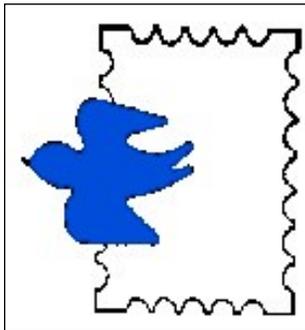


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, September 6

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

### Tuesday, September 19

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

Wednesday, August 2nd: we had sixteen members in attendance. We have been fortunate that club lots from donations have been paying our rent almost every month. (Total Club Income was \$80.78. this night.) Thank you to those who donate items to sell and for the Mystery Raffle box!

October is Stamp Collecting Month! It was discussed if we wanted to try to do something at the North Suburban Library like we did about five years ago. See Tammy or Frank if you want to help.

Ken-Rock has been having difficulties and is thinking about becoming a day care facility. No idea how that could affect us. We discussed the possibility of having to find a new location.

Eliminating the Wednesday evening meeting and having two morning meetings was mentioned. The idea was quickly objected to by members who still work!

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Frank Schmitt** - letter addressed to "BS" Dispensary in small town Olmstead, IL.
2. **Tim Wait** - 10c orange Columbian Special Delivery stamp on 1893 Columbian stamped envelope.
3. **Steve Capone** - Cooperstown, NY cover from 1867 with possible baseball diamond cancel.

The mystery box winner was **Alan Skoog**.

Tuesday, August 15: we had 13 members present and 61 lots realized \$28.15 profit from club lots and commissions.

Autumn  
Greetings  
2019  
Japan



### Upcoming Stamp Shows

Sat-Sun Sep 9-10 MSDA College of DuPage  
Glen Ellyn, IL. Student Resource Center, 425 Fawell.  
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free.

Sat Sep 16 Quad City Stamp Show  
Davenport, IA. American Legion post 26, 705 West  
35th St. Hours 9-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

Fri-Sat Sep 22-23 Milcopex  
Brookfield, WI. Brookfield Convention Center, 325  
South Moorland Rd. Student Resource Center, 425  
Fawell. Hours: Fri Noon-6, Sun 10-5. **National WSP  
show.** Bourse, exhibits, seminars.

Sat Oct 7 Monroe Stamp & Postcard Show  
Monroe, WI. Monroe Moose Lodge, 639 3rd Ave.  
Hours 9-3. Bourse only. Free admission.

Fri-Sat Oct 6-7 Indypex  
Noblesville, IN. Hamilton County Fairgrounds and Con-  
vention Center, 2003 Pleasant St. Hours: Fri-Sat 10-5,  
Sun 10-3. **National WSP show.** Bourse, exhibits, sem-  
inars.

### Member Health and Welfare

It was reported that **Ward Miller** is on hospice at Wesley Willows. Please be thinking of him.

**Gerry Van Alstyne** has been in and out of the hospital and going to many appointments at VA Hines.

If you or if you know anyone we should mention, please let Frank or Tim know.

**Piñatas**

**First Class Forever (66c)**  
Booklet of 20 (4 designs)  
**Sep 8** – Roswell, NM



**Piñatas** - Celebrate the fun and tradition of piñatas with a colorful booklet of 20 stamps. The stamp art features four lively, digital illustrations of two traditional piñata designs—a donkey and a seven-point star. The bright, saturated color palette was inspired by Mexican culture, including the vibrant colors of small-town houses, traditional hand-sewn dresses, hand-made toys, and classic piñatas themselves. Víctor Meléndez created the original art and designed the stamps.

The 36th annual Piñata Festival will be held by the Roswell, NM, Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Described as a family friendly event with lots of vendors, food, and fun, it will be on the Chaves County Courthouse Lawn on September 8, 9, and 10, and there will a dedication ceremony of the new USPS Piñata stamps at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 8.

**Snow Globes**

**First Class Forever (66c)**  
Booklet of 20 (4 Designs)  
**Sep 19** – Breckenridge, CO



**Snow Globes** - can be miniature works of art, kitschy souvenirs or anything in between. Celebrating the spirit of the holidays, the Postal Service captures the playful pleasure of Christmas snow globes on four new stamps.

Painting in oil, the artist created spherical snow globes featuring icons of the season: a snowman wearing a jaunty red-and-white scarf; Santa Claus on a rooftop preparing to climb down the chimney; a reindeer standing in a snowy forest; and a snowy tree decorated with colorful ornaments. Original art by Gregory Manchess.

