



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.

Note – **Only 1 Meeting in December** – December 7th for Holiday Party

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

Sunday December 7, 2025 at the Churchill Borough Building Yagle Community Room - Family and Friends welcome!

Setup at 11 AM - Events start at 11:30 AM - Food served at 12 noon

Please RSVP at a meeting or to Danielle (dmm742000@yahoo.com) by Saturday Nov. 29th with your name and how many will be attending. Cost per person is \$10. You can mail a check or pay at an upcoming meeting. You can bring games and prizes too!

Jaden's Catering is again providing the feast. Menu: Tossed Salad, Homemade Linguini Salad, Rolls, Baby Baker's Roasted Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots (aka Carrot Balls!), Cauliflower and Cheese, Stuffed Chicken Breasts, Baked Cod w/Tomatoes & Thyme, Penne in Marinara Sauce, Various Desserts, Various drinks (you can bring your own non-alcoholic drinks), BYOB (wine only please)

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 souvenir sheet, please bring to an upcoming meeting or write in!

Treasurer's Report – Danielle reported that at the end of September the Club had \$9768.42 in the bank.

We will be auctioning off the 2023 Scott Catalog set at our regular meeting on November 23rd. If anyone is interested please bring your checkbook to the meeting or send your bid in via email to Maureen and Danielle. If not bidding in person, please put your max offer in the email. (And yes, we are still missing Volume 5B)

The Club is looking at obtaining permanent magnetic-style name tags to be used at WILKPEX as well as at meetings. Danielle found a company that can provide these for \$6.99 each. They will be white with a blue logo, first name and name of the Club. More details will follow.



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

Sneak Peek at 2026 USPS Issues! (And yes, there are flowers) (from USPS.com)

- **A Day at the Beach**, four stamps that will convey the simple joys of an ocean vacation;
- **American Bison**, a stamp that will honor America's national mammal as well as historic philately;
- **Angel's Trumpets**, a 4-cent issue that will add to similar floral-themed low-denomination stamps [released](#) in 2024;
- **Bald Eagle: Hatchling to Adult**, five stamps that will follow the symbolic raptor's journey from babyhood to adulthood;
- **Bruce Lee**, a kinetic homage to the master martial artist, actor and filmmaker (1940-1973);
- **Colorado Statehood**, an image of Jagged Mountain by nature photographer John Fielder (1950-2023) in honor of the 38th state's 150th anniversary;
- **Declaration of Independence**, a typographic treatment of "1776" that will render the numerals in the shape of a quill pens in honor of the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding document;
- **Figures of the American Revolution**, a pane of stamps that will celebrate 25 individuals who helped shape the new nation;
- **Harriet Powers**, a tribute to the renowned quiltmaker and folk artist (1837-1910) who learned to sew while enslaved on a Georgia plantation;
- **International Peace**, a simple image of an origami crane folded by Sue DiCicco, founder of the Peace Crane Project;
- **Love (2026)**, four midcentury-style birds and hearts by illustrator James Yang;
- **Lowriders**, five stamps with images of the customized automobiles that trace their roots to the American Southwest in the 1940s;
American Southwest in the 1940s;
- **Muhammad Ali**, a stamp with the image of a 1974 Associated Press photo of the world-famous boxer, activist and humanitarian (1942-2016) in a pugilistic pose;
- **Phillis Wheatley**, the 49th entry in the Black Heritage series, will honor the first author of African descent (circa 1753-1784) to publish a book in the American Colonies;
- **Route 66**, a pane of 16 stamps with eight images that will celebrate the legendary highway on its 100th anniversary;
- **Sarah Orne Jewett**, the 35th entry in the Literary Arts series, will be a 3-ounce stamp that honors the Maine author (1849-1909) and foundational figure in American literary regionalism;
- **Squirrels and Chipmunks in Winter**, four images that capture the resourcefulness, adaptability and charm of these animals in cold temperatures;
- **Sunflowers**, an homage to the garden stalwarts prized by gardeners and pollinators; and

• **Year of the Horse**, the seventh stamp in the current Lunar New Year series, will feature paper-cut masks by artist Camille Chew.



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

There are many changes happening in the US Government right now. The USPS has not been left out. Stay tuned for more news.

Stamp collectors acquire the Scott catalog and Linn's Stamp News

Oct 16, 2025, 8 AM

Scott Stamp LLC acquires iconic brands from Amos Media Co.

Scott Stamp LLC, a new company formed by longtime philatelic leader, Jay Bigalke, and fellow philatelist, David Fritz, has acquired the Scott Catalog, *Scott Stamp Monthly*, and *Linn's Stamp News* from Amos Media Co.

