

# THE PATENT

Monthly newsletter of the Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club

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The February meeting of the Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Lebanon Community Library, 125 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St, in historic downtown Lebanon. Jim Joppy will be sharing his one-page ATA exhibit on African Americans from Pennsylvania on Stamps, and Dick Colberg will show us pages from his collection of U.S. Possessions Canal Zone, Hawaii, and the Philippines.

## Stamps in the Community



*Pat Steely – Lebanon County NAACP*

This month's First Friday celebration at the Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts at 770 Cumberland Street was all about Black History Month. On the second floor of the building was a special exhibit featuring artwork by students at Lebanon County high schools, and mood music provided by local

musician Luther Tyree. The event was sponsored by the Lebanon County Concil on the Arts and the Lebanon County branch of the NAACP.

Also on hand was our own Jim Joppy, who was there with a nicely curated table of Black History stamps. Families, like mine, stopped by to check out the beautiful little pieces of art that have adorned our mail in the past 40 years, and back to the first instance of an African American notable on a stamp, Booker T. Washington, in the Famous Americans series of 1940. Jim has stories about many of his stamps, and will be sharing some of them with us this month, when he presents the contents of his one-page ATA exhibit on African Americans from Pennsylvania on Stamps. – Scott Ney



Pat Steely – Lebanon County NAACP

## The January meeting of the Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club

... was canceled due to the weather! We finally got some measurable snowfall in Lebanon, and while it was not significant, it was enough for schools and libraries and many businesses to close their doors for the day. I hope that some of us spent a quiet evening working on our stamp collections!

## 2024 Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club dues are now payable

Dues are once again \$10, and will provide necessary revenue to pay our room rental fees at the Lebanon Community Library, which is an incredible value at \$15 per month. Please submit your dues in cash to Don Smith at the next meeting you attend (no checks, please) or send them via PayPal to Scott Ney at [stnst2@aol.com](mailto:stnst2@aol.com) (Scott will convert them to cash and give them to Don, who takes care of our monthly room arrangements). Thank you for continuing your membership with the LSCC in 2024, and thank you to everyone who has already paid their dues for 2024!

## Calendar of Events

### 2024 Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club Meetings

Below are the dates for this year's stamp club meetings. Please consider volunteering to put on a program for the club. Submissions for the newsletter are always welcomed, all year round!

Date	Presenter and Subject
February 20, 2024	Jim Joppy, <i>African-Americans from Pennsylvania on Stamps</i> , and Dick Colberg, <i>U.S. Possessions</i>
March 19, 2024	
April 16, 2024	
May 21, 2024	
June 18, 2024	
July 16, 2024	
August 20, 2024	<i>Would anyone like to have a picnic in July or August?</i>
September 17, 2024	
October 15, 2024	
November 19, 2024	
December 17, 2024	Annual Club Dinner, Location TBD

The PSLC Events Calendar is located at the following link:

[Philatelic Society of Lancaster County – Award-winning, non-profit community organization dedicated to promoting stamp and postal history collecting as a hobby for education and fun. \(lcpss-stamps.org\)](https://lcpss-stamps.org/)

The Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club thanks the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County for hosting our affiliate page, which is accessible by clicking the following link:

[The Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club – Philatelic Society of Lancaster County \(lcpss-stamps.org\)](https://lcpss-stamps.org/)

The Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club Lebanon, PA 17042 – 17046





# The Overprint

**Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club**

**Our Meetings are held on the First Tuesday of each month at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1009 Elizabeth Avenue in Laureldale. Doors open around 6:30 for pre-meeting social time, meetings start at 7:00 p.m.**

*Location information: Elizabeth Avenue crosses Kutztown Road in the Muhlenberg Township area, about a mile north of Rt. 222*

## **OUR NEXT MEETING:**

**TUESDAY March 5<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Penny Black**

**(Stamps, Covers & Ephemera)**

**Presented by Michael Bach**

## **A message from the editor . . .**

Most of you probably know me from my work on the Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club's *Patent* and the newsletter of the Philatelic Society of Lancaster County. The former I've been working on for several years now, and the latter I recently took the reins of last summer. Both newsletters have been a creative outlet for me, and an opportunity to grow as a writer.

When Mike Bach put out the call for an editor, I thought about volunteering, but was hesitant; this hesitation was due mostly to the fact that I've never been to an RSCC meeting (I have been paying dues for a few years now, however).

