



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com

Meeting Schedule: **Sunday April 25th – 1 PM** - 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 tentatively scheduling an in-person meeting on the 4th Sunday in April at the Westinghouse Lodge Building at 799 Barclay Ave, Forest Hills, off of Greensburg Pike. More info will follow!



MCKINLEY STAMP SHOW, CANTON OH

If anyone would be interested in going to the McKinley Stamp Show in Canton on March 6th or 7th, call Wiley (724-863-6167) – he is planning on going and would love to carpool with anyone else planning on attending!



Wilkinsburg Stamp Club News

- The Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee has 3 new appointees, and one of them is a member of the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club! Dr. Joseph Kelley is a professor emeritus in obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive science at the University of Pittsburgh, and according to Linn's Stamp News is a "stamp collector whose interests include US, UN, Ireland, Vatican and Antarctic Territories; topical areas include Mother Theresa, unusual materials and COVID-19. He is a member of the APS, Erie Stamp Club, Vatican Philatelic Society, American Topical Association and the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club which, he noted produces satirical souvenir sheets." (Linns 2/22/21)
- 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!
- 2021 Club Picnic – We will have a picnic on July 31, 2021, at the usual pavilion area at Monroeville Park.
- WILKPEX 2021 – It will be Saturday and Sunday August 7th and 8th. Hall setup will be Friday evening. Keep working on your exhibits and getting your Phlea Market materials together!
- We are still looking for ideas for the 2021 Souvenir Sheet. Remember it should be a spoof of a current stamp that is timely (such as anything to do with COVID).

Philatelic News

- The USPS had income in the first quarter of 2021, \$318 million, versus the same quarter in 2020 (\$748 million loss). Despite this good news, the Postmaster General says that there must be rate hikes and slower delivery than we already have. This includes giving a 3 – 5 day ETA for first-class mail, compared to 2 day ETA now. This is despite the fact that he has already apologized for the slow delivery at the end of 2020/beginning 2021. Stay tuned for more!

- February/March 2021 US Stamps:
 - Chien-Shiung Wu (2/11) - A Chinese-American physicist who worked on the Manhattan Project and discovered promethium.
 - Garden Beauty (2/23) – A set of 10 stamps depicting flowers that usually bloom in the spring and summer, such as tulips and dogwoods.
 - Colorado Hairstreak Butterfly (3/9) – A square stamp to be used for non-machine sorted first class mail, showing the beautiful blue butterfly.



A “pop-up” stamp series is coming later in the spring, depicting 10 of Star Wars’ favorite ‘droids. Stay tuned for more information

What is a CIRCUIT?

A circuit is a set of 25 folders, each folder holds up to 25 pages.

Each folder is filled with stamps from 1 or more countries at a greatly reduced rate.

Each stamp has the Scott number, catalog value and asking price.

The circuit can be picked up, kept a few days and returned with the payment.

Anyone interested please contact Danielle 412-302-4146.

Club member Michael is looking for the following Federal Duck Stamp. His contact number is 412-841-2981.

RW28-MINT OR USED

RW80-MINT

RW65A-MINT

RW83-MINT

RW66A-MINT

RW83A-MINT

RW67A-MINT

RW85A-MINT

RW71A-MINT

RW86-MINT

RW73A-MINT

RW86A-MINT

RW79A-MINT

RW87-MINT

PA DUCK STAMP-PA-26-2008

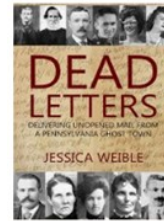
Collector's Corner

The following article was submitted by Rich Melnick via Gene:

A Book Review – Dead Letters – Delivering Unopened Mail from a Pennsylvania Ghost Town, by Jessica Weible, 2020, Sunbury Press.

The author, a part-time writer for the *Jeffersonian Democrat* newspaper in Jefferson County, came in possession of a box of old letters that was found in a general store and post office in the now-gone community of Howe before it was torn down. The letters dated to the early 1900s and had been stamped "Address Unknown" or "Return to Sender". Intrigued by the letters, Weible did some research and learned that although postal regulations required dead letters to be sent to headquarters in Washington to be investigated, Howe's postmaster had kept them instead. Weible wanted to find out who the senders or the recipients of the letters were, and she set out to track down their descendants to see if they wanted the letters, some of which were written in Italian, Hungarian and even Yiddish. Weible discovered several local and state agencies where she could trace family histories, especially of immigrants from the late 1800s and early 1900s, and she was able to obtain addresses of relatives. In the end, she contacted almost all of the letter writers' or recipients' descendants. Some were in the area, but others were from states as far away as California and Washington. Before she knew it, she had piles of letters and

photos sent to her that showed connections to the original letter writers and recipients. The work was most rewarding, she writes, "as I was able to shine a light on family members whose heritage they just had no idea about". What had started as a possible article for her paper developed into a book that tells the stories of a group of people from one small town and their connection to many others across America. The book is highly recommended for personal use and for school libraries. (This book is available at Amazon.com)



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Member Information

- If you would like to have your "wish list" of stamps included in the newsletter, please send it to me via email or regular mail.
- If you know anyone who is looking to get rid of their stamp collection, ask them if they'd consider donating it to the club.



it's okay if you think
stamp collecting
≧ is boring ≦
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people hobby



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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.

