

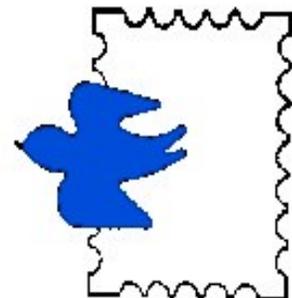
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, September 3

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

### Tuesday, September 16

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

### Wednesday, August 6th:

Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,420.

No old business. Discussed ride sharing to GASS in Schaumburg. Interesting discussions about new issue show and tell items like the 250 years of Delivering and how Sponge Bob Square Pants type "stickers" are being issued so much!

### Show & Tell.....

1. **Frank Schmitt** - a) Message Monsters "Worst Stamp Ever cachet b) 250 Years Delivering sheet artist from Chicago Suburbs with some local references c) New Sponge Bob Square Pants stamps.
2. **Jeff Hall** - 1939 Manila, Philippines cover for the Eucharist Congress.
3. **Steve Capone** - Favorite letter "contents" from a service man in WWII titles "Me Mudder" Very funny!
4. **Stanley Campbell** - 1934 letter from Clerk of the US senate recommending John McCann to be Acting PM at Oglesby, IL.
5. **Tim Wait** - FIPEX souvenir sheet cutout not recognized by PO clerk cover. Letter from PM apologizing for problem. **This example and Steve's above go to show...always look at a letters content!**

Quite a few lots in the auction with spirited bidding followed the show and tell.

Be sure to bring some lots to the next meeting to join in on the fun!

### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyne** has an appointments with a heart surgeon for possible open heart surgery. He still has a long road to go to get all his problems addressed. Keep him in your prayers.

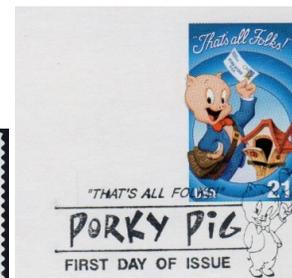
### A New Topic? - Pretty As a Pig!



2010 Cyprus



2006 US



2001 US



### Upcoming Stamp Shows

#### Sat-Sun Sep 13-14 - MSDA Tosapex

St. Francis, WI. St. Francis Lions Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave. Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Dealer bourse only. Free admission and parking.

#### Sat Sep 20 - Quad City Stamp Show

Davenport, IA Quad City Stamp Club. American Legion Post Number 26. 705 W 35th St. Hours: 9-3. 8-10 dealer bourse. Free admission and parking.

#### Fri-Sun Sep 19-21 - INDYPEX

Danville, IN. Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex. 1900 E. Main St.. Hours: Fri & Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-3.

This is a WSP (World Series of Philately) national level show with 25+ dealers, over 125 frames of exhibits and meetings and seminars.

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

**William F. Buckley, Jr.**  
**First Class Forever (78¢)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Sep 9 - New Haven, CT



One of the most influential public intellectuals in modern U.S. history, William F. Buckley Jr. (1925–2008) defined the conservative movement of the mid-20th century and was one of its most recognizable spokesmen. Author of more than 50 books, Buckley founded National Review, one of the nation’s leading conservative publications, and hosted the Emmy Award–winning public affairs television program Firing Line for more than 30 years. Original art by Dale Stephanos features a portrait of Buckley, created by hand with graphite and charcoal on hot-press watercolor paper, then refined digitally. Greg Breeding, an art director for the USPS, designed the stamp.

**Holiday Cheer**  
**First Class Forever (78¢)**



The contemporary Holiday issue, titled Holiday Cheer, consists of four new designs in a booklet of 20 stamps that will be issued on September 13 in Washington, D.C., to usher in the holiday season. The designs consists of a trio of amaryllis flowers, a holly wreath, an evergreen branch decorated with fruit, and cardinals perched on mistletoe.

The images were created using a collage technique with gouache and acrylic paint on background paper from a vintage gardening book. The shapes for each image were then cut out and pasted onto an archival cotton board. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with original artwork by Denise Fiedler.

