

# WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB

APS CHAPTER #122934

WEBSITE: WWW.wilkinsburgstampclub.com

VOLUME 11, NUMBER 5

DECEMBER, 2011

PAGE 1



**MADONNA OF THE CANDELABRA BY RAPHAEL - BOOKLET**



**HANUKKAH**



**KWANZAA**



**HOLIDAY BAUBLES BOOKLET**



## \*\*\* IN THIS ISSUE \*\*\*

- Page 2
1. Club Officers / When We Meet
  2. The Editor Writes
  3. Meeting Dates
  4. Publishing Months
  5. Club News
- Page 3
1. Santa Claus, Indiana
- Page 4
1. Mark Your Calendars
  2. Internet Connections (Websites)
  3. Christmas Seals – Then & Now - The 1911 and 2011 Seals

\*\*\*\*\*

### MADONNA OF THE CANDELABRA

Issued on October 13, this 2011, at Mega Stamp Show, in New York, NY, this Christmas stamp features a detail work by the Italian master Raphael. It dates to around 1513 and is now in the collection of Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, Maryland

\*\*\*\*\*

### HANUKKAH

Issued on October 14, this 2011, at Mega Stamp Show, in New York, NY, this stamp commemorates Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights. In 2011 Hanukkah begins on December 20 and lasts for eight days & nights.

\*\*\*\*\*

### KWANZAA

Issued on October 14, this 2011, at Mega Stamp Show, in New York, NY, this stamp celebrates the seven day holiday that begins on December 26<sup>th</sup> and ends on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*\*\*\*

### HOLIDAY BAUBLES

Issued on October 13, this 2011, at Mega Stamp Show, in New York, NY, these cheery Holiday stamps feature four festive baubles that were inspired by styles from the 1950s.



DECEMBER, 2011

**OFFICERS / ADDRESS / WHEN WE MEET**

**President:** Andy Novotny  
(email: novoand@hotmail.com)

**Vice-President:** Jim Senkewitz  
(email: senkewitz2012@verizon.net)

**Secretary:** OPEN      **Treasurer:** Ray Damico

**MAILING ADDRESS:** Wilksburg Stamp Club  
P.O. Box 239  
Apollo, PA 15613-0239

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.

**Newsletter Editor:** Tom Reiff  
(email: treiffer@msn.com)

**Mailing Coordinator:** Eugene Bujdos  
(email: gbujdos@yahoo.com)

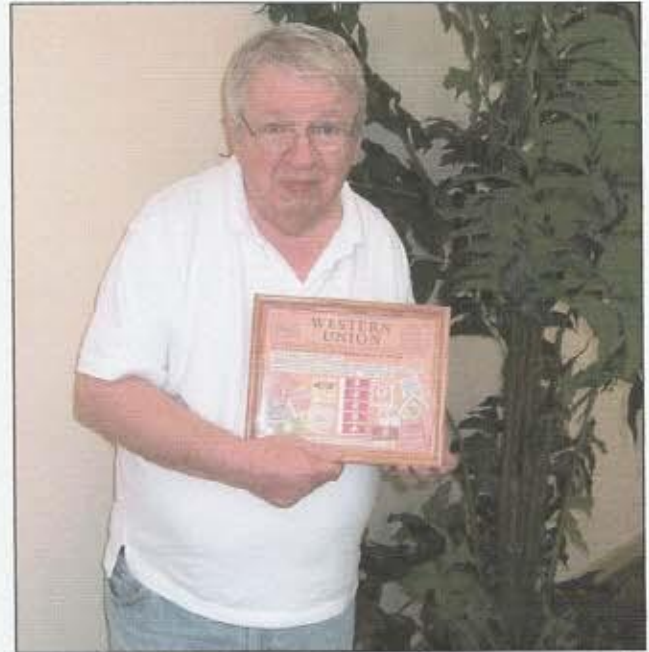
**THE EDITOR WRITES...**

Wishing everyone a happy Holiday Season. I hope 2011 was good to you personally and in your "collecting world" and that 2012 will be the same or better.

**DECEMBER 2011 MEETING DATES**

December 11<sup>th</sup> Only  
\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE JOIN US \*\*\*\*\*  
NO MEETING on December 25<sup>th</sup>  
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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.

**CLUB NEWS****FRED LEWIS WITH HIS MEMENTO**

During the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting The Club recognized member Fred Lewis with a framed memento commemorating Fred's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his collecting United States telegraph stamps.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY SEASON PARTY:**

Our annual holiday season "party" will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no meeting, just friends, food and fun. The Club will cover the expense of the chicken. Members at the meetings in November have designated other "goodies" that they have volunteered to bring. Tom Reiff will have his annual philatelic trivia contest with the winner getting "bragging rights only." Also, members may bring in a SHOW AND TELL item (or items), philatelic or not.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You are welcome to bring guests, however any non-member guest will be charged a \$5.00 guest fee.

