



# BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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## AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

On Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> the Buffalo Stamp Club will hold its annual bourse, The Autumn Stamp Festival at the Leonard Post from 10 am to 5 pm. 12 dealers are scheduled to have tables at the bourse. The Club will have a hospitality table to greet people as they enter the bourse. Volunteers are needed to man the table.

Setup will be Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. As with past setups the more people we have, the quicker we finish. Normally, setup takes an hour and when we are finished, we can retire to the bar for some refreshments. Casey has already offered to buy the first round!

The Autumn Stamp Festival has been a popular bourse with attendance strong the past few years. It has been decided to continue holding this event, as there are not many other shows at this time of the year.

As a special note, the US Postal Service will have a table set up to sell stamps. Please support their participation by buying your stamp needs from them. Let's continue to make it worthwhile for them to be part of our Autumn Stamp Festival.

Thanks to Bill Witschard, who coordinates the dealers, and George Gates, who handles the publicity. Hopefully, you saw the write-up in Linn's and other publications.

So, we encourage everyone to come out and support the club and support the dealers. Get the cobwebs out of those wallets and find that hidden treasure! Happy Stamp Hunting!

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>: Auction

Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>: No presentation - Set up for Autumn Stamp Festival at 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>: AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

## MEETINGS

Auctions and meetings are held at the Leonard Post located at 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. A calendar for 2010-2011 was in September's newsletter. If anyone needs a spare copy, see or email the editor.

## SOCIAL NETWORKING

A simple definition of Social Networking may be interpreted simply as communication via the Internet. Well, the Buffalo Stamp Club hasn't had a meaningful presence on the Internet in quite some time.

The purpose would be to post useful information regarding the club and post the monthly newsletter. In this way, access to the calendar and current information is on-line versus trying to find the mailed copy when you want to.

Although many of us utilize the Internet, most lack the skill, time or motivation to assist in this endeavor. The advantage would be that once it's set up, others could help maintain it. If anyone is interested or willing to set up and/or maintain a website or Facebook page for the Club, please let us know.

## OCTOBER MID-MONTH MEETING

If you were one of those that didn't make it to the Mid-Month meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, well, you missed a good one.

Barry Millman gave a presentation on his collection of "Governmental Forgeries of the Second World War". It was a fascinating display of slides, handouts and a variety of philatelic material.

Barry described how the Germans attempted to destroy the British economy by forging their currency. Although the plan failed, an offshoot of their venture involved the production of propaganda stamps. The group of Germans under Himmler's direction issued modified designs of several late 1930's issues of Great Britain. By inserting Russian and Jewish symbols and caricatures into the designs, their intention was to create Anti-Semitic or Anti-Communist reactions.

In retaliation, the British and Americans produced a similar group of caricatures of various German stamps, as well as a set of true forgeries of the Hitler issue.

Examples of many of these stamps were shown and their actual use and purposes were discussed. Barry had a substantial showing and is notably one of several experts on the topic in the world. It is certainly a very specialized segment of World War II history, and we were fortunate to learn about it from a dedicated and knowledgeable collector. Thank you Barry!

## ANOTHER GERMAN NOTE

Did you see the note in the Buffalo News & Linn's about the German unissued Audrey Hepburn pane that fetched \$606,000 at a charity auction. The pane was one of 3 saved from destruction in 2001 by Hepburn's son, who wouldn't approve the stamp design because it showed a scene from "Breakfast at Tiffany's" with her smoking.

His recent decision to sell the rare pane benefited Audrey Hepburn Children's Fund and also UNICEF. The buyer avoided media contact and wished to remain anonymous.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Happy Thanksgiving to all the members of the Buffalo Stamp Club!



## HOLIDAY PARTY

Make a special effort to join us at our normal Auction Meeting **Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our Holiday Party. Immediately following the Auction, we'll transition from fierce bidding competition into a friendly gathering of fellow philatelists. Enjoy the camaraderie and banter of enthusiastic colleagues as we share knowledge and stories. In addition, there will be snacks & refreshments.

## DUES

Dues for 2010-2011: Dues remain at \$12.00 and can be given to Casey Kielbasa at the meeting or mailed to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154. Please pay your dues promptly and PLEASE VERIFY YOUR ADDRESS WITH CASEY SO YOU WON'T MISS RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER!!

Casey reports a strong response from the membership in paying dues! **Great news!**

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