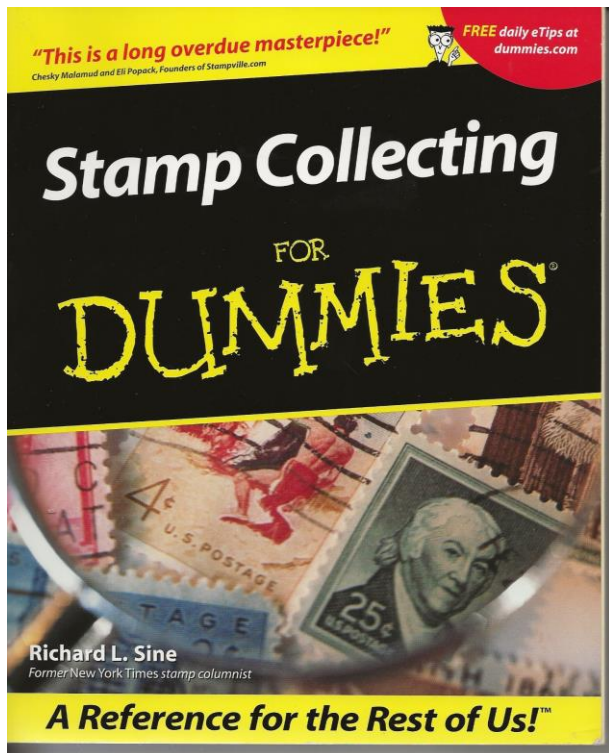


ESSENTIAL LITERATURE



Who would have thought there would be a book such as this for stamp collectors! This book is well written. It does not water down any details. The author, a well-known stamp collector, patiently explains the hobby. Included are chapters on bidding at auctions and exhibiting. More importantly, stamp valuation is explained in detail with the caveat clearly stating that grandpa's stamp collection you inherited might not be worth a lot of money.

This book was in the bargain bin. Buy it if you see it. It will be a welcome addition in your library, especially when it comes to explaining stamps to a non-collector.

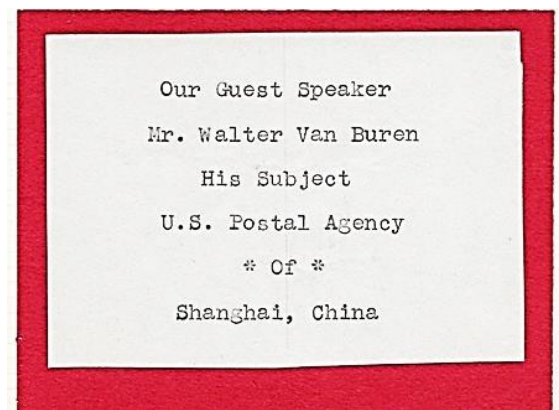
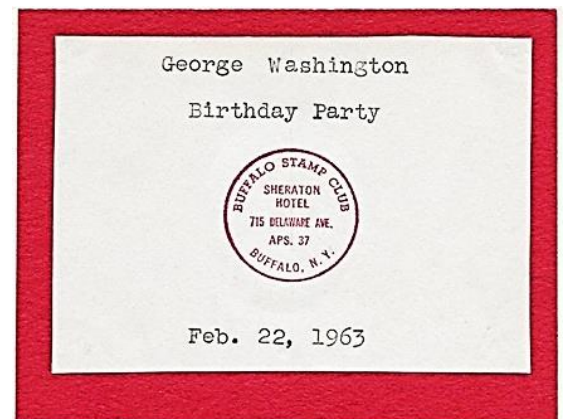
NAMETAGS

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

60 YEARS AGO

This newsletter is being written over the President's Day Holiday weekend. Washington's birthday is celebrated February 22 and was a federal holiday. Lincoln's birthday on February 12 was also celebrated as a holiday. In 1968, the US combined both holidays to commemorate all US Presidents.

The Buffalo Stamp Club celebrated Washington's birthday with a party. A guest speaker was invited, and the night culminated with a toast to Washington's memory.





BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

www.buffalostampclub.org

March 2023

Alfred Carroccia

Fuzzy9600@verizon.net

MARCH NOTES

March marks the return of Spring. For the Buffalo Stamp Club, March marks the return of the Club's signature two-day bourse and exhibition, **BUFPEX**. This will be the second year of BUFPEX following the closedown due to the pandemic and also closure of our previous venue. In 2022, the club resumed BUFPEX which had a strong turnout. The dealers were happy, and the exhibits returned.

This year BUFPEX will be held Saturday, March 11th from 10 AM to 4 PM and Sunday, March 12th from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Knights Hall. As usual all the bells and whistles associated with BUFPEX are back: a full slate of dealers, the USPS table, cachet show covers with USPS postmarks both days, exhibits, silent auction, and kid's corner with free stamps for young collectors. The Knights will have food and refreshments available.