**APS ROAD TRIP:** Jim Senkewitz is planning a "road trip" to the APS in Bellefonte. **It is scheduled for Friday, December 9, 2011.** If interested, please contact Jim by phone at 412-371-2129 or via email at: senkewitz2012@verizon.net



**DECEMBER, 2011**



**POSTAL CARD – 1935 CHRISTMAS DAY POSTMARKS  
LINCOLN CITY AND SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA**



**SANTA CLAUS PARK ADV. LABEL AND 1935 CHRISTMAS SEAL**



**1942 GREETINGS FROM SANTA CLAUS INDIANA POSTCARD**

**SANTA CLAUS, INDIANA**

Santa Claus was established in 1854. In 1856, when the town (then known as Santa Fe, mispronounced "fee") was working to establish a Post Office, the US Postal Service refused their first application as there was already another Santa Fe in the state. Several town meetings were held, during which the name Santa Claus was selected.

The Santa Claus Post Office is the only post office in the world with the Santa Claus name!

The town's name did not peak interest however, until 1914 when Santa Claus' 14th postmaster, James Martin, took it upon himself to answer the children's letters.

In 1929, Ripley featured the town's post office in his nationally-syndicated "Believe It or Not" newspaper cartoon. The feature thrust Santa Claus, Indiana into the national spotlight and the following Christmas its little post office was flooded with over a million pieces of mail. The town would never be the same again.

Soon after, people flocked to the Santa Claus Post Office to get the special postmark; so much that in the early 1930s the US Postal Department suggested changing the name of the town to avoid the Christmas season frenzy. Fortunately, for everyone, that did not happen!

On Christmas Day 1935 (SEE CARD AT THE LEFT), Carl Barrett dedicated a 22 foot tall statue of Santa Claus on the highest hill in town. The statue was the centerpiece attraction of Santa Claus Park, the town's second themed attraction. The statue which was funded through children's penny donations is situated on the highest hill in town and rests on a star-shaped platform whose principal point faces east, symbolic of the Christmas Star. A time capsule rests below the statues base.

James Martin continued answering letters and eventually enlisted Jim Yellig to aid in helping him write back to children across the world. Today, the non-profit organization, Santa's Elves Inc, and the Santa Claus Museum, organize volunteers to answer all the children's letters that flood this tiny post office during the holidays. Approximately 12,000 letters are answered each year.

Santa Claus Post Office  
45 North Kringle Place  
Santa Claus, IN 47579  
(812) 937-4469



**DECEMBER, 2011**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Upcoming  
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

**STAMP SHOW** – December 3 – James Reeves, Churchill Borough Building, 2300 Wm. Penn Hwy.  
2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM – 4PM. FREE.

**STAMP SHOW** – December 3-4 – COLUMBUS, OHIO – Worthington Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse. Disalle Center at the Ohio Expo Center, 717 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Saturday 10 AM-6 PM, Sunday 10AM-4PM.

**STAMP SHOW** - January 20-21, 2012 YORK, PA - York County Stamp Show White Rose Philatelic Society of York, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Avenue.

**STAMP SHOW** - February 12, 2012 HUDSON, OHIO - Hudson Stamp Bourse Lincolnway Stamps, Clarion Inn, 6625 Dean Memorial Parkway,

**STAMP SHOW** - March 3-4, 2012 NORTH CANTON, OHIO - McKinley Stamp Show McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegrove St., NW

**ATTEND A SHOW - FIND A TREASURE**



**1974 USA CHRISTMAS STAMP (Scott #1552)  
FIRST U.S. SELF-ADHESIVE STAMP  
INSCRIBED "PRECANCELED"**

**INTERNET CONNECTIONS (WEB SITES)**

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://personal.wpa.net/~jvaughn/WCPS/Wcps.htm>

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

**U.S. POST OFFICES**  
[http://www.postalhistory.com/Post\\_Offices/index.htm](http://www.postalhistory.com/Post_Offices/index.htm)

**U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS 1847-1970 and MORE**  
<http://www.1847usa.com/>

\*\*\*\*\*

**CHRISTMAS SEALS THEN & NOW**

**100 YEARS AGO  
1911 SEAL**



**THIS YEAR  
2011 SEAL**



The United States Christmas Seals were issued by the American National Red Cross from 1907-1819, the National Tuberculosis Association from 1920-1967, the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association from 1968-1972 and the American Lung Association from 1973-present.

Issued 100 years ago, the 1911 seal is titled "The Old Home Among the Cedars." The designer was Anton Rudert under direction of F. D. Milliet. and generated \$320,000 in sales.

Beginning in 1979 there is no longer one national issue.