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SOME JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH ISSUES FOR 2017

**PRIORITY MAIL & EXPRESS
(FIRST DAY OF ISSUE WAS JANUARY 22)**

The Priority Mail stamp is being issued to coincide with the 100th anniversary of Lili'uokalani Gardens in Hilo, Hawai'i. Built on land donated by Queen Lili'uokalani (1838–1917), the last Hawaiian monarch to govern the islands

The Postal Service celebrates the Gateway Arch, in St. Louis, MO, with a new Priority Mail Express stamp. The Gateway Arch was built as a memorial to President Thomas Jefferson and the 19th-century traders and pioneers for whom St. Louis was the gateway to the West.



PRIORITY \$6.65



EXPRESS \$23.75

**JOHN F. KENNEDY
(FIRST DAY OF ISSUE WAS FEBRUARY 20)**

This stamp commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917-1963), 35th president of the United States. Kennedy was the nation's first Catholic president and, at age 43, the youngest person ever elected to the nation's highest office. The stamp art features a photograph of Kennedy taken by Ted Spiegel in 1960. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp.



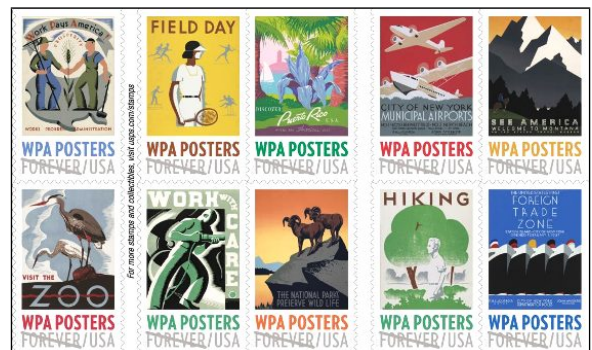
NEBRASKA STATEHOOD (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE IS MARCH 1)

This stamp celebrates the 150th anniversary of Nebraska statehood. Known for agriculture, the Cornhusker State became the 37th state on March 1, 1867. Nebraska photographer Michael Forsberg set up among prairie grasses on the riverbank between the small cities of Grand Island and Kearney to capture the image shown on the stamp. In the photograph, sandhill cranes fly low to scout for shelter from nighttime predators. This mid-migratory rest for half a million birds along the Platte River is unique to Nebraska.



WPA POSTERS STAMPS (10 STAMPS (FIRST DAY OF ISSUE IS MARCH 7)

The Work Projects Administration (originally the Works Progress Administration) provided millions of jobs for Americans during the Great Depression, beginning in 1935. Some artists participating in the WPA Federal Art Project were involved in developing posters for public display, and 10 of these posters, from the large collection of the Library of Congress, are featured on this planned set of stamps. "The posters were designed to publicize exhibits, community activities, theatrical productions, and health and educational programs in seventeen states and the District of Columbia. The stamps are designed by Antonio Alcalá and Maribel O. Gray.



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - MARCH, 2017

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We meet on the second and fourth Sunday (except holidays and fourth Sunday in June, July and August) of each month. Meetings are from 12:30 P.M. until close of business, with the business meeting at 2:00 P.M. Meeting at the Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235.

DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER YEAR (JULY-JUNE)

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THE EDITOR WRITES...

My show exhibit is finished and ready to go.
How about yours?
I always look forward to seeing the really nice exhibits that our members display.

MARCH, 2017 MEETING DATES

March 12th and March 26th

On March 28th we will have "SHOW and TELL" before the meeting. Bring one of your "favorites."
******* PLEASE JOIN US *******



MARCH 20, 2017 IS THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING

USA SPRING FLOWER ISSUE MARCH 15, 2005

DAFFODIL (SCOTT #3901)

This newsletter is published ten times per year. Eight issues are published monthly for the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December. For the months of May through August, two issues are published, one for the months of MAY-JUNE and one for the months of JULY-AUGUST.

****** OUR FISCAL YEAR IS JULY 1 – JUNE 30 ******

CLUB NEWS

OFFICER NOMINATIONS: Nominations for office of Vice-President and Treasurer Secretary were held at the February 12th and 26th meetings. Elections for those offices will be held at the March 12th meeting. Term of office is from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

WILKPEX 2017 UPDATE – APRIL 22 & 23

Dealers: Danielle Weaver, Bourse Chair, has reported that we currently have 10 dealers using 19 tables. No more dealer space is available.

