



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com

Meeting Schedule: **See Below!!!!!!**

WILKPEX 2022 - Friday April 22nd 11 AM – 5 PM; Saturday April 23rd 10 AM – 4 PM – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

WSC Meeting Schedule

We will meet February 27th at the Forest Hills/Westinghouse Lodge, then back to the community room at the Churchill Borough Building for March 13 and 27. Check the website for updates. Keep working on your exhibits and Phlea Market materials for WILKPEX in April!

Wilkinsburg Stamp Club News

- Circuits – The club is still getting circuits and if you want to get involved please contact Danielle! Take a look! We also have circuits available at our meetings!
- Picnic 2022 – We will plan on having our annual picnic next summer. We will discuss plans and dates in early 2022.
- APS Visit – Danielle is hoping to take a road trip to APS sometime this spring. If you are interested call or email her so she can let you know the date!
- It is with sadness that we announce that we have lost 2 members, Ron Carr and Daisy Basel.

- Postmark for Cachet for WILKPEX – Below are the postmarks, which have been approved. Gene says that we are starting a series honoring Pittsburgh as the CITY OF CHAMPIONS of the 1970s, starting with Terry Bradshaw.



Philatelic News

- March US Stamps currently scheduled for release:
 - Title IX (March 3rd) – 4 different designs – Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the civil rights legislation that opened so many doors to women.
 - Mountain Flora (March 14th) – 4 different designs – showing pretty alpine flowers native to the US
 - African Daisy (March 14th) - \$1.30 Global forever stamp, round design
 - Tulips (March 24th) – The annual “wedding” stamp
 - Sunflower Bouquet (March 24th) – The 2 ounce stamp for wedding invitations and the like.



- According to Linn's (2/21/22) as of January 31, 2023 all British definitive and Christmas stamps that do not have bar codes on them won't have postal validity. Royal Mail is putting together a "Swap Out" plan for later this year. It is unknown if commemorative stamps will be affected. It is also unknown what affect this change will have on collector value of these types of stamps. Stay tuned for more information!



Member Information

- We are looking to get our membership records and contact info "up-to-date", so can you please send your current address, phone number and email address to Deb Foltyn? This is vital if you haven't been to a meeting in a while and/or have moved from the Pittsburgh area. **It is also key to contacting all members in case the meetings change!** You can also mail it to the club's PO Box.

Collector's Corner

- Do you know how many Pittsburghers have been on US Stamps? I've counted at least 23 (including non-people like Fort Duquesne and Fallingwater). But do you know which Pittsburgher has been on the most US Stamps? (Kind of a trick question). No?



It's George Washington.

Why? Well, he's an important figure on Western PA history, before the Revolutionary War and after. He was sent by the Governor of Virginia to survey the three rivers area, and to try to make treaty with the local Native American Tribes. He almost drowned in the ice-clogged Allegheny River in December 1753 when going to negotiate with the French. Later, in May 1754, it is said that Washington started the French and Indian War by attacking a French force camped near what is now Jumonville, in Fayette County (the site is part of the Fort Necessity National Battlefield). He nearly died a total of 3 times in Western PA (the river, Fort Necessity, Braddock's Field Battle). He also put down the Whiskey Rebellion as President. And most of us know all the rest of what he did in his life.

What is your favorite Pittsburgher/Pittsburgh stamp?

I am torn between the sports stamps (Forbes Field, Steelers, etc) and the Mary Cassatt stamps.



- Linn's reports that more and more counterfeit stamps are being found, and a new twist is the addition of foil and extra-glossy coatings to some stamps. The two issues noted were the 2017 Sports Balls and the 2021 Star Wars Droids. (See below) They are thicker and grainier to the touch. (Linn's, 2/14/22)



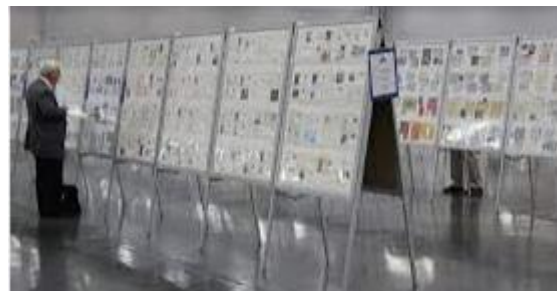
- The USPS has tapped the NFT market in an effort to raise money. Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) are a "non-interchangeable unit of data stored on a blockchain, a form of digital ledger, that can be sold and traded. ... NFT ledgers claim to provide a public certificate of authenticity or proof of ownership, but the legal rights conveyed by an NFT can be uncertain" (definition from Google) These are usually unique pieces of art that is only

available online and has an unique digital identifier. The USPS offered images of the Day of the Dead stamps from last fall, which sold out in 0.3 seconds. Offered for \$6 each, the resale market went up to \$195 each. They then offered images from the Visit From St Nick Christmas stamps which were also quickly sold. More NFTs are to be offered using the Website Veve. Please note that no one knows if NFTs will grow in value over the long-term, but for now they are making the USPS money.



Upcoming Events Nearby

- Feb. 26, 2022 – WOOPEX – Wooster OH
- March 5 – 6, 2022 – McKinley Stamp Club Show – North Canton OH
- March 18 – 19, 2022 – Garfield-Perry Stamp Show – Strongsville OH
- April 22 – 23, 2022 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 13 – 14, 2022 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA
- June 10 – 11, 2022 – Colopex, Columbus OH
- 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



Wilkesburg Stamp Club Information:

Meetings – 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

All are welcome! Free admission! Free snacks! Stamps! Circuits!

WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

Friday April 22nd 11 AM – 5 PM; Saturday April 23rd 10 AM – 4 PM – Holiday Park Fire Hall, Plum PA.

Officers:

President: Andy Novotny (novoand@hotmail.com)
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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.



(We brought canned corned beef from Brazil in containers too...)