



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com

Meeting Schedule: **Every 2nd and 4th Sunday** - see below

WILKPEX 2021 is scheduled for Saturday August 7 and Sunday August 8 2021 – Holiday Park Fire Hall, Plum – 415 Old Abers Creek Road 15239

WSC Meeting Schedule

Our Picnic is on Saturday July 31, WILKPEX is August 7 & 8, and we will meet Sunday August 22.



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- A big thank you to Tom Shaw who donated stamps, covers, etc. for the members.
- 2021 – 2022 dues are due by July 1st. If you have not already done so please bring a check or cash to the next meeting or mail your check to the PO Box. Dues are \$8 for an individual, \$12 for Family or \$4 for youth for the year.
- 2021 Club Picnic – We will have a picnic on July 31, 2021, at the usual pavilion area at Monroeville Park. The club is providing hamburgers and hot dogs and many members have already signed up to bring sides and

deserts. Think about what you want to bring. You can also bring games and music!

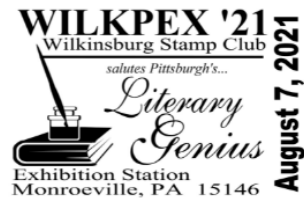
- Circuits – The club is still getting circuits and if you want to get involved please contact Danielle! We also have circuits available at our meetings! Take a look! The stamps are very pretty!
- WILKPEX 2021 – It will be Saturday and Sunday August 7th and 8th. Hall setup will be Friday evening at 7 PM – please come if you can. We have commitments right now from 9 dealers but have room for more, so if you or any dealers you know are interested let them know to contact Danielle. Keep working on your exhibits and getting your Phlea Market materials together! Food will be available both days and free coffee will be available for members and dealers before the doors open each day.
- If you are going to enter an exhibit, let Andy know ASAP what the title of the exhibit is and if you need a small or large frame.
- Summer Meetings – Because of the show, our 1 meeting in August will be August 22.
- Danielle will be planning trips to APS on Fridays now that they are open, so if you're interested please let her know!



- We have decided on the Hip Hop Stamp for the 2021 Souvenir Sheet and have them ready for sale.



- The cancel for our cachet is finished although it has to be revised to give the correct zip code for Plum (15239). This has been approved and the envelopes are being cancelled for the show!



Philatelic News

- August 2021 US Stamps issues (as of now):
 - Mid-Atlantic Lighthouses (8/6) – A series of 5 stamps celebrating lighthouses from New York to Maryland.
 - Missouri Statehood (8/10) – Honoring the bicentennial of the state.
 - Backyard Games (8/12) – A series of 8 stamps depicting classic games we've all played in our backyards..



I am disappointed that they didn't include lawn darts!

Collector's Corner

I found an interesting article from Linn's 6/22/15 by John Hotchner about the USPS and their "No Smoking Policy" as it relates to depicting people smoking (or not) on stamps:

Linn's reader Michael Zlotnick sent some information on cigarettes and stamp art, suggesting it might make an interesting article. First, it must be said that many of the people being commemorated on today's stamps grew up in a society where smoking was the norm. While that is no longer the case, we should not be surprised that cigarettes are often present in photographs of people honored on United States stamps. Nor should we be surprised that in today's culture, where smoking and second-hand smoke are associated with health problems, the U.S. Postal Service has chosen to show honorees without cigarettes when photographs are converted to stamp art. The removal of cigarettes during the design process has happened a few times.

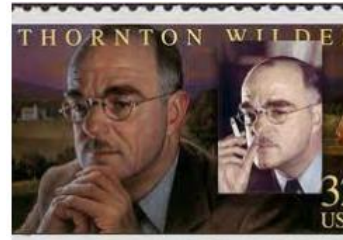
Blues singer, songwriter and guitarist Robert Johnson was honored on a 29¢ stamp (Scott 2857) in the 1994 Jazz Singers/Blues Singers set of eight. Johnson is shown smoking in the photograph that was the basis for the stamp. However, his cigarette was removed for the design.



George Amick reported in the 1994 Linn's U.S. Stamp Yearbook that Postal Service spokesman Monica Hand told the Associated Press that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee had this done "because they didn't want the stamps to be perceived as promoting cigarettes." Similarly, the original photograph of Jackson Pollock used for a 33¢ stamp in the Celebrate the Century series pictures the artist with a cigarette dangling from his mouth, but there is no cigarette shown on the stamp (Scott 3186h).



Cigarettes also were removed from photographs of composer Bernard Herrmann (Scott 3341) and writer Thornton Wilder (3134).



Actor James Dean was commemorated on a 32¢ stamp issued in 1996 as part of the Legends of Hollywood series (Scott 3082). While the stamp itself was created from a photograph in which Dean is not smoking, the image in the selvage was based on a photograph by Roy Schatt of Dean walking down the center of a street with a cigarette in his mouth. It was removed.

Although some people reported that the cigarette is missing from the design of the Bette Davis stamp, that apparently is not the case. Instead, the design for this 42¢ stamp in the Legends of Hollywood series (Scott 4350) is based on a photograph showing the actress in a fur coat from the film *All About Eve*, according to Amick writing in the 2008 *Linn's U.S. Stamp Yearbook*.

Are there any U.S. stamps in which the subject is smoking? Only one comes to mind, the 1982 20¢ Franklin Delano Roosevelt stamp, in which he has a cigarette and holder in his left hand.



Member Information

Wolf Berry is looking for a copy of the 1961 Souvenir Sheet with the 2 lines at the top of the same color. It is "the only one I lack for completion and am willing to pay generously." He can be reached at 6950 Lain Road, Hornell NY 14843-9419 – 607-661-5500.

We are also looking to get our membership records and contact info "up-to-date", so can you please send your current address and email address to Deb Foltyn? This is vital if you haven't been to a meeting in a while and/or have moved from the Pittsburgh area.

Wilkesburg Stamp Club Information:

Meetings - 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month (August 2nd Sunday only).
Doors open at 12:30 PM and meetings start at 2:00 PM.

Churchill Borough Building, 2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill PA 15235

All are welcome! Free admission! Free snacks! Stamps! Hinges all about!

WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

WILKPEX 2021 is scheduled for Saturday August 7 and Sunday August 8, 2021, at the Holiday Park Firehall in Plum. Admission is free. Doors open at 10 AM each day. Dealer bourse, phlea market, exhibits and fun for all!

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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:

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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 Danielle know ahead of time.

