



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.

There is **NO** meeting on December 24th!

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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- Dues are due for 2024! Please fill out the coupon on the bottom of the page and please return with a check made out to the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club. You can mail it to WSC C/O D. Weaver, 3710 Henley Dr, Pgh 15235

Name(s) _____

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Dues - \$8 per individual, \$4 additional per immediate family member (same household), \$2 junior member (under 16)

- **Holiday Party:**

- The Party will be Sunday December 10 at the Churchill Borough Building, Yagel Community Room (where we have our meetings) starting at 1 PM.
- Jaden's will cater – there will be 3 entrée choices, potatoes, veggies, salad and rolls. Danielle will bring dessert!
- The cost per member and guest will be \$11 each. Please bring in your payment ASAP to a meeting or mail it to the address shown on Page 1 with a check and indicate that it is for the party, along with how many will be attending. Hope to see you there!



- **WILKPEX 2024:**

- Dates and times are Friday 4/12 10 – 4 and Saturday 4/13 10 – 3. The down payment for the hall has been submitted.
- We are looking for 2 chairmen for the show – for Advertising and for Welcome. If you are interested please let Deb know as soon as possible.
- Gene announced that Jim Leyland will be the subject of the 2024 cachet.
- We will have at least 1 large jar of various stamps to raffle off at the greeting table. All donations accepted!
- Stay tuned for more details! 



- A huge thank you to Lois Gregg for making the new circuit bags! They are made from used pet food bags and are very sturdy and easier to carry than the previous bags.
- Gene reports that member Richard Melnick recommends visiting the Carnegie Science Center's Titanic exhibit. There are Pittsburgh postcards included in the exhibit from that time period.
- Our Website won a Vermeil Award and our Newsletter a Large Vermeil Star Route award from the APS! Great job Dave D and Maureen!

Philatelic News

- Initial US Issues for 2024 (Part 2):
 - Garden Designs (4), Saul Bellow, Pinback Buttons (10)



- Sea Turtles (6), Shaker Design (12)



- Horses (5), Bluegrass, 1st Continental Congress



- Autumn Colors (15)



- Madonna & Child, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa



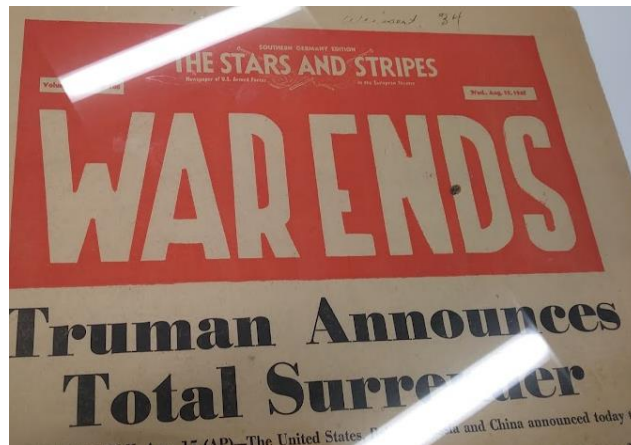
- Winter Whimsy (Snowflakes) (4)



As always, there may be more announced throughout the year.

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.
- Show and Tell from November 26th:
 - Maureen had 2 covers she bought at PITTPEX commemorating the maiden voyages of 2 American Export ships to India.
 - Danielle showed her album of stamps showing hands and other body parts. She is just starting this collection.
 - Scott showed a genuine CIA Invert \$1 Americana stamp. Cool!
 - Bill had a framed Stars and Stripes newspaper announcing the end of WWII dated August 15, 1945. He also had several cachets commemorating the signing of the papers ending the war on September 2, 1945.



Precanceled 1969 Christmas Stamp first-day covers offer a challenge

By John Hotchner, Linn's Stamp News, 2/13/23

Among the scarcest modern US first-day covers are for the precanceled 1969 6 cent Christmas stamps. The art was the painting Winter Sunday in Norway, Maine, depicting a horse-drawn sleigh in a snowy New England town. The Post Office Department decided to experiment with precanceled stamps to see if they would save processing time and therefor money. The precancels were tried in 4 cities – Atlanta, Baltimore, Memphis and New Haven. The hope was that people would bundle their Christmas cards with these precancels and save time by now having to be machine canceled. It was a moderate success – many people in these cities did use the precancels and bundled their cards, but others did not, and the majority of these stamps ended up with regular machine cancels. The local printing of the precancel on the stamps was also not consistent, resulting in errors and many varieties. The first day of issue was November 3, 1969, and all four cities offered FDCs but not many exist. The last auction reference the author had was from 2013, when a set of four was estimated at \$400 - \$600.



(not precancelled stamp)



Upcoming Events Nearby

- March 2 – 3 – McKinney Stamp Show, Canton OH
- March 15 – 17 – The Garfield-Perry 2024 March Party – Strongsville OH
- March 23 – 24 – BUFFPEX, Cheektoaga NY
- 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.



Some Christmas FDCs for your enjoyment!



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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.



(Here comes all of your Christmas presents!)