



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 2023 – Friday and Saturday April 14 (10 AM – 5 PM) & 15 (10 AM – 4 PM), 2023 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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- Anyone who wants to attend the WSC Christmas Party at Pugliano's in Plum on Sunday 12/11 at 1 PM, please send \$25 per person to the PO Box or bring your payment to the next meeting. **RSVPs are due to Danielle by Thursday 12/1/22.** Payments can be made that day as long as we know you're coming. Guests are welcome.
 - The price is \$25 per person, with a choice from 3 entrees – Chicken Piccata, Tour of Italy (Lasagna, chicken parmesan, fettuccini alfredo, meatball, and hot sausage) or BBQ Combo Platter (Pulled pork and BBQ chicken, grilled shrimp served with coleslaw and french fries). Included will be a salad or cup of soup. Drinks are not included.
 - The Club will provide appetizers.
 - Pugliano's is at 1808 Golden Mile Highway (Rt. 286) in Plum, not far from where we held WILKPEX. The website is <https://puglianositiangrill.com/>.



- Dues for 2023 are due by 12/31/22. Reminder slips went out with the November Newsletter, but you can also pay at meetings or by mailing a check to the PO Box (address is at the end of the newsletter). Please send us your dues ASAP!
- If you want to **get** the newsletter via email ONLY or **not** in the mail (since it is viewable on the website by the 1st of each month in living color), please notify Dave Pressler (Membership Officer) at the email address at the end of the newsletter. You can also tell him at a meeting. We are hoping to have the email newsletter list firmed up by December.
- We got 2 new members at the 11/13 meeting – brothers Sam and Michael Pascal! They both collect US used – we’ll get more info from them about their topical areas! Sam is Member #50 and Michael is #51.
- WILKPEX 2023 – We have 6 dealers (14 tables) confirmed so far for next year’s show. John Harding should have sample Souvenir sheets to look at soon. Please work on your Phlea Market items – please try to restrict yourself to 20 items so all have a chance to sell items. Also consider making an exhibit – it is easy to work on these while watching TV!
- Dave Duggins has archived past newsletters on the website going back to 2014. If you have any old newsletters you can give them to Dave for possible archiving.
- Circuits – Moving forward, instead of going through circuit books at our meetings, Danielle will bring circuits to the meeting and any member can take a whole circuit home to go through and buy. You then bring the circuit back to the next meeting along with your payment. Please contact Danielle if you want to get circuits outside of meetings.
- **Dues for 2023 are now due!** Please mail in or bring your dues to the next meeting or by December 31st. \$8 for individuals and \$12 for 2 family members.
- The Club has received the 2023 Scott Catalogs! This means that we will auction off the 2019 Catalogs at an upcoming meeting. Stay tuned for the details!

Philatelic News

- The initial 2023 Stamp Issues have been announced! (See Linn's 11/14/22). Below is a partial list:

- Year of the Rabbit, Love, Freedom US Flag, Ernest Gaines



- Pinatas, Thinking of You, Sailboat Postcard, Tulips in Bloom



- Chief Standing Bear, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Toni Morrison



- Railroad Stations, Endangered Species, Waterfalls, Women's Soccer



- Roy Lichtenstein, Snowglobes, Winter Woodland Animals



More info will be in future newsletters!

- The price of first class US postage is set to increase on January 22, 2023 from 60 cents to 63 cents.
- Linn's Stamp News on 11/28/22 had an alarming article about the increase in mail box thefts in 2022. Some have calculated that there's been a 400% increase in postal robberies since 2019. The latest trend is to attack postal carriers and steal their "arrow" keys that allow them to open nearly all blue drop-off mailboxes. Before the main problems were people fishing with sticky-ended lines to pull mail from the slot, something many postal regions have combated. Gangs are also targeting the home mailboxes more to steal outgoing mail. The goal is to find checks that can be altered or "washed" to steal money. {I know that Dollar Bank has seen many more check forgeries reported during 2022, many of which seem to be from stolen mail.} Postal authorities are now advising people to deposit mail only inside the post office buildings, and to NEVER out anything in a blue collection box late or over weekends and holidays. A previous article (10/3/22) had stated that uniformed USPS Postal Police Officers had dropped from 2700 to 350, meaning that thieves felt more emboldened to attack postal delivery people and steal from mail boxes.
- Ireland has taken the next step to eliminate actual stamps. They can go online to get a unique 12 character code which is a "digital stamp". The code is written in pen in the upper right corner of the envelope (where the stamp usually goes). It is more expensive than an actual stamp (2 Euros vs. 1.25 Euros for a stamp) and can only be used in Ireland.



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.
- There was an interesting discussion about hinges at the 11/13 meeting. Most members use hinges for their used inexpensive stamps (mounts are used for new or more pricy used stamps) and David showed a pack of Dennison Hinges that he inherited from his Dad. He swore by that brand. The size of the hinge used (some said cut the pre-bent ones in half) and

the type and amount of moisture used was also discussed. Most everyone said to use minimal moisture to attach and don't lick! Danielle said she'd bring some extra hinges to the next meeting.

- A recent survey in the UK found that many "old-school" hobbies are back in fashion. A lot of people went back to inside, one person activities during the Covid pandemic and have continued because they find that they love losing themselves in an activity, it helps their mental health and relaxes them. Stamp collecting was #12 and coin collecting was #13. Model making (like a lot of the model railroad collectors do) was #14.



Upcoming Events Nearby

- December 10 - Stamping with Santa – Erie Stamp Club 10 AM – 4 PM – New Hope Presbyterian Church, 5440 Washington Ave, Erie PA 16509 **(change of location)**
- December 9 & 10 – Worthington Stamp Show, Columbus OH
- Feb. 24 & 25 – Toledo Stamp Expo, Perrysburg OH
- Mar 4 & 5 – McKinley Stamp Club Show, Canton OH
- Mar 11 – Tidewater Stamp Club Annual Show, Easton MD
- Mar 17 – 19 – Garfield-Perry March Party, Strongsville OH
- April 14 – 15, 2023 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 2023 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA
- June 9 & 10 – COLOPEX 2023, Columbus OH
- November 2023 - PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA

For more details google the stamp club or look at the November 2022 American Philatelist Magazine.



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WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

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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:

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



(Presents for all good girls and boys!)

Stamp Collector's Word Find

By Jim Darnell

Hidden in the block of letters below are 50 terms related to stamp collecting. The terms are aligned horizontally, vertically, and diagonally. The terms may be written both forwards or backwards. The hidden terms are listed below.

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album	definitive	local	plate number	tab
bilingual	domestic	machin	postcard	tagged
booklet pane	fdc	mint	postmark	tête-bêche
bull's eye	gutter pair	misperf	precancel	thin
cachet	hidden mark	mount	rouletted	tongs
centered	hinged	overprint	semipostal	topical
coil stamp	invert	pair	se-tenant	trptych
commemorative	imperforate	perfin	spif	used
cover	imprint	perforation	stamp	watermark

Merry Christmas!

Here is a stamp-themed word search from <https://www.stampcommunity.org/> that was posted in 2012, originally published in Stamp Insider Magazine. Enjoy!

