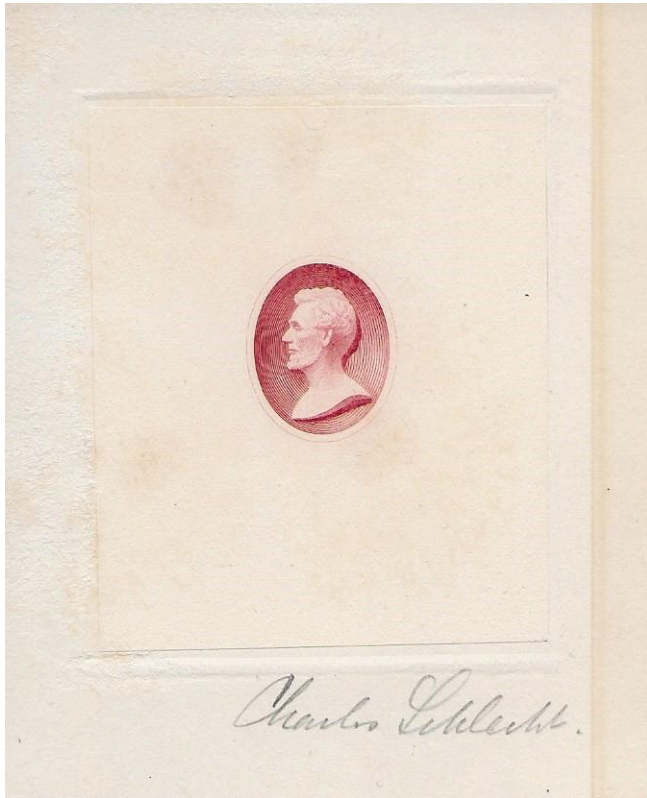


BELIEVE IT OR NOT!!



Believe it or not, Dan McNess found the above item in a box of stamps at the youth table. All of the material destined for the youth table are common stamps, most of them donated. The stamps are never sorted but are in boxes or storage containers which the kids will sort through and keep what they like. It is designed to pique their interest in our hobby with the hope they will become full-time collectors.

The above item is an essay with most dealers guessing it was issued during the Banknote era. It pictures a young Abraham Lincoln and is signed by Charles Schlecht. The Scott Specialized Catalog came up with some candidates, but none resembled the vignette pictured above. It was time for serious research to identify this essay.

The closest essay in Scotts was 206-E5 but, again, the vignette did not match. The catalog value for 206-E5 is \$450.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!! (continued)

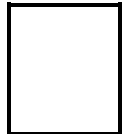
An internet search on eBay resulted in a find matching the essay. The Lincoln vignette was destined for currency and not stamps. Charles Schlecht was an engraver at the American Banknote Company who designed the vignette. It is a die proof on ivory paper.

Dealer Steve Malack states the essay was never used for a US stamp. He also states this particular essay is rare with few known. He was offering 4 different signed cards for \$1,999.

It will appear in a future auction. Hopefully it will sell for more than \$5!

REGARDING DUES

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DECEMBER NOTES

We have reached the end of another year. 2021 was a year of rebound for the Club as auctions resumed and a late summer bourse was held at The Knights Hall. The annual picnic was held in September and, finally, the Autumn Stamp Festival returned to its regularly scheduled date!

Unfortunately, as colder weather approaches, covid infections have increased and mask mandates have been implemented. Until that changes, we are obligated to wear masks indoors when entering, leaving, and walking around. Our meeting and Holiday Social is still happening, albeit with some inconvenience for safety reasons. Don't let that dissuade you. We will continue. This isn't going away soon, so we're dealing with it. We can't hide from it and our members have done what's necessary and followed the protocols. As far as we can tell, vaccination has been the norm within the Club. No cases came from within!

At this point, the Club's regularly scheduled events will take place, including BUFPEX on March 12 and 13, 2022

Despite the uncertainty, the Club will keep moving forward with the hope that in 2022, things will continue to improve.

CALENDAR

Thursday, December 2nd: Auction/ *Holiday Social*

Thursday, January 13th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 10th: Meeting/Auction

Saturday & Sunday, March 12th & 13th:

BUFPEX 2022

At The Knights Halls, 2735 Union Road just north of William St. in Cheektowaga

Auctions begin immediately following any business and announcements beginning at 7:00 PM.

