



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

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 2024 – Tentative dates 4/12 & 4/13/2024 - Stay tuned!

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- WILKPEX 2023 – Pictures!
 - I'm sorry I forgot to include these last month!



- We added new member Larry King in May. He has been coming to meetings and WILKPEX. Welcome!

- Proposed dates for WILKPEX 2024 are Friday 4/12 10 – 4 and Saturday 4/13 10 – 3. Stay tuned for more details!
- The Club picnic will take place on Sunday Sept. 10th at 12 noon, at the Westinghouse Lodge in Forest Hills (where we had some pandemic meetings). The club will buy hamburgers, hot dogs and buns, and everyone can bring sides and desserts, as well as cheese, lettuce, onions and pickles. Everyone should also bring their own condiments.



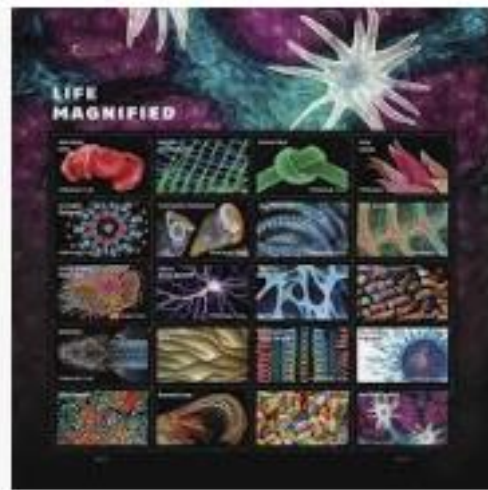
Philatelic News

- New US Issues for June:
 - Waterfalls (June 13) – A series of 12 stamps showing beautiful waterfalls from all over the US.
 - Tundra Swans (Federal Duck Stamp) (June 23) – The annual waterfowl hunting stamp which raises funds to maintain US wetlands.



- The USPS has 2 First Day Issues scheduled during the Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland (August 10 – 13): Life Magnified and Thinking of You. Life Magnified is a series of 20 stamps showing close-ups of everyday things magnified. Thinking of You is a series of fun stamps to show that you are thinking of someone when you mail them a card or letter.





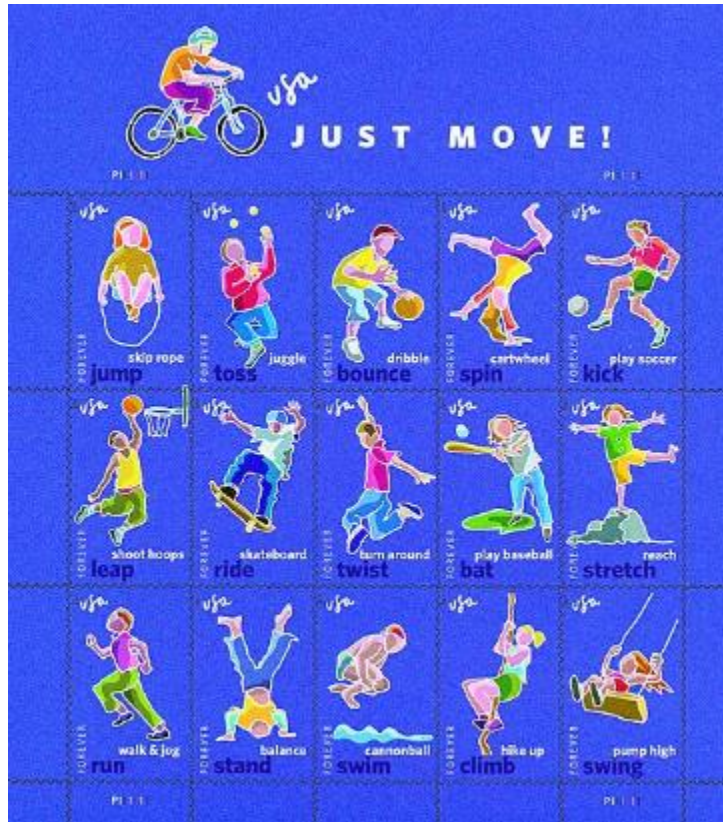
- The USPS has a new spray-on postmark to go with the Endangered Species Stamps released in May. It has a black-footed ferret and the words "Protect Endangered Species". As you might guess, this postmark can be interesting when combined with certain stamps!



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.
- I am always fascinated by the articles in Linn's and the American Philatelist magazines about the history of the actual stamps, especially those that were never issued. The May 2023 issue of Scott's Stamp Magazine had an article about an entire stamp series that was never issued, but were actually printed and ready for sale. In 2013 The USPS had announced, commissioned, created (by artist Eli Noyes, who created the "Go Green" stamps of 2011) and printed a series of Forever stamps called "Just Move!" It was to be issued in conjunction with First Lady

Michelle Obama’s childhood-anti-obesity initiative. It showed 15 drawings of kids engaged in healthy activities such as organized sports and things like walking, climbing ropes, skateboarding and skipping rope.



The title had been vetted to not be exactly the same as the First Lady’s or the NFL initiative “Play 360” and cause any other copywrite issues. The problem came when the First Lady’s office was presented with the stamps. Her staff pointed out safety issues, such as no helmets or knee pads on the kids, and the fact that most pools did not allow cannonballs when swimming. The USPS was worried that without the participation of the First Lady the stamp campaign would not work. The stamps were put into storage and the USPS moved on with other new issues such as the “Inverted Jenny” and “Harry Potter” stamps. Eventually in 2014 the stamps were all shredded except for approval and archived sheets. The loss was \$146,250 (over \$2 million face value). {Story by Joe Brockert, former Linn’s editor and USPS Program Manager}

- If you have a topical collection, or just want to be able to see your collection better, consider getting stock pages and using 3 ring binders. Here is part of my Girl Scout stamp collection:



Using these pages allows you to keep the stamps in order (mine are by country), replace when you get a better quality stamp, and check for duplicates!

Upcoming Events Nearby

- ~~June 9 & 10 – COLOPEX 2023, Columbus OH cancelled for 2023~~
- June 11 – Syracuse Stamp Show, East Syracuse NY
- June 12 – 16 – APS Summer Seminar, Bellefonte PA
- August 5 – The Big Erie Stamp Show – Erie PA
- Aug 10 – 13 – Great American Stamp Show, APS, American Topical Assn. & American First Day Cover Society, Cleveland OH
- Sept 2 – 4 – BALPEX 2023, Hunt Valley MD
- November 2023 - PITTPLEX – Bridgeville PA
- March 15 – 17 – The Garfield-Perry 2024 March Party – Strongsville OH
- April 2024 – WILKPEX
- May 2024 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA

For more details google the stamp club or look at the November 2022 American Philatelist Magazine.

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WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

2024 – To be announced very very soon!

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:

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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 Stevan or Chris (stevanw2020@gmail.com) know ahead of time.



(Why this stamp as my sign-off each issue? I was a cadet on 2 container ships (*Export Patriot* & *Sealand Economy*) back in the day and 3rd mate on several ships!)