



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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- Scott Shalius will give a presentation at our October 22nd meeting.
- Please bring stamp stuff to sell or trade to meetings. It always makes for a nice atmosphere to be going through materials before the business meeting starts.



- Marge and her family brought some of Andy's stamps to the last meeting and will bring more to future meetings.
- WILKPEX 2024:
 - Dates and times are Friday 4/12 10 – 4 and Saturday 4/13 10 – 3. The hall is booked and we are awaiting the contract.
 - 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.
 - Stay tuned for more details!

2024

- 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.
- The Club picnic took place on Sunday Sept. 10th and a fun time was had by all! Everyone said that Dave D. did a great job as Grill Master.

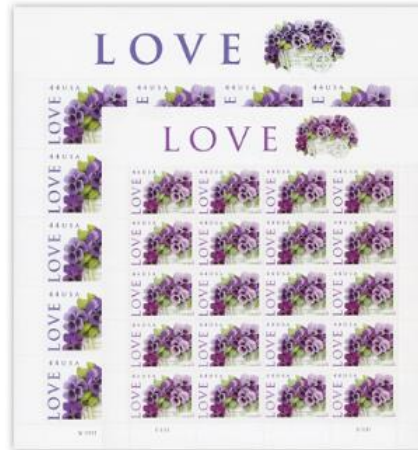


Philatelic News

- New US Issues for October:
 - Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Oct. 2) – This stamp honors the Supreme Court Justice from New York who was pivotal in getting women’s equality in the US.
 - Winter Woodland Animals (Oct. 10) – A series of 4 stamps for the holidays, northern animals in their winter habitat. Designed by Antonio Alcalá with art by Katie Kirk, they are in the style of Charley Harper.



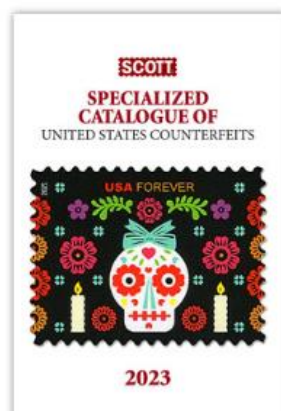
- Counterfeit US 2010 Love Stamp is too big! By Charles Snee, Linn's Stamp News, 9/25/23



According to counterfeit stamp specialist Darrell Ertzberger, a new variety of counterfeit stamps have been discovered – the 44 cent Love stamp from 2010 (Scott 4450). He found these on a website that no longer exists through Facebook Ads. He also purchased counterfeit Chief Standing Bear (2023) and the Charlie Brown Christmas stamps of 2015, which were the correct size. The Love sheets were tagged in the same way most Chinese counterfeits are, pale green that appears as reddish pink under shortwave ultraviolet light.

Linn's compared the counterfeit sheet to a genuine sheet purchased at the Great American Stamp Show. The size difference is clear. The makers of counterfeit stamps have gotten very good, getting correct things like paper quality, tagging, ink, and die-cutting; so good that ordinary purchasers cannot tell the difference, which is perhaps why the makers of these stamps didn't worry (or care) about the size difference.

The total numbers of counterfeit US stamps has exploded since 2021, and for this reason Scott's now has a "Specialized Catalog of US Counterfeits", a separate book, now available.



- West Point Stamp designed by Army Officer - By Charles Snee, Scott Stamp Monthly June 2023 – from an interview with Mick Zais, US Army (retired)



Stamps can be designed by anyone – many are done by commission from the USPS. The Army/Navy stamp series of 1937 is a classic set for US collectors. The 1 cent through 4 cent stamps feature important historical leaders of the Armed Forces, and the 5 cent stamps highlight the appropriate Military Academy for that service. Retired Army Officer Mick Zais is a West Point graduate and former APS President. His topical collections are West Point and West Point Graduates on stamps and the Army stamps in the 1937 series. He said that the 5 cent West Point stamp from 1937 is the only stamp known to have been designed by a military officer. Cavalry Officer Captain L.E. Schick, West Point Class of 1920 was assigned as an instructor in the Department of Drawing when asked to design the stamp. Army officers had to learn drawing because they had to be able to scout and accurately draw the landscape in which they might be engaged in battle. Aspects of this are still included in basic map reading classes for 4th Classmen.

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 September 24th:
 - Danielle had her collection of Rattlesnake Island OH stamps, which she will show once they are in the album.
 - Bill had a cool cover from the dollar box postmarked "*USS California*" before the US was in WWII. The ship was damaged at Pearl Harbor but was repaired and fought in many pivotal Pacific actions. He also had a cover from the *USS Wasp* before the war. This ship was sunk during the war (see below).

- Maureen brought a centerpiece (glass block with sparkly pictures glued to surface) from her 40th Class Reunion at the US Merchant Marine Academy showing the 3 cent Merchant Marine stamp from 1946. She also talked about the history of the Merchant Marine during wartime and why it is important to the US economy. (The USMMA Battle Standard is pictured below.)



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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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 Stevan or Chris (stevanw2020@gmail.com) know ahead of time.



(Watch out for a collision!)