



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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BUFPEX

As we approach the night before BUFPEX, all preparations have been completed - The last two months, we have been talking about all the work that has been done to bring BUFPEX to fruition. A lot of work has been done, and now it is up to the membership to help with making BUFPEX a successful show. Setup will take place Friday, March 2nd at 7:00. Tables need to be set up and frames for the exhibits need to be unloaded, unpacked and assembled. As with past setups, the more people, the quicker we can finish and get home. We also need people to tear down on Sunday.

During the show, we need people to help out at the Club Hospitality Table. The table is important as it is the first impression that visitors to BUFPEX encounter. Let's make a positive impression and maybe recruit some new members!

Support our event – the premier Stamp show in the area. Hope to see you there!

Also --- Did you get your exhibit together? Call Bob Meegan to enter your exhibit now!

BUFPEX ITEMS REITERATED

- Please come and support your club and the dealers
- The US Postal Service will be there. Please support them, also – They need it!!
- Help out at the Welcome Table – Be an Ambassador for your Club!
- Check out the exhibits – They are always interesting.

CALENDAR

March 2nd: **BUFPEX setup – 7 PM**

March 3rd and 4th: **BUFPEX**
Hours: Saturday 10AM-5PM & Sunday 10AM-3PM

March 16th: **Auction**

March 30th: **Presentation** – Dave Przepiora will give a presentation on Buffalo Postal History

April 13th: **Auction**

DUES

Check to see if your dues have been paid. 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. Check with Casey if you are not sure. Casey will begin to contact those who are late.

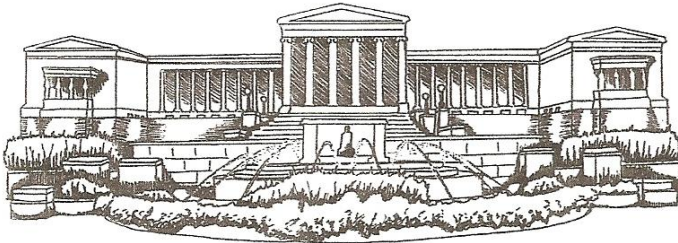
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BUFPEX PUBLICITY

We have talked about all the preparations for BUFPEX, but one aspect that gets overlooked is the publicity. Casey Kielbasa had hundreds of postcards printed which were sent out to members and left everywhere publicizing BUFPEX. George Gates was responsible for sending out press releases. Stories promoting BUFPEX will appear in the *Buffalo News* and other local newspapers. More importantly notice of the show has appeared in the *American Philatelist* and *Linn's*. *Linn's* published a short story in its February 13th issue entitled "Buffalo show March 3-4." A special Thanks Casey and George!

Albright Knox Art Gallery
Sesquicentennial, 1862 – 2012



BUFPEX Station, March 3, 2012
Buffalo, New York 14225

BUFPEX CANCEL & CACHET

Above is the design for the Cancel that will be used at BuffPex. It's a beautiful pen & ink drawing done by Theresa Meegan. As you can see, she is a very talented and gifted artist and illustrator. We are very grateful to her for donating her time and talent to this extraordinary cancel design – THANKS THERESA!!!

As you can see, we are maximizing the size of the cancel design and therefore, will be using a simpler cachet cover design.

Bring your own special art stamps to enhance the cover and customize a unique and extraordinary cover for your collection. Again, it's an opportunity to add an exceptional piece to your art topical.

FEBRUARY MID-MONTH PRESENTATION

Dave Smith showed his collection of US Bureau Issues with Straight Edge Guidelines. Dave began by explaining his strategy of collecting things that no else collects, and had a few examples of his odd approach.

In case you didn't know what Guide Lines are, they are horizontal or vertical colored lines printed between the stamps and extending wholly or partially across the sheet. They served as guides for the operators of perforating machines to indicate the point of separation of the sheet into panes. A block of stamps divided by any of the guide lines is known as a "line block" or "guide line block". The block of stamps from the exact center of the sheet, showing the crossed guide lines, is a "center line block".

Dave collects used and on cover of examples with guide lines on all four sides of the stamp plus "corner" stamps with guide lines on 2 edges. This creates 8 guide line variations. He displays his collection on customized pages that he created using Pagemaker. It certainly was a unique and interesting collection – Thanks Dave for sharing!!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Elections for Board of Directors will be held prior to the auction on May 4th. The Club constitution mandates that four Directors be elected each year to three year terms. A pattern has emerged whereby there has been only the incumbents on the ballot. It is time for some new people to serve on the Board. Remember, only a member of the Board can serve as a Club Officer. If you are interested, please see one of the Officers

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, or check the club website.