

# Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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## May Meeting – Time for May Flowers

**WHERE:** FESTIVAL FOODS on University Ave.  
2430 University Ave., Green Bay, WI 54302

**WHEN:** May 18, 2023 (third Thursday of every month)

**TIME:** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**PROGRAM:** Philatelic Video by Dave Burrows

*Note: The meeting location. We are here at least through December of 2023.*

**Winter Months Reminder: in the event of inclement weather the meeting will be canceled if either the Green Bay Public Schools, or Green Bay Public School activities for the night of the meeting are cancelled.**

## April Meeting

The April meeting was called to order with 14 people present including 11 members and three guests. The 11 members included Mark Kohls who joined at the meeting. Mark has been collecting since he was a child. Among other things he collects U.S. plate blocks. He brought his collection along to share with the club.

Welcome aboard Mark. Members of the club shared their collecting interests with Mark. Other visitors include Rosalie Murphy who brought her collection along with an interest in learning how best to dispose of it. We also welcomed Curt and John Kuehl who brought their Dad, Randy. Thanks guys, for bringing your Dad, we always enjoy seeing him. Finally, thanks to Karen Johnston for bringing Tom. Rumor has it that Karen may be developing an interest in stamp collecting. Minutes for the March meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer, Clete Delvaux gave the treasurer's report. A motion (D. Ruprecht/R. Perry) was passed to approve the report.

It was great to see so many people at the meeting. Keep on coming!

## Old Business

BAYPEX '23: Treasurer, Clete Delvaux, shared that this year's show was a financial success adding about \$290.00 to the treasury.

## New Business

It was mentioned that we need a nominating committee to come up with a slate of officers for next month. Recall, election of officers occurs in May each year. Note to all: please think about throwing your name in the hat for one of our officers. Those include president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. If not this year, then maybe next year. The nominating committee will be composed of Darryl Ruprecht, Dave Burrows, and Tom Aldrich.

Between Clete Delvaux and Ken Coakley they had amassed quite a collection of records and publications of the Green Bay Philatelic Society. In the interest of retaining this information for posterity, Clete has been working with Deborah Anderson of the Bay

Area Research Center at UWGB. All these historical documents have been donated to Bay Area Research Center and will be online for the public's use. The club expressed its thanks to Clete for arranging this transaction.

**Reminder:** dues are now past due. Still only \$10.00/year. Please make checks payable to GBPS and bring them to the May meeting or send them to Secretary, Tom Aldrich at 1695 W. Main Circle, Unit 3, DePere, WI 54115, or to Treasurer Clete Delvaux at 1660 Hoffman Rd., Apt. 110, Green Bay, WI 54311. Let's get the dues paid and get that out of the way. THANKS!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

### April Program

First, we had a "show and tell" of recent acquisitions. The following items were passed around for others to view:

1. Richard Krainz passed around a piece of stamp art that his grandson made for him.
2. Mark Schroeder brought two complete countries – Rio Muni and Quelamane.
3. Dave Burrows brought some U.K. covers and booklets.
4. Ray Perry brought his "Stamp from Every Country" collection and a cover commemorating FDR's visit during Green Bay's tercentennial celebration.

Second, Dave Burrows showed a video program on identifying the 1894-99 type I, II, and III 2-cent George Washington Bureau of Engraving and Printing issue.

### May Program

May is election month where we elect officers for the next year. Please make an effort to show up and let your voice be heard. If that isn't reason enough, you may want to show up just to be sure you don't end up in a position you don't want.

In addition, I'm sure Dave Burrows will have another video program for us.

### Ray's Ramblings

Last month we took a look at some favorite sports. All the sports covered were team sports. I had intended to show some individual sports too, but ran out of room. I figured I'd save that for this month's newsletter. Then I started this edition and the old saying "April showers bring May flowers" popped in my head, and I thought – there are hundreds of stamps featuring flowers on them. We even have one member (Randy Younger) that collects orchids on stamps. So, this being May, what better month to celebrate flowers on stamps. Oh yes, if April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Pilgrims of course.



U.S. Scott 548 showing the Mayflower and celebrating the tercentenary of the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth.

I know that is an old groaner, but it sure fit in nicely with the dialogue. So, let's take a look at some flowers and save the individual sports for next month.