Per Wikipedia, "At the end of the 19th century the Austrian Erwin Perzy, a producer of surgical instruments, invented the so-called Schneekugel (snow globe) and got the first patent for it. Originally his goal was to develop an extra bright lightsource for use as a surgical lamp. As he tried to intensify the candlepower of a so-called Schusterkugel (a water-filled flask used to focus light since the Middle Ages) with particles made out of different materials for reflection purpose, the effect reminded him of snowfall. He then built his first scene globe. Because of the great demand, Perzy and his brother opened a shop in Vienna, where the production continues today as a family business exporting throughout the world. The material and methods used to make the particles for Perzy globes is a family production secret."

**OSIRIS-REx**

**First Class Forever (66c)**  
Pane of 20  
**Sep 22** – Salt Lake City, UT

This stamp celebrates NASA's seven-year OSIRIS-REx mission to study and map the asteroid Bennu and deliver a sample of the surface to Earth, landing in the Utah desert on September 24, 2023. The sample will help scientists learn how the solar system formed. OSIRIS-REx—a collaboration between NASA, the University of Arizona, and Lockheed Martin—exemplifies American ingenuity, perseverance, and teamwork. The remarkable journey is described in the attached article below.


**Ruth Bader Ginsberg**

**First Class Forever (66c)**  
Pane of 20  
**Oct 2** - Washington, DC

This stamp honors Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933-2020), the 107th Supreme Court Justice of the United States. It also marks a break from the usual guideline that people be honored no sooner than five years after they died. After beginning her career as an activist lawyer fighting gender discrimination, Justice Ginsburg became a respected jurist whose important majority opinions advancing equality and strong dissents on socially controversial rulings made her a passionate proponent of equal justice and an icon of American culture. The stamp features an with an intricate white collar. Based on a photograph by Philip Birmingham.



## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



In April 2022, the Europa stamp theme for 2023 was changed to “Peace — the highest value of humanity” at the request of Ukraine's post office to demonstrate solidarity with Ukraine during a time of war.

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

Ah, the excitement of receiving yet another issue of the Rockford Stamp Notes newsletter is palpable. Hearts are pounding, hands are trembling, and eyes are open wide as you click open the email edition or break the seals on the mailed edition to view the wonders within. Okay, maybe a little overkill, but it is how each, and every, member (not just those attending the meetings) can keep up with the happenings within the club, within our area, and far beyond. It is also an avenue for any, and all, members to share their collecting interests, experiences, favorite stamp, amazing find or acquisition, or any other number of topics related to our hobby. Each of our members brings something special to our hobby and it is time to share your knowledge and broaden the horizons of your fellow collectors.

I was able to attend the Tuesday morning auction on August 15<sup>th</sup> and must say it was great seeing several members in attendance that have not been seen in a while. It appears that the attendance between the Wednesday night meeting and Tuesday auction is near an even split. There is a core group that regularly attends both, but several are only able to attend one or the other. It is our goal to accommodate as many members as possible. For the most part, our meeting times are a fact of tradition and not much else. It appears that our night meeting attendance is affected (especially through the winter months) by night driving and weather conditions, neither of which we can change. At our last meeting a very brief mention of what affect a change in meeting days and times might have, such as an earlier evening (or even afternoon) start time. This would affect those that are still working, and we would certainly have to be cognizant of that. Any thoughts and comments are welcome, and we ask you to share them.

October is fast approaching and as we all know it has long been touted as stamp collecting month. It is short notice, but we had a short discussion last month on the possibility of doing a display on stamp collecting at the North Suburban Library as we have done in the past. We also had an “open house/welcome to stamp collecting” room manned by club members on a Saturday. The last time we did something like this we gained a member or two for our club. If anyone is interested in participating, please let one of the club officers know. It is our responsibility to promote our club and our hobby.

Remember, March 9-10, 2024, is the Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, being held at the Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. It is not too early to start promoting our show not to mention preparing your exhibit/s. We have the 2, 3 or 4 16 page frame competition. Or, you can enter a four page mini-exhibit to show off something interesting from your collections. See Tim for more info or mentoring if you are interested. While attending other area stamp shows please mention to the dealers that you hope to see them at our show. It never hurts to recruit a new dealer or two. As you know this is a new venue which is exciting but will not be without a few challenges, please plan on volunteering to help for a couple hours.

Checklist for our upcoming meeting; bring a friend, bring a fellow member that is not able to drive, bring a show and tell, bring a short program or presentation, bring auction lots, bring money to purchase auction lots, bring a smile.

Stay well, stay safe, happy collecting!

## The Bicycle Special Delivery - by Tim Wait



**July 29, 1908.** Registered letter from St. Louis, Mo. To Glarryford, County Antrim, Ireland. Foreign postage was 5¢. Registration to a foreign country 8¢. Both nicely paid with Series of 1902 10¢ and 3¢ stamps.

St. Louis Registered marking. Registered Exchange label applied in NY, Blue crayon for registered in the foreign mail. R in a circle applied in the UK or Ireland.

