



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.

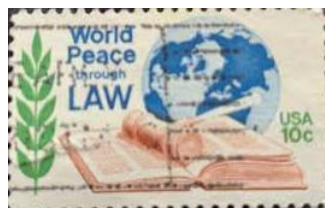
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Officer Election:


The following people were elected as officers at the February 11th meeting. They start their new positions as of 3/1/24:

- Danielle Weaver for President (2024 only)
- John Harding for Vice President (2024 – 2025). John will also be taking the circuit duties.
- Lois Gregg for Treasurer (2024 – 2025).
- The following were appointed as Club Trustees – Wylie Irwin, Maureen McKeever and Dave Duggins.
- In addition, Maureen will continue as Secretary (2024) and newsletter editor, while Dave will continue managing the website.

The offices of President and Secretary will be up at the end of 2024.



WILKPEX 2024:

- Jim has agreed to do overnight security for the show. He and Toby will transport the exhibit frames, which we'll set up Friday morning starting at 8 AM.
- Scott will be at the McKinley Show on the first weekend of March and will talk to dealers to try to get more to come to WILKPEX. Currently we have 8 dealers.
- If you'd like to show an exhibit please let Maureen know the name, topic and how many frames you'll need. You can have anywhere from 9 – 16 pages per frame. So far we have 4 committed exhibits.
- Gene is working on the cancel for the show. He is having problems getting the sign-off needed by the USPS.
- Deb has a press release ready. If you know someplace to print it, please do so. Also let your social media sites know about the show when we get close to the dates.
- We will have at least 2 large jars of various stamps to raffle off at the greeting table. All donations accepted!
- Get your Phlea Market materials ready! Forms will be available at the upcoming meetings.
- Stay tuned for more details! 

Stamp Show! Sunday March 10, 2024

10:00-4:00

The K2 Stampmobile, Cybercoins, Scott Shaulis
& David Lengyel

Churchill Borough Building,
2300 William Penn Hwy, Churchill, PA 15235.

We will be having our meeting in the Borough Conference Room that day from 2 PM – conclusion. Please come support these dealers!



Danielle is planning a trip to APS in late April/May – if anyone is interested please let her know!

Philatelic News

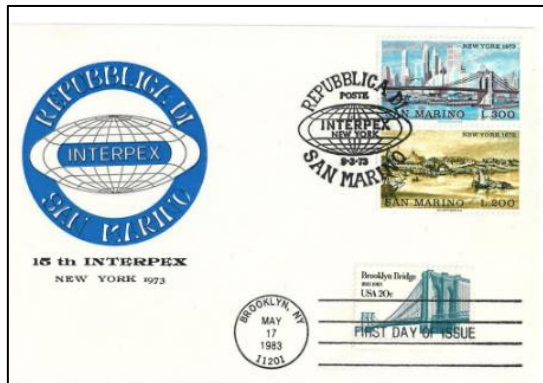
- March 2024 US Stamps issues (as of now):
 - John Wooden – (2/25) – Honoring the legendary men’s basketball coach of UCLA
 - Underground Railroad – (3/9) – Series of 10 stamps commemorating the heroes of the Underground Railroad
 - Bluegrass – (3/15) – Celebrating the truly American music genre
 - Garden Delights – (3/16) – Series of 4 stamps with hummingbirds with flowers - First Day Ceremony at Garfield-Perry Show in Strongsville OH
 - Celebration Blooms (1 ounce) and Wedding Blooms (2 ounce) – (3/22) – The annual wedding invitation stamps
 - Save Manatees – (3/27) – Bringing attention to one of our most unique, endangered mammals

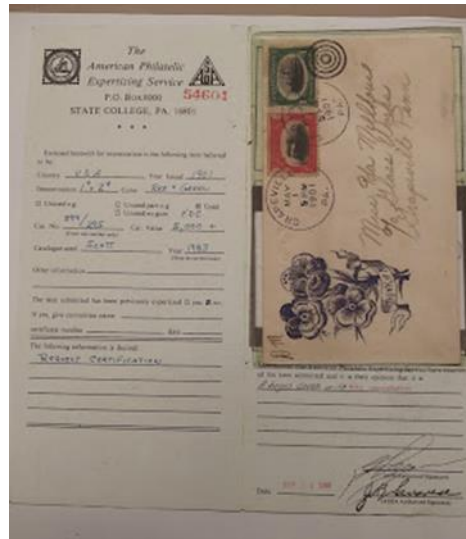


Member Dawn Richards sent information on the Post Mark Collectors Club and their museum in Bellvue, OH. If anyone is interested please see Maureen for a copy. She also let us know about the APS new online magazine "StampEd", debuting in February 2024. There is information on the APS website (Stamps.org).

