

# Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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## **SEPTEMBER MEETING – Picnic Meeting, Christa McCauliffe Park**

**WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER  
300 S. Adams St., Green Bay, WI 54301**

**WHEN: September 17, 2020** (third Thursday of every month)

**TIME: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm, No Business Meeting in June, July, and August**

**PROGRAM: Stamp Collectors Fellowship and Show and Tell**

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

## **August Meeting**

The August “in person” meeting took place at Christa McCauliffe Park. It was attended by seven people. Things seemed to go reasonably well. There was some good philatelic conversation and Ray brought a couple of show and tell items that he had intended for WISCOPEX and MILCOPEX. Discussions indicated that people would be interested in another outdoor meeting in September. We are all hoping that good weather holds up for September 17.

We'll meet again on our usual meeting date (September 17 – the third Thursday of the month) at Christa McCauliffe Park located at 3100 Sitka St., Green Bay 54301. We would need to wear masks and maintain social distancing. Seems like a couple of minor inconveniences to let us get together. We'll move the start time up to 4:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. to allow us light in the shortening hours of daylight. Everybody should bring their own food (like a sandwich or something simple) and beverage and we will have a picnic, talk stamps, maybe even have a show and tell.

September would normally be the start-up of business meetings, whether or not that happens remains to be seen. Anyone that is not comfortable participating should not feel bad about not attending. I am not pushing for anyone to do anything outside of their comfort zone. I will bring spray disinfectant to spray down the tables. I also recommend you bring along a lawn chair as I'm not sure when the city will remove the picnic tables for winter storage.

If you plan to attend please let me know as soon as possible via email: [fiveperrys@athenet.net](mailto:fiveperrys@athenet.net) or phone 660-2154. If I don't hear from you, I'll assume you are not interested.

## **September Program**

For the September program, whoever attends should feel free to bring along a show and tell item. We'll take turns briefly describing our items and then we'll put them out for members to look at while maintaining our safe distancing. These items could be most anything of a philatelic nature – stamps, covers, back-of-book, U.S., foreign. You get the idea. Bring something to show your fellow club members.

## Important Information

As reported in the August newsletter, your Board of Directors met via email over the period of July 20 to July 31. We have been discussing ways to still put out a newsletter and stay within our means. Shown below are the Board's recommendations:

1. That the newsletter be published and distributed by email. With provision for those members who do not have email.
2. That the newsletter be published electronically on the WFSC web site.
3. That this proposed change be communicated to the membership in the September 2020 newsletter.
4. That the membership be polled to affirm or deny the proposed changes.

I promised to include this again in the September issue to be mailed to each member. This will likely be the last newsletter you receive via U.S. mail unless you do not have email.

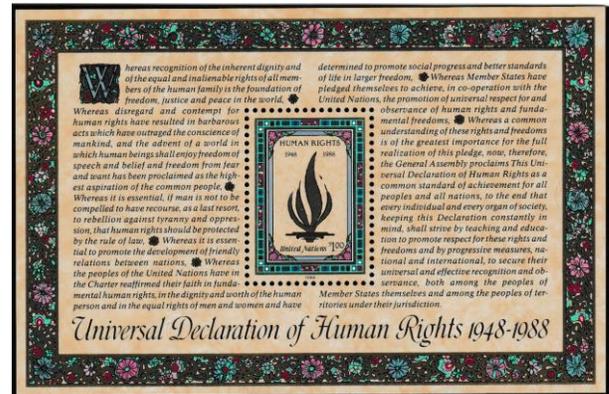
## Favorite Christmas Stamp Reminder

Remember to send me the Scott number of your favorite Christmas stamp along with a sentence or two explaining why it is your favorite. I'll put them in the December issue of our newsletter. Should provide for quite a collage and some interesting reading. Remember, just send me the Scott number and a couple of sentences on your favorite Christmas stamp. Send it to me at: [fiveperrys@athenet.net](mailto:fiveperrys@athenet.net) or to: 2214 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311.

## Ray's Ramblings

Last month we took a look at our national passtime (baseball). This prompted a suggestion from Darlene Waterstreet for a stamp commemorating the All American Girl's Baseball League, made famous by the movie *A League of Their Own*. This suggestion was passed on to the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs (WFSC) where it will be evaluated for submission to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee. It will be interesting to follow the progress of this effort.

With all that has been going on in our country recently, I thought it might be appropriate to take a look at some stamps that portray some of the kinder, gentler, and more compassionate virtues of our society. From 1988-92 the United Nations issued stamps commemorating Human Rights. This series started with a souvenir sheet and a single stamp from each of the three U.N. issuing cities (New York, Geneva, and Vienna). Pictured below is the souvenir sheet from New York. This souvenir sheet along with its corresponding issues from Geneva and Vienna show the Preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights agreed upon by member nations in 1948. It was drafted by the U.N. Commission on Human Rights chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt.



U.N. New York Scott 544

Subsequent issues in the series showed the Articles within the Declaration printed on tabs attached to the stamps. There were a total of 30 Articles in the Declaration. The stamps were issued in sets of three with the same stamp design, but having each article written in the three different languages represented by the three office locations. Shown below is the final stamp issued in Vienna showing Article 24.



