



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

**GREETINGS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND
TO MEMBERS OF OTHER CLUBS WHO MIGHT RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER**

A message from our President:

I have missed the philatelic fellowship of the RSCC for the past year, but I think there is some light at the end of the tunnel. I hope we will be able to re-start our meetings by September or so, and I think we should begin to plan for our usual November show. The advice from the experts seems to support a re-opening of societal interaction be then, and most of us should have been vaccinated if all goes well. If necessary, we can decide not to do something at the last minute, but if we want to do something we need to be planning in advance. Please support the Club in making these plans.

Dave Hunt

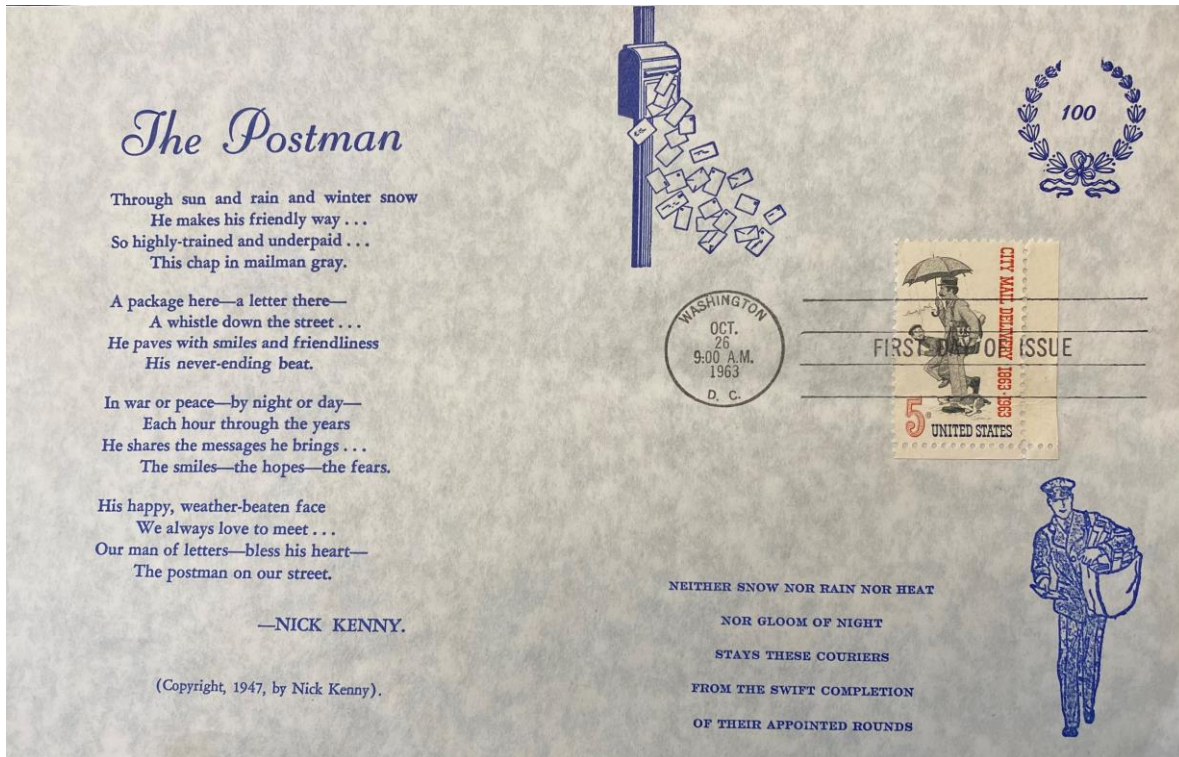
RSCC Treasurer's Report:

Current Account: \$ 1,676 as of 03/15/2021 : CD \$ 3,156.04 as of 12/31/20

I have collected 80% of dues for 2021

Mike Bach

A Contribution from Ken Bleiler (RSCC Member)



Postal Delivery Progress ??

