



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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Liechtenstein 2019 - 300 Years of Liechtenstein



Philately - is the study of stamps and postal history and other related items.

It also refers to collecting, research, and enjoyment, of stamps and other philatelic products.



Limited Special Edition - 300 Years of Liechtenstein

A limited special edition of the embroidered anniversary stamp will appear in addition to the regular stamp issue. The special issue is embroidered with a 24-carat real gold thread and adorned with eight original Swarovski crystals. Real gold thread has never been used for an embroidered stamp to date which means this special issue is a genuine world-first. Limited to 2019 units.

Technical Details:

Date Of Issue: 23 January 2019
Designers: Peter Vogel, Lustenau

Stamp Format: 56 x 51 mm
Perforation: 14 x 13 3/4
Sheet Format: 56 mm x 51 mm
Quantity: 70,000 Embroidered
Material: Embroidery in Red and Gold

Printing: Hämmerle & Vogel GmbH & Co KG, Lustenau
The Principality of Liechtenstein marked its 300th anniversary on 23 January 2019, with a special stamp "300 Years of Liechtenstein".

Philately, Liechtenstein made an exclusive contribution to this historic occasion, by issuing an embroidered stamp, for the first time, in its history. The anniversary stamp is self-adhesive and is presented in the shape of a Princely hat. It was made by the

embroidery firm Hämmerle & Vogel in Lustenau, Austria. In 1719, Emperor Karl VI united lands owned by Prince Hans Adam I of Liechtenstein, and elevated them to form the Principality of Liechtenstein. A ditch called the "Scheidgraben" is located between the two parts of the country which are today divided into the highland part ("Oberland") and the lowland part ("Unterland"). This is where the residents of all eleven municipalities of the country met to march together and celebrate the unification in 1719 on the jubilee day, which is also the issue date of this special stamp. At the same time, this occasion marks the beginning of numerous activities in the jubilee year which will reach their peak on the date of the national holiday on 15 August 2019

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Notable People on Stamps: Sir Walter Raleigh



Sir Walter Raleigh is the subject of a set of six stamps and a Miniature Sheet issued by Jersey Post February 5th 2019. Designed by True North. The stamps illustrate Raleigh's varied career and positive impacts that his Governorship had on the island of Jersey. "Sir Walter Raleigh was

one of the most important figures of the Elizabethan era," explains Melanie Gouzinis, head of Philatelic at Jersey Post. "He was Governor of Jersey from 1600-1603 and it appears he was very much a 'hands on' Governor, improving the militia and Island's defenses, fostering trade and

attending sittings of the court. The building Castle in the bay of St Aubin in the south of the Island and it was Raleigh who named it after Queen Elizabeth I, using the Latin words 'Fort Isabelle Bellissima' meaning 'Elizabeth the most beautiful'.

Raleigh also saved the iconic Mont Orgueil on the east coast of Jersey from destruction, saying 'Twere pity to cast it down'. Each of the six stamps is a black and white illustration, depicting an aspect of Raleigh's career or association with Jersey, together with words or a quote. The miniature sheet has his portrait against a map of the world, 'Soldier, Sailor, Poet, Adventurer & Governor of Jersey'

Club News

Contact Information;
Please keep your email address updated, so we can notify you quickly with any urgent matters.

February 10th meeting, had an attendance of 19 members. We had 5 members join the APS over the last year and received a check from them in appreciation, Gene Bujdos continues his hard work to secure the necessary rights for the show cachet. **Once again we are reminded to get to work on your show exhibit. Let Andy know ASAP the size of the frame or frames you will need and the title of your project. This information is needed for the show bulletin.** It is also a good idea to start putting things aside that you are planning to put in the club Phlea Market. February 24th meeting had 14 members in attendance. Danielle

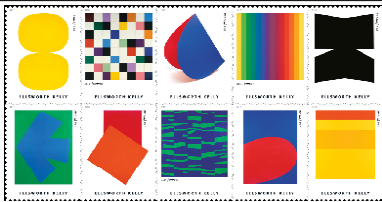
had a show and tell of unusual stamps which included stamps made of sandalwood, embroidered, Braille, 3 D and many other unusual stamps. She also showed a wonderful collection of Computer generated stamps. Including some error ones. Dave showed a few first day covers including one from Fort Duquesne from 1958, a Transpacific cover to the 1st head of the Narcotic Bureau, and a very old one 1899 from the Philippines Island. The upcoming APS elections were discussed and Andy plans to go over the material and get back to the membership at the next meeting. Sheets are being made available to anyone willing to try to get ads for the Show bulletin,... if you do not attend meetings and want any of these please contact Deb. Other WILKPEX items introduced were a sample of the show bulletin, postcards to be sent out the end of March, to make