U.N Vienna Scott 140

It is difficult to read the tabs, but some of the things covered in the different articles include “no one is subject to interference with his privacy,” or “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.” There are really some very sound principles included here and I recommend that you take the time to read through them sometime. You can find the document here:

<https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/index.html>

Beginning in 1973 the U.S. began issuing “Love” stamps. According to the 2019 Harris U.S. Postage Stamp Catalog, the U.S. has issued 44 such stamps. The first U.S. “Love” stamp is pictured below.



First U.S. Love Stamp, Scott 1475

Over the years the U.S. has issued the “Love” stamp in many different designs. Those have varied from birds to flowers, but all have expressed the thought of caring and compassionate love. One design that I think is particularly pertinent to what we are discussing this month is shown below. It pictures the globe in a heart shape with the word “love” in the upper right corner of the stamp. This particular stamp was issued in 1991.



U.S. Love Stamp, Scott 2536

Of course, there are many other stamps issued by the U.S. and other postal agencies around the world that convey this feeling of warmth and caring. For example, there are many stamps

showing flowers. In fact, one of our GBPS members collects orchids on stamps. There are many beautiful orchid stamps. Here is one from the Falkland Islands.



Falkland Islands orchid stamp

Isn't this a beautiful flower? Doesn't it just emanate peace and tranquility? Two things we desperately need in our country, world, and lives today.

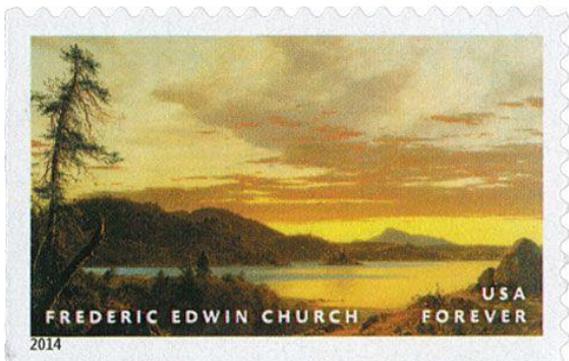
Another topic in our discussion of bringing peace and tranquility to our lives is that of butterflies. Just picture them gracefully floating through the air. See their beautiful coloring and their peaceful appearance. They just seem to bring peace to your mind just to watch and observe them. Pictured below is a Hong Kong stamp depicting one of these beautiful insects.



Hong Kong butterfly stamp

Staying with our theme of finding relaxing and peaceful topics within our hobby, let's take a look at art on stamps. There are of course many different styles of art as well as different artists. Just a few years ago, the U.S. issued a set of

four stamps commemorating the Hudson River School. I may have even shown one of these in a previous issue of this newsletter. These stamps picture very tranquil scenes from nature. One of them shows a painting by Frederic Edwin Church titled “Sunset.”



U.S. Scott 4919

Sunsets (and sunrises too for those that can get up that early) are very peaceful in and of themselves, but this stamp seems to have really captured the beauty of it all.

As we go through our many examples of relaxing in this stressful day and age, let’s not forget our great hobby. The USPS has issued several stamps to help us remember. The first one that I’m aware of was issued in 1972. The eight-cent stamp featured an image of U.S. Scott 1 under a magnifying glass and contained the words Stamp Collecting. It is a simple yet attractive design and is pictured below.

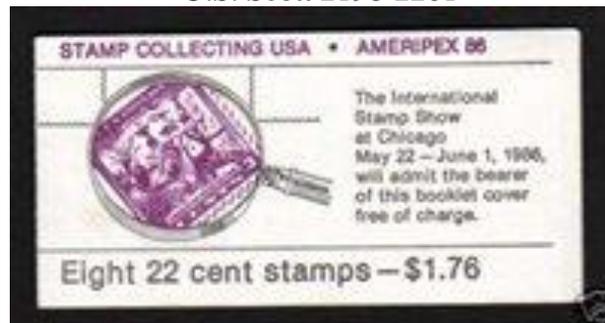


U.S. Scott 1474

The other U.S. stamps celebrating stamp collecting were issued in 1986 in a booklet format with two panes of four stamps each. This was the USPS first booklet of commemorative stamps. I remember these booklets contained a ticket to AMERIPEX in Chicago that year. They are pictured at the top of the next column.



U.S. Scott 2198-2201



The booklet cover ticket to AMERIPEX ‘86

I’d like to wrap-up with another “Love” stamp that I think sums up the theme here, that is to treat our fellow citizens of the world with kindness and respect.



U.S. Scott 2814

Note the elements of the design – the dove, roses, and heart shape. All symbols of love, peace, and kindness and those are my wishes to all of you. To steal a well-known Nike slogan – “let’s just do it.”

Lastly, I want to mention a neat tribute that was written by John Hotchner in Linn’s (August 24, 2020 issue). John recognizes and thanks USPS workers for their dedication and work through the current Covid-19 pandemic. Next time you visit the post office or see your mail carrier a word of thanks might be in order.

### Reminders

A couple last page reminders:

1. Get me your favorite Christmas stamp Scott number and short explanation of why it is your favorite.
2. If you plan to attend the picnic meeting in September, please let me know.