The acquisition places these cornerstone publications of the stamp hobby into the hands of passionate collectors dedicated to strengthening and modernizing philately for future generations.

Product sales will continue to be available through AmosAdvantage.com, and subscriptions can be purchased through Linns.com. Both will operate in partnership with Amos Media Co. during the transition period.

"It's incredibly meaningful to see these trusted names in philately return to collector ownership," said Jay Bigalke, President and CEO in Scott Stamp LLC. "Our mission is simple: to honor the legacy of Scott and *Linn's* while investing in new tools and ideas that help the hobby thrive."

"This is a great day for stamp collecting," said Don Sundman of Mystic Stamp Company and one of several collector-investors supporting the new venture. "The Scott Catalog and *Linn's* have guided generations of collectors—including me—and now they'll continue to do so under leadership that truly loves the hobby."

"We're proud to have been stewards of these important brands for decades," said Rick Amos, CEO of Amos Media Co. "Jay and David's passion and expertise ensure that the Scott and *Linn's* legacy will continue to inspire collectors for many years to come."

Additional details about the transition and a road map of upcoming plans will be shared soon at scottstamp.com and linns.com.

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.

1. October Show and Tell:

- a. Gene said he had been collecting since 1950 and set a goal to find something that wasn't in the Scott Catalog – he brought 2 stamps he found that were not listed – both were from the Orange Free State. After passing them around the Club members think they may have been Revenue stamps that were never cataloged.
- b. Chris brought the Appalachian Trail package – it had the stamps, a patch and a passport for the trail with stickers, all in a cool pouch.
- c. Maureen had a cover with letter from the Carnegie Police Department, trying to get payment for a \$27 meter violation – it had been returned sender, addressee unknown.
- d. John brought some pages downloaded from the American Helvetia Society's website – general information on Swiss stamps; album pages with the info on the stamp opposite from the stamp; How to Estate Plan for your stamp collection. He thinks that we can make similar pages available on our website for people to print – possibly general info on US stamps as well as the estate planning info.



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CHIEF OF POLICE
HARRY W. SMITH

NOTICE OF FAILURE TO PAY PARKING FINE

Your vehicle, bearing Pa. Registration No. JBH-480
was tagged in the Borough of Carnegie on Jan. Feb. March 1985
for the violation of meter.
The fine for this violation is \$ 27.00. If this fine is not
received in this office by April 10, 1985
it will be necessary to file a Citation with our District Magistrate
which will result in added Court costs to you.



Please take some time before the November 23rd meeting and see if you have something fun to share from your collection!

Letter Writing From USPS.com:

In an increasing digital world, there are groups of people who appreciate the classic written form of communication that relies on the US Mail.

These letter writing groups can be found around the world and extend a more-the-merrier invitation to join. One example: the Letter Writers Society, a Pinole CA organization that pairs members with pen pals.

The group hosts both in-person and virtual monthly meetings, as well as events such as postal-related scavenger hunts and workshops on calligraphy and cursive handwriting.

There are enough groups to warrant the Directory of Letter Writing Societies, an online resource that lists organizations around the globe that promote pen pal relationships or other letter writing exchanges. The advice for those looking to start a group of their own:

- Pick a name. Be original or research social media for ideas and inspiration.
- Find a place to meet. Ideas include coffee shops, bookstores, museums, local libraries or community centers.
- Set a date. Decide how often your group will meet.
- Advertise. Post flyers in local businesses around the community and on social media sites.

To read the full story, go to <https://news.usps.com/2024/08/26/think-letter-writing-is-passe-don't-tell-these-groups/>

For more information, visit <https://letterwriterssociety.org> and <https://lwsdirectory.com>

Thanks to Dawn Richards for this article! Dawn is an active Club member who lives in Tennessee and sends us regular letter and fun articles and information to share with all of us!

Upcoming Events Nearby

- November 8 – 9, 2025 – PITTPEX, Bridgeville PA
- Nov. 22, 2025 – Black River Stamp Club, Elyria OH
- Nov. 22, 2025 – Buffalo Stamp Club Autumn Stamp Festival – Cheektowaga, NY
- Dec 13, 2025 – Erie Stamp Club Stamping with Santa
- Feb 6 & 7 – McKinley Stamp Club Show – Canton 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:

President, Secretary & Newsletter Editor: Maureen McKeever
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WSC c/o Danielle Weaver, 3710 Henley Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15235

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) know ahead of time.



(Maybe we'll get the dock closest to the pub!!)