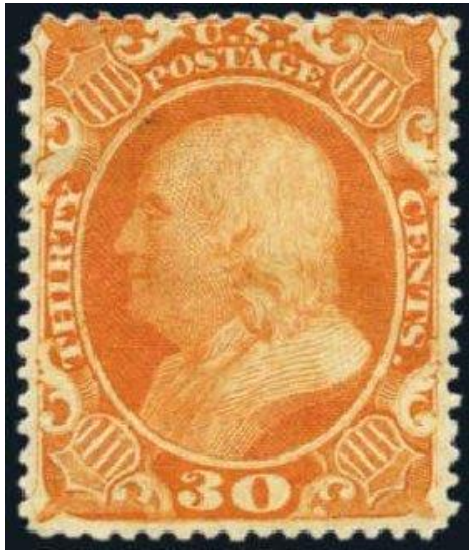


SEPTEMBER AUCTION

Occasionally, there is a spectacular item that appears at a Club auction that sells for an amount that turns heads and proves that bargains can be found even for quality material. Of the 177 lots in the September 7th auction four were news makers.

One lot described as a “mystery” lot was filled with pages, glassines and some covers with an opening bid of \$5. It sold for \$80!

Three early US stamps sold at very attractive prices:
(Note: the images are not the actual stamp)



Scott 38 sold as used for \$170. Prices on eBay for this issue, depending on condition, were in the \$180 range used (Cat. Value \$425). The stamp that sold at the Club auction was a pretty stamp, slightly off center, ungummed with unnoticeable cancel.



Scott 166 used sold for \$50. It had a somewhat heavy cancel and a little off center. Prices on eBay ranged from \$70-\$180. (Cat. Value range \$150 – 300)



Scott 100 sold for \$175 at the Club auction. It was used with a partial triangular cancel and similar centering to the above example (Cat. Value \$500 - 850). This stamp can be tricky with pricing depending on condition, centering, and type of cancel. The above example is off center, but has a pronounced grill. The used prices on eBay ranged from \$115 for off center and heavy cancels to over \$400 for ones with nice centering and fancy cancels.

BUFFALO CINDERELLAS BOOK

We mentioned in the last newsletter that Rick Barrett's book won an APS Gold Medal for Literature at the Columbus National Show in August.



The Club will have copies of his book for sale, if anyone is interested. Rick has offered autographed books for the first 2 buyers. See Alan Davis for more information.



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FALL INTO STAMP COLLECTING

October is National Stamp Collecting month! Believe it or not, the United States Postal Service created National Stamp Collecting month in 1981 to promote the hobby. The focus was recruiting new collectors, especially children. Stamp collecting kits and programs were initiated with the goal of putting the fun back into stamp collecting. The USPS also introduced gimmicks such as framed prints of issued stamps, key chains and other products. Of course, an uproar ensued from traditional collectors who condemned the practice and criticized the stamps issued by the USPS as wall paper.

The point is that while we welcome new collectors, especially younger people, we should respect and promote the diversity of our beloved hobby. One's collecting interests should not be dismissed just because they choose to collect superheroes, Disney stamps, butterflies, birds, postal stationery or even first day covers. Remember the first rule of stamp collecting: there are no rules!

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- October 5th:** **Auction**
- October 12th:** **Presentation** (see page 3)
- October 19th:** **Auction**
- November 2nd:** **Auction**

Leonard Post, 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga

Auctions begin immediately following any business and announcements which starts at **7:15 PM**. Get here early enough to view auction items. Seller deadline for submitting Lots is **6:45 PM**

Presentations begin at **7 PM** in the Happy Room.

