

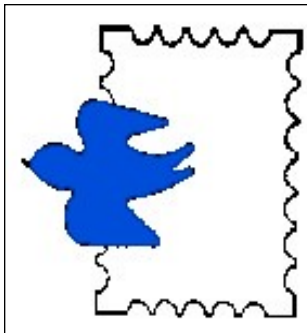
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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Monthly meeting/auction at Ken-Rock Community Center, 3200 11th St., Rockford, IL

### Wednesday, September 4, 2019

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

### Tuesday, September 17, 2019

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

**1st Wednesday Update:** At the Wednesday August 7th meeting there were 23 members. Treasurer reported balance of \$4,193.92.

**Matt Mace** will be acting VP for **Ward Miller** until the December elections due to health issues.

We discussed **discontinuing the Show Cover** as most years we sell very few and lose money. Some do well, as this year's Apollo 11 50th anniversary, which has sold out! Please let us know what you think.

Frank discussed contributing YOUR favorite stamp for the page five feature.

**Tammy Copus** demonstrated how to remove current U.S. stamps using Pure Citrus. Seemed to work very well.

#### Show & Tell.....

1. **Hank Fox** - showed items from the RSC history files from Sep 5, 1930 and April 1954 showing Secretary & Treasurer, who was still the same person!
2. **Stanley Campbell** - showed three 1917 Swiss military postcards and WWII German Soldiers mail.
3. **Steve Capone** - showed a St Louis Paint Co. advertising cover with St. Louis Bears in the logo.
4. **Jeff Hall** - showed Apollo 1969 FDCs.
5. **Tim Wait** - showed 1997 and 1998 Nigerian scam mail. First with a real stamp and then a counterfeit!
6. **Frank Schmitt** - showed a Rare \$1.50 Cigar cover from Austria.

Thank you all for participating.

The **Mystery Raffle** winner, **Tammy Copus** again!

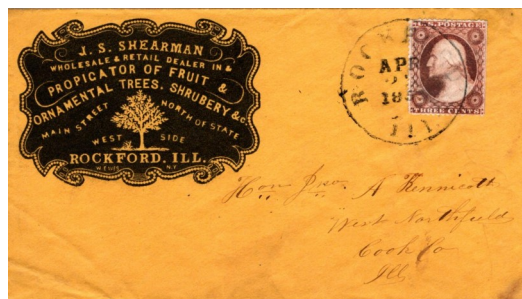
### Wednesday Night's Program

We are asking EVERYONE to bring something to share in a Show & Tell/Ask. This can be a fun club activity and take as little as a minute to describe your item.

**Please take a few moments and find something you can bring to Show & Tell!**

**3rd Tuesday Update:** The Tuesday August 20th auction had 16 member participants and one guest, **Danny St. Jacques wife**. **Lee Barrie** also joined in after a lengthy absence. Acting VP **Matt Mace** and **Steve Capone** shared auction duties and did a great job. Thank you **Lorne Laidlaw** for another postage donation!

#### Rockford Cover of the Month



CAMEO Advertising - Apr 23, 1859. J. S. Shearman Fruit, Ornamental Trees, Shrubery & c. Main Street, North of State, West Side, Rockford, ILL.



### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

**Sat-Sun Sep 14-15 MSDA West Suburban Show**  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Holiday Inn Chicago Oakbrook, 17W350 22nd St. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3, 15+ dealers, free admission.

**Fri-Sat-Sun Sep 20-22 MILCOPEX 2019**  
Milwaukee, WI. Crowne Plaza-Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St.. Hours Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. APS - World Series of Philately Show. 25 dealers, 200+ frames of exhibits, silent auctions, seminars, free admission.

Join the fun, free rides to stamp shows available!

**Tyrannosaurus rex**

1st Class Forever Rate  
 Pane of 16  
 Sep 29—Washington, DC

The Postal Service brings *Tyrannosaurus rex* to life some 66 million years after its demise. One design illustrates a face-to-face encounter with a T.rex approaching through a forest clearing; another shows the same young adult T.rex with a young Triceratops, both dinosaurs shown in fossil form. The third and fourth stamps depict a newly hatched T.rex covered with downy feathers and a bare-skinned juvenile T.rex chasing a primitive mammal. Described as “the Nation’s T.rex,” the young adult depicted on two of the stamps, was discovered on federal land in Montana and is one of the most studied and important specimens ever found. Its remains will soon be on display at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original artwork by Julius T. Csotonyi, a scientist and paleoartist.

