

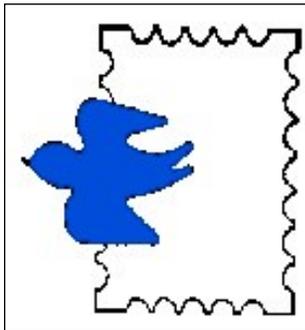
# ROCKFORD STAMP NOTES

## ROCKFORD STAMP CLUB

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

### Wednesday, August 2

5:30 pm - Buy, sell and trade

View auction lots

7:00 pm - Meeting & auction

### Tuesday, August 15

9:00 am - Buy, Sell and trade

View auction lots

10:00 am - Auction

Wednesday, June 7th: we had eighteen members in attendance. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$3,778.14. **Tim Wait** and **MaKenna Hopkins** were nominated for the open Treasurer position. Via a show of hands vote, Tim was voted in as the new Treasurer.

Show Business - We are looking hard at the Hoffman House. In discussions with the facility manager to finalize costs. A decision should be made very soon. Additional work will be taking place to review the budget and cost reductions due to the higher facility fee,

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

1. **Bruce Marquardt** - postcard from the bottom of the Grand Canyon carried via Mule Mail.
2. **Tim Wait** - cover for sales of the James G. Blaine biography. Postmarked in Rockford.
3. **Steve Capone** - censor marking from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Ellis Island on Special Delivery cover.
4. **Frank Schmitt** - large envelope mailed to his mother with interesting postage. See page five.

We have a pretty regular core of members who bring things to show. It can be anything stamp or postal related. Think about bringing something interesting from your collection to the Wednesday night meeting to share with your fellow members.

The mystery box winner was **Bruce Marquardt**.

#### Member Health and Welfare

**Gerry Van Alstyne** went to VA Hines Hospital for dental work and they found some other issues and he was admitted. He is in Room 826. He will be having more tests but will probably be there a while. Best wishes Gerry.

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

Tuesday, July 18: we had 11 members present and 63 lots realized \$25.25 profit from club lots and commissions. Thank you to Matt Mace for calling the auction and Tammy Copus and Makenna Hopkins for keeping all the records and payments.

### Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo March 9-10, 2024

After 30 years at the Forest Hills Lodge in Loves Park, the 2024 show will be held at **Hoffman House Banquet Room, 7550 East State St., Rockford**.

The room is a little smaller than Forest Hills but we have worked out the space for the dealers, exhibits and auction. We hope to get in Friday night, if nothing gets scheduled in the room, to get everything finalized.

With a location, prominently located right off I-90 at East State connected to the Holiday Inn, we can offer more convenience to our guests and more attractions!



#### 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.

##### 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. WSP show. Bourse, exhibits, seminars.

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



## Life Magnified

First Class Forever (66c)

Pane of 20 (20 designs)

Aug 10 – Cleveland, OH

APS Great American Stamp Show

These stamps reveal life on Earth as many have never seen it. Twenty stamps feature 20 different images taken with microscopes and highly specialized photographic techniques that capture details of life undetectable by the human eye. The images show the phenomena of life in exquisitely fine detail. While stunning on their own as works of art, these images also hold scientific significance.

## Thinking of You

First Class Forever (66c)

Pane of 20 (5 Designs)

Aug 11 – Cleveland, OH

Great American Stamp Show



Capturing the excitement and delight of receiving a card in the mail meant just for you, Thinking of You features five stamps in a pane of 20 and a host of die-cut, self-adhesive messages—perfect to accompany letters or cards sent to brighten someone’s day. Each stamp is designed in fun colors with different whimsical images, including flowers, balloons, cute animals, sweet treats and symbols of good luck. Words of encouragement and thoughtful affirmations surround the stamps on the pane. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps with original artwork by Ellen Surrey.



Arrigoni

Bob Kerrey

Skydance

Iowa-Illinois

## Bridges

Presorted First Class Mail

Rolls of 3,000 and 10,000

(4 Designs)

Aug 24 – Portland, CT

Four new Presorted First-Class Mail stamps will be available for purchase by bulk mail users in coils of 3,000 and 10,000. The stamps feature existing photographs of four different bridges that range from modern to historic, pedestrian to car-carrying, but all are important landmarks in their communities. They are the Arrigoni Bridge in Middletown, Conn.; the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge in Omaha, Nebr.; the Skydance Bridge in Oklahoma City; and the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge in Bettendorf, Iowa, and Moline, Ill.



## 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:

We’re back! I am sure many of you checked your mailboxes (physical and email) for several days at the end of June and early July looking for your July issue of *Rockford Stamp Notes* and then remembered, “Oh yeah, Tim gets a break in June”. Well not to worry, as stated at the beginning of this paragraph we are back.

While we had a break from the newsletter and the Wednesday night meeting in July it does not mean we were not busy with Rockford Stamp Club business. While it took some time, we were finally able to negotiate an agreement for the 2024 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo. Hurray! **The Expo will be held at the Hoffman House banquet center at 7550 East State (actual entrance is off Bell School Rd.) March 9 & 10, 2024.** Please mark your calendars and keep those dates open to attend and volunteer to make the Expo a success. I am sure we will have a few challenges with laying out the new venue after our 30-year run at Forest Hills Lodge, but we will prevail. More details to come at August meeting.

It seems to be time to review a little stamp club meeting etiquette again. We are a group of collectors that meet to share in our interest of stamp collecting, cover collecting, postal history and any other numerous collecting areas and/or topics. Each collecting area meets the wants and needs of each individual collector and should not be ridiculed nor should derogatory statements be made about anyone’s collecting interests. We are here to share our interest and knowledge of our collecting area/s to enrich the knowledge base of others.

