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THE LADY BIRD JOHNSON S.S. & A CLOSE-UP OF HER SINGLE



On December 1, 2012, in Orlando, Florida, the Postal Service will issue a \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10 Waves of Color definitive stamp in one design each in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) pane of ten stamps. The stamps will go on sale nationwide December 1, 2012. In 2012, the U.S. Postal Service offers Waves of Color panes of four similarly designed high-denomination stamps issued at the \$1, \$2, \$5, and \$10 rates. These stamps were created to lend a contemporary appearance to packages, large envelopes, and other mailings. The \$1 Wave, \$2 Wave, \$5 Wave, and \$10 Wave each features a colorful, abstract pattern similar to an engraved currency banknote with its denomination spelled out and shown as a numeral. Designer Michael Dyer worked with art director Antonio Alcalá to create the stamp art.

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LADY BIRD JOHNSON (DECEMBER 22, 1912 – JULY 11, 2007)

On November 30, 2012, in Austin, Texas, the Postal Service issued a Lady Bird Johnson commemorative First-Class Mail stamp (Forever stamp priced at 45 cents) in six designs in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) souvenir sheet of six stamps. The \$2.70 Lady Bird Johnson souvenir sheet may not be split, and the stamps may not be sold individually. The stamp will go on sale November 30, 2012 in Texas and Washington, DC. Post offices outside of Texas and Washington, DC will have to order the souvenir sheet. This new issuance by the U.S. Postal Service honors Lady Bird Johnson and her efforts to beautify America. The souvenir sheet includes six stamps: a new stamp that reproduces the official White House portrait of the First Lady painted in 1968, and adaptations of five stamps issued in the 1960s that encouraged people to participate in the President and Mrs. Johnson's campaign "Plant for a More Beautiful America." The art from the five engraved stamps — originally issued in the 1960s — has been adapted for printing in offset lithography. There is a quote by Mrs. Johnson and an additional image of the First Lady on the selvage and text about Mrs. Johnson's accomplishments on the back of the stamp pane. The art director was Antonio Alcalá.

DID YOU KNOW:
Her birth name was:
CLAUDIA ALTA TAYLOR

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - DECEMBER, 2012**OFFICERS / ADDRESS / WHEN WE MEET**

President: Andy Novotny
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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...

Wishing everyone a happy Holiday Season. I hope 2012 was good to you personally and in your "collecting world" and that 2013 will be the same or better.

**DECEMBER 2012 MEETING DATES**

December 9th ONLY
***** CHRISTMAS PARTY *****
FLAT SCREEN COLOR TV AVAILABLE FOR THE STEELERS GAMES.

******* PLEASE JOIN US *******

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**ANNUAL HOLIDAY SEASON PARTY:**

Our annual holiday season "party" will be held on December 9th. 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.

2013 - WILKPEX:

CACHET & CANCEL CHANGE: Gene Bujdos reports that due to problems getting approval for the Willie Stargell cachet and cancel, we are going to PLAN B. We will now honor former Pittsburgh Pirates pitching great Bob Friend who pitched for the Pirates from 1951 through 1965.

Gene contacted Bob about it and Bob has called Gene back by phone and has given us approval to go forward with it. Bob also told Gene that he appreciates us honoring him.

The plan is to still use the Willie Stargell stamp.

2013 SCOTT CATALOGUES: The Club is pleased to report that we now have the complete set of 2013 and the U. S. Specialized stamp catalogues in our library.

MEMBER PROFILE – BILL BRIERTON

Bill Brierton started collecting stamps around the age of 10 years old.

HOW HE GOT STARTED

His interest started when he was at the YMCA and was shown some stamps from another YMCA member.

WHAT HE COLLECTED AND NOW COLLECTS

Bill started, like most other beginning collectors, with a general worldwide collection. He then started to specialize in Greece and Germany. He currently collects World War I postal history specializing in covers dealing with the medical, Red Cross, nursing, deceased soldier and POW areas.

His non-philatelic interests include reading books dealing with the history of World War I, other wars and also local area historical subjects.

FAVORITE U.S. COVERS

Bill has many favorites from his collection. Two of them are shown here on this page.

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Bill has been a member of the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club in "two parts". He was a member from 1968 - 1985, and rejoined in 2000.

OTHER PHILATELIC MEMBERSHIPS

He also belongs to the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh.

THE CLUB IS PROUD TO HAVE HIM AS A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB



BILL BRIERTON



**WELL TRAVELED "DECEASED SOLDIER" COVER
(RETURNED TO SENDER)
MAILED FROM THREE RIVERS, MICHIGAN ON MAY 21, 1918
TO PVT LOUIS K HICE.
1st THREE RIVERS MICHIGAN SOLDIER TO DIE IN WWI
(JUNE 20, 1918)**



**COVER FROM A SOLDIER IN THE "AMBULANCE SECTION" OF
THE "SANITAIRE AMERICAINE U67". MAILED 27 SEPTEMBER,
1917 FROM PARIS, FRANCE TO PITTSBURGH, PA AND
FORWARDED TO CHESTER, PA.
(U.S NOT OFFICIALLY IN THE WAR YET)**

WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB - DECEMBER, 2012

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Upcoming
Stamp, Postcard and Collectible Shows

STAMP SHOW – December 1-2 – COLUMBUS, OHIO – Worthington Stamp Club Annual Show and Bourse. Disalle Center at the Ohio Expo Center, 717 E. 17th Avenue. Saturday 10 AM-6 PM, Sunday 10AM-4PM.

STAMP SHOW – December 2 – Cranberry, PA, Four Points Sheraton, Cranberry, PA. 10AM – 4PM FREE

STAMP & COIN SHOW – JANUARY 5, 2013 - Pittsburgh, PA – James Reeves, Churchill Borough Building, 2300 Wm. Penn Hwy. 2-5 dealers. Saturday 10AM – 4PM FREE.

STAMP SHOW - January 25-26, 2013 YORK, PA - York County Stamp Show White Rose Philatelic Society of York, York Fairgrounds, Horticulture Hall, 334 Carlisle Avenue.

STAMP SHOW - March 2-3, 2013 NORTH CANTON, OHIO - McKinley Stamp Show McKinley Stamp Club, St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall, 4667 Applegate St., NW

ATTEND A SHOW - FIND A TREASURE



Designed by Jim Crawford
(modeled by
W. K. Schrage)

ENGRAVERS: Vignette:
R. M. Bower; lettering and
numeral: G. A. PAYNE

1962 FIRST USA HOLIDAY (CHRISTMAS) STAMP
(Scott #1205)
FIRST DAY OF ISSUE NOVEMBER 1, 1962
PITTSBURGH, PA

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

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

CHRISTMAS SEALS THEN & NOW

**100 YEARS AGO
1912 SEAL**



**THIS YEAR
2012 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 1912 has Santa Claus in the center. The designer was John H. Zeh and generated \$402,256 in sales.

Beginning in 1979 there is no longer one national issue.