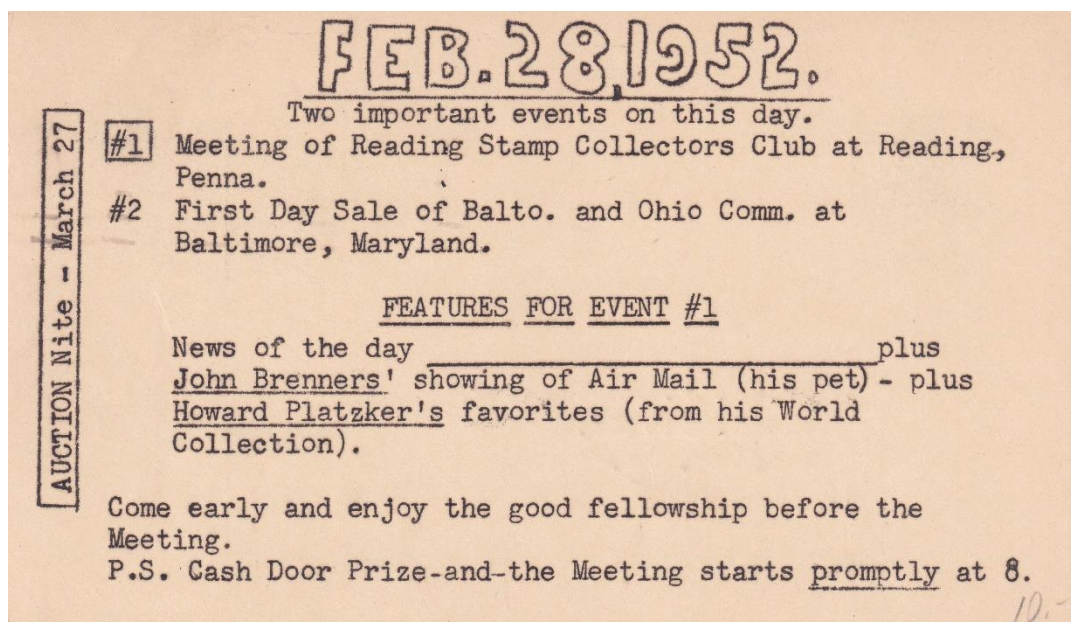
One reason I have an interest in, and feel a connection to, Berks County is because it's the place where many years ago my dad's side of the family put down their American roots. The first Neys (back then, "Neu") arrived from Europe in 1736, and settled on the Northkill Creek in Upper Tulpehocken Township. More recently my grandmother's family, "Staudt's" and "Yerger's", lived on farms in Upper Bern Township. For some reason that is not clear to me, my grandfather's family carried our name due west from the Bernville area to northern Lebanon County in 1845.

I am looking forward to providing a service to the Reading Stamp Collectors Club by continuing the *Overprint* in conjunction with the Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club's *Patent*. Working on the two as a joint effort will make production easier for me, but I also hope that our coexistence in this space will lead to more opportunities for meetings and collaboration between the members of our clubs.

There will be challenges, and I hope that you all will consider helping to make my job a little easier by sharing RSCC news and information with me, as well as original articles that I can include in this space. Even if you are a bit unsure of your abilities as a writer, my job as an editor is to make your writing fit nicely into our newsletter. While I can help out with grammar and style, I cannot share with others the unique knowledge that you have about your local club, and what you love to collect!

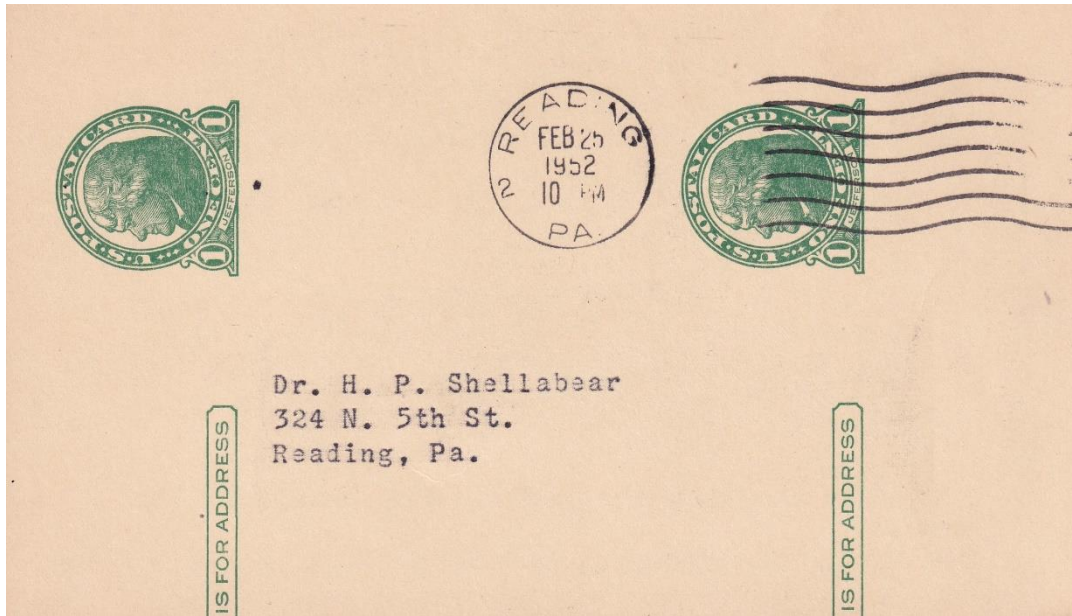
Scott Ney [stnst2@aol.com](mailto:stnst2@aol.com)

### A glimpse at the RSCC, 72 years ago this month



Long before e-mail, there was the humble postcard to remind our fellow philatelists when the next stamp club meeting was to occur. I wonder if the Reading Club was able to pack this much excitement onto every meeting reminder?

As for why this one was kept, a look at the address side probably provides a solid clue:



**The Reading Stamp Collectors Club, Reading, PA – Since 1930**