



WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

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The U.S. Postal Service will be issuing a new Hanukkah Forever stamp to celebrate the Jewish holiday. The stamp will be dedicated in conjunction with a new stamp being issued by Israel Post. Stamp is to be issued Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018, 11 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Touro Synagogue Newport, RI

The **Touro** was chosen as the dedication site, as it was built in 1763, and it is the oldest synagogue building still standing in the United States, and the oldest Jewish synagogue building in North America.

The Jewish holiday, Hanukkah is celebrated with a new stamp issued jointly with Israel Post. Hanukkah is a celebration of the

rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in the second century B.C. after it was reclaimed from armies that desecrated the sanctuary. Tradition relates that during the Temple rededication, (Hanukkah is the Hebrew word for "dedication") the sacramental oil needed to light the lamps was enough to burn for only one day; miraculously, it burned for eight days until new oil could be pressed. To commemorate this story, celebrations include the ritual lighting of the Hanukiah, the nine-branched menorah used only during Hanukkah. Eight branches hold candles representing each of the eight nights and days of Hanukkah; the ninth, the shamash or "servant," is used to light the other candles.

The stamp features a Hanukkah menorah created using Jewish folk art paper cutting techniques. Artist Tamar Fishman made a pencil sketch of the design, then cut the two-dimensional image on white paper with a fine blade. She chose blue-purple and green papers for the background to highlight the

central design. Behind the menorah is a shape reminiscent of an ancient oil jug that represents the heart of the Hanukkah miracle. Additional design elements include dreidels, (spinning tops used in a children's game during the holiday) and a pomegranate plant with fruit and flowers.

Hanukkah is a family-centered holiday, with celebrations taking place in people's homes. Games, songs, gifts and food all make the holiday festive and fun for family and friends.

Hanukkah begins on the 25th of Kislev in the Hebrew calendar, a date that falls in late November or December. In 2018, Hanukkah begins at sundown Dec 2.

Art director Ethel Kessler was the designer.

Contact Information;

Please update your email address so we can notify you quickly with any urgent matters.

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The Anniversaries of Great Personalities"

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Jonathan Swift (350th birth anniversary) talented and famous Anglo-Irish writer and public figure. He is the most known as the author of *Gulliver's Travels*
Sir Arthur Charles Clarke (100th birth anniversary) who is one of the most influential figures in 20th century science fiction. He is famous as a scientist and an inventor. He made a great contribution to the development of world science and art. He is best

known for the novel and movie *2001: A Space Odyssey*, which he co-created with the assistance of Stanley Kubrick.

Maria Sklodowska-Curie (150th birth anniversary) is a great scientist in the field of physics and chemistry. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and only woman to win twice, the only person to win a Nobel Prize in two different sciences.

Giachino Rossini (225th birth

anniversary). He was the greatest Italian composer of his time. He composed nearly forty operas by the age of 38. Rossini is most famous for his operas *The Barber of Seville* & *Cinderella*.

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien (125th birth anniversary) is an English writer, scientist, professor at Oxford University and an outstanding philologist. He is the best known as the author of *The Hobbit* and its sequel *The Lord of the Rings*.

Active in different cultural and scientific fields, each is important, and made contributions to society and changed the way of life.

Club News

Stamp Program

Scott Shaulis presented an excellent program on Precancelled Postage stamps at the September 23rd meeting. He was able to answer many of the club member questions.

APS Trip

A Trip to APS is scheduled for October 26th,... Anyone wanting to go please contact Danielle; E-mail; dmm742000@yahoo.com Phone; 412-727-1096 Or meet in the lower parking lot of the Churchill Community Center at 8AM

Luncheon

There was some discussion on the upcoming luncheon. We are looking into the Rivertowne Pour House in Monroeville and are open to other options. Please contact Danielle at above information with suggestions or bring them to the meeting. Rivertowne has a separate room that might suit our needs.