Since we celebrate Mother's Day this month, let's start with many mother's favorite flower, the rose. According to Wikipedia there are around 100 species of roses in the genus *Rosa*. As most of you are aware there are countless varieties within those 100 species. Roses are mostly native to temperate regions of the northern hemisphere. Asia leads the way with the most native roses. Roses are also native in smaller numbers to North America, northwest Africa, and Europe. They range in color from white and yellow to pink, and various shades of red. The U.S. alone has issued at least 10

stamps featuring roses. I think my favorites are the two love stamps issued in 1988. They are pictured below.



U.S. Scott 2378



U.S. Scott 2379

As you look at these stamps, can't you just smell the famous fragrance of roses?

Then there are orchids. Did you know there are 763 genera in the orchid family and within those genera are over 28,000 species. Thanks to Wikipedia we learn that there are about as many orchid species as there are bony fishes, more than twice as many as bird species and four times as many as mammal species. More species continue to be identified. Shown below is a block of four orchids on stamps issued by the U.S. in 1984.



Orchids on stamps Scott 2076-79.

The yellow lady-slipper in the upper right corner of the block of four is found in Wisconsin. Last spring, my wife, son, and I saw many of them in bloom at Newport Beach State

Park up near the north end of Door County. Other Wisconsin orchids include pink lady slipper, moccasin flower, and autumn coral root. Location depends on soil moisture, pH, and sunlight. Another great place nearby to see some of our native orchids is The Ridges Sanctuary. The season is upon us to see these beautiful plants blooming.

Another beautiful spring flower is the tulip. Each spring we enjoy the cheery tulip blossoms in our garden. A couple of years ago we took a trip to Holland, MI for their Tulip Time. There is another tulip festival in Pella, IA. We have not been to that one, but I hear it is just as colorful and beautiful as the one in Holland, MI. It was beautiful with tulips blooming everywhere. Of course, we have to go to the Netherlands for a stamp commemorating tulips.



Netherlands Scott B240

The U.S. has commemorated the tulip on several occasions as well. There are 13 U.S. stamps that feature an image of a tulip. My favorite is Scott 4960, the 70¢ 2015 black and white with just a splash of red and intended to cover the cost of mailing out a wedding invitation. It is pictured below.



U.S. Scott 4960



This stamp was issued along with U.S. Scott 4959, the 49¢ black and white rose with the same red heart. This was meant to cover the cost of the rsvp card in the invitation.

Next let's look at pansies for our next flower. Everybody has heard someone called a pansy if they shy away from conflict or suffer from a minor scratch or bruise. Turns out that is kind of a misnomer. Pansies are quite hardy. This member of the viola family does well in hardiness zones 3 to 8. It bounces back, even after a hard frost. They do like sun. Pansies will grow well in pots or the garden. They also like to get plenty of water. They will bounce back with a good watering if they haven't been watered in a while.

Pansies come in a variety of bright colors. They bring a certain cheerfulness to the garden. Pansies have been depicted on two U.S. stamps. Scott 3027, one of five stamps that were issued in booklet form in 1996. It is pictured below.



Pansies – don't you just love the bright colors?

The other U.S. pansy stamp is Scott 4450, the 2010 Love stamp.

The next and final flower is the daisy. One of my wife's favorite flowers. It is another one of those flowers that just brings joy and happiness when it is in bloom. Daisies belong to the aster family. When I think of daisies, I think of shasta daisies. They bloom for a good part of the summer. Shasta daisies are native to Europe. They have done well in this country and according to Wikipedia have become naturalized. If you are going to plant them

beware because they do spread easily. Shown here are two stamps featuring shasta daisies.



Finland



Norway

So, what is your favorite flower? Is it one of these? Could there be a topical or thematic collection in your future? Are any ideas blossoming in your mind? Just some food for thought.

As we wrap up, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. Hope you have a great day!

See you on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Shows

**June 17-18**, MSDA LaCrosse Stamp Show, LaCrosse Center, 300 Harborville Plaza, LaCrosse, WI, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3.

**July 8-9**, MSDA Milwaukee Show, Waukesha Expo Center – Forum Bldg., 1000 Northview Rd., Waukesha, WI, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3

**July 22** Lakeland Coin and Stamp Show, Woodruff Town Hall Community Center, Woodruff, WI, 9:30-2:30

**July 21-23** Minnesota Stamp Expo, Crystal CCommunity CCenter, 4800 N. Douglas Dr. North, Crystal, MN, Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

**Aug. 19-20** TOSAPEX '23, St. Francis Lions Community Center, 3476 E. Howard Ave., St. Francis, WI, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-3

**Sept. 22-23**, MILCOPEX 2023, Brookfield Convention Center, 325 Moorland Ave., Brookfield, WI, Fri. 2-8, Sat. 10-5