



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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BSC KICKOFF!!

The Buffalo Stamp Club is beginning its 2023-2024 in August rather than its traditional September start. The newsletter is being sent early to promote two important events. Saturday, August 19th is the Club's End of Summer Bourse. This year the bourse is a one-day bourse instead of two days. Dealers are excited about the bourse and attendance was strong at last year's event. The bourse is strategically scheduled near the end of August when most vacations have been concluded and the hot weather is not a factor. The Club hopes all members will attend and support the dealers.

The calendar for 2023-2024 is set! Notable dates are the Autumn Stamp Festival on Saturday, November 18th and BUFPEX on the weekend of March 9th and 10th. The Club has scheduled a tour of the William Street Post Office on October 26th. Club members will learn details once they become available, so keep the date open. Also on the calendar are two tentative presentations. Club members interested in presenting a topic, please contact the Board.

Let's support Buffalo Stamp Club events!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Saturday, August 19th: End of Summer Stamp Show and Bourse

Saturday, August 26th: Summer Picnic
(See more info on insert)

Thursday, September 14th: Meeting/Auction

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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The Great Hunger: 1845-1852

By: Tim Carey

The Great Hunger was a period of starvation and disease in Ireland from 1845 to 1852 that constituted a historical social crisis which subsequently had a major impact on Irish society and history, with the most severely affected areas in the west and south of Ireland, where the Irish language was dominant. The worst year of the period was 1847, which became known as "Black '47".

During the Great Hunger, roughly 1 million people died, and many fled the country, causing the country's population to fall by 20–25% (in some towns falling as much as 67%) between 1841 and 1871. Between 1845 and 1855, at least 2.1 million people left Ireland, primarily on packet ships —one of the greatest exoduses from a single island in history.



Folded letter: Londonderry, Ireland to New York City, February 7th, 1849. Letter posted and marked Londonderry; name shortened in the marking devices to "DERRY"

Letter carried on the fourth and final Cunard mail voyage to the U.S. during the six-week period when pre-retaliatory rates were resumed, before the US-Great Britain postal convention became effective. One shilling paid for the single packet rate. Postage due in New York was 6 cents, the incoming ship letter rate to port regardless of the weight of the letter.

The Great Hunger: 1845-1852 (con't)

Carried aboard the ship *Europa*, British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company (Cunard Line), departed Liverpool February 10th, 1849, and arrived in New York City February 24th, 1849.



Abraham Bell and Sons was a New York City merchant shipping firm, that specialized in the export of Southern cotton to the British Isles. The Bell family were Quakers and often did trade with people groups in England, Ireland, and Liverpool. In the 1840's the Bell's helped transport thousands of immigrants from Ireland.

SPECIAL ITEMS AT OCTOBER AUCTION

Save up extra cash or bring your check book for some special items at the October auction. We'll have the items on display at the August Show and the September Auction.

Here's a preview:



SC C13 MNH Cat. Value \$275. Min Bid \$50.
Could be re-gummed



SC C14 MNH Cat. Value \$650. Min Bid \$150.
Could be re-gummed; 2 slight disturbances

SPECIAL ITEMS AT OCTOBER AUCTION (con't)

More Previews:



SC 1

Cat. Value \$400 Min Bid \$95



SC 2

Cat. Value \$850. Min Bid \$250.



SC 120

Cat. Value \$650. Min Bid \$200



SC 242

Cat. Value \$600. Min Bid \$150

2023-2024 CLUB CALENDAR

Saturday, August 19 - End of Summer Bourse

Saturday, August 26 - Club Picnic

Thursday, September 14 - Meeting/Auction

Thursday, October 5 - Meeting/Auction

Thursday, October 26 - Post Office Tour

Thursday, November 10 - Meeting/Auction

Thursday, September 14 - Meeting/Auction

**Saturday, November 18 - Autumn Stamp
Festival**

**Thursday, December 7 - Auction/Holiday
Social**

Thursday, January 11 - Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 8 - Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 22 - Presentation

**Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10 -
BUFPEX**

Thursday, March 21 - Meeting/Auction

Thursday, April 11 - Meeting/Auction

Thursday, April 25 - Presentation

Thursday, May 9 - Meeting/Auction

Club members are advised that dates may change, but notification of such will be communicated. Meanwhile, mark your calendars!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Board of Directors election was held on May 11th. The following members were unanimously elected to three-year terms:

Mike Donohue

Deborah Grande

Bob Meegan

Bennie Passantino

Congratulations to our new Board members, especially Debbie and Mike who are freshman members. The Board will benefit from their suggestions and ideas.

