

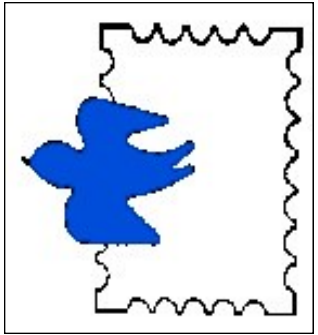
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, September 1, 2021

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

### Tuesday, September 21, 2021

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

**Wednesday, August 4th:** Attendance was up a little with 19 members. Discussed Covid-19 impacts. Be prepared for changes...(bring a mask). Show dates still under discussion due to conflict with other March shows. Show Committee/Directors meeting to take place later.

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

1. **Jeff Hall** - St. Louis 1849 cover #1 to Oregon, IL
2. **Jeff Rieken** - Presidential Inauguration covers, Eisenhower to Obama with autographs!
3. **Steve Capone** - 1948 London Olympics cover from Peru overprinted for 1956 Melbourne Olympics.
4. **Stanley Campbell** - a)10 schilling bank note Col Baden Powell (Boy Scouts) b) deposit slip overprinted Cape of Good Hope c) stamp from The Siege of Mafeking. All Scout related.
5. **Hank Fox** - Last date of 3c postage rate July 31, 1958, Mourning cover.

Thank you to everyone who keeps bring interesting items to share. A lively auction capped off the evening!

However, **where do we go after the meeting?** Think about a local restaurant, with indoor seating open past 9pm, where we could go to continue our philatelic discussions.

#### In-Person Meetings

**Our NEW LOCATION at 625 Adams St., Rockford.**

**No ZOOM call.** We will examine that option in the future. Let us know your thoughts.

#### Wednesday Meeting Presentations

We will continue with our popular Show & Tell sessions at the Wednesday meeting and are always looking for short 10-15 minute presentations about any stamp related topic. Contact Frank if you would like to make a presentation. **For show and tell why don't YOU bring a favorite philatelic item to share. We want to see some different members sharing their treasurers!**

**Tuesday, August 17th:** 12 members came out for the Tuesday meeting. 78 auction lots. Don't miss out in September!

#### Global Pandemic Issue of the Month



Czech stamp showing six masks—Thank you Front Line workers and other national symbols.



#### Upcoming Area Stamp Shows

##### Sep. 11-12 - TOSAPEX 2021

St. Francis, WI. St. Francis Lions Club Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only with 10 dealers. Free admission.

##### Sep. 18-19 - Chicagoland North

Wheeling, IL. Ramada Inn, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only with 14 dealers. [www.msdestamp.com](http://www.msdestamp.com) for list of dealers. Free admission.

##### Oct. 1-3 - INDYPEX (WSP Show)

Noblesville, IN. Hamilton Co. 4-H Fairgrounds & Exhibition Center, 2003 Pleasant St. Hours: Fri 10-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. 37 stamp dealers 125+ exhibit frames. A National level show within 300 miles. Free admission.

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

**Raven Story**  
**First Class Forever (55c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Jul 30 - Juneau, AK



Merging traditional artwork with modern design touches, this stamp depicts one of many stories about Raven, a figure of great significance to the Indigenous peoples of the Northwest Coast. Among the cultures of the region, Raven plays an essential role in many traditional tales, including stories about the creation of the world. Inspired by the traditional story of Raven setting free the sun, the moon and the stars, Tlingit/Athabaskan artist Rico Worl depicts Raven just as he escapes from his human family and begins to transform back into his bird form. Antonio Alcalá served as art director.



A few countries have issued stamps depicting the Raven. In 1995 Faroe Islands, part of the Kingdom of Denmark, issued Scott#287 showing a Black Raven “Corvus corax”.

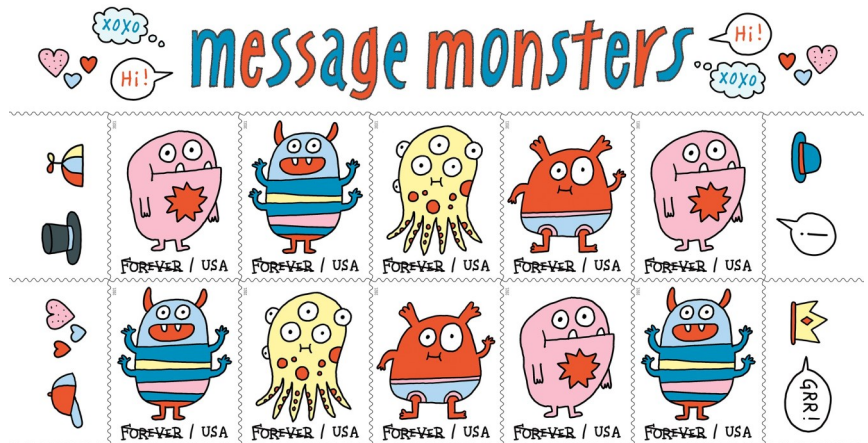
**Happy Birthday**  
**First Class Forever (58c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Sep 9 - Toast, NC



The stamp conveys exuberant greetings by calling to mind the childhood excitement of a birthday party. Each of the five letters in the word “HAPPY” is inspired by a different party decoration in the midst of a flurry of multicolored ribbons and confetti. This stamp was designed by Lisa Catalone Castro and Rodolfo Castro, featuring a digital illustration by the latter. Ethel Kessler served as art director.

