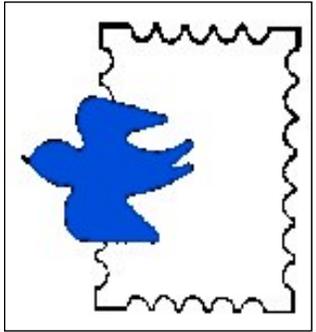


# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, May 3

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

### Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, April 5th: we had thirteen members in attendance. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,214.56. Short meeting followed by show report.

We had a discussion of the **very successful show**. Due to great dealer participation, excellent auction results and all the hard work of our volunteers, we made a **profit of just over \$700!** However, with Forest Hills closing we will have to find a new venue which will substantially increase that cost. We are anticipating at **least a \$1,000 venue cost increase!** We will be vetting new locations. Please let us know if you have any ideas for a new location.

**Lee Barrie** donated books to the club library. Linn's Stamp year book 1995 and Philatelic Witness-Stamps of Revolutions that was already "checked out" by Stanley! Thank you Lee!

It was reported that past member Jim Johnson had passed away.

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Stanley Campbell** - showed his Tibet stamp exhibit he put together many years ago. He said he will work on it for next year's show!

Our evening ended with our usual auction called by **Tammy Copus** since Steve was not able to stay for the meeting.

### Member Health and Welfare

Stanley reported that **Martha Bauch**, our oldest member!, was recently having some health issues. We all hope you are better now Martha!

**Gerry Van Alstyne** had spinal surgery on Tuesday, April 25th. He will be in the hospital for a week-ten days, then therapy for 4-6 weeks. A long recovery and we wish you a successfully recovery.

Tuesday mornings continue to be a fun time and great auction! They are always MANY lots to bid on to add to your collection. YOU should bring some lots to sell off your duplicate or unneeded material (nothing is unwanted!) and acquire some great new items!

**What do you collect? Yes YOU!** Please let Tim know some details of how or what you collect. We would like to do a regular feature on one or two members a month to better know our collecting friends. It doesn't have to be anything formal, just your story of how you started, how your collecting has evolved, how you store your collections or anything else you would like to share. See Tim to tell your story.



### Upcoming Stamp Shows

#### Sat-Sun May 6-7 WISCOPEX 2023

Fond du Lac, WI. Hotel Retlaw, One North Main St. Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Judged exhibits, bourse and seminars. For more info contact Jim Stollenwerk at: smallgasengine65@gmail.com).

#### Sat-Sun Jun 17-18 MSDA La Crosse

La Crosse, WI. La Crosse Center, 300 Harborview Plaza. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free.

#### Sat-Sun Jul 8-9 MSDA Milwaukee

Waukesha, WI. Waukesha Expo Center Forum Building, 100 Northview RD. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Bourse only. Free.

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



**Tomie dePaola**  
**First Class Forever (63c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 May 5 – Manchester, NH

This stamp honors prolific children’s book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola (1934-2020), whose extraordinarily varied body of work encompasses folktales and legends, informational books, religious and holiday stories, and touching autobiographical tales. The stamp art features a detail from the cover of “Strega Nona” (1975), the Caldecott Honor winning first book in the series. Set in southern Italy, the gently humorous story focuses on Strega Nona, “Grandma Witch,” who uses magic to help with matters of the heart and to cure her neighbors’ ills. dePaola’s paternal grandparents came to the U.S. from Calabria, which is why he set Strega Nona in southern Italy.

dePaola spent much of his life in New Hampshire from the 1970s until he died in 2020. The Currier Museum of Art in Manchester exhibited more than 100 of his illustrations in 2020 and 2021 and recently established the Tomie dePaola Art Education Fund to support art education for young people of all backgrounds.

This stamp honors Chief Standing Bear (ca. 1829-1908), who won a landmark court ruling in 1879 that determined that Native Americans were persons under the law with inherent rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The stamp features a portrait of Chief Standing Bear by Thomas Blackshear II, based on a black-and-white photograph taken in 1877. The color of Standing Bear's attire was based mainly on contemporary descriptions. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.

