



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

The Buffalo Stamp Club enters 2025 after its brief Holiday break. The Club hopes everyone had an enjoyable Holiday, and that all those desired, philatelic gifts were received!

The Club begins preparations for BUFPEX, which takes place on March 22 and March 23, 2025. Once again, the call is out for exhibits. Let us know as soon as possible if you're planning on exhibiting and how many frames you will need, so we can properly plan for the exhibition layout. If you cannot complete a 16-page exhibit to fill one frame, additional frames can be made available.

Last year a number of one and multi-page exhibits were entered. They were just as interesting and drew as much attention as the larger exhibits. The goal is to encourage collectors to share interesting items from their collections and gain experience and confidence that may lead to larger and more intricate, in-depth exhibits.

In the meantime, begin sorting through your collections and stocking up material at the next auction. We all have interesting collections and items. It should not be that difficult for anyone to organize an exhibit – small or large!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Thursday, January 9th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 6th: Meeting/Auction

Thursday, February 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

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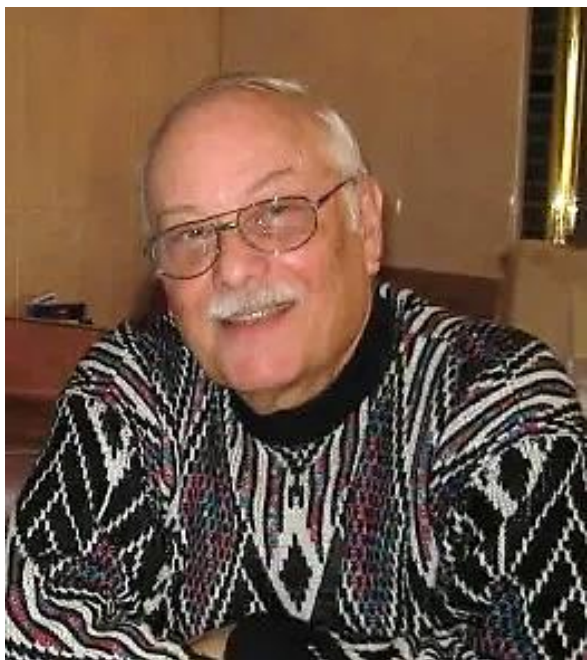
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IRVING HILS, Jr.



Club member Irv Hils passed away on December 9, 2024. Irv was a long-time member of the Club who, when active, attended regularly and helped out with the auctions. He methodically gathered all the lots before the auction began and made sure they were in order. The Club sends condolences to his family.

EUGENE GOLEBIEWSKI



Santa was good to Gene, he received (via his wife) the above puzzle picturing Christmas stamps!

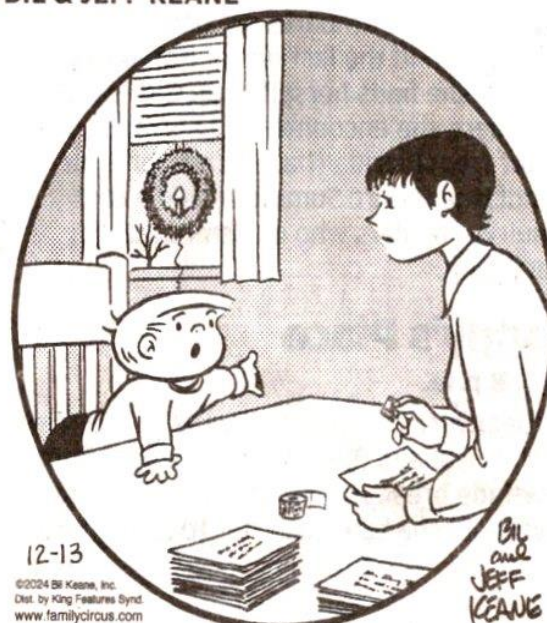
SOAKING STAMPS

Linn's has reported that using the product Pure Citrus to soak self-adhesive stamps may not be safe for the stamp after all. Previous reports stated that the product did not damage stamps after removal. However, it is now reported that the product may damage the ink on stamps.