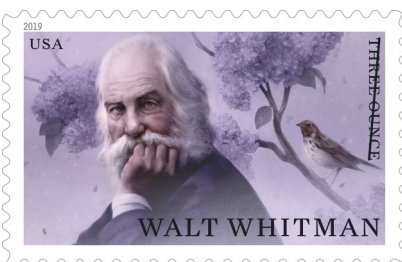


The USPS is doing more to bring the *Tyrannosaurus rex* back to life! A lenticular component has been added to simulate motion in the stamp illustration. The effect will be similar to that seen on the Rabbit and Hat stamp on the 2018 Art of Magic souvenir sheet of three.

T.rex was the largest terrestrial carnivore of all time. It stood approximately 15 feet high and was about 40 feet in length, roughly six tons in weight. In its large mouth were six-inch long, sharp, serrated teeth.

**Walt Whitman**

3 Ounce Rate (85¢)  
 Literary Arts Series  
 Pane of 20  
 Sep 12—Huntington Station, NY



**Walt Whitman** is the 32nd honoree in the Literary Arts series, on the bicentennial of his birth. The stamp features a portrait of Whitman based on a photograph taken by Frank Pearsall in 1869. In the background, a hermit thrush sitting on the branch of a lilac bush recalls “When Lilacs Last in the Door-yard Bloom’d,” an elegy for President Abraham Lincoln written by Whitman soon after Lincoln’s assassination on April 14, 1865. Considered by many to be the father of modern American poetry, Whitman broke away from dominant European poetic forms and experimented with free verse and colloquial expressions, writing powerfully about nearly every aspect of 19th-century America. The artist for the stamp was Sam Weber. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp. The words “THREE OUNCE” on this stamp indicate its usage value. Like a First Class Forever stamp, this stamp will always be valid for the rate printed on it.

**Winter Berries**

1st Class Forever Rate  
 Booklet of 20  
 Sep 17—Tulsa, OK

**Winter Berries**, in a booklet of 20 stamps, celebrates four of winter’s small yet vibrant offerings: the winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), the juniper berry (*Juniperus communis*), the beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) and the soapberry (*Sapindus saponaria*). The stamp art features highly detailed botanical portraits of each plant that highlight the bold colors and rich textures of their berries. Artist Steve Buchanan worked with art director Antonio Alcalá to create these four new stamps.





## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

It was certainly a joy to reconvene our monthly Wednesday night meetings last month and enjoy the friendship and fellowship amongst the club members. Each member should try to bring a friend to the meeting to share the benefits of being a member of the Rockford Stamp Club and to promote membership in our club.

Due to the inability of Vice President Ward Miller to currently attend our meetings Matt Mace has agreed to serve as interim Vice President until Ward is able to return or until the next election of officers. It is important that this position be filled as I will be absent for the October and November meetings. Please keep Ward in your thoughts and prayers. I will also be asking for volunteers (and/or appointing members) for the nomination committee at the September meeting to present a slate of officers and directors for the next term. Keep in mind the terms of election for the officers will be 2 years and 4-5-6 years for the directors.

To my knowledge we do not have a presentation for this meeting. I am investigating a possible APS program but have not landed on anything yet. If you have a subject you would like to have a program on, please let an officer know. Knowing that at least a few members are members of other clubs consider the possibility of inviting a member from one of your other clubs to do a presentation for our club. For those that have multi-club memberships consider taking another of our members along to your other club meeting.

Please bring a show and tell, stump the club item, collecting questions or whatever you have to share with the club. Thanks to Tammy Copus for the demonstration on removing self-adhesive stamps from paper using the Orange Citrus air freshener. Bring lots for the auction, money for bidding and buying, and buy, sell, trade materials.

See you Wednesday. Until then, happy collecting!

## Rockford Main Post Office—Apollo 11 Postmark Update - Tim Wait

It was reported earlier that the Main Post Office on Harrison Avenue was not servicing FDC requests for our Rockford Stamp Club Postmark. A collector that wrote us for one of our FDCs tried to get his own postmarked at Rockford and his letter was returned with a hand written note " We are not participating this year!" I personally called the PO and asked and they said they would honor such requests.

