



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

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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 & 15, 2023 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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- At the May 22 meeting it was decided (via members vote) to change the fiscal year from July 1 – June 30 to Jan 1 – December 31. This means that the current fiscal year is extended through the end of December, so dues notices will go out in October. All new members who have paid their dues are set until the end of 2023. Anyone who has paid ahead is in the same position. This change will make it easier to keep track of dues and expenses moving forward.
- Member Ton Donahue is moving into assisted living and he gave Danielle his collection to sell. He has 23 albums of UK stamps, which the club will be auctioning over the next two months. You can look at the albums at the meetings or call Danielle to make an appointment to look at them. You make a bid for the album(s) you want, in \$5 increments, and there will be a sheet to keep track, so you can make a counter-bid if desired. The albums are being sold as is, and you can only buy a whole album. The max right now will be \$50, and we'd like to get at least \$20 each.



- A committee consisting of Danielle, Wiley and Maureen is looking at the current (1983) Club Constitution and By-Laws, to update them to more currently match the club's current practices. Proposed changes will be announced later this year in the Newsletter.



- 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.
- Picnic 2022 – We are planning on having our annual picnic this summer. We will discuss plans and dates at our next meeting.
- WILKPEX 2023 will be April 14 & 15 (Fri & Sat). The cost of the hall in Plum is back to \$1200, so we will not have to raise prices for dealers.

Philatelic News

- June US Stamps currently scheduled for release:
 - Katherine Graham (June 14th) – The latest entry to the Distinguished Americans series, honoring the long-time publisher of the Washington Post – 2 ounce Forever stamp.
 - Floral Geometry (June 20th) – 2 stamps, \$2 and \$5.
 - Redheads {Duck Stamp} (June 24th) – The 2021 – 2022 Duck Stamp.



- The USPS has announced several more new stamps to be issued later this year. This includes 10 Peanuts characters, The James Webb Space Telescope, Snowy Beauty – 10 designs of flowers that come out in the snow, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Virgin and Child Christmas, and 4 Elves for Christmas. Issue dates will be determined and announced later in the year.



- The PostEurop board has changed the theme for the 2023 Europa stamp theme to "Peace – The highest value for Humanity" at the request of Ukraine's Post Office. The theme of Underwater Flora and Fauna is pushed back to 2024 and the National Archeology Theme will now be for 2025. Online voting for the stamps will take place between May 9th and September 9th. Russia and Belarus are not allowed to participate in the contest, even though both countries are issuing Europa stamps.



- The USPS has announced that as of July 10, 2022, they will no longer deliver fragile packages. Anyone wishing to ship something marked as "Fragile" will have to go to another shipper. Live animals will still be delivered by the USPS. (Guess they aren't fragile...) At one time the US Mail delivered children around the country.



Collector's Corner

- The 2022 Mountain Flora stamps are currently available in booklets and as coils, with the coils being of all 4 flowers in order.
- Pearls before Swine is a daily comic strip by Stephan Pastis, and in February he had 2 stamp collecting strips:



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Chris brought these to a meeting in May for our enjoyment.

- Don't forget that Show and Tell is the second meeting of each month, This is the time to share an item, and most importantly the story of that item and why it is important to you. It doesn't have to be stamp related – many of our members have other collections such as coins and trains that they like to share.



I bought this plaque at the Phlea Market in April because not only is it nautical themed, it is an event I attended in 1980 as a member of the US Merchant Marine Academy Band, and I was happy to share this at our last meeting. Dave P had some old letters from 1915 from someone in Yugoslavia to a Pittsburgh address, and Dave D shared some FDR WWII ephemera.

Upcoming Events Nearby

- June 3 – 5, 2022 – NAPEX, McLean VA
- June 10 – 11, 2022 – Colopex, Columbus OH
- June 12 2022 – Niagara Falls Coin, Currency and Collectables
- June 18 – 19, 2022 – SCOPEX – Regional stamp show at APS in Bellefonte, PA
- June 19 – 23, 2022 – APS Summer Seminar at APS, Bellefonte PA
- July 18 – 22, 2022 – Volunteer Work Week at APS – Bellefonte PA
- August 25 – 28, – Great American Stamp Show – Sacramento CA
- October 21 – 23, 2022 – AEROPHILATELY 2022 at the APC – Bellefonte PA
- November 2022 – PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA
- April 2023 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 2023 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA



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WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

2023 – Dates/Times to be determined – Holiday Park Fire Hall, Plum PA.

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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 Steve or Chris know ahead of time.



(Lockdowns in Shanghai are currently delaying shipments out of China of everything)