

QUEEN ELIZABETH II



As we all know Queen Elizabeth passed away on September 8, 2022, ending a reign lasting 70 years. The Queen, among her many philanthropic activities, was a stamp collector! She inherited the stamp collection began by Prince Alfred who in turn sold it to his brother, King Edward VI, who gave it to his son King George V who was a serious stamp collector and added many items to the collection. Queen Elizabeth's father George VI also added to the collection.



The Royal collection is housed in colored binders: red for George V, blue for George VI and green for Elizabeth II. The Royal collection is the most comprehensive stamp collection in the world. It's value is over

100 million dollars. The only major item preventing the collection from being complete is the British Guiana penny magenta.

British and commonwealth philately is conveniently divided into periods of the ruling monarchs, beginning with Queen Victoria. The period of British philately from 1952 through 2022 was the QEII era. As we all know Britain does not print its country name on stamps. An image of the monarch and *ER* indicating *Elizabeth Regina* was printed on all stamps. Upon the death of QEII Prince Charles became King Charles III.



The new era of King Charles III will be called KCIII. His image and symbols of his reign will appear on British and Commonwealth stamps.

The end of the QEII era also means the end of the longest running series of British definitives, the Machin series. While new stamps may not appear, the study of its endless varieties continues!

AUTUMN STAMP FESTIVAL FLYER

Enclosed should be a Flyer for our Stamp Show. Help promote the show. Post it somewhere or give it to an interested person!



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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NOVEMBER NOTES

The Club enters November still sprinting from its fast start in late August. All the events attracted strong turnout from the membership and The Club is achieving its first presentation since 2019 with Irv Tesmer's talk on revenue stamps.

The next major event for the Club is the Autumn Stamp Festival to be held on Saturday, November 19 at the Knights Hall. Ten dealers and the USPS will be in attendance. A silent auction will be held, and food will be available for purchase in the Hall. The Club will also have its hospitality table at the entrance to welcome collectors to the bourse. Club members are encouraged to help at the table.

The Club is lucky to be strong financially and in spirit. Unfortunately, Club lost several members this past year. The Club has rebounded with new members joining. We are fortunate to have a growing membership. Other clubs and societies have not been so lucky. Let's support the Club and make its events a success, so more take notice. Promote the Club meetings and events and share with us how we can make our Club even better – more engaging!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, November 3rd: Meeting/Auction

Saturday, November 19th: Autumn Stamp Festival
(From 10 AM to 4 PM)

Wednesday, December 7th: Meeting/Auction
Followed by our *Holiday Social*

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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JOHN LESZAK



John Leszak was presented the Fred L. Koepf Award given to a member of the Buffalo Stamp Club for his outstanding service and contributions to our Club and to philately. John organizes the bourse held at Autumn Stamp Festival and BUFPEX and is a strong supporter of the Buffalo Stamp Club. He also efficiently runs the monthly auction and helps out at all Club events. Congratulations to John for this well-deserved award.

The Koepf award is a non-show award which means it is not awarded annually as are the Club awards during BUFPEX. The award originated to recognize Club members for their service to the Club. The past holders of the cup discuss and decide which Club member deserves this prestigious award.

AUCTION DONATION LOTS

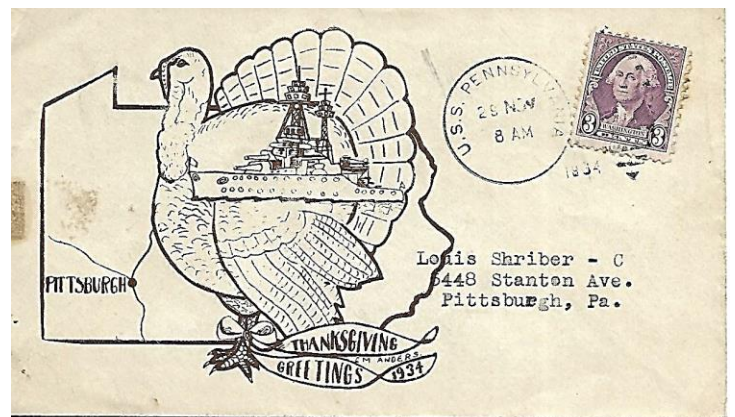
There have been a number of collections that have been donated to the Club and are in the monthly auctions. They are exceptional value and provide income to the Club. Take advantage!