Recently, another collector, who is in the process of documenting all the postmarks and FDCs for the issue and writing a book, contacted me and bought our four remaining show covers. He asked about the PO and I related what happened and that I thought they might honor his request.

As can be seen on the cover below, not only did they NOT honor his request, they have made up stickers to inform the requestor why it is being send back! I wonder how many requests they refused? At least now they are sorry!





# Rockford Stamp Club Archives by Tim Wait

This is how the deal worked with this club. You are NOT required to take ad to get the story, of course, but if you desire the cut in the story, you must pay for it.

Mr. Finn--

2-29-68

bj

A short time ago someone in your club sent us two or three mint envelopes with your cachet, and I "liberated" them and made some first day covers of the Ill. stamp . . . the pioneer-hippie contrast was too good to miss, so the enclosed cover resulted. We are using it March 11 paper, as per below.

Also have your photo of Ben and Bill and the cachet, and shall run it with another plug a couple of weeks before the show. No charge of course for this.

Might suggest--if you are thinking of running an ad--it might be wise to go another \$3.50 and get a cut of your cachet, which we could use in both the ad and another story. For that matter, if you don't care for the ad (about \$21) but would pay for the cut, we'd do the story and use the cut in it--no charge of course other than for the cut. You'll have to let me know two weeks before date of paper in which the story is to appear, of course.

--Bob Jones, asst ed



"150 YEARS OF PROGRESS" is the theme of the Rockford Stamp Club's cachet for its April 6-7 exhibition. The design in bright blue shows a hardy frontiersman and a modern "pioneer" of another stripe, each fitted out with his favorite garb and weapon. The franking bespeaks the theme of American Music, contrasting the voice of "old Betsy" with that of his hippie counterpart. The April 6-7 covers will be franked with the new Illinois commemo

I have been working on a First Day Cover exhibit of the Illinois Sesquicentennial stamp of 1968, Scott #1339. Recently, Hank found some material related to the cachet in the archives.

This letter, dated February 29, 1968 is from Bob Jones, Linn's Stamp News Assistant Editor.

It starts: "A short time ago someone in your club sent two or three mint envelopes with your cachets, and I "liberated" them and made some first day covers of the Ill. Stamp... the pioneer-hippie contrast was too good to miss, so the below cover resulted. **Originally worded "enclosed" so apparently he thought about sending it to us but changed his mind!**

Back in those days Linn's was a large size newspaper with 64 pages or more and had lots of room for promoting club show cachets and was popular to sell through an ad in Linn's!

**The cachet was designed by Rockford resident Tom Wojahn who was a cartoonist for Hot Rod Magazine in the 1960's.**

The show financial report shows a purchase of 2,000 cachets @ \$26.04!! Those were the days. We sold them for 25¢ each of 5 for \$1.00.



Back to my collecting, just last week I acquired the FDC at left on eBay, with Bob Jones mark!

It is another of the two or three covers that Bob "liberated" and mailed in for servicing. In 1969, as it had been since the 1930's, if you wanted a cover postmarked you had to get it to the issuing post office BEFORE the first day ceremony. USPOD employees would add the stamp and cancel it using the handstamp prepared specifically for the event. If you were a "registered" FDC servicer you could send them in after the first day for an indeterminate time and they would receive a machine cancel.

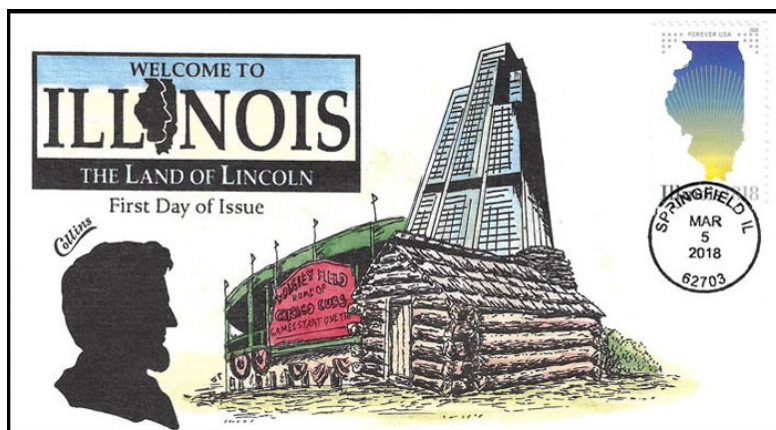
Note the Bob Jones / 211½ S. Ohio Ave. / Sidney, Ohio rubber stamping on the back flap!