**Elie Wiesel**  
**Two Ounce First Class Forever (\$1.05)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Sep 17 - New York City, NY

Humanitarian Elie Wiesel (1928-2016), was a survivor of Nazi concentration camps whose dozens of works bore witness to the Holocaust and whose resilience and compassion continue to be a source of inspiration. Instead of bearing a specific denomination, this issue is a Forever issue for 2-ounce mail. The design is based on a 1999 black-and-white photograph of Wiesel by Sergey Bermeniev. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp.



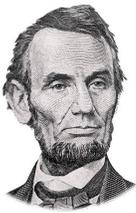
**Jimmy Carter**  
**First Class Forever (78¢)**  
 Pane of 20  
 Oct 1 - Atlanta GA



James Earl (Jimmy) Carter, who died Dec. 29, 2024, at the age of 100 will have his stamp issued October 1 on what would have been his 101st birthday. From his origins in small-town Plains, Georgia, Carter came to the White House as an outsider who represented a new generation of progressive Southern politicians and was inaugurated as the 39th president on Jan. 20, 1977. Carter made a mark with his appointments of many women and minorities to government positions. He created a presidential commission on mental health, established new cabinet departments, and greatly increased the size of the National Park System and federally designated wilderness areas.

On the world stage, Carter was praised for personally negotiating the Camp David Accords, providing a framework for peace in the Middle East. He signed SALT II, a treaty with the Soviet Union to limit strategic nuclear arms, and he initiated a major change in foreign policy when he announced that the United States would officially recognize and establish formal diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China.

After leaving the presidency, Carter became a prominent activist for peace, human rights and social and economic progress around the world. In recognition of his efforts, he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002.



## President's Corner - Frank Schmitt



Greetings fellow Rockford Stamp Club members:

September is here. It is getting dark earlier, and the evenings are cooler. In our hobby that translates to more time to spend on our collections and the pursuit of our yet to find treasures to propel us toward completion of a collection, topic, exhibit or whatever our goal may be. It is also a great time to attend our club meetings and auctions before the bitter cold arrives accompanied by our travel enemies, snow and ice. Hopefully we have a while yet before we must be concerned but come join us while we can enjoy the pleasantries of fall travel.

To say the least, GASS (Great American Stamp Show) was a gas! It was great to see so many of our members in attendance. It was so busy on the main floor, especially Thursday and Friday, it was easy to miss seeing you if you did attend. I must say, there was something there for everyone in the bourse, with prices ranging from ten cents to several thousands of dollars. You could shop and compare and find the best specimen and best value for your money. The cachet makers bourse on Saturday provided many special finds for me personally, most for sharing with family members.

The exhibits were phenomenal in all areas represented, especially the Champion of Champions competition. This is the only show you will see all the best of the best from the past year. There were very interesting ATA topical and thematic exhibits and AFDCS Americover exhibits as well. There was something of interest there for everyone.

The wide selection of meetings and workshops was never ending for the entirety of each day. There was a wealth of knowledge presented and a myriad of expert brains to pick, not only during the presentations but throughout the show floor. Everyone was so helpful and excited to answer any questions you had. Overall, it was just a great experience.

**For our September meeting we would like each member that attended GASS to bring an item (s) purchased, or an experience/s, to present at our meeting. Also make a few comments about the exhibit/s that interested you most.** This will be in addition to our regular show and tell period, feel free to participate in both.

Please join us Wednesday evening for our meeting and auction. Bring a friend, relative or another non-member collector. Remember your show and tell, buy, sell, trade items, auction lots and any other items of interest.

Stay safe, stay healthy, happy collecting!

## Great Americans Issue of 1980-1999 - Getting to Know Them

This issue depicts some well-known persons as well as many who were lesser known. "The Great Americans stamps may be viewed as a kind of melting pot, although certain mini-topical collecting areas stand out, those mentioned (women, black Americans, native Americans) as well as others (scientists, politicians, doctors, writers, humanitarians)". Michael Schreiber writing in *Linn's Stamp News* on November 24, 1994.

This series of articles will focus on the stamps, beginning with those issued from 1980 to 1985, listed in Scott Specialized Catalogue as #1844-1869. They are shown in denomination order. Wikipedia: Source for bio info.