sure people know of the change of date for this year, and the new show flyer,... these are available upon request or at the meetings... It was motioned and accepted that the club would reserve a pavilion either at Monroeville or Boyce Park as soon as possible, looking at the July 21st date, for the summer picnic, or whenever a site is available... Churchill Borough is planning a Community day,... This will be Saturday August 10th from 10 AM—4 PM, anyone willing to put in a couple hours at a table to spread the word about stamps is to contact Danielle ASAP, so she can coordinate the times to keep the table covered through out the day.

Irish Blessing

May there always be work for your hands to do,
May your purse always hold a coin or two.
May the sun always shine warm on your windowpane,
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend always be near you,
And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you

USPS Reveals Five Additional Stamps for 2019



The USPS honors artist Ellsworth Kelly (1923–2015). Kelly pioneered a distinctive style of abstraction based on real elements reduced to their essential forms. His artworks include paintings, sculpture and works on paper. The 20 stamps on the pane feature 10 pieces, each represented twice: *Yellow White* (1961), *Colors for a Large Wall* (1951), *Blue Red Rocker* (1963), *Spectrum I* (1953), *South Ferry* (1956), *Blue Green* (1962), *Orange Red Relief (for Delphine Seyrig)* (1990), *Meschers* (1951), *Red Blue* (1964) and *Gaza* (1956). A detail from *Blue Yellow Red III* (1971) appears in the selvage



Star Ribbon, a stamp designed to meet the needs of business mailers. It features a digital illustration of a star made of red, white and blue ribbon. The white space in the middle of the ribbon creates a second smaller star. The ribbon, is intended to evoke the connectedness of the American people. The stamp will be sold in coils of 10,000 and in panes of 20.



Little Mo is tennis champion Maureen Connolly Brinker (1934–1969). the portrait is a colorful interpretation of Connolly hitting a low volley. Nicknamed "Little Mo," the 5-foot-4-inch dynamo used powerful ground strokes to become the first woman to win all four major tennis tournaments in a calendar year



Honoring the nation's brave and loyal military working dogs with this new booklet of 20 stamps. Each block of four stamps features one stamp of each of the following breeds — German shepherd, Labrador retriever, Belgian Malinois and Dutch shepherd commonly serve in America's armed forces. The background of each stamp has a detail of a white star. A star appears in the center of each block.

Three new stamps in a pane of 18 mark the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad, a massive engineering feat that reduced travel time across the country from as many as six months to about one week and made the American West an integral part of the nation. Two different stamps feature the *Jupiter* and the *No. 119* locomotives that powered the trains carrying the officers and guests of two train companies to the "Golden Spike Ceremony," held when the two rail lines were joined at Promontory Summit in Utah. A third stamp portrays the famous golden spike that was a prominent part of the ceremony.

Upcoming Stamp, Shows

McKinley 88th Annual Stamp Club Show

Mar 2nd - 3rd, 2019
Location: St. George Serbian Orthodox Social Hall
 4667 Applegrove St. NW
 North Canton, OH 44720
Contact: David Pool
Phone: 330-832-5992
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4
Website: mksc.webs.com

Garfield-Perry March Party

Mar 15th - 17th, 2019
 La Villa Conference and Banquet Center
 11500 Brookpark Road
 Cleveland, OH 44130
Contact: Roger Rhoads
Hours: Fri & Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4

Tri-State Monthly Coin & Stamp Show

March 24th, 2019
 Sheraton Bucks County
 400 Oxford Valley
 Langhorne, PA 19047
Contact: Allen Brock
Phone: 305-852-7678
Hours: Sun 10-4
Admission: Free

Cranberry Stamp Show

March 31st, 2019
 VFW POST #7505
 331 Mars Valencia Road
 Mars, PA 16046
Contact: Kevin Kellman
Phone: 301-524-9562
Hours: Sun 10-4
Admission: Free

WILKPEX 2019

WILKPEX 2019 show dates are
 Friday, May 31st, 2019
 Saturday, June 1st, 2019

This is a Friday and Saturday!

It will still once again held at Gateway Hall in Monroeville. Times for the show will be 10-5 on Friday and 10-5 on Saturday. Set up will be Thursday evening.

