

# Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING – So-Long Summer, Hello Autumn

**WHERE:** BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER

**WHEN:** September 20, 2018 (third Thursday of every month)

**TIME:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, No Business Meeting in June, July, and August

**PROGRAM:** 20 Questions and Silent Auction

*Reminder: We need volunteer members to pick up a key from the Senior Center by 4:00 pm on the day of the meeting. September's volunteer is **Ray Perry**.*

## Summer Meetings

The June and July meetings were full of philatelic phellowship, discussion, and silent auctions. It was fun to just kick back and enjoy the great camaraderie within our club. It was also nice to pick up a few new treasures at the silent auctions as well.

The August meeting was our annual club picnic at the Burrows residence held on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> so as not to conflict with the Packers preseason game on our regular meeting night. We did not want to create any additional traffic congestion for the local police to deal with on game night, nor did we want to draw fans away from the game. The picnic was again a huge success with many tasty treats brought by the attending members and their spouses. Thanks to the Burrows for again hosting the picnic this year. I'm sure that a good time was had by all that were able to attend. I know that both my wife and I enjoyed the event immensely. We already can't wait until next year's picnic.

The date for next year's picnic will be August 15, 2019 unless we need to accommodate the Packers again. If there is a home Packer game on August 15, 2019 the picnic will be moved to August 14, 2019. Mark your calendars now.

## September Program

The September program will be "20 Questions" and will be pulled together by Dave Burrows. The program will feature twenty multiple choice questions on various aspects of U.S. philately. As the correct answers are given there will be opportunity to discuss the correct answers for better understanding of the term(s), stamp(s), and/or other philatelic item(s).

There will also be a silent auction.

## Another Summer Picnic

There was another picnic this summer involving our club. This picnic was hosted by the Bob Petersen family in Sturgeon Bay.

A bit of background on this event. MaryAnn Bowman of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp

Clubs worked with Washington Island native and internationally known philatelist, Cheryl Ganz, to do a program on her time as curator of the National Postal Museum a part of the Smithsonian Institution. Cheryl was also the lead curator of the William H. Gross Stamp Gallery.



National Postal Museum (Scott 2779-82)

Bob offered to host a picnic for Green Bay Philatelic Society members, their spouses, MaryAnn, and Cheryl prior to the event. Several club members were present to share the meal with MaryAnn and Cheryl prior to the presentation.

Following the burgers and brats picnic at the Petersen household, we adjourned to the library in Sturgeon Bay where Cheryl captivated us with her talk on how “Every Stamp Tells a Story.” There were many stories pertaining to different stamps and the techniques used to display them in the museum. For example, the Susan B. Anthony stamp shown below was issued in 1936.



U.S. Scott 784

Cheryl asks the question: “Why was this stamp issued in 1936?” That year was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anthony’s death – not exactly a

common anniversary to commemorate. It was also the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gave women the right to vote in our country. Again, not a common anniversary to commemorate. So, what gives? It turns out that FDR frequently used postage stamps to help further his cause and 1936 was a presidential election year. FDR was looking for the female vote and so the above stamp was issued in 1936. Another interesting note is that FDR frequently contributed to the design of stamps issued during his administration. In this particular case he suggested the solid frame around the portrait of Anthony and it was incorporated into the design. Cheryl showed a slide of FDR’s sketch suggesting the frame.

Another interesting observation by Cheryl was the change in stamp colors during the 1930’s. With the Great Depression creating feelings of doom and gloom in the country, there was a move away from bolder colors to softer colors. It was found that softer colors tend to be more uplifting. Cheryl points out that the stamp colors were very similar to the change in colors of some other common objects of the period like depression glass.



