

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: Mike Marino; Board Member 3 – George Rohrs

<u>Meeting Topics</u>: There will be an auction at the monthly meetings. There is a presentation scheduled for the May meeting by Dough McCullock, a dealer.

Pay Eric Muir 2024 dues of \$5 at meeting or mail to him at 306 Nebinger St., Lewisberry, PA 17339.

<u>CCPS CLUB CONSTITUTION CHANGE</u>: After a lengthy discussion at the first meeting of January 2024, CCPS membership voted to start the process to amend the constitution solely relating to meeting dates. The members decided we want to have only one meeting monthly instead of two. The changes were submitted for Board approval. Once completed, all members reviewed them at the January 17 meeting. Members in attendance approved the final draft. The revised constitution was distributed to all current members for their consideration. All members were invited to come to the February 7 meeting when a final vote to adopt occurred. All members present, with one exception, voted for the proposed change. In February 2024 a meeting will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. **Starting in March 2024 there will only be one meeting monthly, on the 3rd Wednesday**.

The Lower Swatara Fire Hall is reserved on **September 28, 2024**, for the CCPS's Stamp Show. Address: Lower Swatara Fire Hall, 1350 Fulling Mill Road, Middletown. Mike Marino is contacting vendors. Show hours: 10 AM – 4 PM

Lancaster Sunday Stamp Show 2024 Schedule: 10 AM – 4 PM, At the Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 -- February 11, Sunday – April 19-20, Friday and Saturday (Club is no longer hosting Lancopex) – June 16, 2024 (Sunday) – August 25, 2024 (Sunday) – November 22-23 (Friday and Saturday) – December 21-22, 2024 (Saturday and Sunday. For more information call Kevin Kellman at 301-524-9562 or email k2stamps@gmail.com

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE - 2024 STAMPS







The Underground Railroad Stamps – Issue date March 9, 2024 – Forever 68c, Sheet of 20 for \$13.60 – The stamps honors 10 brave individuals from the movement associated with The Underground Railroad.

John Wooden Stamps – Issue date February 24, 2024 – Forever 68c, Sheet of 20 for \$13.60 – John is the legendary coach who led the UCLA Bruins to a record setting 10 men's basketball Division 1 national championships.

Saul Bellow Stamps – Issue date February 6, 2024 – Three Ounce stamps at \$1.16 each on a pane of 20 for \$23.30 – Commemorates a renowed American novelist is the 34th stamp in the Liberary Arts series. It features is portrait in a Chicago street scene.

Constance Baker Motley Stamps – Issued January 31, 2024 - Forever 68c on a Sheet of 20 for \$13.60 – Honors a civil rights pioneer and first African American woman known to have argued a case before the U. S. Supreme Court. This is the 47th stamp in the Black Heritage series.

Lunar New Year of the Dragon Stamps – Issued January 25, 2024 – Forever 68c on a Sheet of 20 for \$13.60 – The 5th issuance of the Lunar New Years series. The Year of the Dragon imbued with symbolic meaning, the dragon features the color gold for prosperity and red for luck.

Pillars of Creation Stamps – Priority Mail Stamps – Issued Januay 22, 2024 – \$9.85 each on a sheet of 4 for \$39.40 – Imagine of the origins of solar systems; an awe-inspiring image is an example of deep space exploration made possible by the James Webb Space Telescope.

Cosmic Cliffs Stamps – Priority Mail Express – Issued January 22, 2024 - \$30.45 each on a sheet of 4 for \$121.80 – These are vivid details of the cosmos with this new stamps. The exquisite image is an example of deep space exploration.

Love 2024 – Issued January 12, 2024 – Forever 68c on a Sheet of 20 for \$13.60 – Sending warm sentiments with this year's Love stamp. Geometric shapes come together to form a stylized white bird carrying a pink envelope sealed with a red heart.

CCPS 2024 Nominating Report – Chairman Donald Hacker reported reported all of the 2023 officers had agreed to continue serving in 2024 with the exception of the Secretary. He has served many years and is requesting a break for several reasons. Donald contacted other members of the club but no one agreed to serve as Secretary. The members present at the meeting discussed possibilities but no one agreed to take over this position. The nominated officers are to be voted in at the Annual General Meeting in February.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE AS CLUB SECRETARY?

Grill Series of 1867 - Grills are classified by the dimensions of the grill pattern and are measured in millimeters or by counting the number of grill points. There are 11 major classifications.

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"A"
             Covers the entire stamp
      Grill
"B"
      Grill
             18x15mm
                                  (22x18pts)
"C"
      Grill
             13x16mm
                                  (16-17x18-21 pts)
"D"
      Grill
             12x14mm
                                  (15-17-18pts)
"Z"
      Grill
             11x14mm
                                  (13-14x17-18pts)
"E"
      Grill
             11x13mm
                                  (14x15-17pts)
"F"
      Grill
             9x13mm
                                  (11-12x15-17pts)
"G"
      Grill 9 ½ x9mm
                                  (12x11-11 \frac{1}{2} pts)
"H"
      Grill
             10x12mm
                                  (11-13x14-16pts)
"I"
      Grill 8 ½ x10mm
                                  (10x11x10-13pts)
"J"
      Grill
             7x9 \frac{1}{2} \text{ mm}
                                  (10x12pts)
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The letters which classify the various grill types do not denote the size, shape, or appearance of the grills. Rather, they simply indicate the order in which they were discovered.

The exception to the rule is the "Z" grill, which was identified by William Stevenson. He could not decide to which family of grills this type belonged. Nor did he know which other families it preceded or followed and so he designed it as "Z Grill," where "Z" signifies the unknown.

Visible in general from the back of the stamp only, grills may also be felt by lightly running a fingertip over the surface. Depending on which type of roller was used, the pattern may be "points up" or a "points down." The ridges on an indented roller force the paper into the recesses, creating raised points, while a roller with raised pyramids will cause the points to be forced down into the paper, forming a series of depressions.

The United States was the first country to issue grilled stamps and was the only country to do so until the mid-1870s, when Peru began using grills. The National Bank Note Company was responsible for producing both countries' stamps.
An article from The Capitalist CCPS newsletter issued originally July-September 1995 titled Frankly Speaking by Frank Schatt
So, what is a good stamp collection? It's whatever you want it to be. You don't have to spend a lot of money or pursue the impossible. It does not matter if you never have a collection worth thousands of dollars. What does matter is that you are enjoying what you are doing.
Philately can give you a solid grounding in Geography, as well as the Political and Cultural History of a country. You may wonder what countries to collect. Consider the USA, a country with a great variety of stamps that can be found as used all over the place. Many older issues are still inexpensive and are available from local stamp dealers.
We mention stamps first, but there are other items that can be collected cheaply and add to the fun of the hobby: Covers, Postcards and seals (also known as Cinderellas).
Traditionally, Philately has become a leisure activity. In what other hobby can you travel to a far-off land without leaving home?
And what is the best thing to collect? Answer: Anything that you want to!!!
Youth Meeting on Stamp Collecting
A Postage Stamp collecting workshop for the youth, the young, and even the old that are interested, is being scheduled for the last weekend in March. For details on what, when, why, and where contact Call Cole Toth, a CCPS Member. Stamp collecting starter kits, supplies, and numerous stamps will be available to get you started. Contact Cole for information by calling 402-598-2907.
Additional workshops/meetings scheduled each month in 2024.