



# WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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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

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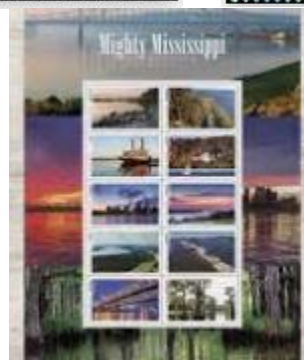
- WILKPEX 2022 was a big success! We had over 110 attendees over the 2 days, the dealers were happy with their sales, and we gained 4 new members! There were 5 kids who came to the Kids area to do the stamp scavenger hunt and hopefully start a lifelong love of philately.



- No Meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> – Happy Mother’s Day! See you on Sunday May 22!
- Circuits – Please contact Danielle if you want to participate! We also have circuits available at our meetings!
- Picnic 2022 – We are planning on having our annual picnic this summer. We will discuss plans and dates in later this year.
- APS Visit – Danielle had a very successful trip to APS in April! She will let us know when she plans to go again!
- Tentative dates for WILKPEX 2023 is April 14 & 15 (Fri & Sat). More information will follow.

**Philatelic News**

- May US Stamps currently scheduled for release:
  - Eugenie Clark (May 4<sup>th</sup>) – Celebrating “The Shark Lady”, a marine biologist who studied sharks and endeavored to change the perception of sharks.
  - Women’s Rowing (May 13<sup>th</sup>) – 4 different designs – Honoring the sport of women’s rowing, issued in a pane designed to show 4 different shells of 8 + coxswain.
  - Mighty Mississippi (May 23<sup>rd</sup>) – 10 different designs – Depicting life, work and play along the Mississippi River.



- The Royal Mail has issued the first of their new definitive stamps with bars codes. Any older definitive stamp without the bar code can be used until Jan 31, 2023, and the older stamps can be exchanged for the new.



- There are now 4 countries that have issued stamps in support of Ukraine. Latvia, Estonia, Poland and Austria have each issued one stamp, with Austria's being a semipostal supporting UNICEF and Neighbor in Need, a group supporting the people of Ukraine.



- Linn's announced the results of their annual US Favorite Stamp Poll, and winner was.....



## A mule!

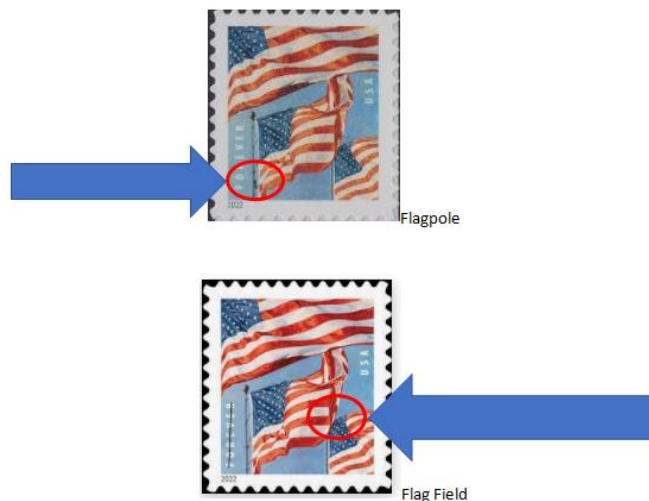


And a hog, and a chicken, and so on and so on...The Heritage Breed stamps! The Sun Science stamps were second, and Yogi Berra came in third, which is pretty close to winning (as he might have said). No one seemed to like the Message Monster, Espresso Drinks or Western Wear stamps. The Go For Broke stamp, honoring the Nisei soldiers of WWII, was voted most important.

## Collector's Corner

- The 2022 US Flag stamps issued in January are well used and rather attractive (in my opinion) for a flag stamp, but what many may not realize is that there are 6 versions of the stamp. Here are some tips in how to distinguish the different types (note – you will need to get that perforation gauge and a magnifying glass out):

There are 3 coils and 3 plates. There are 2 microprints mixed in, and the perforations differ. The microprints are located as shown:



The stamps are distinguished like this:

- Scott # 4487 – 11 ½ x 11, microprint on left flagpole
- Scott #4487 a – Coil 10 ¾vertical
- Scott #4487 b – Coil 11 vertical.
- Scott # 4487 c – Coil 9 ½ vertical, microprint above flag field on right
- Scott # 4487 d – Booklet 11 ½ x 10 ¾ perf on 2 or 3 sides – microprint on left flagpole
- Scott # 4487 e – Same as above except for microprint being above flag field on right

I have started trying to sort through all of the flag stamps, and it is challenging with the perforations being so close together.

- Stamps on Jeopardy! On March 24, in the category “Fast Facts”, the clue was: “US Postage stamps bearing this word began going on sale in April 2007” and the answer is.....Forever!

## Upcoming Events Nearby

- May 13 – 14, 2022 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA
- May 20 – 21 2022 – ROPEX, Rochester NY
- 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



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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.



(Almost everything is now shipped in containers, including bananas ...)