Churchill show

Due to poor turnout at his last

show, Kevin Kellman will not show in October at the Churchill Community Center.

Holiday Party

Yes it is that time of year again when we all gather for the annual December Holiday Party. The get-together will be held December 9th. As usual the club will provide the chicken, and our membership is asked to bring a side. A list is being prepared for those that are planning to attend, along with the dish they would be bringing. There is a \$5.00 charge for guests of the membership. If you plan on attending please contact Danielle; E-mail; dmm742000@yahoo.com Phone; 412-727-1096

2018 Scott Catalogs

The new catalogs 3,4,5,6 should be at the next meeting.

Tête-Bêche



USA Scott #CL1a 1870 Balloon 5¢ Blue Semi Official Airmail, Tête-Bêche Pair

Tête-Bêche stamps are a pair of stamps where one stamp is printed upside-down in relation to its adjoining copy. The upside-down printing could be intentional or accidental. Some countries, such as France, have creat-

ed tête-bêche stamps for many years. There has only ever been one US stamp that is truly tête-bêche. The Buffalo Balloon issue, Scott #CL1, is known with tête-bêche pairs. This stamp was not issued by the US Post Office Department, but it is the closest thing we have to a tête-bêche issue. It was the World's First Airmail Stamp, only about a dozen are known to exist! The stamps were printed by Wheeler Brothers in Nashville, Tenn., in tete-beche pairs. The stamps were intended for use on a flight of the 'Buffalo' from Nashville to Gallatin Tenn., June 18, 1877. Of 300 printed, only 23 were used.

Kwanzaa 2018 USPS



Several other important Kwanzaa symbols sit on the table — a few ears of corn (*muhindi*) and various fruits and vegetables (*mazao*); the *kikombe cha umoja* (unity cup); and the *mkeka*, a straw mat on top of which everything is placed. Created in 1966 during the height of the Black Freedom Movement, Kwanzaa was conceived as a unifying holiday during initiatives to end racial oppression in the United States. It draws on African traditions, deriving its name from the Swahili phrase “*matunda ya kwanza*,” meaning “first fruits.” With origins in Africa’s ancient and modern first-harvest festivities, Kwanzaa synthesizes and reimagines many of these communal traditions as a contemporary celebration and reaffirmation of African-American culture. Artist Floyd Cooper worked with art director Derry Noyes, who designed the stamp. Pane of 20 Issue Date October 10, 2018 Raleigh, NC

Kwanzaa

With this new stamp, the Postal Service celebrates Kwanzaa with the seventh stamp since 1997 designed for the annual Pan-African holiday. Kwanzaa takes place over seven days from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, and brings family, community and culture together for many African-Americans. The stamp depicts a man, woman and child adorned in a mixture of western and traditional clothing, paying tribute to the holiday’s focus on the contemporary African-American experience, while also drawing on African roots. The family is gathered around a kinara (candleholder), the warm light from seven candles (*mishumaa saba*) illuminating their faces.

New Members

WELCOME!

Tom Hitt of Fairview PA. Tom was accepted into membership at the First September meeting. He is also a member of the Erie Stamp Club, and APS He collects Perfins, Horses, Air-mail stamps. Tom is hoping to get a website for the Erie club up and running soon.

Leslie Goldstein of Forest Hills PA Leslie was accepted into membership at the Second meeting in September. He collects first day covers and Pictorial Cancellations. He is a retired postal employee and has presented programs to school students.