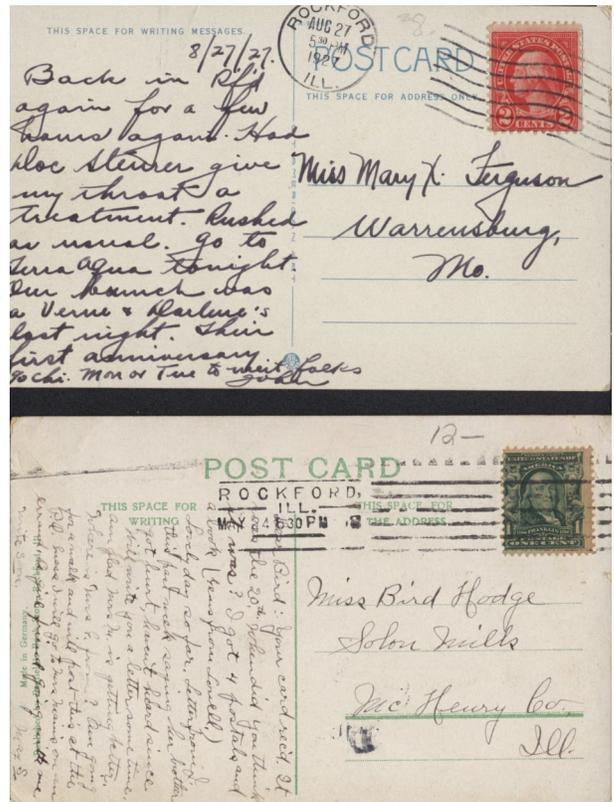
Jan 26, 1984  
#1862

**Harry S. Truman (May 8, 1884 – December 26, 1972)** was the 33rd president of the United States, serving from 1945 to 1953. As the 34th vice president in 1945, he assumed the presidency upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt that year. Subsequently, Truman implemented the Marshall Plan in the aftermath of World War II to rebuild the economy of Western Europe, and established both the Truman Doctrine and NATO to contain the expansion of Soviet communism. A member of the Democratic Party, he proposed numerous New Deal coalition liberal domestic reforms, but few were enacted by the conservative coalition that dominated the United States Congress.

Truman was raised in Independence, Missouri, and during World War I fought in France as a captain in the Field Artillery. Returning home, he opened a haberdashery in Kansas City, Missouri, and was elected as a judge of Jackson County in 1922. Truman was elected to the U.S. Senate for Missouri in 1934. Between 1940 and 1944, he gained national prominence as the chairman of the Truman Committee, which aimed to reduce waste and inefficiency in wartime contracts.

Truman authorized the first and only use of nuclear weapons in war against the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Truman's administration engaged in an internationalist foreign policy by working closely with Britain.

## Rockford Postcards - Jeff Hall



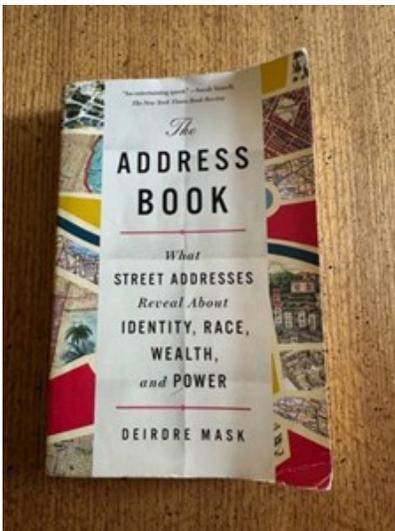
Top: *Looking West on State Street* - Mailed Aug 1927

Buildings on the right from near to far are Worsham's, Deming's, Kepner's Shoes - with a US flag on its roof, Ashton's, and Armstrong Clothes.

Bottom: *Illinois Central Depot and Park* - Mailed May 1902

View and the fancy Illinois Central Depot and connected park.