I just received a card from Switzerland responding to my Christmas card. The Christmas card was mailed in December 13th and arrived in Switzerland on February 2nd. A whopping 51 days to get there. Her card was mailed to me on Feb 4th and arrived on Feb 16th .. an improvement only 12 days

Here is a scan of a Cuban envelope from 1940 (100th Anniversary of the Penny Black) It was mailed from Havana Cuba on December 18th to Grand Nasua Street, NY City USA. It is back-stamped Miami FL on December 18th and Brooklyn NY on December 19th. Delivered in 1 day.



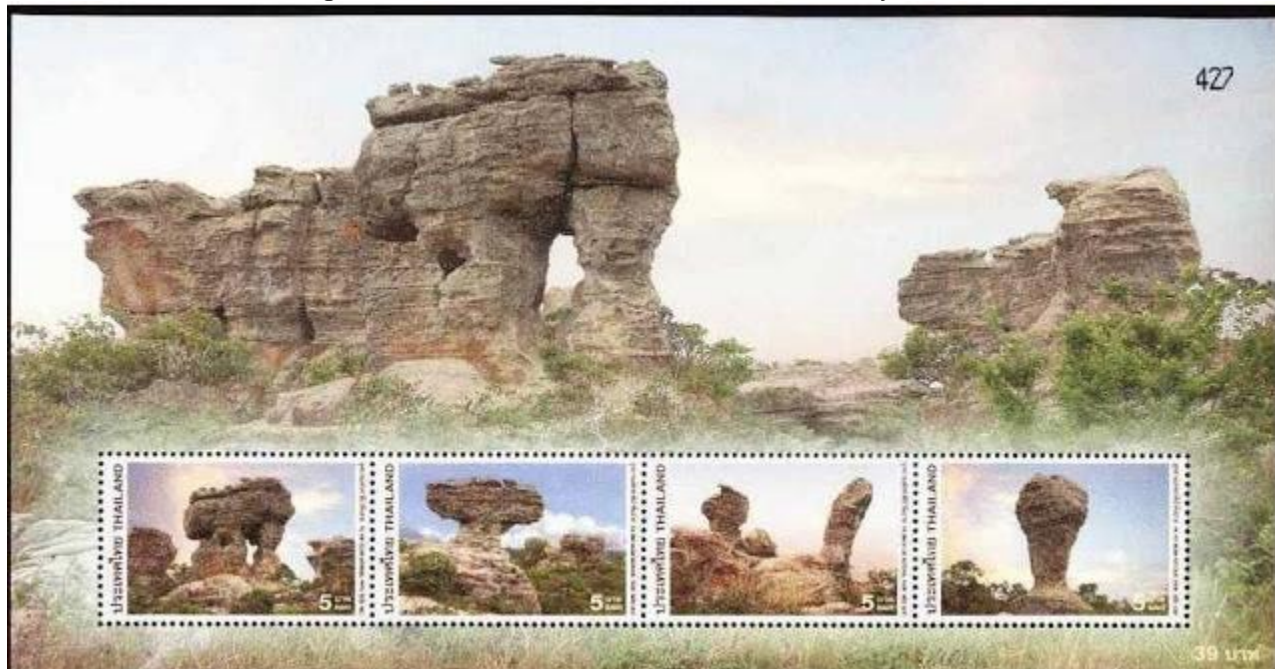
This Double Issue features the following:

1. Stamps with Rock Dust
2. Beethoven's 250th Birth Anniversary (even though I'm a Bach !!)
3. Great *Norden* Stamps – End of an Era
4. Rupert the Bear's special 100th birthday

Stamps with Rock Dust - Update

Courtesy of Philaquely Moi -

Thailand 2007 - Pa Hin Ngam National Park Miniature sheet with Rocky Sandstone Dust Particles