Of course, the Club will have its welcome table at the entrance to welcome show attendees. Volunteers, as always, are needed to help out at the table. It's also helpful to have extra hands Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon to assist the dealer's setup and pack up at the end. And, as always, come and support the dealers at the show!!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Saturday, Sunday, March 11th and 12th:

BUFPEX

Thursday, March 16th: Auction

Thursday, April 6th: Auction

Thursday, April 20th: Presentation

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

OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

President: Alan Davis (ddavis504@roadrunner.com)

Vice President: Dan McNess (dmcness@mac.com)

Secretary: Al Carroccia (fuzzy9600@verizon.net)

Treasurer: Tim Carey (careystea@gmail.com)

Membership Chairman: Bob Meegan

(meeagan9697@roadrunner.com)

Auction Chairman: Dan Sherwood

Auction Registrar: Kevin Suckow

Auction Assistant: Bennie Passantino

Auction Acctg: Paul Moore (paulkmoore29@gmail.com)

Advertising & Publicity Coordinator: Open

Bourse Chairman: John Leszak (coverconnection@gmail.com)

Historical & Library: Al Carroccia & Casey Kielbasa

Other Directors: Larry Cherns (katchke@hotmail.com),

Barb Kern (barb3706@aol.com)

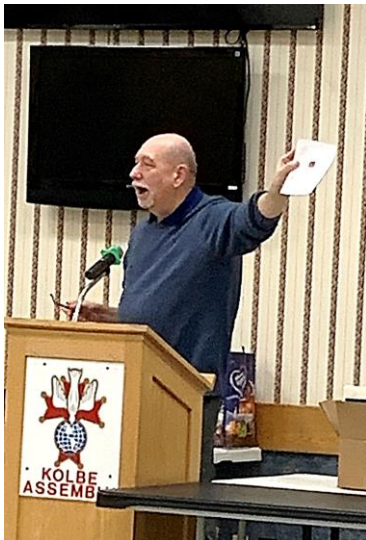
Heidi Rust (youdafox@hotmail.com)

AUCTION RESULTS

At the January 12th auction a used Penny Black (Great Britain Scott 1) was auctioned.



The stamp catalogues at around \$320 used in fine to very fine condition with perfect centering. Less pristin examples can be had for around \$100. The example at the auction sold for \$60! A steal for the first adhesive stamp ever issued!



John Leszak solicits bids for the Penny Black

CLUB DONATIONS

The Club has been fortunate to be the recipient of several stamp donations recently. The most significant has been from Bill Anstett who passed away last January 3, 2022. With the help of Bill Fenske, 10 boxes of material were relocated for separation into auction lots. Watch future auctions for these noteworthy items. They'll be worth your attention!

KING CHARLES STAMPS

With the death of Queen Elizabeth on September 16, 2022. The QE II era of the Great Britain stamp program came to an end and the King Charles III era began. There was speculation as to what image of King Charles would appear on new stamps and what his royal cipher would be. The royal cipher of the reigning monarch appears on all British stamps in place of the country name.



The Isle of Man, a British crown dependency, issued the first stamps depicting the KC III cipher. Royal Mail has released images of the first KCIII stamps to be released.



If you are looking for a new topic, King Charles stamps is an interesting, and brand-new topic. Go for it!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Cynthia Wilson – inherited a collection of US and world albums, US plate blocks, and various topical including Olympics, Pope John Paul II, Bicentennial, Space, and Prominent Americans

BALLOON STAMPS

With all the talk of balloons in the news, it is not surprising that balloons appear on stamps.



US Scott2032-2035



C54 Airmail Stamp

Balloon stamps is also an interesting topical subject. As with any topic, check a catalogue to research and keep track of your stamps or, better yet, visit the American Topical Association website americantopical.org to see if there are handbooks or checklists on balloon stamps.

APRIL PRESENTATION

The Club still has not assigned a presenter for the April 20th presentation meeting. If you have a topic that you would like to present, please let us know. We all have collections with interesting items and topics. It's an opportunity to show off an aspect of your collection. Presentations are meant to be informal, interactive, and fun. Give it a try!

BIG, BAD AND BEAUTIFUL

Oversized covers are big, bad, and beautiful!



This Czech cover is franked with a souvenir sheet Scott 239 and has a value of \$2.50 used



This cover has Great Britain souvenir sheet Scott 2272a which has a value of \$8.50 used

The question to Club members is what would you do with the stamps? Do you destroy the cover, clip, and soak the stamps? Or do you leave it on cover as a postal history item?

BUFPEX PROMOTION

Enclosed you'll find a Bufpex flyer. One of the greatest ways that you can help the Club is by helping to promote our stamp shows. The more who come, the more successful the show, and the easier to attract dealers for future shows! Get the word out and help publicize the show. The more attendees = more potential members = better meeting attendance & better future shows. Help to keep the Club prosperous!