Arrive early to submit and view lots; seller deadline to submit lots is 6:30 PM

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LARRY REILLY

The Club is saddened to learn the passing of Larry Reilly on November 13th. Larry is survived by his wife, Gail, who had been together since age 14! He is father to Club members Sean and Kevin.



Larry was a dedicated member of the Club. He regularly attended the auctions and presentations. He volunteered regularly and was good natured, genuinely friendly, and social. He exhibited at BUFPEX and wrote a series of articles for the newsletter covering the development of the postal service.

Larry will be greatly missed. The Club sends condolences to his family.

JOHN KELLAS

Bob Meegan reports that long-time Rochester Philatelic Association member John Kellas passed away. John attended BUFPEX and was John Stoltz's "right-hand man".

NOTICE: NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

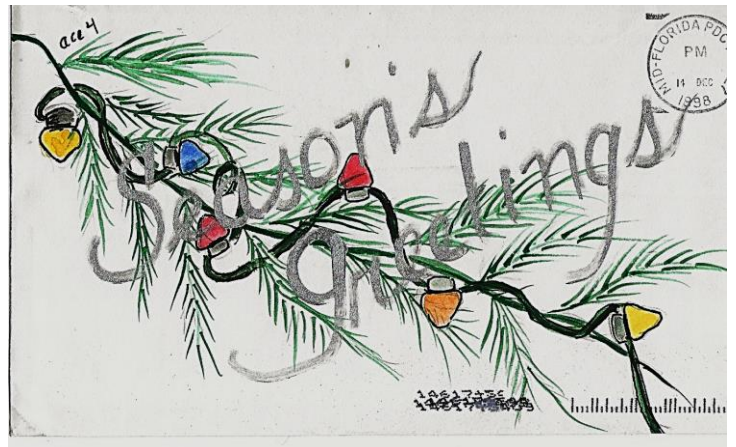
AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL

The Autumn Stamp Festival was held on November 20th at The Knights Hall. It was the first since November 2019 and once again it was a success! Eight dealers were present at the Show together with the USPS.

It was uncertain as to the reception, but a steady stream of visitors filed in throughout the day. The Knights provided a well-stocked snack stand which was popular with both collectors and dealers.

The Club conducted a silent auction supervised by Paul Moore. In addition, Dan McNess organized and watched over the youth table.

Allison Potenza reported that the USPS did well at their table. The Club purchased its allotment of postage which was welcomed by the USPS.



**The Buffalo Stamp Club
Board of Directors and
Officers wish its members**



HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The Holiday Social is Thursday, December 2nd. The Holiday Social replaced the Christmas Party that the Club held when Club functions were bigger gala affairs.

32 years ago, December 2, 1988, the Club held its annual Christmas Party at the Ramada Inn on Transit Road. No longer there, the Ramada Inn was the meeting place for the Club before moving to the Leonard Post. The parties involved cocktails, a sit-down dinner, and a visit from Santa Claus himself with gifts for the guest Ladies.



Pictured above is Santa Claus (Walter Orton) passing out gifts to the attendees at the 1988 party. The person to the left of Santa is not identified, but the person to the right is Bob Yacano who was President of the Club at the time. Walter Orton was Chairman of the party. On the menu was Sirloin of Beef!

More recently, the Holiday Social has become a postlude to the auction. While the Club does not serve steak, our esteemed President, Alan Davis, organizes an enjoyable event with plenty of food. Even though pizza & wings became the norm, he has tried to add a few more varied and healthier options for the discerning palate. Thanks Alan!

1st SELF-ADHESIVE US STAMP



Scott 1552

We are accustomed to self-adhesive stamps today, but not many collectors are aware that the first self-adhesive stamp the USPS issued was a Christmas stamp. In 1974, the USPS experimented with a new type of stamp that did not need to be licked. The new stamps were die-cut, stripped, rouletted, and cut into finished panes. The stamps also had crossed center slits to prevent them from being removed from envelopes and reused. The problem was that the glue on the stamp caused it to yellow, as can be seen on the above pane. Needless to say it would be another 15 years before a self-adhesive stamp would be issued.