**Chief Standing Bear**  
**First Class Forever (63c)**  
 Pane of 20  
 May 12 – Lincoln, NE



Standing Bear was Chief of the Ponca tribe and led their court fight. The landmark case was motivated by a move of the Nebraska-based tribe to a reservation in Oklahoma, when the tribe thought they were being moved to Omaha, Nebraska. It resulted in restoring the Ponca Tribe to northeastern Nebraska, while also retaining a Ponca Tribe in Oklahoma. In Lincoln, Nebraska, there is a city park located in the southwest area of town named "Standing Bear Grounds". One issue that his 1879 trial had raised was finally resolved in 1924 when Congress adopted the **Indian Citizenship Act, which conferred citizenship on all Native Americans born in the United States.**



**Endangered Species**  
**First Class Forever (63c)**  
 Pane of 20 (Twenty designs)  
 May 19 – Wall, SD

The Endangered Species Act, which marks its 50th anniversary in 2023, Safeguards more than 1,300 imperiled plant and animal species to increase their chances of survival. This pane from the Postal Service presents a photographic portfolio of 20 representatives. Those featured are found within the 50 states and U.S. territories and possessions or living near U.S. borders. The images are among more than 13,000 in photographer Joel Sartore’s “Photo Ark,” his project to document as many animal species as possible. Shown to the left, the Black-footed ferret is one of the species featured in this issue. In what is known as the Conata Basin region of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland in Wall, South Dakota, the most successful Black-footed ferret reintroduction program was undertaken by the federal government, establishing a small but sustainable population of these mammals that had ceased to exist in that area.



## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt

Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:



It's that time! Time for the coming together of the members of our stamp club for the latest club news, sharing of our latest "find" or project, hopefully a short educational presentation, and of course our much-anticipated auction after the close of meeting business. Please come join us, your attendance is what makes our meetings and club a success.

We are feverishly working on finding a suitable venue for our Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo 2024. It appears that we can make the Hoffman House location work, but we are still checking out measurements and finalizing some other details. Your input is also important in the success of the show so please share if you have any ideas.

The club is currently in need of a new treasurer. This will be discussed at our meeting.

Regarding the auctions, we ask that you give the auction clerks a few minutes to calculate totals before crowding in to pay. We would like all purchasers to come up and pay first and then we will make payouts to the sellers. Cash and check are suitable for payment and every attempt will be made to payout in cash, however, in the event we have a shortage of cash a check will be issued to the seller. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling face at the meeting. Bring a friend, bring a show and tell, bring auction lots. Participate, participate, participate.

Stay safe, stay well, happy collecting!

## Exploring the Scott Specialized Catalogue of US - by Tim Wait

Most of us collect U.S. stamps and covers. If you do, you must have the Scott Specialized Catalogue! It is issued annually, at a hefty price, but you don't need a new one every year to have a tremendous amount of information available.

Let's review some of the sections starting with the Introduction on page 11A - 47A. It starts with a section on stamp grading and gum condition, with lots of illustrations.

The value of a stamp is very dependent on its condition. Centering is usually how the grade of a stamp is defined. The intro gives examples of stamp issues from 1847 thru the 1922-25 definitive issue. After that the majority of stamps were issued in fine to very-fine.

Gum is next considered. Some collectors want a 'mint' stamp meaning as it came from the post office with pristine gum. Gum condition is an important piece of the price you should pay for a stamp.

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM
	<b>Mint Never Hinged</b> Free from any disturbance	<b>Lightly Hinged</b> Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area	<b>Hinge Mark or Remnant</b> Prominent hinged spot; may have part or all of the hinge remaining	<b>Large part o.g.</b> Approximately half or more of the gum intact	<b>Small part o.g.</b> Approximately less than half of the gum intact	<b>No gum</b> Only if issued with gum
Commonly Used Symbol:	★ ★	★	★	★	★	(★)
PRE-1879 ISSUES	Very fine pre-1879 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value		Scott Value for "Unused" (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging and completeness of the gum.)			Scott "No Gum" Values thru No. 218
1879-1935 ISSUES	Scott "Never Hinged" Values for Nos. 182-771	Scott Value for "Unused" (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging of the full o.g.)				
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for "Unused"					

The catalogue then has a discussion of values for stamps and covers. There are a surprising amount of factors that go into the catalogue value for stamps, like perforations, cancels and centering, and even more for covers.