Pastel colored depression glass

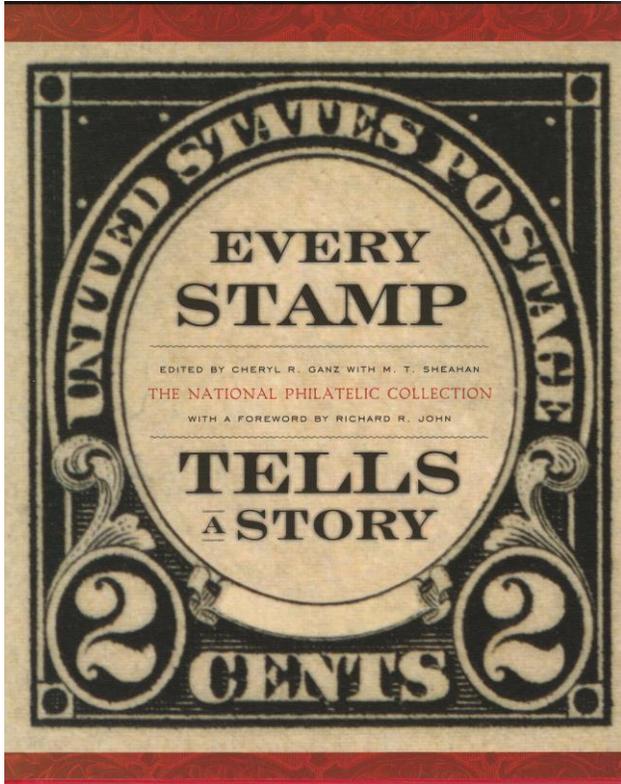


Pastel colored U.S. Scott 777

Research shows that the majority of visitors to the museum are not stamp collectors. Cheryl used this method of drawing non-stamp collectors in by showing commonality between other items and stamps.

After the presentation the library was good enough to allow Cheryl to sell copies of her book “Every Stamp Tells a Story.” Cheryl was also willing to sign copies of the book. I purchased a copy for my own library and have

since read it. For what it is worth, I thought the book was very interesting as it expanded on the concepts above along with countless other philatelic tidbits related to the National Postal Museum and William H. Gross Stamp Gallery. A copy of the cover of this book is shown below.



Cover of book “Every Stamp Tells a Story”

I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in learning more about our National Postal Museum. I know that if I ever visit Washington, D.C. again, I will visit the museum with greater insight than I would have had in the past. Thanks Cheryl for a great program.



GBPS Members Darlene Waterstreet and Bob Petersen with Cheryl Ganz holding her book.

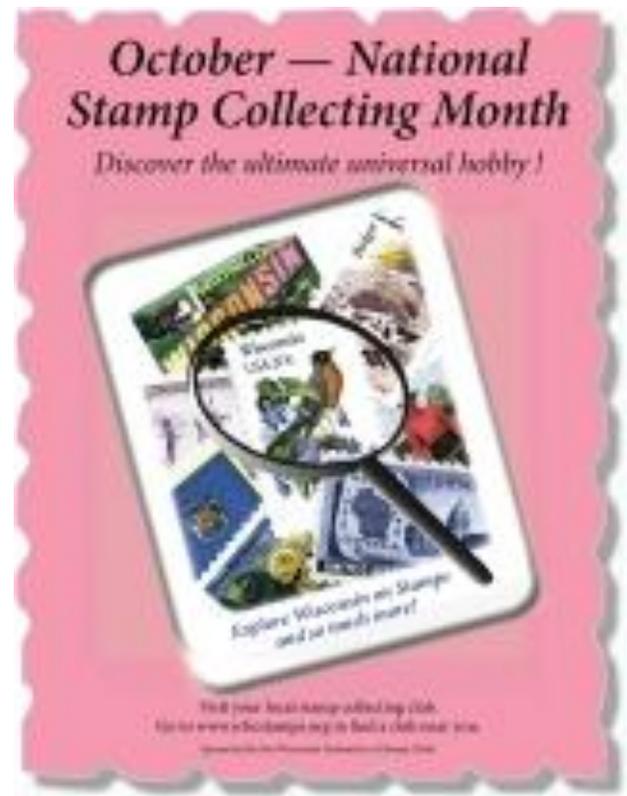
## 2018/19 Program Schedule

Tom Schroeder volunteered to take on the responsibility of Program Chair. Most recently, Kirk has filled this role. Thanks Kirk for setting up some memorable programs over the past year. Tom is currently working on the 2018/19 program schedule. I'm sure he is open to suggestions.

