



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 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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- Dues are due for 2024! Please fill out the coupon on the bottom of the page and please return with a check made out to the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club. You can mail it to WSC C/O D. Weaver, 3710 Henley Dr, Pgh 15235

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Dues - \$8 per individual, \$4 additional per immediate family member (same household), \$2 junior member (under 16)

- **Holiday Party:**

- The Party will be Sunday December 10 at the Churchill Borough Building, Yagel Community Room (where we have our meetings) starting at 1 PM.
- Jaden’s will cater – there will be 3 entrée choices, potatoes, veggies, salad and rolls. Anyone who wants to bring dessert please do!
- The cost per member and guest will be \$11 each. Please bring in your payment ASAP to a meeting or mail it to the address shown on Page 1 with a check and indicate that it is for the party, along with how many will be attending. Hope to see you there!



- **WILKPEX 2024:**

- Dates and times are Friday 4/12 10 – 4 and Saturday 4/13 10 – 3. The down payment for the hall has been submitted.
- We are looking for 2 chairmen for the show – for Advertising and for Welcome. If you are interested please let Deb know as soon as possible.
- Gene announced that Jim Leyland will be the subject of the 2024 cachet.
- Stay tuned for more details!



- A huge thank you to Lois Gregg for making the new circuit bags! They are made from used pet food bags and are very sturdy and easier to carry than the previous bags.
- A moment of silence was held at the last meeting for John W. Knuefener, who passed away in October. He was a previous member and past President, and an active stamp dealer. John will be missed.
- WILKPEX 2025:
 - We will consider Saturday April 12 & Sunday the 13th **2025**, to avoid the Friday Fish Fry at the Fire hall. If anyone has any input please let us know.

Philatelic News

- Initial US Issues for 2024 (Part 1):
 - Lunar New Year – Dragon; Love; US Flags (4)



- Constance Baker Motley (Black Heritage); Floral Geometry



- Priority Mail – Pillars of Creation & Cosmic Cliffs



- Low denomination flowers (1, 2, 4, 5, 10 cent)



- Save Manatees; Underground Railroad; Radiant Star (presorted)



- Wedding Blooms (2 oz) & Celebration Blooms

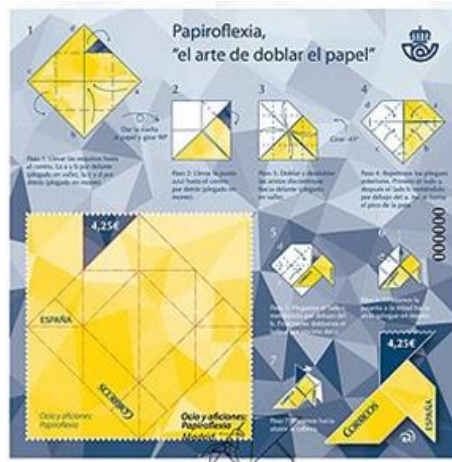


More new issues next month!

Origami Stamps – Scott Stamps Monthly, June 2023 – by Wayne Chen

Several countries have issued stamps that, by folding the paper of the sheet, create a unique shape or sculpture that changes an ordinary stamp to something very special.

One of the first modern origami stamps is from Spain. In 2017 they issued a 4.25 Euro stamp that was on one corner of its sheet. The selvage gave directions on how to fold the stamp into a bird. They issued a second in 2022 that when folded created a crane-shaped stamp. (Scott #4215 – 2017)



In 2018 Japan issued a sheet of 24 stamps depicting Japanese confections of the four seasons. The sheet can be folded and glued to become a traditional Japanese decorative box, and then a second sheet can be made into miniature booklets that fit into the box. Instructions (in Japanese) are included. (insert pic). (Scott #4250 – check description)

Tonga has issued interesting stamps for many years, and in 2015 they issued the first of a series of Lunar New Year stamps that can be folded into paper

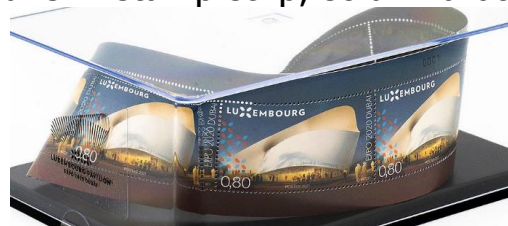


lanterns. These were issued for 3 years only. (Scott # 1261)

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Belgium issued a stamp in 2022 honoring Jean Capart, considered the founder of Belgian Egyptology. When folded it creates a pyramid, with a stamp on each side (including the bottom). (insert pic)

Luxembourg issued a stamp in 2021 that showed the country’s pavilion at Expo 2020, the shape of which was based on a Mobius strip. The special issue was a double-sided souvenir stamp strip, sold in a box, that was



twisted into a Mobius strip. (stamp only)

(Scott # 1570 –

Anyone who collects odd shaped or manipulated stamps would welcome these into their collections.

USPS Holiday Update for 2023 – from MSN

To help operations amid the 2023 holiday season, the USPS just announced the launch of a new online tool for customers: the USPS Holiday Newsroom.

"Created with the consumer in mind, the USPS Holiday Newsroom offers a comprehensive suite of tools and resources designed to simplify and streamline the holiday shipping process," the agency said in a statement to Best Life. "Whether it's finding the best rates, tracking packages in real-time, or expert packing tips, our platform provides a one-stop solution for all your holiday shipping needs."

As part of its new changes for the 2023 holiday season, the USPS also announced that it would not be raising prices for customers during this time.

"There will be no additional fees for residential area delivery, for Saturday delivery, or for minimum volumes," the USPS added.

While the USPS may be skipping surcharges during the holiday season, postal customers should still prepare for a price hike this winter. In an Oct. 6 press release, the agency announced that it had filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of proposed price changes for mailing services next year. If approved by the PRC, increased costs will hit customers starting Jan. 21, 2024.

"The proposed adjustments, approved by the governors of the Postal Service, would raise mailing services product prices approximately 2 percent," the agency stated in its release. "The new rates include a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 66 cents to 68 cents."



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 October 22nd:
 - Scott Shaulis, club member, stamp dealer and president of the American Stamp Dealers Association gave a presentation on Estate Planning for philatelic material. Some of the key points:
 - The three key items are to plan what you want done, documenting those plans and periodically reviewing the plans to see if anything has changed.
 - Be clear and specific in documenting who gets what.
 - Label boxes, albums and such with who gets which items and make sure the labels match the documentation.
 - Provide for contingencies – have several options.
 - Don't overvalue your collection – be aware of the value of rare items but most isn't worth too much. Have a trusted dealer or appraiser do a valuation if you have no idea of value.
 - Review your plans periodically, especially if something has changed – you have sold items or had them destroyed; you buy higher value items. Be realistic.
 - Thank you Scott for this valuable information!

Upcoming Events Nearby

- November 4 - 5 - PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA
- November 11 – Johnstown Club Show – Johnstown PA
- December 2 – Stamping with Santa – Erie Stamp Club - Erie PA
- March 15 – 17 – The Garfield-Perry 2024 March Party – Strongsville OH
- April 12 – 13 2024 – WILKPEX. Plum PA
- May 2024 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA

For more details google the stamp club or look at the November 2022 American Philatelist Magazine.



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Officers:

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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:

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.



(Here comes Santa Ship!)