



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 2023 – Friday and Saturday April 14 (10 AM – 5 PM) & 15 (10 AM – 4 PM), 2023 – Holiday Park Fire Department, Plum PA.

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- WILKPEX 2023 – Updates:
 - We are down to 4 dealers as K2 (Kevin Kellman) has dropped out due to the lengthy recovery from his injuries and Tom Sivik passed away in early January. If you know of any interested dealer please let Danielle know.
 - John Harding showed us his preliminary souvenir sheets and the majority of those in attendance at the Jan 22nd meeting agreed he should complete the one with a flower made of spotted lantern flies making up a Forever Global Flower stamp. (Draft shown)



- Gene is working on the cachet and has successfully submitted the cancel for the show – it has been approved by the USPS. It honors Franco Harris.



- Please work on your Phlea Market items – please try to restrict yourself to 20 items so all have a chance to sell items.
 - Please consider making an exhibit about your favorite stamp or cover! Let Maureen know the title, subject and how many frames will be needed ASAP. Each frame can hold up to 16 pages.
- Included with the newsletter is a draft proposal for updates to the Club's Constitution & Bylaws. Most of the changes reflect the changes to the fiscal year that went into effect in 2022. The underlined sections are being changed and the new part is in parentheses, *italicized* and in a lighter font. Any comments are due ASAP via email or written mail, and the members in attendance at the March 12th meeting will vote on adopting the changes.
 - The Borough of Churchill will be remodeling the closet on the first floor to hold all of our materials (except the exhibit frames). They will install shelves and move everything upstairs. If any help is needed we will ask for volunteers.
 - Stevan Cady will be making a presentation, via Zoom, to the Lancaster Stamp Club on February 22nd about the Wilkinsburg Stamp Club world famous souvenir sheets. (He will be doing this in 2 parts – stay tuned for when Part 2 will happen.) If anyone wants an invitation please email the Lancaster Stamp Club through Paul at pcpetersen@comcast.com .
 - We will plan on having a picnic sometime this summer. Laura will look at reserving a pavilion at the same Monroeville Park we've gone to the past few years.



Philatelic News

- New US Issues for February:
 - Women's Soccer (Feb. 16) – Honors the sport that continues to grow and improve all over the US.
 - Floral Geometry (Feb 24) – \$10 stamp



- The price of first class US postage increased on January 22, 2023 from 60 cents to 63 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.
- The following members shared at the January 22nd meeting:
 - Gene discussed the process for making this year's WILKPEX cancel and about a Linn's story on perforation errors being found in the Holiday Elves (2022) booklets stars a WSC member, Michael Moticha (Linn's January 30, 2023).
 - David A. brought a case with British Military buttons that he collected while stationed in England.
 - Jeff brought a package that he had mailed in December to relatives in North Carolina that came back to their home "unclaimed" and none of the many stamps cancelled.
 - Bill brought a notebook with postcards from a 1916 visit to Baltimore of a German sub seeking trade with the US – they brought chemicals and gems and received rubber and other goods. The postcards showed, among other things, the sub's officers being driven through the city by local politicians.
 - Maureen brought a 1958 first day cover for the Horticulture Stamp (3 cent) from American Cyanamid, a chemical company that made fertilizer and other chemicals, including a pesticide called Zyklon B.

- The proposed merger of the APS and the American Stamp Dealers Association will not take place. The APS will continue to work with the ASDA to help ensure clear professional standards and to work to train future stamp experts. (Linn's January 30, 2023).



Upcoming Events Nearby

- Feb. 24 & 25 – Toledo Stamp Expo, Perrysburg OH
- Mar 4 & 5 – McKinley Stamp Club Show, Canton OH
- Mar 11 – Tidewater Stamp Club Annual Show, Easton MD
- Mar 11 – 12 – BUFPEX 2023, Buffalo NY
- Mar 17 – 19 – Garfield-Perry March Party, Strongsville OH
- April 14 – 15, 2023 – WILKPEX – Plum PA
- May 2023 – Butlerpex, Butler (Lyndora) PA
- ~~June 9 & 10 – COLOPEX 2023, Columbus OH cancelled for 2023~~
- June 12 – 16 – APS Summer Seminar, Bellefonte PA
- Aug 10 – 13 – Great American Stamp Show, APS, American Topical Assn. & American First Day Cover Society, Cleveland OH
- Sept 2 – 4 – BALPEX 2023, Hunt Valley MD
- November 2023 - PITTPEX – Bridgeville PA

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



One of our members and dealers Kevin Kellman (K2) is recovering from a terrible accident this past December and is finally at home recovering. He is off the road for awhile. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers.

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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 the pirates!)