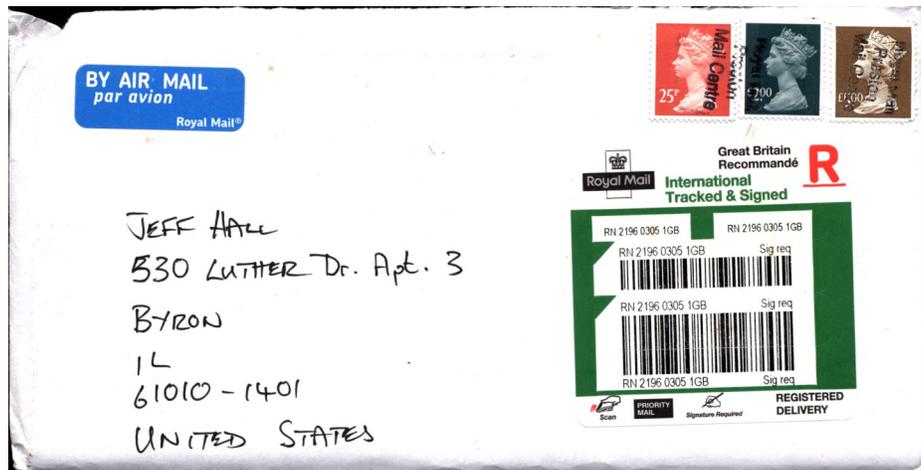
Special Delivery in the US was 10¢ to any post office. An agreement to send special delivery letters to Germany and the Irish Free State didn't go into effect until Sept. 1, 1926. **Unfortunately, this sender wasted 10¢ for a service that was never performed!**

# Non-barcoded QEII Machin Stamps Invalidated - by Jeff Hall

With the non-barcoded QE2 Machins now being invalid for postal use as of 7/31/23. The high-value stamps £1-£5 stamps are very scarce to find on cover. **One of the reasons was in a Letter to the Editor in July issue of the American Philatelist stating that Royal Mail no longer had any for exchange.** In checking the overseas covers I saved from my purchases of the last five years I found three covers that qualify. The first has two - £2/65 stamps with Machins and a regular issue. The second again has two - £2/65 stamps and a £1/17 stamp, along with others. These are, of course, sent by stamp dealers but they very collectable covers. It appears Royal Mail isn't diligent about cancelling their stamps, just like the USPS, as none of the stamps are cancelled!



The third cover, cancelled at the Preston Mail Centre, Northeast of Manchester, has three Machins including a £2 pound and a £5 pound, paying £7.75 for an Airmail Registered letter to the US. I feel lucky to have saved them intact because of what my grandfather taught me when I first started collecting.



## Member News

**Terry Kurzinski** won a Gold award for his exhibit *Postal Uses of the 1904 Livingston Stamp* at St. Louis Stamp Expo. Terry was also elected to the Polonus - Polish Philatelic Society Board of Directors. Congratulations Terry!

Best wishes to **Christine Gustafson** on her move to Mesa, AZ. Her attendance at meetings (especially her aggressive bidding) and help at the show will be missed. Hopefully she will find a club nearby but will always remember Rockford as her 'home' club.

## Post Office News

July 24, 2023. USPS announcement. Rockford's Broadway Post Office Retail Operations Temporarily Closed.

To ensure the safety of both customers and employees, operations at the Broadway Post Offices at 1140 Broadway, are temporarily closed due to structural issues. Customers were directed to pick up mail at the East Rockford Post Office, 111 N. 6th St. No timetable has yet been established for the resumption of retail services.

Has anybody been there since?

# 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.



Jeff Hall has come up with an interesting way to store and show a coil roll. He is using a cheap jewelry box that he has taken out the padding. He used a small round plastic container that he glued to the bottom.

Adding a scan of the stamp and a description inside the lid and you have a nifty container!

Has anyone else come up with an imaginative way to store or display something from their collection? Send me a picture for a future newsletter.

## A Few #1's of the World



Chile #1 - 1853  
C. Columbus



Belgium #1 - 1849  
King Leopold I



Canada #1 - 1851  
The "Beaver"



Mexico #1 - 1856  
Hidalgo

## Wednesday Meeting - Show and Tell

Steve Capone reports that he has finally found his Mohawk Valley Covers and will be bringing them to the Wednesday night meeting for a show and tell.

Gerry Van - did you see the above? Gerry's ancestors are from the Mohawk Valley in New York!

## 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

Wayne Youngblood  
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### Riverbank Treasurers

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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



**We've been missing many of you!**  
**Wednesday, September 6 at 5:30/7pm**  
**Tuesday, September 19 at 9/10am**  
**Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.**