



# WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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[www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com](http://www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com)

Meeting Schedule: **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** - see below

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

## WSC Meeting Schedule

We are back on schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at the Churchill Borough Building on William Penn Highway! At the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting we will hear from Carleton Young, who found a box of letters written by two Civil War soldiers and published a book called "Voices from the Attic – The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War." See page 5 for more info.



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- 2021 – 2022 dues are due by July 1<sup>st</sup>. You can bring a check or cash to the next meeting or mail your check to the PO Box.
- 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 your income tax refund! We also have circuits available at our meetings!
- 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.
- WILKPEX 2021 – It will be Saturday and Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Hall setup will be Friday evening. We have commitments right now from 8 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.
- Speaking of WILKPEX.....If you know someone's interested in placing an ad in the show program, here is the information:

If you are interested in being a sponsor for the show program, the cost is:

\$15 for ¼ page (2.75" w x 4.25" h)

\$25 for ½ page (5.5" w x 4.25 h")

\$40 for full page (5.5" w x 5.5" high)

Payment and information to be included in the ad, can be given to Danielle at a meeting Or send to:

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club, P.O. Box 10552, Pittsburgh PA 15235-0552

Logos and or business cards are acceptable, name, what you are looking for etc... it will print in black and white. If you have questions on contents email Deb at [quest4moos@msn.com](mailto:quest4moos@msn.com).

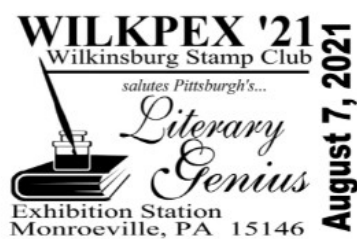
- Summer Meetings – Because we have been absent so much, and the show is later, we will be having 2 meetings in both June and July as we get ready for WILKPEX. We have to plan the show, help assemble souvenir sheets (so we have a supply for the show), and clean out our spaces to see what we can offer in the Phlea Market.
- Danielle is planning a trip to APS on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> (provided they open up). If you are 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.

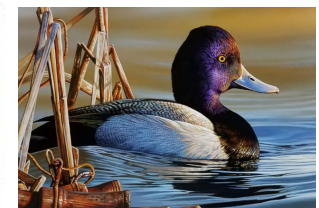
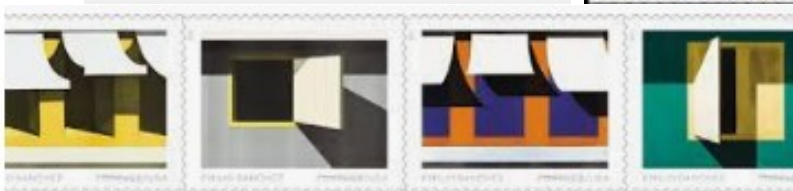


- The cancel for our cachet is finished although it has to be revised to give the correct zip code for Plum (15239).



# Philatelic News

- June 2021 US Stamps issues (as of now):
  - Mallard Drake Postal Card (6/1) – A single postcard and a double postal reply card.
  - Go For Broke: Japanese American soldiers of WWII (6/3) – Honors the 100<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion and the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team and all Japanese Americans who fought in WWII even as many of their families were interred in the US.
  - Emilio Sanchez (6/10) – A series of 4 stamps honoring the Cuban-American artist.
  - Sun Science (6/18) – A series of 10 stamps showing various pictures of the sun.
  - Yogi Berra (6/24) – Honoring the long-time baseball player and manager.
  - Federal Duck Stamps (6/25) – Lesser Scaup Drake and Hooded Mergansers (junior winner).



## Collector's Corner

More about our guest speaker Carleton Young and his book:

Imagine clearing out your family attic and discovering an enormous collection of letters written by two soldiers during the Civil War, but not knowing why the letters, all in their original stamped envelopes, were there. Faced with that situation, Carleton Young spent more than a decade visiting battlefields and researching the two soldiers as well as other people who appear in the letters. In *Voices From the Attic: The Williamstown Boys in the Civil War*, he tells the story of these two brothers who witnessed and made history by fighting in the Peninsula Campaign, then at South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Petersburg, and Cedar Creek. They then preserved that history through their surprisingly detailed and insightful letters. An additional element of the book as a final chapter involves a personal account of solving the mystery of how the letters ended up undisturbed a century and a half later in his parents' attic in the Blackridge section of Churchill and making the family connection to the soldiers.

The publication of the book was followed by many favorable reviews. *Civil War News* called it "a substantial contribution to the genre of first-person Civil War accounts becoming so popular today that would make a worthwhile addition to any Civil War student's bookshelf." The *Western Pennsylvania History Journal* said that the book "offers a deeply interesting look into two detailed experiences of the war which explore the battles as well as life in between. Unlike other soldiers who may have skipped over tough details when writing home to families, the brothers did not shy away from describing the horror of battles, their hardships in camp, and what they saw as they marched through the South. More than merely satisfying an interest in the war, the author demonstrates our surprising connections to each other both past and present."

As a result of such reviews, Carleton Young has been invited to share his story with more than 250 Civil War interest groups, historical societies, and other organizations around the country.

## Member Information

Member Dave Kidney is looking for the following stamps:

- Italy – Francis Vigo Vincennes, 5×86, 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: 132Carousel Dr, Delmont PA 15653, 724-771-8153 or 724-468-5550. Thanks!



## 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!*

## WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

WILKPEX 2021 is scheduled for Saturday August 7 and Sunday August 8, 2021, at the Holiday Park Fire hall 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.

### Officers:

President:	Andy Novotny	( <a href="mailto:novoand@hotmail.com">novoand@hotmail.com</a> )
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WSC, PO Box 10552, Pittsburgh PA 15235

### 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 Danielle know ahead of time.

