



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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- The Wilkinsburg Stamp Club has discontinued our PO Box and all mail will be sent to Danielle's address. It is listed at the end of the newsletter. We will have a forwarding address so anything sent to the old box will be received. If you have any old forms that have the PO Box address please let Danielle know so they can be updated and then you can dispose of the old forms.
- WILKPEX 2024:
 - Dates and times are Friday 4/12 10 – 4 and Saturday 4/13 10 – 3. The hall is booked
 - Scott is preparing the dealer contracts to send out soon.
 - Deb is working for us to be more organized and each area/part of the show will have a person in charge, so we won't be as discombobulated as we were this past year.
 - Stay tuned for more details!



- WILKPEX 2025:
 - We will not be able to have the show in April 2025 due to Easter being April 20 – the Fire Hall has a fish fry every Friday during Lent. Please start thinking of another date we can try for in 2025.
- The Club picnic will take place on Sunday Sept. 10th at 12 noon, at the Westinghouse Lodge in Forest Hills (where we had some pandemic meetings). The club will buy hamburgers, hot dogs and buns, and everyone can bring sides and desserts, as well as cheese, lettuce, onions and pickles. Everyone should also bring their own condiments. A sign-up sheet will go around at the next meetings – if you plan on attending but don't get to meetings send us an email!



- Gene is selling! "FOR SALE: The current 2023 Scott Catalogue set, all 12 books, in great shape. \$275. Call Gene Bujdos @412-461-0289".



- Kris W. is selling his international stamps. If you are interested, send him an email with your countries of interest – krisweinschenker@gmail.com



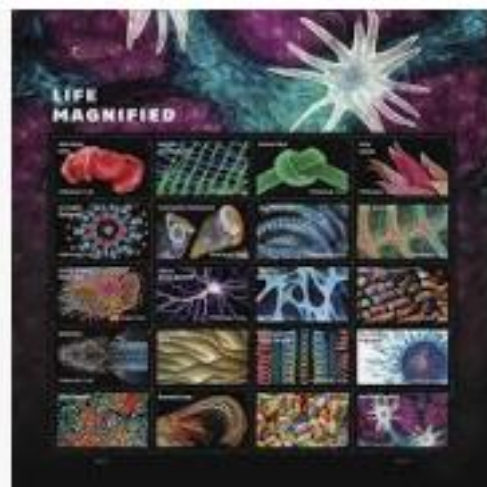
- WSC made \$25 at the Butler Show in May – we placed several boxes of old materials into their auction.
- The Club will order a sign to be placed outside of the Borough Building when we are meeting. This will be the size of a political sign. Hopefully we'll draw in people passing by!

Philatelic News

- New US Issues for July:
 - Northern Cardinal (July 9) – A new Forever envelope.
 - John Lewis (July 21) – Honoring the late Congressman and civil rights legend.



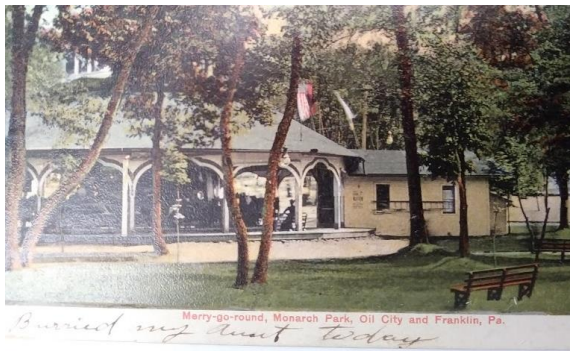
- The USPS has 2 First Day Issues scheduled during the Great American Stamp Show in Cleveland (August 10 – 13): Life Magnified and Thinking of You. Life Magnified is a series of 20 stamps showing close-ups of everyday things magnified. Thinking of You is a series of fun stamps to show that you are thinking of someone when you mail them a card or letter.



- The rate for First Class (Forever) postage will go up to 66 cents on Sunday July 9th 2023. Go buy those stamps this week!

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 June 25th:
 - Bill brought Show and Tell early on June 11th by making copies of the June 16, 1944 Mediterranean Edition of Stars & Stripes. It was fascinating to read not just the headlines about the troops moving after D-Day but the smaller articles.
 - Maureen brought an old postcard showing the Merry-Go-Round at Monarch Park in Oil City/Franklin PA. Postmarked June 17, 1908, it seemed like an ordinary card except on the front it was noted "Buried my Aunt today" almost as an afterthought.
 - Stephan talked about attending the APS Summer Seminar series and the workshops he attended. One was all about the early Washington/Franklin stamps and how to tell the differences (and it really that hard). He showed some of the clear templates that can be placed over the stamps to try to distinguish them. He also had some notes from the keynote speaker on how to try to attract new members, including going more digital (including digital show exhibits), getting more young people involved, and trying to have bigger, combined shows.





- Did you know there was a Little Golden Book about the Postal Service? In 1952 Margaret Wise Brown (who wrote "Goodnight Moon") wrote "Seven Little Postmen" which followed a boy's letter to his grandmother as it went through the Post Office. It was written in 1952. (Jay Bigalke, Scott Stamp Monthly, April 2023)
- Did you think that the "African person needing money" scams started with email? Not so. Starting around 1890 letters from Africa began to appear in the mailboxes of businesses, stating they heard that the company made high quality goods and asked for cataloges and samples. The letters came postage due, having gone from Africa to England and to New York before being delivered all over the US. Many companies not only sent materials but also used the letters in advertising to who the high regard for their products. Of course, no further orders followed. So many companies complained that the New York Post Office began attaching warning labels to the incoming letters, warning of the scam. (Mike Farrell, Scott Stamp Monthly, June 2023)

Upcoming Events Nearby

- August 5 – The Big Erie Stamp Show – Erie PA
- Aug 10 – 13 – Great American Stamp Show, APS, American Topical Assn. & American First Day Cover Society, Cleveland OH
- Sept 2 – 4 – BALPEX 2023, Hunt Valley MD
- November 2023 - PITTPLEX – Bridgeville PA
- March 15 – 17 – The Garfield-Perry 2024 March Party – Strongsville OH
- April 12 – 13 2024 – WILKPEX. Plum PA
- May 2024 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA

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



(Let's hope there are no supply-chain issues anytime soon!)