The next few pages are devoted to understanding the listings, their listing policy and how stamps are listed in the catalogue. Almost two pages of abbreviations used in the catalogue are then defined. **Get out your catalogue and take a look. You will be a much better informed philatelist for doing so!**

# 1932 Washington Bicentennials in International Mail - by Tim Wait

I have collected the 1932 Washington Bicentennial issue of 12 stamps and 6 postal stationery items for over 20 years. During that time I have shown a few at our club meeting Show and Tell and written about some in *Rockford Stamp Notes*. In a recent Jim Forte online auction I acquired the three interesting international uses all sent by Mrs. H. Beuthe from Staten Island, NY to Argentina, France and Germany in 1932. Her husband, Hans Beuthe, was keeper of the Bergen Point Light, from around 1917. His previous assignment was the *Hog Island Shoal Light* in Rhode Island. He served at Bergen Point until 1941. He and his wife Marie raised their son Theodore Beuthe at Bergen Point.



Feb 11, 1932 Staten Island, NY, Stapleton Sta.  
Airmail letter to La Plata, Argentina

The rate was 55¢ per ½ oz. The five 9¢ stamps and one 10¢ pay the ½ oz. rate, but the letter weighed 1 oz. so it was underpaid by 55¢

Per regulations International Airmail had to be fully paid or it was forwarded as surface mail.

This cover received the “NOT IN THE AIR MAILS / SHORT PAID” marking at the NY GPO and the airmail etiquette label was defaced to indicate no air mail service was to be provided.



Oct 13, 1932 Staten Island, Mariners Harbor Sta. - Airmail letter to Paris, France - forwarded to London, England  
Since the letter was not endorsed “By air in USA to Exchange Office” it was sent surface rate to France at 5¢. Effective Jul 1, 1932 the Surcharge for Airmail in Europe was set at 3¢ per ½ oz. Previously the rate was 4¢ per oz. so this letter was overpaid by 1¢. Apparently, Mrs. Beuthe was not aware of the rate change 3-½ months earlier. Received at Gare Du Nord Avion, Paris Oct 21. Per regulations, letters were forwarded to UPU member countries for free.



Canid Camera Photos by F. Must  
This is almost like home. Hans Beuthe and wife enjoy card session with son, Theodore, and granddaughter, Ruth Kluge.



Oct 19, 1932 Staten Island, NY Mariners Harbor Sta. - Airmail letter to Berlin, Germany

Sent surface mail, via France with Airmail service from France to Germany. 5¢ surface and 3¢ Airmail to Germany. Once again, apparently overpaid 1¢, but no!

In New York the letter was found to be over ½ oz. and marked T 20 centimes. Blue crayon making of 20 also applied in Europe. 4¢ was therefore due so the letter was underpaid 3¢ which was presumably collected from the recipient in Germany.

Received Oct 25 at Gare Du Nord Avion, Paris and Oct 26 at Frankfurt, Germany, per back-stamps.

# 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.



Where's Waldo, I mean the "Coveted Rockford Sock Monkey? Rich Drews shared this photo of his basement TV viewing hideaway. Can you find his prominent location?

Nationwide there is a craving to be awarded one of the U. S. exhibiting world pinnacles, every year since 2017, when the Rockford Sock Monkey made its inaugural appearance.

After that first year word quickly spread via news and especially *The Philatelic Exhibitor*, the quarterly publication by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors.

Is it time for you to put together an exhibit of your specialty in 2, 3, or 4 frames to compete for the Prize?

## Spring is here! Even if we've had snow flakes and frost!



## 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

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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

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Secretary.....Tammy Copus  
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Director.....Tim Copus  
Director.....Steve Capone  
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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, May 3 at 5:30/7pm**  
**Tuesday, May 16 at 9/10am**  
**Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.**