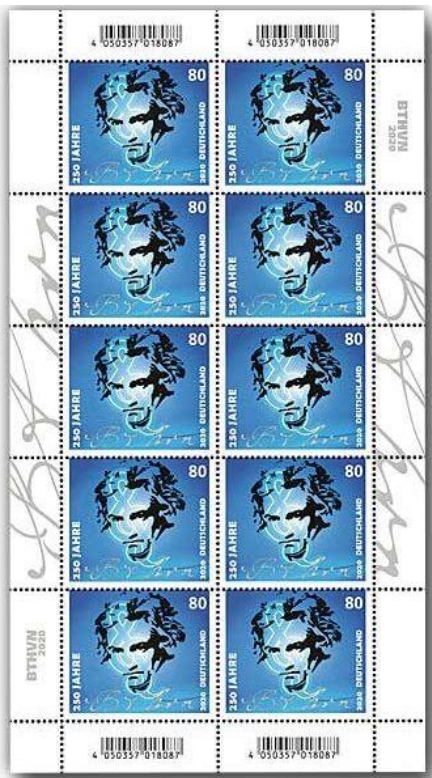
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Pa Hin Ngam National Park, originally known as Pa Thep Sathit, is a tourist site in Chayaphume Province in Thailand. Every year, early in the rainy season or from June to August, thousands of bright pink Krajiw flowers (*Curcuma domestica*), will carpet all the meadows in the park. There are trailways from the Hin Ngam Rock Platform to the scenic area at the top, which is the highest spot in the park. The Hin Ngam Rock Platform, covering an area 1,000 rai (1.6 square Km), is located in a lush green timber forest of Siamese Sal trees. Its features quaint looking rock formation of, for example, a prasat building, a naga serpent, an elephant, a radar disk, a hen and the World Cup Trophy.

Pa Hin Ngam National Park stamps collection was issued by Thailand Post on 02 July 2007 and is printed with special technique, leaving a natural stone touch on its surface of both stamps and souvenir sheet. 100,000 copies were printed.

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Celebrating Beethoven's 250th Birthday



Above is the souvenir sheet issued by Deutsche Post and a Maxi card.

Austria's Beethoven birthday offerings

Not to be outdone, Austria had its own issues



During his entire life, Ludwig van Beethoven had close ties to Vienna, the city of music, even though he was originally from Bonn. 2020 marks the 250th anniversary of his birthday. Österreichische Post celebrates this occasion by issuing a commemorative stamp dedicated to this genius of music. This stamp features a detail from the well-known portrait of the artist by Joseph Karl Stieler from 1820 along with Beethoven's signature in silver foil embossing. Post AG

Editor's Comment: Of the two, I prefer this one. What's your pick??

Great Norden Stamps – End of an Era

As you might have heard, 2020 was the final year of issuance of the common themed Norden stamps. Although it is always sad to see these familiar co-operations come to an end, let us use the chance to remember all the great stamps that were issued.

The Norden issue, or the Nordic issue as it is also known, started as a cooperation between five Northern European postal services, and the joint issues were proposed in 1951, with the first joint issue coming in 1956 - *Five swans in flight*. Shown below are the [Danish](#) and [Swedish](#) stamps



The first issue was truly a common issue, as all five postal services issued the same stamp, with the only difference being the country of issuance and the denomination. This tradition was continued up until 1980, where the first set of commonly themed stamps were issued.

In 1991, the number of members increased from 5 to 8, which was true up until the end, last year. The common and well-known logo for the Norden series, is a post horn made of five horns, and it has been part of the series since the 1970's.



Since 2020 was the final year of issuance, we have highlighted some of our favorite stamps from the final issue. And looking at the 2020 Norden stamps, with the common theme Mammals, one stamp in particular stands out - this one from Norway.

This stamp focuses on the Killer Whale, which is primarily found in the waters around Antarctica, but which can also be found in the waters surrounding Norway. The photographer Audun Rikardsen has taken the magnificent picture above, showing a Killer Whale in the water, while simultaneously depicting a ship on the water, and the beautiful sky in the background - the difference is quite stunning, and results in a stamp that is truly a work of art.



