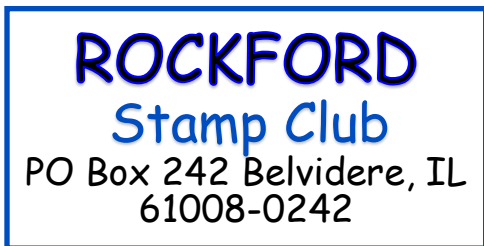
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Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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, October 5 at 5:30/7pm

Tuesday, October 18 at 9/10am

Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.