



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

Unless something changes with the Covid-19 pandemic, we will continue our regular schedule going forward.

To prep for WILKPEX, we will have 2 meetings in June and July.



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- We sadly have lost Joe Granna and Don Smith (a former member). Please remember them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.
- 2021 – 2022 dues are due by July 1st. You can bring a check or cash to the next meeting or mail your check to the PO Box.
- 2021 Club Picnic – We will have a picnic on July 31, 2021, at the usual pavilion area at Monroeville Park. Think about what you want to bring.

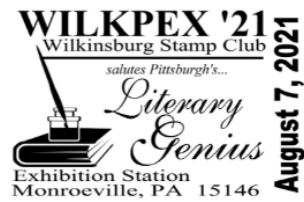
- Circuits – The club is still getting circuits and if you want to get involved please contact Danielle! This is a great way to look to fill holes in your collection or start a new topical collection, as well as spend that cash you were saving for toilet paper! We also have circuits available at our meetings! Take a look!
- WILKPEX 2021 – It will be Saturday and Sunday August 7th and 8th. Hall setup will be Friday evening. 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. We will require masks for anyone at the show and will space everyone out for safety. Keep working on your exhibits and getting your Phlea Market materials together!
- 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 we have been absent so much, and the show is later, we will be having 2 meetings in both June and July as we get ready for WILKPEX. We have to plan the show, help assemble souvenir sheets (so we have a supply for the show), and clean out our spaces to see what we can offer in the Phlea Market.
- Danielle is still planning a trip to APS on a Friday in June or July, so if you're interested please let her know! She will try to do one every other month or so, schedule permitting.



- We have decided on the Hip Hop Stamp for the 2021 Souvenir Sheet.



- 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.



Philatelic News

- July 2021 US Stamps issues (as of now):
 - Tap dance (7/10) – A series of 5 stamps celebrating the unique American dance form.
 - Mystery Message (7/14) – The colorful stamp contains a hidden message and will be released at the International Spy Museum in Washington DC.
 - Western Wear (7/23) – A series of 4 stamps showing classic Western US articles of clothing.
 - Ursula Le Guin (7/27) – Honors the award-winning science fiction and young adult author. This is a 3 ounce stamp.
 - Raven Story (7/30) – The stamp depicts one of the iconic Tlingit images of Raven, an important character in Native American stories.



Collector's Corner

In May's newsletter I talked about finding 2 interesting stamps – one from Indonesia and one from India:



The one from Indonesia is Scott #771, from 1969, and is part of a series celebrating 5 Year Plans including Social Welfare, Research, Health care and Education. I thought it was interesting because the kids are not really drawn to look like most Indonesian kids.

The Indian Stamp (Scott # 846) is from 1982, and is from the series "Small Family is a Happy Family". India has been long concerned with their large population and has been urging family planning. I like how the family depicted looks like a typical "small" Indian family!

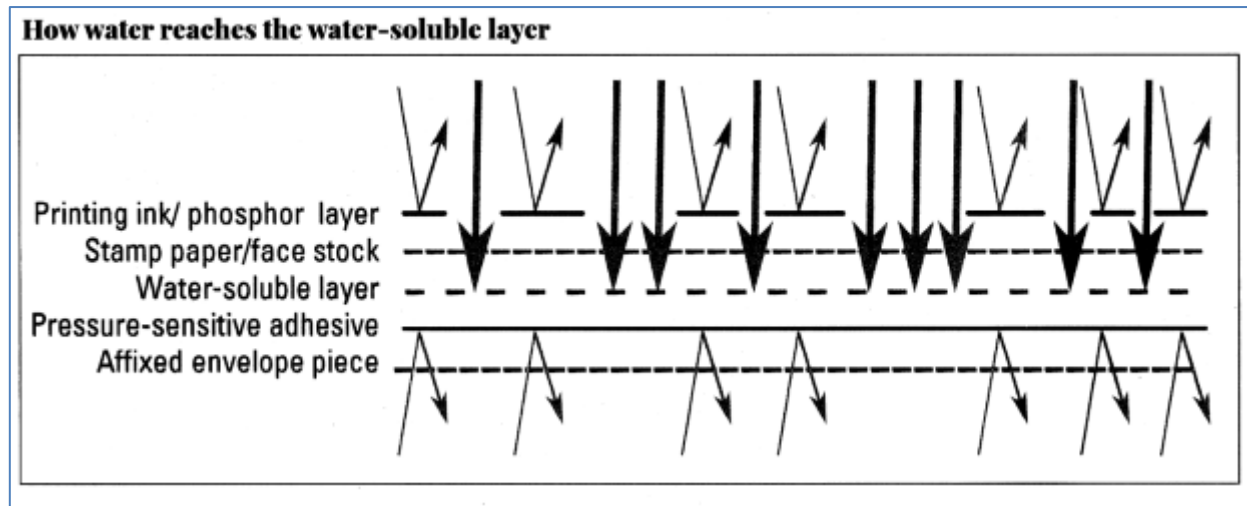
Both stamps can be the start of a topical collection!



Linn's Stamp News (6/21/21) had an article about why the self-stick US stamps are so difficult to soak off paper with just water:

After the initial launch of the 1974 Dove Weathervane Christmas self-adhesive stamp (which had all kinds of issues) the USPS dove deep into solving the problems of making a good self-adhesive stamp that would stick well but still be able to be neatly removed from the paper. The first ones using the new multi-layered paper and adhesive were released in 1989 (Eagle and Shield) and refined until the 1992 Eagle and Shield stamps, which is (pretty much) the final version.

By 2000 nearly every US stamp was self-adhering, but collectors were having major problems getting their newer stamps off of paper. The stamps were (and are) constructed using several layers of paper like so:



Notice that the soaking water should be able to get to the water-soluble layer through gaps in the ink on the stamp. This was the issue – as the USPS made more complicated and beautiful stamps more layers of ink were used, leaving less surface area for the soaking water to get through. This is why some newer stamps come off the paper easily if they have a white background, and the ones totally covered (like some of the space-topical stamps) never come off. Some of the chemicals and solutions used are really dissolving the adhesive, and again this may not leave a neat and non-sticky stamp.

{Linn's Stamp News, June 21, 2021 – by Joe Brockert}

Member Information

Member Dave Kidney is looking for the following stamps:

- Italy – Francis Vigo Vincennes, 5x86, 450 Lira
- Republic of Palau – Palau #377
- Mexico Endangered Species – Stamp #1995; Booklet #BK 256
- Sweden – Ingrid Bergman # 2756 to 2758

If you have any of these please let him know: 132 Carousel Dr, Delmont PA 15653, 724-771-8153 or 724-468-5550. Thanks!

Connie Foltyn has a "nice starter set" of Czechoslovakia stamps (numbering over 1900) for sale for \$35 and another smaller set of Czech stamps for \$10. Please let him know if you are interested.

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!

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. Anyone interested in exhibiting or setting up a dealer table is encouraged to contact one of the officers. More information will come as the date comes closer.

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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.