Note: There will be a silent auction every month except August.

## Stamp Collecting Month

I thought I'd get an early start on Stamp Collecting Month which as you all know is in October. Shown below is a poster that can be found at the following web address: [wfscstamps.org](http://wfscstamps.org). When you get to the home page, click on club resources.



Let's get some of these out into the community. Maybe we could even put our club name, meeting day, location, and time on them. I was thinking that it might be nice to have a “bring a

friend” to the October meeting. What do you think? We can discuss this at the September meeting.

## Ray’s Ramblings

Not a lot of room left for this part of the newsletter this month. Its hard to believe that football season is upon us and the “boys of summer” are heading toward the World Series.

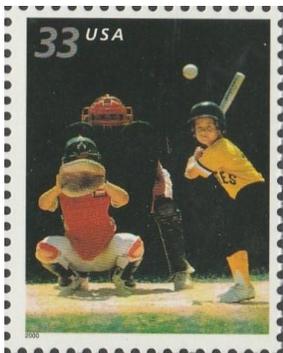
My wife and I had a great summer, hope you did too. We spent a lot of time with our kids and grandkids. They kept us very busy and we really do enjoy and value being a part of their lives and them a part of our lives. A few philatelic images of our summer are shown below.



A May trip to Iceland



Watching our grandkids play soccer, though it isn’t quite World Cup caliber yet.



Watching grandkids play baseball.



A week at the lake with kids and grandkids fishing, hiking, frogging, and swimming.

I hope you all had as great and fulfilling a summer as we did. Now for some cooler weather – no not winter, just a few cool and crisp autumn days with low humidity.

Changing gears here for just a bit – I wanted to put in a plug for the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Club’s website. For those of you that are so inclined the address is: [wfscstamps.org](http://wfscstamps.org). There are a large number of very interesting things on the website including a list of websites you can go to for information on stamps, club program ideas, on-line exhibits, and so on. I think that you will find the site both informative and interesting.

See you on September 20, 2018.

### Stamp Shows

(See Across the Fence Post for more details)

**Sept. 8** OUTAPEX '18, Outagamie Philatelic Society, Fox Valley Lutheran High School, 5300 N. Meade St., Appleton, WI

**Sept. 14-16** MILCOPEX '18, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee – Airport, 6401 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI

**Oct. 6** SHEPEX '18, Sheboygan Stamp Club, Quarry Park Pavilion, 3401 Calumet (Hwy 42) east of I-43, Sheboygan, WI

**Oct. 13** Monroe Stamp and Postcard Show, Monroe Moose Lodge, 639 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Monroe, WI

**Oct. 20** CENWISEX '18, Central Wisconsin Stamp Club, Holiday Inn Stevens Point, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, WI

**Oct. 27** TRI-STATE STAMP EXPO, Tri-State Stamp Club, Northeast Iowa Community College, 8342 NICC Dr., Peosta, IA

**Oct. 27-28** TOSAPEX '18, Wauwatosa Philatelic Society, St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall, 1435 S. 92<sup>nd</sup> St., West Allis, WI

**Nov. 3** OSHKOSH STAMP BOURSE, Oshkosh Philatelic Society, Elks Club, 175 W. Fernau Ave., Oshkosh, WI

### Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

September	20 Questions
October	TBD
November	TBD
December	Christmas Party
January	TBD
February	TBD
March	TBD
April	TBD
May	Elections
June	Silent Auction (no business mtg.)
July	Silent Auction (no business meeting)
August	Picnic at the Burrows residence (no business meeting)

**Note:** There will be a silent auction each month except at the picnic.