Cachet & Cancel: Gene Bujdos has reported that the Eugene Walter (Gene) Baker (Pittsburgh Pirates) cancel and cachet have been designed and finalized.

Souvenir Sheet: Tom Reiff reports that the 600 souvenir sheets have been printed and are in the process of being prepared for the show. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLUB HAS DECIDED TO PRINT ONLY THE "CENSORED" VERSION.** As previously reported, there was also to be an uncensored version but that version will **NOT** be printed.

Exhibits: We currently have only four (4) members committed to exhibit: Eugene Bujdos (2 exhibits), Tom Reiff (1 exhibit), Lorraine Vincent (2 exhibits) and Danielle Weaver (2 exhibits). With these members exhibiting, and 3 frames being used by the club, we have filled 17 frames. We still have three (3) open frames to be filled.

Advertising: The show ad is currently in the APS American Philatelist magazine. Gene Bujdos has created and submitted an article for Linn's Stamp News including images of the Gene Baker cancel and the souvenir sheet. Show fliers and postcards for mailing to non-members are currently in progress.

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB – MARCH, 2017**VINCENT van GOGH, IMPRESSIONIST PAINTER – BORN IN MARCH**

Vincent Willem van Gogh was a Dutch Post-Impressionist painter who is among the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western art. In just over a decade he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings, most of them in the last two years of his life in France, where he died. They include landscapes, still lifes, portraits and self-portraits, and are characterized by bold colors and dramatic, impulsive and expressive brushwork that contributed to the foundations of modern art.

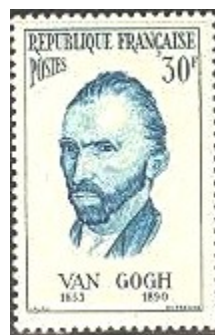
Vincent Willem van Gogh was born on 30 March 1853 in Groot-Zundert, in the predominantly Catholic province of North Brabant in the southern Netherlands. He was the oldest surviving child of Theodorus van Gogh, a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church, and Anna Cornelia Carbentus. Van Gogh was given the name of his grandfather, and of a brother stillborn exactly a year before his birth. Vincent was a common name in the Van Gogh family: his grandfather, Vincent (1789–1874), who received a degree in theology at the University of Leiden in 1811, had six sons, three of whom became art dealers. This Vincent may have been named after his own great-uncle, a sculptor.

Born into an upper-middle-class family, Van Gogh drew as a child and was serious, quiet and thoughtful. As a young man he worked as an art dealer, often travelling, but became depressed after he was transferred to London. He turned to religion, and spent time as a Protestant missionary in southern Belgium. He drifted in ill health and solitude before taking up painting in 1881, having moved back home with his parents. His younger brother Theo supported him financially, and the two kept up a long correspondence by letter. His early works, mostly still lifes and depictions of peasant laborers, contain few signs of the vivid color that distinguished his later work. In 1886 he moved to Paris, where he met members of the avant-garde, including Émile Bernard and Paul Gauguin, who were reacting against the Impressionist sensibility. As his work developed he created a new approach to still lifes and local landscapes. His paintings grew brighter in colour as he developed a style that became fully realized during his stay in Arles in the south of France in 1888. During this period he broadened his subject matter to include olive trees, cypresses, wheat fields and sunflowers.

Van Gogh suffered from psychotic episodes and delusions and though he worried about his mental stability, he often neglected his physical health, did not eat properly and drank heavily. His friendship with Gauguin ended after a confrontation with a razor, when in a rage, he severed part of his own left ear. He spent time in psychiatric hospitals, including a period at Saint-Rémy. After he discharged himself and moved to the Auberge Ravoux in Auvers-sur-Oise near Paris, he came under the care of the homeopathic doctor Paul Gachet. His depression continued and on 27 July 1890, Van Gogh shot himself in the chest with a revolver. He died from his injuries two days

later. Van Gogh was unsuccessful during his lifetime, and was considered a madman and a failure. He became famous after his suicide, and exists in the public imagination as the quintessential misunderstood genius, the artist "where discourses on madness and creativity converge". His reputation began to grow in the early 20th century as elements of his painting style came to be incorporated by the Fauves and German Expressionists. He attained widespread critical, commercial and popular success over the ensuing decades, and is remembered as an important but tragic painter, whose troubled personality typifies the romantic ideal of the tortured artist

Vincent van Gogh and his paintings have been honored with stamps from many countries. Shown below are images of a few stamps of Vincent van Gogh and his paintings showing year, country and Scott number.