The contrast in style is evident, when we move on to the 2020 Norden stamps from Greenland.

These stamps, depicting Musk oxen and wallrusses respectively, are created by Miki Jacobsen, and although they seem simple, the level of detail is actually quite impressive

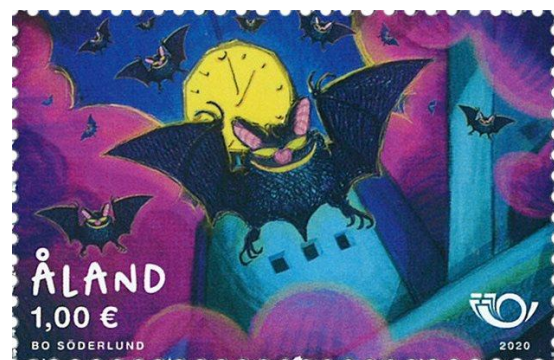
The Danish issue in 2020 consisted of five stamps, each depicting a mammal native to Denmark. A common thread for all of the mammals depicted on the Danish stamps is, that all of them fall in the category of Least Concern, when it comes to their population status.

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The stamps depict a deer, a European Hedgehog, a black squirrel, a hazel dormouse, and a stoat, and they are all depicted in the wild. Keeping the background of the stamp completely white, allows for the depicted animal to stand out exceptionally well.

The 2020 Norden stamp from Åland certainly also stands out - the stamp is focusing on bats, and stamp is a combination of spooky darkness and cartoonish joy. The Åland stamp is not very traditional, but that might be exactly why we like it - it doesn't care about conventions, and brings a smile to us, in these trying times.





One of the biggest news in philately in 2020 was, that Iceland has decided to stop issuing stamps, and that 2020 would be the final year of issuance. This was bad news for collectors of Icelandic stamps, as Iceland has a knack for creating impressive stamps. The 2020 Norden stamp is no different - the stamp depicts a mink in the wild.

Although the mink might primarily be known for its use in fur production, the small animal is quite beautiful, when seen in the wild, with its short but thick fur and its elongated body. Even if this wasn't the last issue of Norden stamps, and it wasn't the end of Icelandic stamps as a whole, we would still love this stamp - but the finality of the current situation makes it even more alluring.

If you are thinking "that's all great, but I collect fish, so I don't care", you are in luck - we decided to include a few of our favorite 2018 Norden stamps as well - all focusing on aquatic wildlife.



The final article in this issue, I am harking back to my British childhood and RUPERT THE BEAR

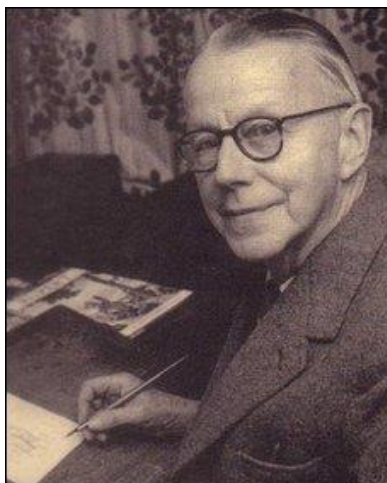
Rupert the Bear's Special 100th Birthday

WRITTEN BY CATPAW

December 14, 2020

Hard to believe but much-loved Rupert the Bear is now 100. First appearing Nov 20 1920, Rupert has entertained young and old alike over the decades. I remember mom scouring bookstores looking for Rupert for me when I was younger. They were extremely hard to find in small town Ontario back in the 60s, but she managed to find a few that were treasured and read until they fell apart.

However, if you are a Rupert aficionado, track down Royal Mail's wonderful Sept releases – [Rupert the Bear's 100th birthday stamps](#). Royal Mail outdid themselves with this set. But, then again, the subject makes an easy study.



