



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Wilkinsburg Stamp Club is a member of APS #12293

www.wilkinsburgstampclub.com

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 2025 –Saturday and Sunday April 12 & 13 (Times TBD), 2025 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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The 2024 Club Picnic will be held in Lion's Park in Wilkins Township (just down the road) on Sunday September 22 (11 AM until finished – food to be served at 12 noon). The Club will provide hamburgers & hotdogs along with basic condiments. If you can't live without lettuce, tomatoes, etc. on your burgers please bring those! Bring your own drinks – we'll have some water and ice. If you are planning on attending please sign up at the next meeting with how many will be attending with you and what you will be bringing (sides, desserts, etc.). **Right now we have 12 people signed up!** If you are planning to attend but do not get to meetings regularly please email Maureen (see last page) with that information. There is a detailed map showing how to get to the park from the Churchill Municipal Building (where we have our meetings). Please bring games if you like! (Card games and more will be welcome!)



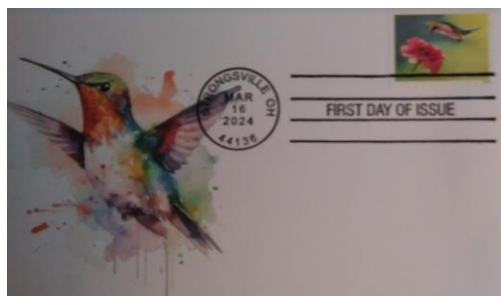
Dawn Richards (Club member who lives in Tennessee) is asking that if any clubmembers are going to the First Day Ceremony for the 2024 Kwanzaa Stamp that they pick up a program, stamped First Day covers and a sheet of the stamps for her. That First Day Ceremony will take place on Wednesday September 25th at 12:30 PM at the Heinz History Center in the Strip District. You can sign up

at: usps.com/kwanzaastamp.

It is free to attend.



Rebecca Folytn has also curated some beautiful First Day Covers with hummingbirds and manatees to go with recent stamps issued in 2024. If interested in these or her other stationary please let her know! She is considering other upcoming issues for creating cachets as well - if you have a topic you would like her to do as a cachet or First Day Cover let her know!



If you can think of something appropriate for the 2025 Souvenir Sheet that might look like it belongs on a button or could be on a "Jeopardy" stamp, please let John Harding know.

Maureen has the old APS Circuit books for sale and will bring them to future meetings.

Danielle is at home recovering from some health troubles – she is feeling much better and may come to meetings later in the year.

Bill is also back home from rehab – he is doing well and is hoping to attend some meetings in the future. He would love to hear from you! His address is: Bill Brierton, 449 Taylor St, Pgh PA 15224

For WILKPEX- If you can think of something to make Day 2 special (auction, presentations, etc.) please bring that idea to the meetings. We are working to get a separate room at the Fire Hall for this. We want good attendance on both days!

Philatelic News

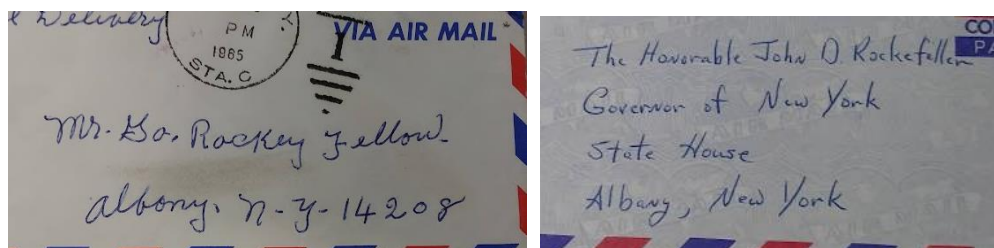
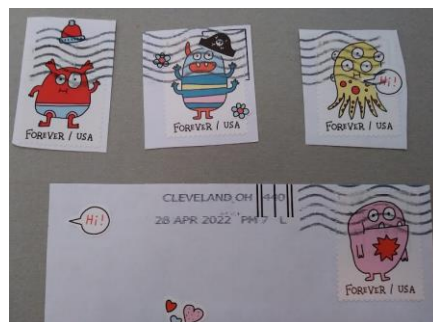
- September 2024 US Stamps issues (as of now):
 - First Continental Congress – (9/5) – One forever stamp commemorating the 250th anniversary of the First Continental Congress in Philadelphia.
 - Holiday Joy – (9/14) – 4 stylized images for the winter holiday season (snowflake, poinsettia, 2 tree ornaments).
 - Hanukkah – (9/14) – One stamp for Hanukkah showing a menorah (the holiday runs from the evening of Dec 25 – Jan 2 2025)
 - Kwanzaa – (9/25 in Pittsburgh) – Commemorates the family-oriented African-American holiday which is the week after Christmas each year.