We also must be respectful of the individual that has the floor and is speaking during the meeting. Club members should be attentive and not be carrying on personal conversations and being disruptive. This also carries over to the auction and personal conversations should be kept to a minimum and at a very low volume (whisper). If you are not particularly interested in any auction lots and want to discuss something else with another member, please take it out of the meeting room. Please review the auction lots and make notes of the lot numbers you are interested in prior to the meeting and auction. This will relieve some of the confusion and disruption during the auction and require less time for the auctioneer to describe lots and repeat lot numbers several times.

Remember, the auction clerks need a few minutes to calculate the purchases and sales of each participant of the auction. Please do not approach their table until they announce they are ready. Buyers only should settle first, followed by the sellers. This generally allows us to have enough cash to make all sales disbursements in cash rather than by check which saves you a trip to the bank. Bottom line, **BE NICE!**

We look forward to seeing many smiling faces on Wednesday evening, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Stay well, stay safe, and happy collecting.

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

After the General Glossary there is some VERY useful information. First, the Territorial and Statehood dates are listed for all 50 states. Great trivia knowledge!

Domestic Letter Rates and Domestic Air Mail Rates follow. It’s interesting to see the progression of rates lately. And, did you know that US Air Mail service ended October 10, 1975, when any mail could go by air. Air Mail stamps continued to be issued, but only for International mail, after that date.

The next major section is an “Identifier of Definitive Issues”. These 37 pages, starting with #1 in 1847, present an easy to use guide to identifying the stamp issues by denomination. Once you get past the first 20-30 years and the Washington-Franklins in the beginning of the 20th Century it gets a lot less complicated! This is a much easier way to find definitive stamps than paging through all the main listings. Take a look, you could save a lot of time.

A “Subject Index of Regular, Commemorative & Air Post Issues” continues on the next 13 pages. This is a major undertaking by the editors and can help you find a stamp of interest or search for topical or thematic items. While it is a great resource, there are still many more “subjects” on stamps that could expand this listing five fold!

This was the last section in the “front” of the Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States & Covers. I hope you took the time to read these updates and found something of interest.

Be sure to pull out your Scott Specialized Catalogue, from whatever year, and take a look at all this information, in addition to the stamp listings. By doing so you will become a more knowledgeable collector!

# Why Did They issue THAT Stamp!!! - by Tim Wait



October 1, 1883. A new 2c Washington stamp replaced the 2c Jackson. Effective October 1, 1883, First Class postage was reduced to 2c per 1/2 oz. The cost to mail a letter had been 3c since July 1, 1851, over 32 years! On July 1, 1885 the letter could be up to 1 oz. 1885 saw the last regular postage decrease other than the War Emergency Rate reduction from 3c to 2c July 1, 1919. Ever since 1919, the cost has just gone up and up with it now costing 66c effective July 9!

Washington had always been prominently featured on First Class stamps except for the short lived 1869 issue that had a Locomotive as the central design commemorating mail trains

First Day covers are listed in Scott at \$2,000 from any city.

The 2c Red Era, beginning with the Sesquicentennial Exposition Issue of 1926, saw many interest stamp commemorating Revolutionary War events.



Battle of White Plains - Burgoyne Campaign (Surrender at Saratoga) - Valley Forge - George Rogers Clark

These are just a few issued from 1922 to 1929.

This Era ended with the Washington Bicentennial Issue of 1932.



June 9, 1947. The Doctor. Issued in honor of the doctors of America. The central design is a reproduction of the painting "The Doctor" by Sir Luke Fildes. This stamp was first placed on sale at Atlantic City, N.J.

So why was this issued in 1947? It wasn't commemorating any society founding or event in the evolution of doctors. Perhaps a Congressman or Senator was a doctor and pushed for the issue?

August 13, 1968. Lucy Stone Prominent Americans. Most of the Prominent American issues were familiar names. But, who was Lucy Stone?

Lucy Stone (1818-1893) was an American orator, abolitionist and suffragist who was a vocal advocate for and organizer promoting rights for women. In 1847, Stone became the first woman from Massachusetts to earn a college degree. She spoke out for women's rights and against slavery. Stone was known for using her birth name after marriage, contrary to the custom of women taking their husband's surname.



*Ronald Reagan*  
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



February 9, 2005. Precedent was to issue a stamp honoring a deceased president around what would have been his next birthday. Reagan was born Feb. 6, 1911.

But why did he get another stamp 16 months later? First class postage was increased to 39c Jan. 8, 2006, and it was felt that was not a long enough period for a current rate stamp honoring Reagan to be in service. The 39c rate lasted another 16 months so the two stamps were valid for first class postage for about 2-1/2 years.



February 10, 2011

Issued for the 100th anniversary of Reagan's birth. Would this start a trend? Guess not as Gerald Ford (1913) didn't get one!

# 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.



## Fun with Postage!

Let's try a new entry to the newsletter. President, Frank Schmitt showed this fun cover at the June Show & Tell.

It's a large envelope mailed to his 99½ year old mother with some fun built in!

In the middle of all the 5c Pearl Buck stamps are five other Great American Series stamps for 6-1-3-4-2 cents, which is her Zip Code!

Creative use of discount postage to make a fun keepsake.

**Do you have any interestingly stamped letters or large envelopes you would like to share? Just take a picture and send it to:**

**t.wait@comcast.net**  
Send me a note willing me why you like it or what is interesting about it.



It's Fair Time Again!

Boone - Aug 8-13  
Winnebago - Aug 16-20

Go have a fun time!

## 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

President.....Frank Schmitt  
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Vice-President.....Matt Mace  
Secretary.....Tammy Copus  
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Director.....Tim Copus  
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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, June 7 at 5:30/7pm**  
**Tuesday, June 20 at 9/10am**  
**Our NEW location is 625 Adams St.**