**Message Monsters**  
**First Class Forever (58c)**  
 Pane of 20 (4 designs +)  
 Sep 24 - Topeka, KS

The four fun designs on this new pane of 20 stamps are supplemented by dozens of self-adhesive accessories in the margin around the stamps. With them, you can surprise recipients with personalized cards, letters and envelopes. The monster-ific accoutrements include cartoony voice balloons and thought bubbles with exclamations and salutations, hats and crowns, hearts, stars, crazy daisies and other fun flair. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the pane with new illustrations by Elise Gravel, author and illustrator of popular children’s books.



**Day of the Dead**  
**First Class Forever (58c)**  
 Pane of 20 (4 designs)  
 Sep 30 - El Paso, TX

In recent decades, Día de los Muertos, as it is known in Spanish, has caught on in the United States as a festive celebration for all ages. These new stamps showcase the Day of the Dead holiday, in all its flower-bedecked splendor. This pane of 20 Forever stamps features several iconic elements of a traditional Day of the Dead offering. Stylized, decorated “sugar skulls” are personalized as family members — a child with a hair bow, a father sporting a hat and mustache, a mother with curled hair, and another child. The vibrant colors of marigold flowers and other embellishments, along with the white of the sugar skulls, stand out brightly from the stamps’ black background. Day of the Dead, with all its exuberant color, life-affirming joy, and appeal for the whole family, is fast becoming a popular American holiday.

## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

The Great American Stamp Show (GASS)! I obviously had grand delusions of my attendance/participation in the show. I had expected to spend at least two, if not more, days attending the show. Thursday didn't happen, Friday didn't happen, Saturday did happen but not without its complications. Saturday was off to a great start until I was cleaning my glasses and a nose pad fell off and it took me over 45 minutes to find it. Of course, the screw was missing so no at home repair. I scrounged up an old pair that could get me by and headed off to GASS two hours later than planned.

The drive in was uneventful, parking as expected (plentiful, but \$15), the walk from the parking garage to the exhibition hall was a half-marathon. I had pre-registered on-line long ago and entry into the stamp show was a snap. I had finally "arrived" but was like a flea on a dog, I knew what to do but couldn't decide where to start. I did somewhat of a quick walk-through to familiarize myself with the layout and participating dealers, making notes of whom I wanted to visit. That, my friends, was another half-marathon.

Once I got the "lay of the land" I got down to business. I purchased things I needed, things I wanted, and of course a couple of things I "just couldn't do without" (but didn't know that before the purchase). The USPS had a great presence with numerous last chance to buy items and was steadily busy. The exhibits were many and varied and another half-marathon but worth the time and energy. Our esteemed Tim Wait did himself proud and can give us a report at the Wednesday night meeting. Congratulations Tim!

Unfortunately, I had to leave GASS earlier than I wanted due to the fact I still needed to have my glasses repaired before my return home. However, I had a great time, made purchases of items I wanted (forgot to go back to a couple of cover dealers to get a couple of FDC's), spent plenty, and most of all had a very enjoyable time.

I was successful in getting my glasses repaired and returned home safely with my treasure trove. That evening I kicked back and reviewed and enjoyed my purchases and rested my poor feet. I think a new pair of shoes are in order.

To sum things up, it truly was a Great American Stamp Show.

**Until further notice please bring a mask with you to all meetings as it appears requirements are changing rapidly, be prepared. I believe wearing the mask remains optional at this time but could change in a week. Thank you for your understanding.**

Don't forget to bring a show and tell item/s to our meeting and keep those articles for the newsletter pouring in to Tim. We are still hoping for that presentation, of your choice, you promised to share at one of our meetings!

Happy collecting and stay safe.

## Civil War Revenue Tax 1862-1872 - Tim Wait

This space features interesting Civil War documents from my collection. I can probably continue this space until.....2099!



Certificate of Deposit \$100. Jan. 12, 1863. Bank of Binghamton, Broome Co., N. York. 2¢ tax of deposits up to \$100. Stamped with matching 2¢ Certificate "Yellow".

Beautifully engraved certificate with much imagery. The first 2¢ stamps were printed in Yellow. They were immediately criticized as being indistinct and of poor quality. About October 10 the printers, Butler & Carpenter of Philadelphia, were instructed to change the color to blue. In 1864 the color of the 2¢ stamps was change to Orange.