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DUES

2018-2019 Club dues should be paid as soon as possible. Dues have not changed in years and remain at \$12, a bargain considering that other philatelic clubs and societies have raised or are raising dues. The benefits of being a card-carrying member of the Buffalo Stamp Club include participation in the Club auction and receipt of the Club newsletter. Dues can be paid to Casey Kielbasa at the auctions or presentations. Any questions, please see Casey.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Each member should have received the member information form with the September newsletter. Please take the time to fill out and return the form. It is important the Club has the correct address information, for mailing the newsletter, and contact information in case the Club needs to contact the membership. The information will not be shared with anyone outside the Club or published. Any questions or concerns can be directed to one of the Officers of the Club. Completed forms can be given to Casey Kielbasa, Alan Davis or Al Carroccia. The information can also be emailed. Thank you.

AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

Beginning with this newsletter a card with information on the Autumn Stamp Festival is enclosed. Subsequent newsletters will also contain reminders for the Fall bourse and BUFPEX. Pass the card to another collector, leave it at an office or tape it to any wall. Spread the word!

NAMETAGS

If anyone is interested in obtaining a Buffalo Stamp Club nametag, please let Alan Davis know. The Board just voted to lower the cost of nametags to a mere \$5.00! A Nametag promotes the club and encourages name recognition among members. Let's get to know everyone – by name.

ALFRED GRECO (1943-2018)

The Club was saddened to learn of the passing of dealer Al Greco.



Al was an active member of the Rochester Philatelic Association and a stamp dealer for more than 30 years. While not a member of the Buffalo Stamp Club, Al was always present at Club events including the Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX. He was always accompanied by his wife, Joyce, and always helped collectors find what they needed. He will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to the family from all of us.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!



SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

With at least 15 members present, Al Carroccia passed around covers with a variety of auxiliary and ancillary markings at the September 14th presentation meeting. Al explained that although the postmaster was required to state the reason for returned mail, the wording and images was at their discretion which created endless variations. A common theme of the markings is the inconsistency. There are no standard markings. Even the pointing finger marking is in different sizes and colors. Al pointed out that most of the covers he showed were pulled from everyday mail, and those covers which were purchased, cost less than \$15.

Following the presentation, those members who attended the APS show in Columbus, Ohio in August took the opportunity to share their experiences. Alan Davis presented a brief slide show from his trip to Columbus. He took two of his grandchildren who enjoyed the kid-friendly atmosphere. Casey Kielbasa related his experience and showed his identification badge along with his "passport" of imprints from various stations throughout the show. Other members who spoke of their attendance were Tim Carey, Matt McLean and Pete Castronovo. Each told their stories, impressions, and unique finds.

OCTOBER PRESENTATION

The October 12th meeting will be a presentation by Larry Cherns. His presentation is the "Mail Correspondence of Post-War Germany, 1945-1955." As we all know, this was a critical period in which the world emerged from World War II into a Cold War between the free world nations, led by the United States, and communist nations, led by the Soviet Union. The correspondence Larry will show certainly will highlight the tension as shown in ordinary mail.

We look forward to Larry's presentation and his insightful commentary and interest in the letters and correspondence lurking in covers.

UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

October 6th OLEPEX 2018, Bethany Lutheran Church, 6 Leo Moss Drive, Olean, NY, off Exit 25, I-86. 10 AM to 4 PM.

This is member Ron Yeager's show!

October 13-14 CANPEX 2018, The Hellenic Community Centre, 133 Southdale Rd., West London, Ontario, Canada. Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM. Sunday 10 AM to 4 PM.

www.canpex.ca.

October 21st - Fourth Sunday Stamp Bourse, 10 AM to 2 PM. Note: The address has changed! The bourse will be held at the Polish Falcons, 445 Columbia Ave., Depew.

For those who enjoy a longer road trip, **STEPEX** will be held **October 5-6**. The show is sponsored by the Elmira Stamp Club and is being held at the American Legion Post, 45 South Olcott Rd., Big Flats, NY. The hours are Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM and Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM. For more information contact Alan Parsons at alatholleyrd@aol.com.

TIM CAREY

Congratulations to Tim Carey who won a Large Vermeil at ROPEX and a Large Silver at BALPEX for his "The Regular Issues of the American Banknote Company 1879-1893" exhibit.