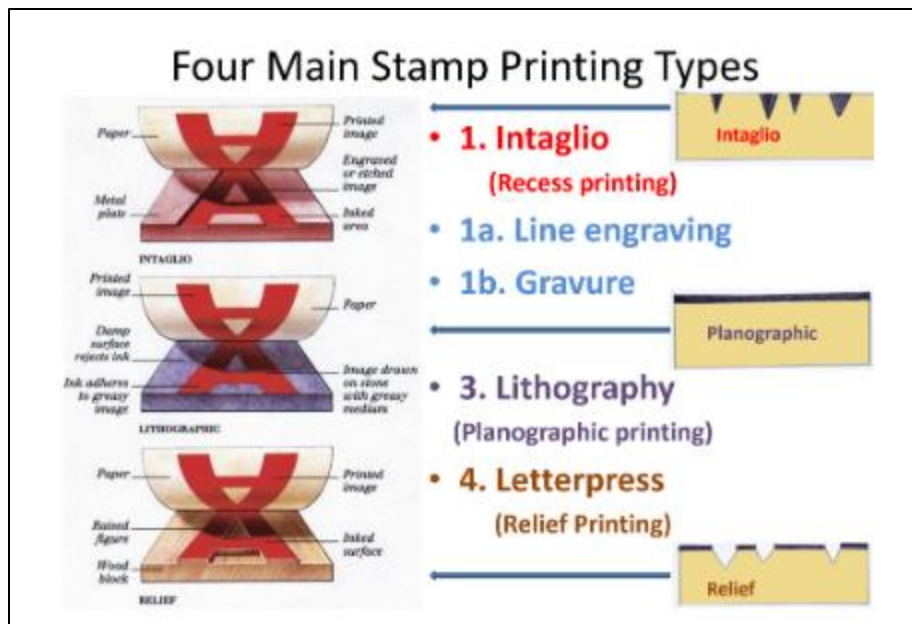


Collector's Corner

- 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 – August 25, 2024:
 - a. Maureen had some Message Monster stamps from 2021 that had been used including the selvage add-on objects like hats and word balloons. This was how they were meant to be used but few sent them in this manner.
 - b. John had 2 things:
 - i. He had purchased a bunch of covers of letters sent to NY Governor Nelson Rockefeller in the 1960s and 1970s. They were very amusing in that some spelled his name totally wrong, one was for "Gov Rocky Feller", and another was addressed to "Gov John D Rockefeller", his grandfather who was never governor.
 - ii. Talking about stamp printing methods: Before 1970 there were a few ways to print stamps, and after 1970 because of security issues and changes to the images these methods became mixed. He had a handout from the March 2022 APS Magazine showing these methods and a set of stamps from Belgium that demonstrated 3 of the 4 methods. Line engraving takes about 100 hours to make an image that is crisp and sharp. Photogravure has "dots" and fuzzy edges. Newer stamps are printed on giant printers like those we use at home with black, cyan, magenta and yellow colors. This is also why it is easier to counterfeit them.
 - iii. In October John will have a hands-on demonstration of intaglio printing.





Upcoming Events Nearby

- September 8 - K2, Churchill PA 10 AM – 3 PM
- September 14, 2024 – TUSCOPEX, New Philadelphia OH
- September 25, 2024 – First day Ceremony for 2024 Kwanzaa Stamp – Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh PA (Strip District)
- November 16 -17, 2024 – PITTPEX – **NEW LOCATION!** Fairview Sunset Room 3326 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017
- April 12 – 13, 2025 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 9 – 10, 2025 – Butlerpex, Lyndora PA (tentative)

For more details google the stamp club or look at the latest issue of the American Philatelist Magazine or the calendar at APS - (<https://stamps.org/events/events-calendar>)

The 2025 Great American Stamp Show will be held at the Schaumburg Convention Center from August 14-17, 2025. The show hotel for the show will be the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, a Marriott property directly connected to the convention center. The convention center and hotel are located approximately 18 miles from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

Boston 2026 World Stamp Show will be the 12th International Philatelic Exhibition hosted in the United States. The show will be held at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center from May 23-30, 2026, to celebrate America's Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary). There is no separate GASS in 2026.

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WILKPEX – Our Annual Stamp Show

2025 – Saturday April 12 & Sunday April 13 (Times TBD) – Holiday Park Fire Hall, Plum PA.

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.



(Time for Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa gifts to come!)