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 2/25/24:
 - Maureen brought 2 covers – one Argentinian First Day Cover for Exports postmarked a week before she was born and one showing 2 First Day cancels for 2 different Brooklyn Bridge stamps, 10 years apart.
 - Wylie brought a treasure from Bob's briefcase – an expertized FDC with genuine Pan-American stamps but the rest of the cover was fake.
 - Jim had an airplane cover for the 1930 of the Wilkinsburg Airport and air circus – which was located in Blackridge, across the road from where we meet!
 - Jeff had a Pittsburgh Streetcar cancel – back in the day you could flag down the white streetcars and give them letters – they'd postmark them on the car and take to the postoffice. This practice ended in 1916.
 - Mike had some non-profit computerized postage he's received as well as some letters with selvage as postage that were postmarked and delivered.





From Linn's Stamp News – Feb. 26, 2024 – by Ronald Blanks

The latest printing of the 2023 Patriotic Block Coil for Nonprofit organizations (Plate B222) is being given it's own Scott number – it has a larger, more spread-out date than the first printing (Plate B111). The initial printing is Scott #5756 and newer variety is #5756A. These are sold in coils of 3000 and 10,000 to authorized mailers. The stamps were printed on two different presses and even though the art work is identical, the use of different plates/cylinders can have slight printing differences. The UV tagging appears to be the same for B111 and B222 printed stamps.



First is Plate B111 (compact 2023); second is Plate B222 (bigger 2023)

Lost 80-Year-Old Letter Finally Delivered After Being Found at an Illinois Post Office:

The letter, from 1943, was addressed to a couple after they lost their daughter to cystic fibrosis

By Nicholas Rice, People Magazine

Published on January 6, 2024 02:07PM EST

A letter that was lost in the mail in 1943 was finally delivered after an 80-year-long wait. Last month, a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. George re-emerged at the post office in DeKalb, Illinois, according to local outlet WIFR. One of the employees at the establishment tracked down the surviving members of the George family, the outlet said, and found Grace Salazar, the daughter of Louis and Lavena George, to whom the letter was addressed.

The letter, per WIFR, was from Louis; first cousin, who was sending condolences to the couple after they lost their daughter Evelyn to cystic fibrosis.

The post office employee who found the letter believed that it disappeared years ago due to the lack of a house number in the mailing address, the outlet reported.

Not long after receiving the letter, Grace then sent it to another surviving daughter of the Georges — her sister, Jeannette. "A message from the past, seemingly showing up out of nowhere, that's pretty incredible," Jeannette told WIFR. "Everybody was just like, 'My God', you know?' Gobsnacked. Just like, 'What is this?'"

Noting that she was emotional to see the decades-old letter in her own hands, Jeannette added to the outlet, "Losing a child is always horrific, [and] it just sort of put me in touch with my parents' grief and the losses my family went through before I was even born."

Nowadays, Jeannette said she is grateful for and appreciates the family that she has. "As I get older, I appreciate more and more the extended family, especially my nieces and nephews. I just have more of a sense of continuity of life, of families," she told WIFR.



2024 Great American Stamp Show First Day Ceremonies

The Great American Stamp Show in Hartford Connecticut (August 15 – 18, 2024) will host 2 First Day Ceremonies. The first is for the Pinback Button stamps (8/15) and then for the Autumn Color stamps (8/16). The Pinback Buttons were designed by 10 different artists with one word as the focus of the image. The Autumn Colors pictures are from the portfolio of nature photographer Allen Rokach.



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 6 – Spring into Philately – Erie Stamp Club – Erie PA
- 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.



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Officers:

President & Membership: Danielle Weaver (dmm742000@yahoo.com)

Vice President & Circuit Manager: John Harding (hardingeb@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Lois Gregg (mooneymanor@yahoo.com)

Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Maureen McKeever (maurmomck@gmail.com)

Web Tech: Dave Duggins (davidfduggins@gmail.com)

WSC c/o Danielle Weaver, 3710 Henley Drive, 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 Stevan or Chris (stevanw2020@gmail.com) know ahead of time.



(Can't go thru the Panama or Suez Canals right now!)