



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 – Friday and Saturday April 12 (10 AM – 4 PM) & 13 (10 AM – 3 PM), 2024 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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WILKPEX 2024:

- Currently we have 9 dealers and a rep from the USPS Butler.
- We are full-up on exhibits! We have 5 members with 9 exhibits totaling 20 frames.
- We are still working on getting the sign-off needed by the USPS for the cancel. The cachets are ready to go.
- Deb has a press release ready. If you know someplace to print it, please do so. She has placed the ads in 8 periodicals so far. Let your social media sites know about the show when we get close to the dates.
- We still need stamps to fill 1 large jar of various stamps to raffle off at the greeting table. All donations accepted!
- Get your Phlea Market materials ready! Forms will be available at the upcoming meetings.
- Stay tuned for more details! 

For 2025, because of the Easter holiday and fish sale at the Holiday Park Fire Hall, we are looking at a one day show – Saturday April 12th. It will be easier for the out-of-town dealers and may drive higher attendance overall. We will discuss this at our next meeting to firm this up, so we can let everyone know at WILKPEX 2024!

Logo - Deb asked if we wanted to re-examine our logo. No one really



knows how old it is:

The thought is that we can clean it up to have sharper-edges, or change it entirely. If we have a sharp logo we can maybe place it on merchandise (such as pens, tote bags, etc.) to sell to our members and at our shows. If anyone has any feedback please bring it to the next meetings!



Danielle is planning a trip to APS in late April/May – if anyone is interested please let her know!

Rebecca has created some beautiful cachets with hummingbirds to go with the new Garden Delight stamps issued on 3/16. She may have some available as first-day covers for members.



Philatelic News

- April 2024 US Stamps issues (as of now):
 - Floral Geometry (\$1) – (4/26) – Another geometric large-value stamp similar to those issued in recent years



Member Dawn Richards sent information on the Post Mark Collectors Club and their museum in Bellvue, OH. If anyone is interested please see Maureen for a copy.

Zunks information and examples needed:

The International Order of Zunks was formed in the Pittsburgh area in 1939, and over the next 6 years released over 75 Zunks cacheted covers marking holidays, Zunks anniversaries, and special events in the progress of WW II. Peter Martin (publisher of LaPosta journal of postal history, and I are gathering information about the Zunks (formation, operation, membership, and seeming dissolution when the war ended), and to pin down all the covers produced.

We think that WSC members might have information and examples of the covers since you are close to ground zero. Our object is to produce a monograph/catalog on the subjects, and name credit will be given for everyone who can help. If you can, please contact me, John Hotchner, jmhstamp@verizon.net, or by regular mail at PO Box 1125, Falls Church, VA 22041-0125.



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.

Ukrainian Christmas Stamp 2023

By David Hartwig, Linn's 1/8/24

On Dec 6, 2023, Ukraine's post office issued a pane of 5 semipostal stamps to mark St. Nicholas Day and the Day of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, both of which occurred on Dec. 6. Ukrainian artist Kostya Lavra designed the stamp, which combined elements of the St Nicholas tradition with elements of the armed forces. St. Nicholas carries a sack of gifts. However, the sack is camouflaged and the gifts spilling out consist of a tank, missile and aircraft.

St. Nicholas rides on the back of a horse that tramples over a double-headed eagle, a prominent figure on Russia's coat of arms. An imperial crown and orb, also elements of the Russian coat of arms, appear below the horse's raised tail.

In the traditions of many cultures, including Ukraine, St. Nicholas brings presents during the night for children to receive in the morning of December 6th.

The real St. Nicholas, from whom Santa Claus is derived, served as a bishop in the maritime city of Myra (modern day Demre, Turkey) during the fourth century and was known for his habit of gift giving.

Ukraine celebrates the Day of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on December 6th. Ukraine established its current form of armed forces on December 6, 1991. The date also marks the start of the first Winter Campaign in 1919, when the Ukrainian People's Republic faced the Bolsheviks in Ukraine during the Soviet-Ukrainian War.

The stamp is non-denominated. The rate, represented by the letter “M” is for a letter weighing up to 50 grams sent within Ukraine, currently 18 hryvnia. The surtax adds 5h to be donated to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. The pane, with the selvage showing an idealistic Ukrainian village in the snow, is available on their online postal shop <https://postmark.ukrposhta.ua>.



The 2022 Ukrainian Christmas stamp depicted “Separated by War”:



Upcoming Events Nearby

- April 6 – Spring into Philately – Erie Stamp Club – Erie PA
- April 12 – 13 2024 – WILKPEX. Plum PA
- May 2024 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA

For more details google the stamp club or look at the latest issue of the American Philatelist Magazine.



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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:

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



(Ships full of fake Chinese stamps arriving!)