



# WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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*Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293*

[www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com](http://www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com)

Meeting Schedule: 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Doors open at 12:30 PM and meetings start at 2:00 PM.

Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill PA 15235

**WILKPEX 2026** – Friday and Saturday April 10 & 11 (10 AM-4 PM; 10 AM-3 PM), 2026 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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#### Wilkinsburg Stamp Club Holiday/Christmas Party

The Christmas/Holiday party was so fun! There were approximately 24 people in attendance, and everyone was all dressed in their holiday party best!





There was great food and games and a wonderful festive feeling!

Thank you to:

Toby who set up most of the tables and chairs!

The Borough of Churchill for the lovely decorations that were in place!

Danielle and Maureen for getting the table coverings on!

Games! Ron for the Candy Guessing Game, Dave for Millionaire Christmas, Maureen and John for the Trivia Games and Danielle for the other games!

Mike who brought Bishop Project Seals for everyone!

Maureen and Danielle for the other gifts for everyone and for the prizes for the games!

EVERYONE who stayed to help clean up after the fun was done!

Game winners:

John won Millionaire

Ron won Maureen's Trivia

Dave R won the Candy Guessing Game

Dave D, Jay & Ron came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in John's Trivia

Wylie took home the shadowbox for 2026!

**Dues are due!** 2026 dues will stay at \$8 per person/\$12 for a couple (or \$4 for additional family members). You can send a check in to the address at the end (if you haven't already paid) or bring cash to a meeting.

Wintertime is the time to prepare for WILKPEX 2026!

- We are still collecting stamps for our Raffle Jar for WILKPEX! These can be US or World-wide. You can bring these to a meeting.



- It's time to get an exhibit (or 2) ready on your favorite topic! If you have any questions please ask a member who's done exhibits.
- Cull your collection! If you have extra stuff, package them up for the Phlea Market and make a few bucks on your junk!
- If you have an idea for a WILKPEX cachet or for the souvenier sheet, please bring to an upcoming meeting or write in!
- We discussed placing paid ads in the Greensburg Trib this year to try to increase attendance at the show.
- There has been interest in some members having a dealer's table with all items less than \$1 – using the APS/GASS rules. This would be in addition to the Phlea Market where members can price items at any amount.

Treasurer's Report – Danielle reported that the check book is balanced and she will have the next report at our January meeting.

The Club is looking at obtaining permanent magnetic-style name tags to be used at WILKPEX as well as at meetings. More details will follow.



If you have any photos from past Club events please send them to Dave Duggins for inclusion in our website gallery.

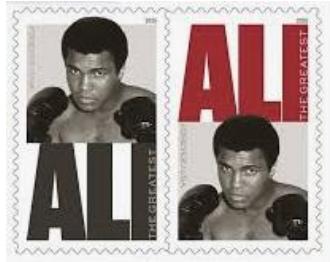
Please feel free to write at the address below, especially if you don't usually make it to meetings. Your letters are read aloud at our meetings.

## Philatelic News

The USPS has announced that they will NOT be raising the price of first-class mail past 78 cents in January!

- January US Stamps currently scheduled for release – all are Forever Stamps unless noted otherwise:
  - Angel's Trumpet (Jan 9) – 4 cent stamp for odd postage (and it's a flower)
  - Love (Jan 13) – A series of 4 stamps showing love birds hanging out.

- Muhammad Ali (Jan 15) – A series of 2 stamps honoring probably the best boxer of modern times.
- Colorado (Jan 24) – It's their 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year!
- Phillis Wheatley (Jan 29) – The Black History Series stamp for 2026, it honors the first African American to publish a book of poetry. She lived during the Revolutionary War period as a slave.
- Lunar New Year - Year of the Horse (Feb 3) - Next in the current Chinese New Year series.



## Collector's Corner

Show and Tell is at the second meeting of each month. Please bring an item to show and talk about. It can be about a topic other than stamps. Sharing the story is the important part.

Please take some time before the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!

# US Mint gives 2026 coins a new look for America's 250th anniversary



1776 ~ 2026 Semiquincentennial Coins – Cent, Dime, Nickel, Half Dollar, and five Quarters

The U.S. Mint is issuing special circulating coins to celebrate the [250th anniversary](#) of American's adoption of the [Declaration of Independence](#).

The nickels, dimes, and quarters will carry the dual date “1776 ~ 2026” and showcase special designs representing iconic moments or documents in U.S. history, such as the Mayflower Compact and the Declaration of Independence, alongside symbols of liberty, like Lady Liberty’s cap and an eagle in flight.

The half dollar will be a non-circulating collectible and represents the first major redesign since the 1976 Bicentennial. One side shows a close-up of the Statue of Liberty, and the reverse side shows Liberty passing the torch to a new generation—symbolizing the nation’s future and continuity.

The penny—which will only be available in collector sets, not in general circulation—will keep its existing design, but will feature the dual date “1776 ~ 2026.”

Collectible coins, including American Buffalo, American Eagle, and Morgan & Peace series, will include a Liberty Bell privy mark with the numeral “250” and display the dual date.

Best of the Mint sets will reissue five historic gold coins—such as the 1916 Mercury Dime and the 1907 Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle—each paired with a silver medal showcasing a modern reinterpretation of the original design.

## Upcoming Events Nearby

- Feb 6 & 7 – McKinley Stamp Club Show – Canton OH
- Feb 27 & 28 – Toledo Stamp Expo – Toledo OH
- March 13-15 – Garfield-Perry March Party – Strongsville OH
- April 10 – 11, 2026 – WILKPEX, Plum PA

For more details google the stamp club or look at the latest issue of the American Philatelist Magazine or the calendar at APS -  
(<https://stamps.org/events/events-calendar>)



Boston 2026 World Stamp Show will be the 12th International Philatelic Exhibition hosted in the United States. The show will be held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center from May 23-30, 2026, to celebrate America's Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary). There is no separate GASS in 2026.

**Book your rooms NOW! Nearby hotels may already be sold out!**



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### Officers:

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### Newsletter:

Original articles for the newsletter can be submitted from any member to Maureen at a meeting or emailed to her (see above) or via regular mail:

Maureen McKeever, 118 Larchwood Drive, Turtle Creek PA 15145.

Club members will be mailed a black and white copy of the newsletter each month. Anyone can request a color copy to be delivered at a meeting, but please let Scott Shaulis ([scottshaulis@comcast.net](mailto:scottshaulis@comcast.net)) know ahead of time.



(Sailing away with the stamps!)