The above example shows the effect on the 2024 3-cent Peonies stamp. The product was applied to the stamp causing the removal of the ink after applying light pressure. While this is just one example, care should be exercised when attempting to soak stamps or allowing application of the product to the front face side. User beware – there are better methods or leave the paper backing on.

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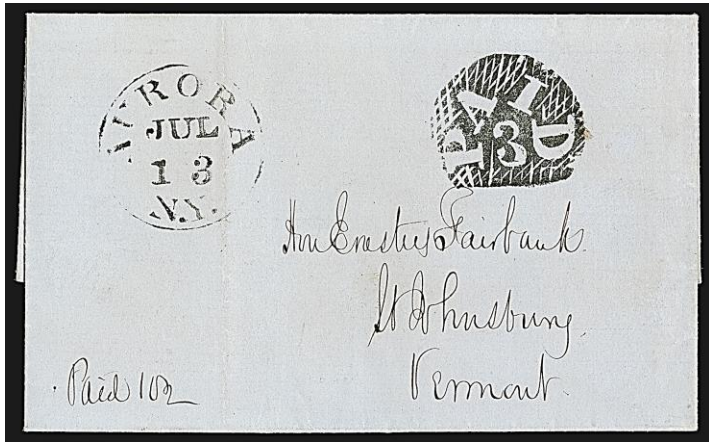
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"Don't put stamps on the neighbors' cards. I'll deliver them for fifty cents apiece!"

SEEN AT AUCTION



Lot 101



Lot 102

The above stampless covers with Aurora, NY postmarks were offered at the Siegel auction held on December 10-11, 2024 as Lots 101 and 102. What is interesting is not the circular datestamp but the negative "Paid" handstamp. It is a rare and unusual handcarved rate handstamp showing the 3 cents paid for destinations up to 3,000 miles.

Lot 101 had an estimate of \$400-\$500 and Lot 102, \$300-400. Each Lot sold for \$1,000! Thanks to Rick Franclemont for bringing this sale to the Club's attention.

YEAR OF THE SNAKE

2025 is the Year of the Snake, the sixth sign of the Chinese zodiac. The first signs are the Horse (2014), Goat (2015), Monkey (2016), Rooster (2017), Dog (2018), Pig (2019), Rat (2020), Ox (2021), Tiger (2022), Rabbit (2023) and Dragon (2024). The zodiac commences on the Lunar New Year which begins on January 29 and comes to a close on February 16, 2025. The USPS will release a Year of the Snake stamp on January 14.



Canada 2013 Year of the Snake (Scott 2599)



In 2005 the USPS issued a sheet showing all 12 zodiac animals (Scott 3895). New Years and Chinese Zodiac stamps present an interesting topic, especially on postal history.

DOLLAR STAMPS

Used dollar denominated stamps have been climbing in value the last few years. Even at our Club auction, lots containing recently issued dollar denominated stamps in used condition went for more than the asking price.



The above Pillar of Creation stamp paying the \$9.85 Priority Mail flat rate was issued January 2024 (Scott 5827).

The stamp is selling for \$14.95 in used condition on eBay. If you have a source for obtaining covers with dollar plus or other high value stamps, it will prove lucrative. Otherwise, you will be paying high prices for used examples.

CANADA POST STRIKE

The Canada Post strike was settled as of December 17. Canada Post stated it would take a week to process the backed up mail.

HOTEL BROEZEL

The Hotel Broezel was located at Seneca Street and Wells Street near downtown Buffalo. It was built in 1875 by John Broezel, it burned down in 1889 and was rebuilt. It closed in 1935. The Elm Street Exit ramp from the Niagara Section (I190) of the Thruway crosses over the site.



Postcard showing the rebuilt Hotel Broezel



Cover postmarked August 19, 1885 with cachet showing the original Hotel Broezel before it was destroyed by fire.

ARTICLES NEEDED!!!!

We're always looking for contributors to the newsletter – topics, items, photos. Send us anything you find interesting that is worth sharing. We all have something to share! Email to Al Carroccia or Alan Davis.