WSC Meetings

ALL Visitors are welcome!
We meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays
No Holidays
Next meetings
October 14th 2018
October 27th 2018
Please note this is a Saturday!
Due to a Halloween party on the 28th at the community center, our meeting date for the 2nd meeting in October is Saturday!
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)
Members that haven’t paid this year’s dues, can make check payment to:
Wilkesburg Stamp Club
and sent to:
Wilkesburg Stamp Club
P.O. Box 10552
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-0552

Upcoming Stamp, Shows

Canton Stamp Show - Oct 7th
Holiday Inn, 4520 Everhard Rd,
Canton OH

Contact: David Pool
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Phone: 330-832-5992

Gettypex - Oct 20th
Blue and Gray Stamp Club
Gettysburg Fire Company, 35
North Stratton Street,
Gettysburg, PA 17350

Contact: Dwight L. Monn,
E-mail: dmonn@pa.net
Phone: 717-624-4864

Eastern PA Stamp Show
(EPASS) - Oct 27
Allentown Philatelic Society
Jordan United Church of Christ,
1837 Church Road, Allentown,
PA 18104

Contact: Bill Harris,
E-mail: wthiii3@rcn.com
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Website: http://
greatzvrer.wix.com/aps/#!epass

Cuy-Lor Pex - October 27-28
Cuy-Lor Stamp Club

Rocky River Civic Center:
Memorial Hall, 21016 Hilliard
Boulevard, Rocky River,
OH 44116

Contact: Stan Fairchild,
E-mail: cuylorclub@gmail.com
Phone: 440-333-2536
Website:
http://www.stampshows.com

**Tri-State Monthly Coin &
Stamp Show - Oct 28th**

Sheraton Bucks County
400 Oxford Valley
Langhorne, PA 19047
Contact: Allen Brock
Phone: 305-852-7678

WILKPEX 2019

Next year's show dates
are
Friday, May 31st, 2019
Saturday, June 1st, 2019

This is a big change to Friday and Saturday, under the advice of the dealers at our 2018 show. It will still once again held at Gateway Hall in Monroeville. Tentative times for the show will be 10-5 on Friday and 10-5 on Saturday. Set-up will be Thursday evening.

Letters went out to last years dealers with the new lower table prices. They have until the end of October to confirm they are coming or letters will be sent to other dealers if additional space is available...So far we already have two dealers committed to WILKPEX 2019

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
Snail mail:
Deb Foltyn
1023 Brintell Street
Pittsburgh, PA15201-1637

Ideas or content suggestions are welcome.

Note articles submitted may be edited for content or to fit the Format.
Club members get a free hard copy of the newsletter.*

Christmas Holiday Issues from the USPS



Global Poinsettia

A new Global Forever stamp, which can be used to mail a 1-ounce letter to any country where First-Class Mail International service is available, can also be used domestically.

Featuring a photo of a poinsettia, the stamp captures the beauty of the green leaves, the red bracts, and the yellow flowers in the center of the plant. Poinsettias are now as much a part of the holidays as evergreens and mistletoe; tens of millions of plants are sold during the season.

The art director for this stamp was William J. Gicker. Greg Breeding designed the stamp from photo by Betsy Pettet. The new Global Forever stamps are being issued in self-adhesive panes of 10. Issued August 26, 2018, in Kansas City, MO

Madonna and Child by Bachiacca

Five centuries ago, Francesco d'Ubertino Verdi (1494-1557),



the Italian Renaissance painter known as Bachiacca, proved himself to be a versatile and popular Florentine artist. Today, his work still vividly evokes the timeless traditions of Christmas. This stamp features a detail of Bachiacca's oil-and-gold-on-panel painting "Madonna and Child," which dates from the early 1520s, showing the Christ child clutching a bouquet of jasmine, a symbol of divine love, alongside the Virgin Mary's profile, left shoulder and right hand. To be issued as booklet of 20 **October 3, 2018**, in Santa Fe, NM



