



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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HOLIDAY PARTY

Our annual Holiday Party will take place on **Friday, December 3rd** upon conclusion of the monthly auction. There will be snacks and refreshments along with the usual talk of philatelic finds and those that got away. The party caps an exciting year for the Club which included an enthusiastic turnout at both **BUFPEX** and the **Autumn Stamp Festival** (a review of the Autumn Stamp Festival will appear in next month's newsletter), strong auction results and interesting presentations from the membership. 2011 will be an even better year for the Club as it moves forward.

Club members should make a special effort to get their lots in early on December 3rd. The auction will begin promptly at 7:30 and efforts will be made to move the auction along so we will have more time to enjoy the festivities and camaraderie.

Please remember December 3rd is the only Club function for December. **THERE WILL BE NO CLUB PRESENTATION ON DECEMBER 17TH!!** The Officers and the Board of Directors wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. The next meeting date for the Club is **January 7th**. See you there!

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 the September newsletter. If anyone needs a spare copy, see or email the editor.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Friday, December 3rd: Auction and Holiday Get Together

NOTE - THIS IS THE ONLY DATE THE CLUB MEETS THIS MONTH!!

Friday, January 7th: Auction

BUFPEX is approaching – March 5th & 6th
If anyone has extra stamps for the guessing jar, please help Bennie out and get them to him – he'd appreciate it!

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!

OFFICERS

President: Alan Davis

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TIPS FOR REMOVING SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS FROM PAPER

Many of us have experienced the unpleasant results of soaking **today's** self-adhesive stamps in water with the resulting thinned paper, glue residue, discoloration, and the wasting of hours of time re-soaking.

In case you didn't see the article in October's issue of the *American Philatelist*, here's a brief synopsis for those of you that collect **today's** used self-adhesive stamps and are unhappy with having to keep the stamp "on piece". These tips work on the more recent self-adhesive stamps - the older ones....maybe.

Well, two solutions are offered:

1. The first is *Bestine* – the thinner solvent for rubber cement.



- *Bestine* can be found at a craft or art supply store. Call ahead – not all carry it.
- Use an eyedropper to apply a small amount to the envelope side, which will become translucent quickly. Turn the piece over, roll it slightly, lift the corner and peel off the stamp slowly.
- The adhesive will still be on the stamp, but after the solvent has sufficiently evaporated, lightly wipe talcum powder over the adhesive and the stickiness will disappear.

2. The second is to find a non-aerosol, all natural, citrus-based product. The secret ingredient is **d-limonene** – the "cleaner from nature" – which is replacing a wide variety of harsher chemicals as a natural and safer substitute. It works very well as an air freshener, cleaner, and adhesive remover.

- After being directed to the All Natural Products section of the supermarket, I was able to find several cleaners and air fresheners with citrus-based d-limonene.
- *CitraSolv* was a natural cleaner & degreaser that could be applied using an eyedropper similar to *Bestine*.



- *Air Scense* was a pump air freshener that could be sprayed on the back side of the stamp and peeled off in the same way.



- One difference with the Citrus products is their ability to remove the adhesive from the stamp. After removing the stamp from the envelope, give the back of the stamp another dose and clean off the adhesive.
- The alternative to cleaning off the adhesive is to apply the talc powder to deaden any residue.