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors met on July 20th. The Club elected officers and appointed committees for 2023-2024. (See page 1 for a partial list of officers and committees.)

The Club also received reports on finances and membership. Financially, the Club is doing well with income from Club auctions and the major expense being the cost of renting the Knights Hall. Membership is steady at 119 members. Tim Carey reports that development of the Club website is continuing.

The theme for BUFPEX will be the impending lunar eclipse on April 8, 2024. The show cachet will be designed by Paul Moore. The USPS will have a show cancel available on both days.

Club members who have questions or comments or would like more information regarding Board matters, please contact any member of the Board.

CLUB DUES

Club dues should be paid at or by the September meeting. Club dues remain at \$20. Dues can be mailed directly to Bob Meegan at his address:

8 Nye Hill Road

East Aurora, NY 14052-2649

Any questions regarding dues can be addressed to Bob. Thank you.

BOB MEEGAN

Bob Meegan successfully acquired several covers at a recent HR Harmer auction.

He writes:

I had some fantastic results at the H. R. Harmer auction today!

I won a beautiful example of the scarce 9-Cent "War Rate - Port of Entry" Ship Cover that I've been after for about 30 years!

I also won a fantastic example of the 30-Cent "War Rate" with the 2-Cent Ship Rate. I'm going to check the census, but I think there are only a few examples.

I also won a very interesting cover from the War Rate time period. It's an inbound ship letter that arrived at the port of Baltimore, to a recipient in Baltimore, and it has the SHIP handstamp but no denomination. The "Hammer Price" was only \$100. Many years ago I had a conversation with an APS Judge who collects Baltimore Postal History who told me that there are reported to be a few War Rate "Port of Entry" Ship Covers that lack a the rate marking (9 cents) because the Baltimore Postmaster simply stamped some of the "local delivery" ship letters with only the SHIP handstamp and didn't bother to write the manuscript "9" to indicate the postage fee because the fee was always the same. Because there was no transporting of the cover out of Baltimore there was no additional inland fee. So, when the recipient came to pick up the correspondence, it was always 9-Cents. I have to do some more research to determine the name of the Baltimore Postmaster during this time frame, but this item is even less common than the covers with the scarce "9" cent Port of Entry manuscript rate.

I won a bunch of other covers with nice rates that help improve the collection / exhibit, but they are not in the same "difficulty of acquisition" category as these three purchases!!

Club members are invited to submit their philatelic stories for the newsletter.

END OF SUMMER BOURSE

Saturday, August 19th

A silent auction is planned, and food will be available. The Club will have its table at the entrance to welcome visitors and to, hopefully, recruit new members.

Here's the list of Dealers at the Show:

- Kim & Casey Kielbasa, Cheektowaga, NY
- The Cover Connection, West Seneca, NY
- Richfield Philatelic, Bill Witschard, Buffalo
- Paul Duda, Buffalo, NY
- Mike and Tim Retzer, Buffalo, NY
- Niagara Stamp Sales, Norm Titterington
- Telah W. Smith, Ashland, OH
- Scott A. Shaulis, Murrysville, PA
- Wayne Nyre, Watkins Glen, NY
- U.S. Postal Service

Flyer is enclosed – Help promote the show. Also, come and support the Club and dealers! Hope to see everyone there.

CLUB PICNIC

The annual Club picnic will be held on **Saturday, August 26th** at Meegan Manor, the home of Bob Meegan. The picnic begins at 11:30 AM, just in time for lunch! The Club provides the food- hot dogs, hamburgers, and sausage. Soda and water will also be available. Club members are encouraged to bring a side dish to share. An impromptu auction will be held at 2 PM so bring your lots! The insert with the newsletter has a map with directions and further information. The picnic is later in the Summer, so as not to interfere with vacation plans. The picnic is a great way for Club members to relax and socially interact with each other. It is a great way to learn more about each other and the hobby we all share. See you there!!!