## Book Review - Frank Schmitt



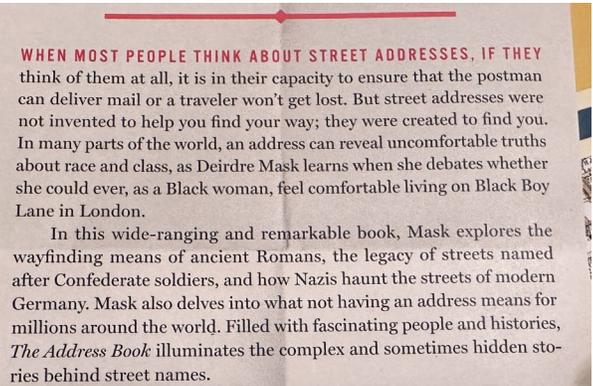
I want to share with you a recommendation for reading. This is a book shared with me by my son. *The Address Book*, by Diedre Mask shares an interesting perspective on street addresses and the many issues related to identity, race, wealth and power.

The book was a very interesting read for me with enough philatelic/postal history reference to keep it interesting in that aspect as well.

Portions of the book were especially interesting to me because in the last 11 years of my career I was involved in the approval process of street naming and addressing of properties in the City of Rockford. I had a fair understanding of the process in accordance with City of Rockford policies, but this book shed some new light on the process which would have been valuable to have known.

The book also covers the future of addressing using several alternative methods that are currently in development and/or limited use.

The book certainly opens your eyes to the status of addressing, the severe lack of addressing, not only worldwide but within our country, and what an address really means in society.



# 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 let us know your comments.**

**Tim (t.wait@comcast.net) & Frank (prevent1@comcast.net) - webmasters.**



## Sep - continued

### Winter Landscapes

First Class Forever (78¢)

Booklet of 20

Sep 19 - Danville, IN

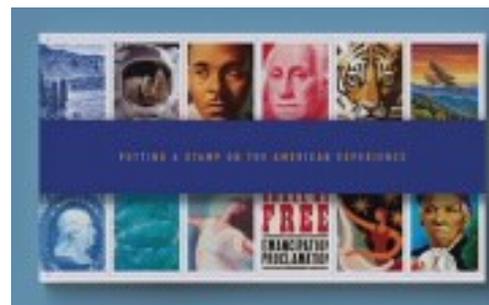
Celebrate the serenity of snow with the *Winter Landscapes* Forever® stamps from the U.S. Postal Service.

The booklet of 20 stamps showcases 5 photographs of frozen scenes: striking red barns set against a snowy scene (John Moore, photographer); a long fence bounded by tall trees and laden with snow-covered branches (Juanita Phillips, photographer); evergreens shrouded in snow (Katherine Plessner, photographer); a mass of icicles suspended against a fiery sunset and backdrop of frozen waves (Carson O'Ffill photographer); and a house surrounded by frosty pines and set against a deep pastel sky (Mike Blottenberger, photographer).

Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps with existing photographs.

Commemorate the 250th anniversary of our postal system with the *Putting a Stamp on the American Experience* 32-page prestige booklet, which features an exclusive stamp (two panes of ten) sold only with this booklet.

The stamp features a "reframed" modern interpretation of an 1875 reproduction of the 1847 Benjamin Franklin stamp.



For more stamps and collec

## ROCKFORD 2-3-4 ~ 2025 Dealers

We held another successful Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. The dealers are listed below so you can contact them for follow up or getting those items you were thinking about at the show! Please support our show 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.

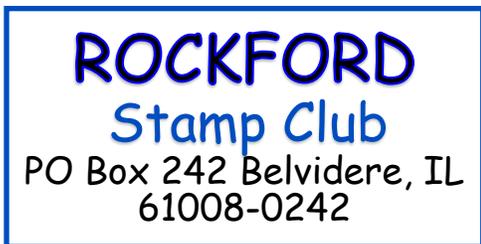
## The 2025-2026 Club Officers

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## **NEW** - Rockford Stamp Club Achievement Award

In 2025 we inaugurated this new award for deserving members who have served the club by volunteering, provided outreach programs, served as an officer or made a difference in our club.

2025 Terry Kurzinski



**See you for some Philatelic Phun!**  
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**Remember we're at 625 Adams St.**