



CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Meetings – 7:00 PM the 1st and 3rd Wednesday monthly at the Lower Paxton Municipal Building, Room B, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, PA

Officers: President: Keith Nonemaker; Vice President: Ray Biemiller; Secretary: Eric Muir; Treasurer: Beth Nonemaker; Board Member 1: Marlin Wilson; Board Member 2: George Shearer; Board Member 3: Mike Marino; Alternate Board Member – George Rohrs

Presentations: Beth Nonemaker has a YouTube video lined up for February 15 - Collecting Perfins (12 min); March 1, 2023: Ken Zaveckas, WWII Submarine Covers, from the Blue & Gray Stamp Club, Gettysburg PA; March 15, 2023: Top Dead Countries to Collect (17 min); April 5, 2023: Doug McCullough, stamp dealer (Next Lancaster Show is Friday & Saturday April 28 & 29, 2023); April 19, 2023: Operation Cornflakes (17 min)

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Dues Remain \$5 for 2023. Please pay see Eric Muir at a meeting or mail dues to him at 306 Nebinger Street, Lewisberry, PA 17339. Please pay your dues promptly.

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We have reserved the Lower Swatara Fire Hall on **September 30, 2023**, for the CCPS's Stamp Show. Address: Lower Swatara Fire Hall, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown. Mike Marino will be contacting vendors.

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – 2023 STAMPS



Lunar New Year of the Rabbit - Issued January 12, Forever 63c, Sheet of 20 \$12.60. This is the 4th of 12 stamps in this series. The Year of the Rabbit begins January 22, 2023, and ends February 9, 2024. The colors on the stamp are to be lucky for individuals born during this year.

School Bus – Issued January 5, this Additional Ounce at 24c comes in a sheet of 20 for \$4.80. Celebrating the iconic yellow school bus and its role in ensuring children get to school.

Red Fox – Issued January 5, this 40c Additional Postage self-adhesive stamp comes in a sheet of 20 for \$8; Coils of 3,000 for \$1,200, and Coils of 10,000 for \$4,000. For use by bulk newsletters and catalogs it can also be used by those who enjoy using a variety of stamps.

Love 2023 – Issued January 19, Forever 63c, Sheet of 20 for \$12.60. This popular Love series features a kitten and a puppy in the 2 designs. The artwork was painted with oils on wood panels, then scanned and edited digitally to create the final image.

Great Smoky Mountains – Issued January 22 this Priority Mail Express stamps at \$28.75 comes in a Sheet of 4 for \$115. The Smokes are home to extensive national lands and a vast array of native plants and animals.

Florida Everglades – Issued January 22 this Prior Mail stamp at \$9.65 comes in a Sheet of 4 for \$38.60. Two million acres in southern Florida from Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay, the everglades is one of the largest wetlands in the world and a breeding ground for tropical wading birds.

Sailboats – These 48c Postcard stamps were issued January 22 as a Sheet 20 for \$9.60. The artist created two colorful, abstract images that capture the essence of sailing.

Ernest J. Gaines – Issued January 23, Forever 63c, Sheet of 20 for \$12.60. This is the 36th stamp in the Black Heritage series. Gaines is best known for novels like The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman and A Lesson Before Dying.

Women’s Soccer – Issued February 16, Forever 63c, Sheet of 20 for \$12.60. The stamp celebrates women’s soccer in the United States. Millions of girls and women participate in this fast-paced competitive sport.

\$10 Floral Geometry – Issued February 24, Sheet of four \$10 stamps for \$40. In 2022 similarly designed contemporary \$2 and \$5 stamps were issued.

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By Donald Hacker

POSTAL STATIONARY

The first printed stamped envelopes were issued July 1, 1853. They have always been produced by private contractors and sold at the cost of postage plus the cost of manufacture.

Except for manila newspaper wrappers used from 1919 to 1934, watermarks have been mandatory for stamped-envelope paper since 1853. In May 1873 the United States issued the first postal card, known today as stamped cards. These are printed by the government and carry preprinted postage, unlike privately produced postcards, which do not bear postage. Postal cards were sold at face value until January 10, 1999, when a charge was added for the cost of manufacture.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

In 1893, the first United States commemorative stamps, honoring that year's World Columbian Exposition in Chicago, were issued. The subject – Columbus's voyages to the New World – and size of the stamps were innovative. Standard-sized stamps were too small for engraved reproductions of paintings that portrayed events connected to Columbus's voyages. The stamps were 7/8 inches high by 1-11/32 inches wide, nearly double the size of previous stamps. Over the years, commemorative stamps have been produced in many sizes and stamps including triangular and round shapes. Martha Washington was the first woman honored on an 8-cent stamp in 1902. The first to honor a Hispanic American was the \$1 Admiral David Farragut in 1903. Pocahontas was the first Native American to be featured on a 5-cent stamp in 1907 and Booker T. Washington was the first African American to be honored on a 1940 10-cent stamp.

SEMIPOSTALS

Semipostals are stamps on which a charge beyond the cost of postage is devoted to a particular cause. An Act of Congress resulted in the Breast Cancer Research stamp, the first United States semipostal, on July 29, 1998. Other semipostal stamps have been Heroes of 2001, Stop Family Violence, Save Vanishing Species, Alzheimer Awareness and Health PTSD.

BOOKLETS

Stamp Booklets were first issued April 16, 1900. They contained 12, 24 or 48 2-cent stamps. The books, which carried a 1-cent premium until 1963, had light cardboard covers printed with information about postage rates. Stamp booklets remain a staple and are widely used.

COILS AND VENDING

The first coil (roll) stamps were issued on February 18, 1908, in response to business requests. Coils were also used in stamp vending equipment. The Department hoped to place vending machines in Post Office lobbies to provide round-the-clock service.

NONDENOMINATED STAMPS

Nondenominated stamps (stamps without a printed value) were first issued on October 14, 1975, for two Christmas stamps. The post office had requested a rate change from 10 to 13 cents and was unsure if or when the Postal Rate Commission would issue a recommended decision in the case. When the rate change was delayed, the stamps sold for 10 cents.

A similar situation led the Post Service to issue nondenominated stamps on May 22, 1978. They bore the letter "A" rather than a denomination. The stamps were prepared in case of a shortage of stamps in the uncertain new denomination. They were sold for 15 cents for domestic use only. Nondenominated stamps with letter designations through "H" were issued in conjunction with postage rate changes through 1988. Later nondenominated stamps were issued with no denomination but bore "First Class."

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When stamp collector Franklin Roosevelt became president, the public asked that people be honored on stamps. FDR chose many of the awardees for the 1940 Famous Americans collection, approving pictures and denominations for the stamps.

American Authors was issued as part of the series (Scott #859-863): Washington Irving wrote *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*; James Cooper wrote *The Last of the Mohicans*; Ralph Emerson wrote *Concord Hyman*; Louisa May Alcott wrote *Little Woman*; Mark Twain wrote *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

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CCPS Welcomes a new member - Robert J. "Bob" Sutch of Highspire.

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN
SOMEONE'S LIFE YOU DO NOT
HAVE TO BE BRILLIANT, RICH, BEAUTIFUL OR PERFECT.
YOU JUST HAVE TO CARE.

- Mandy Hale