# Mexico Entrega Inmediata (Special Delivery) - Tim Wait

Mexico issued their first Special Delivery stamp in 1919. It featured a messenger on a tricycle cart vehicle. Proofs were prepared in a variety of colors with "MUESTRA", "SAMPLE" in English overprinted.



The stamp was issued in red & black at first unwatermarked and in 1923 on watermarked paper. E1 and E2.



The same design was printed on envelopes valued 30 centavos which included regular postage.



A new design was issued in 1934 showing a runner carrying a Quipu, or tube. The rate was lowered to 10 centavos.



A second special delivery stamp showing an Indian Archer was also issued in 1934 at 10 centavos. An orange red 20c was also issued.

Nov. 12 1939 Air Mail / Special Delivery cover to Wilmington, State of Delaware with E2 and C12.



In 1944 a 25c new design was issued. In 1951 a 60c stamp was issued. Don't you love the 25c design!



In 1956 the rates changed to 35c and 80c and two new designs we issued showing hands and a pigeon and a plane circling the globe. These stamps were issued with new denominations in 1962 and again in 1975.



Mexico's last Entrega Inmediata stamp was issued in 1976. After that regular postage stamps were used for Special Delivery!



In the United States our last special delivery stamp, the 45c E45, was issued in 1969. many countries never issued Special Delivery stamps and most ceased issuing Special Delivery service stamps by the 1970's.

# 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.

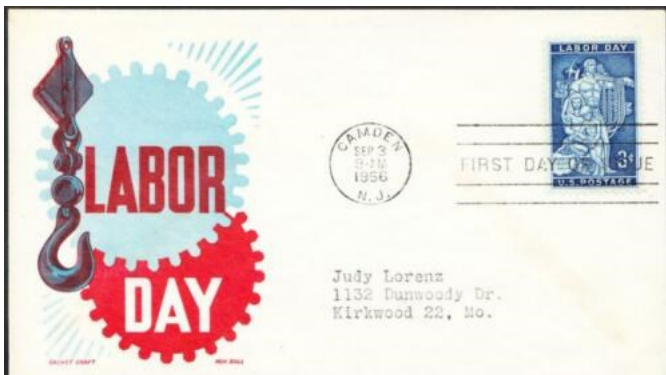
## Happy Birthday! - Update

Last month we looked at the Happy Birthday stamps issued with the last one being a 39¢ stamp valid through May 13, 2007. Well the USPS has come to the rescue after 15 years! A new Happy Birthday Forever stamp will be issued September 9 in panes of 20.



It will be the first forever stamp at the new domestic first-class letter rate of 58¢ which goes into effect August 29.

## Labor Day Sep. 3, 1956



## Great American Stamp Show

Adding to Frank's adventure reported on page three I was able to attend the show from set-up until tear down!

I showed two exhibits: *U.S. Civil War Documentary Taxes 1862-1872* which received 91 points and a Large Gold and *Rockford Illinois Postal Markings 1837-1939* received 89 points and a Gold.

On Wednesday I arrived at noon and began setting up mailed in exhibits after which I mounted my 17 frames! A close friend and fellow revenue exhibitor was supposed to arrive at 4pm but was delayed until 7 because of earlier storms so I stayed doing set up and fixing frames for exhibitors until 8:30! Boy was I tired after an eight hour day on cement floors!

After all that work it was time to enjoy the show. I went into work from 8-9:30 Thursday and Friday and then went to the show at 10. Too many dealers, too many society booths (I belong to 12 societies that had tables) many seminars to attend and over 850 exhibit frames to enjoy.

I was able to shop the dealer bourse and come away with a few nice items for my collections and future exhibits. I'll bring a couple for show and tell.

As a judge I get to travel the country to various shows and have made many philatelic friends, many of which I was able to visit with at the show. A GREAT time!

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 Stamp Expo Dealers

We will be approaching all our past show dealers to participate in the long awaited Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - 2022. We had one new and two returning dealers scheduled for 2020, Tiger Collectibles from Stoutsville, MO and two dealers returning after multi-year absences, James Newland from Peoria and Pfol's Stamps from Dubuque. Hopefully, many of our dealers will be returning to our show next year. **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year and contact them 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  
414-234-9867

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  
815-394-0537

Pfol's Stamps  
John Phols  
Dubuque, IA  
563-582-6247

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Jeff  
Arlington Heights, IL  
847-843-8700

# 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.

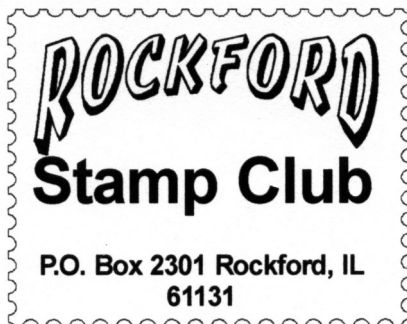
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## Perry Arnquist Award Recipients

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, Sept. 1st at 5:30/7pm**

**Tuesday, Sept. 21st at 9/10am**

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