

ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

Wednesday, December 6

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

Tuesday, December 19

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

Wednesday, November 1st: we had thirteen members in attendance and a lively auction with LOTSD of LOTS!

Elections: Our bi-annual elections are this year. President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and One Director are up. Nominations will take place at the November meeting with voting in December.

Show Update: Dealer contracts have been sent. Exhibitors have already committed frames to Tim. Expect to have 18-20 frames this year to see how they fit in the new location. Does anyone want to do a show cover? Ideas?

Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - a) Three different Mulready parodies. These were Great Britain's first postal stationery that received a lot of ridicule for what all was depicted, b) Parody cover of 1979 Skylab falling out of the sky. c) Kimball Piano Co. Middle School Pins.

The mystery box winner was **Tammy Copus**, again!

Tuesday, November 21: about 10 members came in for the auction. Always a fun time.

Get Your Dues Paid!

We're closing in on the end of 2023! That means your 2024 dues will need to be paid soon. **\$15 for a printed newsletter and \$8 for electronic version.**

This is a bargain for all the philatelic fun you have at the meetings (some of you are missing out), and great auction lots!

Please pay Tim at the Wednesday meeting or Frank at the Tuesday meeting.



Upcoming Stamp Shows

Fri-Sat Jan 5-6 **MSDA WI-IL Stateline Show**
Kenosha, WI. First Christian Church, 13022 Wilmot Road. Hours Fri 10-6 Sat 10-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

Fri-Sat Feb 2-3 **MSDA Joliet Stamp Show**
Joliet, IL. Messiah Lutheran Church, 40 Houbolt Rd. MSDA & Will Co. Stamp Club. Hours Fri 10-5 Sat 10-4. Bourse only. Free admission.

Sat Feb 10 **Janesville Stamp Show**
Janesville, WI. Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington PL. Hours 9:30-4. Exhibits and bourse. Silent auction. Free admission.

Ask other members if you are interested in going to a show. Ride sharing can be a big savings and fun!

Annual Ken-Rock Kids Charity Auction Wednesday, December 6, 2023

For MANY years our club has held a charity auction at our Wednesday night meeting in December. **ALL lots are donated and ALL proceeds go to our meeting location's Ken-Rock Kids program. This is most of the funding available to give these kids a Holiday party.**

Please bring some decent lots for donation and remember to bid generously so we can continue supporting this excellent organization.

Don't forget to bring a treat so we can have some extra holiday cheer too!

On Tuesday, December 19th it is too late for donations but everybody likes cookies and treats so come prepared for an auction and some calories!



President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

As difficult as it may be to believe, here we are closing out another year of our favorite hobby. I had hopes to accomplish much more than I did in my collecting interests and unfortunately probably will not need to change many of my New Year's resolutions for this year. On the upside it does appear that I have made some headway in cultivating interest in stamp collecting amongst my three grandsons.

I was gravely disappointed in the fact that I was unable to attend Chicagopex due to a prolonged viral infection and preparing to travel to Portland Maine, which is where I am currently composing this article. As luck would have it there are no stamp shows or bourses scheduled during my time here. I am however intending to visit a stamp store if I can find one nearby and it is open. I can report on that later.

Staying within our tradition, the December Wednesday meeting will be our Christmas party (bring a treat to share) which includes our annual charity auction that benefits the Ken-Rock Kids. All auction lots are donations to this cause and all proceeds from the auction will go to the Ken-Rock Kids as the sole funding source for their Christmas party. Please be generous in donating lots and of course bidding high on the lots you are interested in. We also have a dollar-for-dollar matching donation up to \$100.00 for the auction, so make it count, but certainly don't stop bidding when the auction realizes \$100.00 in sales. It is our opportunity as philatelists to be philanthropists.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo is fast approaching and presents some new challenges this year, especially the change of venue. After doing the same thing at the same place for 30 years it was a very familiar process for us and our wonderful dealers. This will be a learning experience and your help in making this show successful is fully dependent on the members of this club volunteering and helping where needed. As the sign-up sheets are passed around, please sign up for a shift or two each day if you are able. Also start preparing your show auction lots (\$5.00 minimum starting bid), forms will be available at the January meeting. We may have limited auction space but will maximize it as much we can.

Remember your exhibits as well. If you do not want to be a competitive exhibitor there is also the opportunity to do a 4-page non-competitive exhibit of your choice. Join in the fun and share your collecting interest through an exhibit.

There is a slight possibility I will not be back in Rockford in time for the December meeting, if not, Happy Holidays to everyone and thank you for another great year.

Stay safe, stay well, happy collecting! Thank you for asking, yes, dues are due.

Christmas in the UK



A nice variety of Great Britain Christmas stamps!

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.

Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo - March 9-10

NOW is the time to start thinking about your contribution to making this show the best ever!

- Better **auction lots** \$5 minimum.
- **Four page exhibits** - see Tim W. These can be a fun and easy way to start showing off your collection.
- **Want lists for the dealers.** Contact them ahead of time to make sure they bring what you are looking for. See last page for contact info.
- **Time to help out at** - frame/exhibit set up, dealer setup, greeting our guests at the front desk, auction helpers, frame/exhibit take down.
- **Banquet suggestions.** We have lots of options on State St. Let us know what you think could work.
- **Tell your friends and relatives.** The more we get the word out, the more attendance and activity we have at the show.

With the change to the Hoffman House Conference Center next year, we will have more challenges with the room layout and set up. This is your show and we can all make it more successful and enjoyable every year by participating in a variety of ways.

Turtles

About ten years ago Bonnie and I went to Florida and then drove down to Key West for vacation. Along the way we found The Turtle Hospital in the keys at Marathon. We thoroughly enjoyed the tour and the wonderful work they do there to rescue, rehab and release these gentle giants. So how about a few turtles!

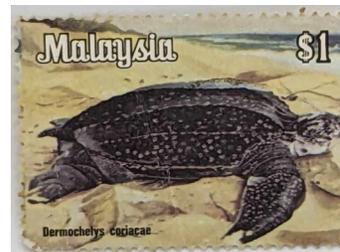


UN-Vienna 1998
Green Sea Turtle
Common to FL

Solomon Islands
Loggerhead Sea Turtle



Malaysia
Letherback Sea Turtle



Thank you! ROCKFORD 2-3-4 2023 Dealers

The below dealers all participated at the 2023 show. If you saw something but passed at the show it's not too late to contact them and still get it for your collection! **Remember to support our dealers throughout the year for all your philatelic needs.**

David Alex, Sat. Only

Glenview, IL
847-291-7826

WYstamps.com

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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, 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.

The 2022-2023 Club Officers

President.....Frank Schmitt
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Vice-President.....Matt Mace
Secretary.....Tammy Copus
Treasurer.....Tim Wait
Director.....Tim Copus
Director.....Steve Capone
Director.....Terry Kurzinski
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



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