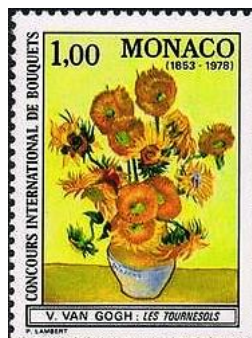
1956 FRANCE
#816



1990 NETHERLANDS
#754



1990 TURKEY
#2481



1978 MONACO
VAN GOGH PAINTING
SUNFLOWERS
#1124



1991 DOMINICA
VAN GOGH PAINTING
VASE WITH IRISES
#1343



<< ON YOUR LEFT
ST. THOMAS AND
PRINCE ISLANDS
VAN GOGH PAINTING
ROWBOATS
#972

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB – MARCH, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW - March 4-5 - **NORTH CANTON, OHIO** - McKinley Stamp Show McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW Saturday 10AM – 5PM; Sunday 10AM – 4PM

STAMP SHOW – March 23-25 – **CLEVELAND, OHIO** – Garfield Perry March Party – 127th Annual Stamp Exhibition & Bourse. La Villa Conference and Banquet Center, 11500 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44130. Thursday 11AM – 6PM, Friday 10AM – 5:30PM, Saturday 10AM – 4PM

POSTCARD SHOW – March 24-25 – **LANCASTER, PA** - Lancaster Spring Postcard Show (Morlatton show), Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Rd., Friday 10AM - 6PM, Saturday 10AM - 4PM Admission charged.

STAMP SHOW – March 26 – **MARS, PA** -- K2 Collectibles (Kevin Kellman) - VFW Post 7505, 331 Mars Valencia Road, Mars Pa. Sunday, 10AM – 4PM – Free Lunch

POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW – April 8 – **PITTSBURGH, PA** - Three Rivers Postcard Club, Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 2415 Saw Mill Run Blvd. (Route 51), Pittsburgh, PA 15234. Saturday, 9AM – 4PM. Admission \$2.00

STAMP SHOW – April 22-23 – **MONROEVILLE, PA** – WILKPEX 2017 - Wilkinsburg Stamp Club, Gateway Firehall, 4370 Northern Pike, Monroeville, Pennsylvania 15146. Saturday 10AM – 4PM; Sunday 10AM – 3PM Special Cachet, Special Cancel. Admission FREE

STAMP SHOW – April 29-30 – **WESTLAND, MI** – Plymouth Show Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland, Michigan 48185 Friday 10AM – 5PM; Saturday 10AM – 4PM Admission FREE

STAMP SHOW – May 12-13 – **BUTLER, PA** – BUTLERPEX Butler County Philatelic Society, Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora, PA. Friday 10AM – 5PM; Saturday 10AM – 4PM Admission FREE

ATTEND A SHOW – FIND A TREASURE

PITTSBURGH AREA STAMP CLUB WEBSITES

Here are some interesting Internet Web Sites. Once you access this URL, you may be able to navigate to other parts of the web site.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PHILATELIC SOCIETY
<http://www.muleshoepa.com/WCPS/WCPS.HTM>

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH
<http://www.presidentdrive.com>

50 YEARS AGO –MARCH 1967



**1967 GRENADA
ASSOCIATED STATEHOOD**



**2016 GREAT BRITAIN
PINK FLOYD**



**1964 SAN MARINO
JOHN F. KENNEDY**

**HISTORICAL FACTS WITH PHILATELIC CONNECTIONS
OVER THE YEARS, STAMPS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR
GRENADA), PINK FLOYD (AND MUSIC) AND JOHN F.
KENNEDY**

MARCH 3, 1967 - Under the Associated Statehood Act on 3 March 1967 Grenada was granted full autonomy (partial independence/self-governing) over its internal affairs. Herbert Blaize was the first Premier of the Associated State of Grenada from March to August 1967

MARCH 11, 1967 – British rock band Pink Floyd releases first single (Arnold Layne)

MARCH 14, 1967 - Initially President John F. Kennedy was interred in a small plot, (20 by 30 ft.), in Arlington National Cemetery. Over a period of three years (1964–1966), an estimated 16 million people visited his grave. On March 14, 1967, Kennedy's remains were moved to a permanent burial plot and memorial at the cemetery.