

# The Triangle

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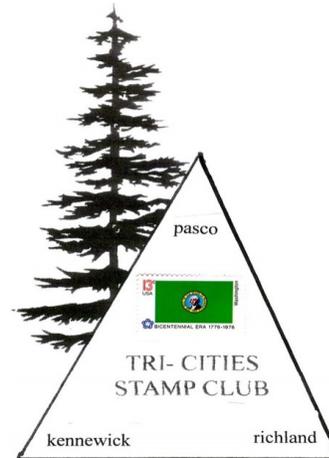
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## Meetings 2021

October 27<sup>th</sup> - at Margaret Dunn's home. Margaret's contact and address is 463 Sundance Drive, Richland 509-374-4555. Take Columbia Park Trail east of Queensgate. Turn south on Rockwood. (If you are using GPS do not turn on Shockley Dr.) Take the second right off Rockwood onto Adair up the hill to a T-intersection. Turn right on Allenwhite. Follow Allenwhite around the hill. It will turn onto Sundance Ridge. Turn left on Sundance Drive. She is the second house on the right.

Program: Show and Tell. Bring something starting with the letters G and/or Y. Good Luck!

November - Open for suggestions. Still looking for a place to meet regularly.

### So what happened to U. S. stamp collecting:

1. You buy the latest issue.
2. Other countries intrigue you.
3. Older than 80 years may be worth money.
4. Collecting is really a personal enjoyment and not for profit.
5. Once started you want to buy because you want a complete collection.
6. You will likely be upset when it comes time to release your collection.
7. It may be sold for a smaller amount than you expected, donated, or given to a relative or friend.

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD COLLECTING!

## Ruthton, Minnesota

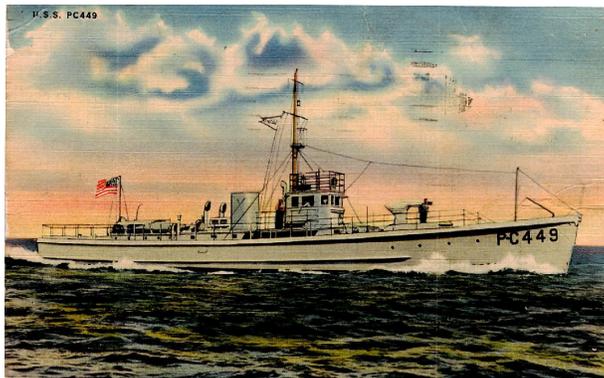


Ruthton is a city in Pipestone County, Minnesota, United States. The population was 241 at the 2010 census.

Ruthton was platted in 1888, and named for the wife of a member of the town company. A post office has been in operation at Ruthton since 1888. Ruthton was incorporated in 1897.

The Ruthton Post Office is located in the state of Minnesota within Pipestone County. This location serves 587 Ruthton residents with a median income of \$48,875. It's estimated that approximately 937 packages pass through this post office each year.

## USS PC449



This is from a post card collection of ships.

## Stamp Terminology

A triptych is a philatelic term (from the Greek: "three" + "fold") which was borrowed from the art world and having the same meaning: a set of three panels hinged together. It is used to describe three se-tenant postage stamps of related design that make up a complete single design.

## Mystery Box

I've had this mystery box in my closet for years labeled with a big "F", which stands for Foreign On-Paper stamps. It's a little smaller than a shoe box, and I do not remember where it came from (or more specifically, where the stamps in it came from).

So, with time on my hands, I finally tackled the job of soaking all those stamps, and getting them dried and pressed. I gestimate it took me a good 20 hours or so to get through them all. Was it worth my time? Well, for the entertainment value, definitely.

There were approximately 2000 stamps total, the majority being stamps I already had. The 597 stamps that I did not have came from 107 countries and had a total catalogue value of \$464.00. The highest value stamp was \$75.00.

Dates of issue ranged from 1867 to 2010, with most of them between 1940 and 1990. There were also two mystery stamps that I could not identify.

If it took me 20 hours to soak them, it must have taken 40 hours to sort and catalogue them, and will likely take 140 hours to get them all mounted in my albums. Then I'll be ALL CAUGHT UP (ha ha).

Dan Herting

Let Dan know if you are caught up. I know I am NOT.



TESTING, TESTING, 1-2-3...  
MINT, USED, AIRMAILS, COMMEMORATIVES...  
TESTING, TESTING...

### **Acquiring stamps**

Many collectors ask their family and friends to save stamps for them from their mail. Although the stamps received by major businesses and those kept by elderly relatives may be of international and historical interest, the stamps received from family members are often of the definitive sort.

Definitives seem mundane but, considering their variety of colors, watermarks, paper differences, perforations and printing errors, they can fill many pages in a collection.

Introducing either variety or specific focus to a collection can require the purchasing of stamps, either from a dealer or online. Online stamp collector clubs often contain a platform for buying/selling and trading. Large numbers of relatively recent stamps, often still attached to fragments or envelopes, may be obtained cheaply and easily. Rare and old stamps can also be obtained, but these can be very expensive.

Duplicate stamps are those a collector already has and are not required, therefore, to fill a gap in a collection. Duplicate stamps can be sold or traded, so they are an important medium of exchange among collectors.

Many dealers sell stamps through the Internet while others have neighborhood shops which are among the best resources for beginning and intermediate collectors. Some dealers also jointly set up week-end stamp markets called "bourses" that move around a region from week to week. One of the most well known bourses is the Carré Marigny in Paris. They also meet collectors at regional exhibitions and stamp shows.

### **USPS SERVICE ALERTS**

#### **SERVICE STANDARD CHANGES Last Update October 13, 2021, 5 p.m. ET**

On October 1, the Postal Service will implement new service standards for First-Class Mail® (FCM) and Periodicals. These new service standards will increase delivery reliability, consistency, and efficiency for our customers and across our network.

Most First-Class Mail (61 percent) and Periodicals (93 percent) will be unaffected by the new service standard changes. Standards for single-piece First-Class Mail traveling within a local area will continue to be two days. The Postal Service will increase time-in-transit standards by 1 or 2 days for certain mail that is traveling longer distances. By doing so, the Postal Service can entrust its ground network to deliver more First-Class Mail, which will lead to greater consistency, reliability, and efficiency that benefits its customers.

The service standard changes are part of our balanced and comprehensive Delivering for America Strategic Plan and will improve service reliability and predictability for customers and enhance the efficiency of the Postal Service network. The service standard changes that we have determined to implement are a necessary step towards achieving our goal of consistently meeting 95 percent service performance