Time to start preparing your exhibits. Contact **Andy Novotny** novoand@hotmail.com or at a meeting, as soon as possible with the number of frames you will need and the title of your exhibit... There are smaller frames available for those new to exhibiting or those with content that require less pages.

New flyers for the show will be available at the meetings.

WSC Newsletter

It's your newsletter!
 Help Make it special

Original articles for the newsletter may be submitted by any of the membership to Deb Foltyn at a meeting or emailed to Quest4moos@msn.com

Regular mail:
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Ideas or content suggestions are welcome.

Note articles submitted may be edited for content or to fit the Format.*

Club members get a free black and white hard copy of the newsletter.

Independence of the Irish Free State

Following the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, responsibility for posts and telegraphs transferred to the new Provisional Government in December 1922, and then to the Free State Government. A Postmaster General was initially appointed, being replaced by the office of Minister for Posts and Telegraphs in 1924. An early visible manifestation was the repainting of all post boxes green instead of red, plus the overprinting of British postage stamps prior to the introduction of Irish stamps.



Green painted Edward VII pillar box at Rosslare Harbour



George V wall box at Tullamore



The twelve definitive postage stamps of Ireland shown above were issued between December 1922 and December 1923.

The four new designs are well known symbols of Ireland, as follows:

- Sword of Light.
- Map of Ireland.
- Celtic Cross.
- Coat-of-Arms of Ireland.

Newly issued Irish postage stamps are available from the Philatelic Bureau of An Post in the Dublin, General Post Office. Commemorative and special issue stamps are usually available for one year from the date of issue. Until the mid-1960s the Irish stamp-issuing policy was very conservative, but during the 1970s and beyond, the quantity produced rose considerably

Meetings

ALL Visitors are welcome!

We meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays
No Holidays
 Next meetings

March 10th, 2019

March 24th, 2019

Summers Meetings

June thru August
 2nd Sundays only

Doors Open 12:30

Meeting starts at 2PM

Churchill Borough Building,
 2300 William Penn Hwy
 Churchill, PA 15235.

Free light lunch available

DUES ARE ONLY \$8.00 PER FISCAL YEAR (JULY-JUNE)

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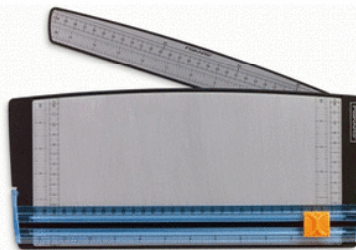
This month we will talk about **Cutters** for mounts. There are several solutions to cutting of mounts to fit your stamps. A clean, straight cut shows your stamps well for years to come. You spend plenty on the stamp and the mount, so you will want to give it the precision cut that your collection deserves. This can be accomplished with either the traditional guillotine, or the new technology roller blade cutters.

Many stamps will fit in pre-cut stamp mounts, but for those that need special sizes, purchasing Strips of Stamp Mounts is a more economical way to mount your stamps. The strips can be cut to the size needed for individual stamps.

Never cut a mount with the stamp in the mount.



Rotary Mount Cutter



Fiskers crafting guillotine cutter



Prinz Guillotine cutter



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50 Years ago - March 1969



12 March 1969
On the 1st anniversary of the independence of Mauritius, a new Marine Life definitive series of stamps was released on the theme maritime life. The set comprises 18 stamps, showing various marine species living in their seas. No official FDC was released on the occasion.
Size: 45 x 30 mm
Perforation: comb 14½
Printing: Photogravure
Colors: Multicolor
Mauritius is an island nation in the Indian Ocean. The people of Mauritius are multiethnic, multicultural and multilingual. The island's government is closely modeled on the Westminster parliamentary system, and Mauritius is highly ranked for democracy and for economic and political freedom. The Human Development Index of Mauritius is one of the highest in Africa. Mauritius is ranked as the most competitive and one of the most

developed economies in the African region. The country has no exploitable natural resources, the main pillars of the Mauritian economy are manufacturing, financial services, tourism, and information and communications technology. Mauritius is a welfare state, the government provides free universal health care, free education up to tertiary level and free public transport for students, senior citizens and the disabled. Along with the other Mascarene Islands, Mauritius is known for its varied flora and fauna, with many species endemic to the island. The island was the only known home of the dodo, which, along with several other avian species, was made extinct by human activities relatively shortly after the island's settlement.