The 8 stamps are taken from 4 adventures – Rupert's Rainy Adventure (1944), Rupert and the Mare's Nest (1952), Rupert and the Lost Cuckoo (1963), and Rupert's Christmas Tree (1947). I vividly remember when I received the Lost Cuckoo adventure. I read it until the cover fell off. Oh, the memories. Click on each stamp to see a large version. The details harken back to the classic advertising stamp designs of the early 1900s. Crisp colours, amusing, and full of whimsy. I think of the two sets, the Royal Mail's is superior. Each of the stories, displayed in this set, was written, and illustrated by Alfred Bestall, who penned over 200 of the best Rupert adventures.

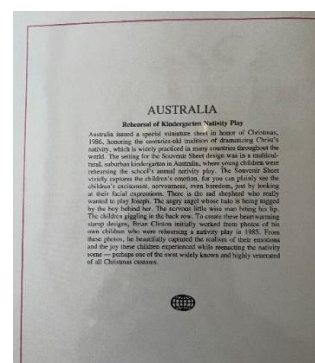
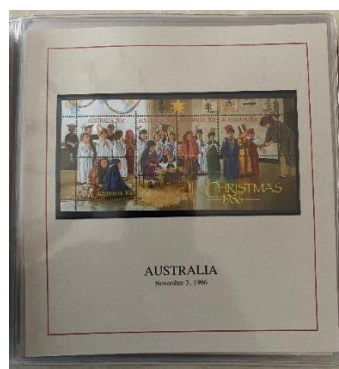


THE MARKET PLACE

The Reading Stamp Collectors' Club received a number of donations early in the year and I have been storing them thinking they could be sold at a meeting or our show. The next page features several items that are available for sale. If you wish to purchase any item send me an email: mbach1@comcast.net or call my cell phone 610-937-2826

ITEM # 1 WORLD SOUVENIR SHEETS – 2 ALBUMS WITH 66 SHEETS

An Excel file is attached to this email with complete list Scott #s and 2010 CV of \$ over \$ 300
 Picture of albums below with sample page. Each is on a separate page in plastic cover with description on back. **MAKE AN OFFER**



ITEM # 2 COVER ALBUM with 25 Pages so can contain 100 covers



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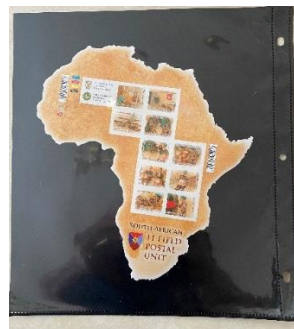
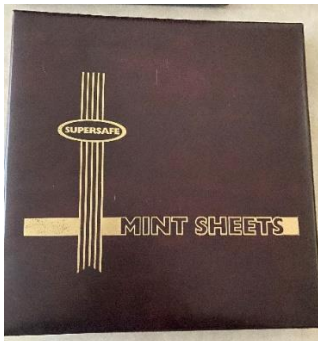
Note: Album currently contains US FDC's from 1982 to 1984 (free with purchase!)

ITEM # 3 ALBUM FOR FULL SHEETS – with 50 Blank Pages (so 100 sheets)

This is being sold for Roy Baardsen

Album with example page (front and back) below.

NOTE: Album is being sold without stamps. Contents will be sold at a later date.



REDUCED RESERVE PRICE OF \$ 15.00 or HIGHEST OFFER ABOVE RESERVE

Ken Bleiler has this to offer: Call 610-683-6362

I have two albums of Vatican City stamps that I would like to sell. The stamps are mint and are on pages specifically designed for the stamps. The Scott numbers included are 203 to 606, C24 – C32, C22 – C23, C35 - C44, C45 – C46, C47 – C52, C53 – C 54, C 55 – C 58, C 59, C 60 – c 62, J19 – J24 and 897a (used). I would sell all for \$50.00. C 22 lists for \$35. and C 23 is \$105. These are the highest priced stamps. My catalog is a 2013 so prices could be higher.