Sparkling Holidays

Four new stamps and a souvenir sheet showcasing classic images of Santa Claus painted by famed commercial artist Haddon Sundblom. Each stamp portrays a close-up of Santa's face. The four images featured in the booklet are details from larger paintings created by Sundblom and originally published in ads for The Coca-Cola Company from the 1940s through the early 1960s. Sundblom is the man credited with refining the modern image of Santa Claus. Booklet of 20 The souvenir sheet includes a semi-jumbo stamp as part of a wider scene of one of Sundblom's paintings. In it, Santa is depicted



standing by a fireplace holding a book that lists good boys and girls. Three Christmas stockings hang along a mantel decorated with greens and ornaments. Peering over his glasses, Santa reads a note among the stockings. Art director Greg Breeding designed the souvenir sheet and the stamps. Santa's legend is based on customs brought to America by European immigrants. St. Nicholas, the Dutch Sinterklaas, was one of Santa's forebearers. To be issued at the Inn at Christmas Place, 119 Christmas Tree Lane, in Pigeon Forge, Tenn

Junior Corner

Officers

Stamp Drying Tools

This month we will discuss To remove stamps paper, we soak them in water, allowing the stamp and paper to drift apart. In some situations, particularly with the new self-adhesive stamps, use of a stamp removal fluid is helpful.

Once the stamp is removed from the envelope or postal card, collectors can finish the process with a stamp drying book, or use a stamp press get the stamp ready for your collection

Drying Books are the ideal tool for drying stamps that were removed from paper. They contain special blotting paper and will dry thousands of soaked stamps over its lifetime. . Blot the excess water off the stamps, then place face side up on the shiny paper. Then place a piece of paper towel on top of the stamps before closing the book. There are a number of compa-

nies that produce these, and they are readily available, in different sizes to suit your needs. Prices vary from about \$8 to \$30 **Stamp Drying Press** Some say the old drying book has

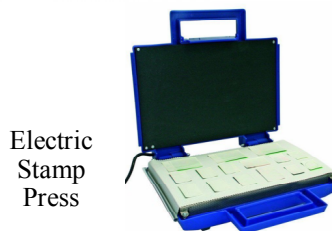


seen it's day with the event of the Stamp Drying Press. These are available in both manual and electric types. A press will leave your stamps dry, wrinkle-free, and ready to add to your collection. The drying press is quicker than other methods and it can have your stamps ready to mount in albums as early as the same day.

The manual press has knobs to tighten and press the stamps flat while they dry while the electric press has a heat element and blower to aid in the drying and flattening of the stamps. Manual press is about \$50 and the Electric around \$500



Manual Stamp Press



Electric Stamp Press

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50 Years ago - September 1968



Ascension Island is an island in the South Atlantic Ocean, a dependency of the British overseas territory of Saint Helena. Like other British territories, it issues its own postage stamps, which provide a source of income for the island from sales to overseas collectors, as well as being used

for domestic postage. Early days. Originally mail was carried on an irregular basis as ships called. A date stamp was in use from February 1858, and in 1863 the Union Steamship Co. began regular carriage of mail, continuing until 1977. On 3 March, 1867 British postage stamps became

valid for Ascension mail, and continued in use until 1922, when Ascension became a dependency of Saint Helena.

The first Ascension stamps were overprinted stamps of Saint Helena.

On 2 November 1922, nine stamps of St. Helena overprinted "ASCENSION" replaced British stamps. These were followed up in 1924 by a series of 12 using the St. Helena design, but inscribed for Ascension. In 1934 a pictorial series of ten engraved stamps depicted various views of the island.

George VI;

In 1938 the pictorials were re-issued with a portrait of George VI replacing his father's image. Various color and perforation changes ensued, with the last being issued in February 1953.

Queen Elizabeth;

A new definitive series of 13 in 1956 resembled the previous

stamps, but was a little taller, and used maps and pictures of native animals in addition to local scenes. No further stamps were issued until 1963, when there was a series of 14 featuring birds.

From 1963 on, commemorative and special issues started to appear more frequently. In the 1990s the typical policy was to issue 5-6 sets per year, each consisting of 4-5 designs.

Postage stamps and postal history of Ascension Island *From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

Set of Fish stamps
Scott # 118, 121, 123, 125
Issued October 1968