DUES

Club members received a notice in their October newsletter as to their status with Club dues. Please address this if you have not yet paid your dues. Dues remain at \$20 and can be paid to Membership Chairman Bob Meegan at 8 Nye Hill Road, East Aurora, NY 14052-2649 Bob is also updating the membership roster. If you have any questions regarding payment of dues or the Roster Information Report, please contact Bob Meegan at 716-655-5583 or by email at meegan9697@roadrunner.com.

NEW MEMBER

Charles Livermore - Collects Canada, specifically Toronto postmarks. Charles is Secretary of the British North America Philatelic Society. He attended his first auction and has already volunteered to talk at future presentations!



This naval cover is significant because of its November 29 postmark. Thanksgiving prior to 1942 was celebrated on the fifth Thursday of November!

ASK AN EXPERT

In the October newsletter was a request for stamp questions or topics. The October submission concerned the following stamps.



The question submitted is: Are these cinderella stamps? Why aren't there any denominations?

The short answer is yes, they are cinderella stamps as they were not officially issued by the French post office and not valid for mail. This answers the question as to why no denominations are present.

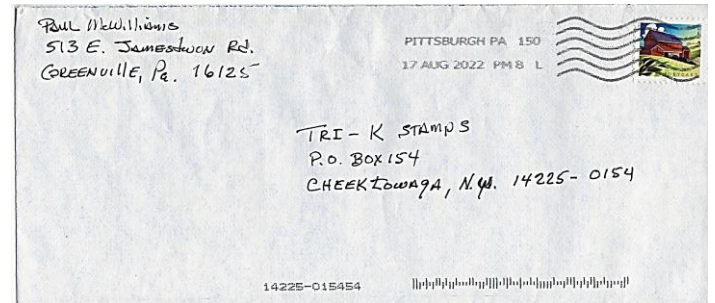
These stamps were released to commemorate the Paris Universal Exposition of 1900 which coincided with the Summer Olympics. There were probably lots of different issues. Perhaps they are listed in the French Yvert-Teller catalogue or some other specialist catalogue for cinderella stamps. Maybe they are listed on eBay!

If any French specialists, or any Club member, in the Club wish to comment or add more detailed information, please let Al Carroccia or Alan Davis know. We will report on this topic and other submissions.

Editor note: This particular event may have generated nearly 1,500 cinderella stamps (also known as poster stamps, seals, labels, vignettes, etc.). For more info, see <https://www.alphabetilately.org/Oly/1900-EU-labels.html>

WHAT'S WRONG HERE?

By Casey Kielbasa



It's amazing what gets through the USPS these days! This cover, postmarked August 1, 2022, caught my eye as the stamp is not a forever stamp we are used to seeing. The stamp is from the US Barns set issued in January 2021 to pay the postcard rate which was 36 cents at the time. This stamp, picturing the Forebay Barn, is Scott 5552. The value of the stamp has since been raised to its current 44 cent value.

The stamp clearly is inscribed "POSTCARD". Because it is tagged, the stamp triggered the machine cancelling machine and sent it on through as regular mail which costs 60 cents!

Did the sender realize the stamp paid the postcard rate or did the sender think it was a regular forever stamp?

We will probably never know, but It makes for an interesting addition to "postal history in the making"!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

We're always looking for contributors to the newsletter – topics, items, photos. Send us anything you find interesting that is worth sharing. Our editorial staff will edit, correct or smooth out any rough spots for you. Our objective is to make our newsletter more interesting for everyone. We all have something to share! Don't be bashful – send what you have, preferably in Word, to Al Carroccia or Alan Davis. We'll take it from there!