



CAPITAL CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Web: <https://lcps-stamps.org/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: Vacant; Treasurer: Beth Nonemaker; Board Member 1: Marlin Wilson; Board Member 2: Mike Marino; Board Member 3 – George Rohrs

Meeting Topics: There will be an auction at the monthly meetings.

At the April meeting all members who have topical collections are being asked to discuss their topical collections, why they chose it, and to bring a display. The presentation scheduled for the May meeting is by Doug McCulloch, a dealer, and it is on World War II Patriotic Covers. For the June meeting we are having a beauty contest! Members are to bring what you feel is the most beautiful stamp in your collection and tell why.

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There are a few members who still need to pay their **2024 dues of \$5.**

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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

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Lancaster Sunday Stamp Show 2024 Schedule: 10 AM – 4 PM, At the Farm & Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 -- 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

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CCPS 2024 Officers - The 2024 Board members present were sworn in. The remainder will be sworn in at the April meeting. We are still in need of a Secretary. Eric has served for many years and needs to take care of some personal issues. When available, he is will to continue to assist CCPS.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE AS CLUB SECRETARY?

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE – 2024 STAMPS



Garden Delights – Issued March 16, Forever 68c with multiple designs, 20 stamp booklet for \$13.60. Delight in flora and fauna of spring and summer gardens. Each stamp features a photograph of a single ruby-throated hummingbird over a colorful bloom.

Bluegrass Stamps – Issued March 15, Forever 68c on a sheet of 20 for \$13.60. The high lonesome sound of America’s beloved musical style; it showcases a graphic design that includes four of the string instruments typically used for bluegrass bands: guitar, 5-string bango, fiddle and mandolin.

Wedding Blooms – Issued March 22, these 2 ounce 92c stamps are issued as a sheet of 20 for \$18.40. For your special event correspondence use this new stamp as it can accommodate the weight of heavy invitations for special moments.

Celebrate Blooms – Issued March 22, Forever 68c stamps are a sheet of 20 for \$13.60. Enjoy a floral display showing a tableau of abstract flowers and greenery.

Save Manatees – Issued March 27, Forever 68c stamps are a booklet of 20 for \$13.60. Spreading awareness for the need to protect the beloved marine mammal lolling underwater.

Betty Ford – Issued April 5, Forever 68c stamps on a sheet of 20 for \$13.60. Celebrate the wife of President Gerald Ford. The stamp details is from her official 1977 White House portrait dressed in a pale blue chiffon dress.

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 of every month. For details on what, when, why, and where contact Call Cole Toth. Stamp collecting starter kits, supplies, and numerous stamps will be available to get you started. Contact Cole for information by calling 402-598-2907.

Just a word on First Day Covers:

Buy as close to pristine (like new) as possible.

Again, buy the highest quality or value that you can afford.

Try to collect in a specialty area such as 1st cachets, hand painted, the 20''s or 30's, express mail, etc.

Make sure that you have cachets, the FDC is unaddressed, is clean, and follow the instructions in Scott, or other catalogues on this subject. Old FDCs such as those from the 20's may not have a cachet and may be OK, but check the catalogue. Brookman is also a good source especially for first cachets. Mellone is also an excellent source on this subject.

Thank you for reading this article. I hope it has been helpful.

References and Catalogues:

Scott Specialized Catalogue of US Stamps and Covers - 2019

Brookman 2023 US Stamps

Mellone's Planty Photo Encyclopedia of Cacheted First Day Covers

Yvert and Tellier (France) 2021

Bale Israel Catalogue 2013

Moriah Israel Stamps Catalogue 2018

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Suggestion: Exploring Stamps in Graham Beck's You Tube.com channel. It shows free videos on subjects ranging from Philately 101 to the history of a randomly selected country and its stamps. The videos range in length from a few minutes to an hour. One example: Collecting Perfins, 12 minutes long, is about stamps with tiny pinholes through them. These patterns are an anti-theft mechanism for companies to prevent employees from stealing stamps.

Have fun checking out his channel.

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