# Welcome to the Rockford Illinois Stamp Club Website

[www.rockfordstampclub.com](http://www.rockfordstampclub.com)

**WEB SITE UPDATE** - The NEW website was unveiled January 2019! We have started adding content including past issues of *Rockford Stamp Notes* and pictures. **Please let us know your comments. Tim & Frank - webmasters.**



The American First Day Cover Society (AFDCS) has had a cachet makers contest for many years. Here is one of the 2018 winners for the Illinois Statehood stamp.

## 2018 Cachetmakers Contest Winners

Category 2

Handpainted/Printed from original art

Second Place

Fred Collins

Illinois Statehood

## Storage Needed For Stamp Show Frames

I recently moved and have less room in my garage. I am looking for someone who can store 11 boxes of frames. They are 40" wide by 53" tall. The depth of all 11 boxes is 22". They could be placed in two 11" deep rows.

These would sit in your garage until show time in March, and we would come pick up what is needed.

Please see me at the Wednesday meeting or call me at 815-670-5869 if you have space. Thank you. Tim.

## This Spot Needs A Stamp

EVERY one of you can come up with a special or favorite stamp that you can share a little story about. We have had a few in the past and I would like to build on this tradition.

**Let me know what your stamp is!**



Issued by Canada in 1998 Scott #1690. Note the Plate "Number" of colored bears! The dollar values of Canada are all beautiful stamps. Check them out!

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2019 Dealers

Thank you to our 2019 dealers! All our dealers were busy selling and buying stamps, covers and other philatelic items. The dealers were also major contributors, both selling and buying in our silent auction. Dealers are the backbone of philately, working hard to make sure we can fully enjoy our hobby! Please support them throughout the year.

### Rockford Coin & Stamp

Steve Jennings  
Rockford, IL  
815-282-4444

### Double J Stamps Jeff

Arlington Heights, IL  
847-843-8700

Terry Kurzinski  
Cherry Valley, IL  
815-262-9117

Dennis Lemke  
Great Lakes, IL  
608-358-2133

### Applebox Philatelic's

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

### Fox River Stamps Michael Mules

Salem, WI  
414-234-9867

### David Alex (Sat. Only)

Glenview, IL  
847-291-7826

### Vest Pocket Philatelist

Bill DiSalvatore  
Cherokee Village, AR  
870-257-2809

### Buy the Stamp

Rick Hyams  
Arlington Heights, IL  
847-414-5408

### Steve Capone

Rockford, IL  
815-394-0537

### W. H. Burdick

Mtn. Home, AR  
870-425-7799

### Riverbank Treasurers

Jerry Wessler  
New Lisbon, WI  
608-515-6150

### Wayne Youngblood WYstamps.com

Prairie Du Sac, WI  
608-370-9098

### Win Schaeffer

Flossmoor, IL  
708-715-4321

# 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.

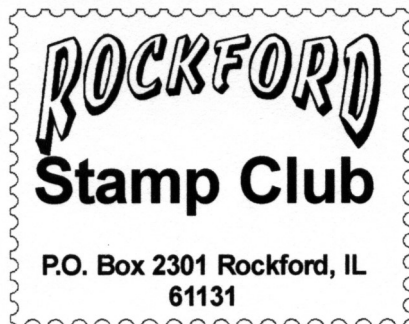
## The 2019 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt  
815-226-4391  
Vice-President.....Ward Miller  
Secretary.....Tammy Copus  
Treasurer.....Hank Fox  
815-397-0573  
Director.....Steve Capone  
Director.....Tim Copus  
Director.....Ted Gifford  
Show Chairman.....Tim Wait  
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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



## September Meetings

**Wednesday Sep 4 — Tuesday Sep 17**

**Share something you collect for  
Show and Tell, yes YOU!**