

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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November Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving!

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

WHEN: November 18, 2021 (third Thursday of every month)

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

PROGRAM: Club Show and Tell, Silent Auction

Note: The new meeting location. We are here at least through December.

October Meeting

I was not present at the October meeting and have not had a chance to connect with my sub. We will get a report at our November meeting.

Committee Reports

Ray confirmed that we have the St. Matthew multi-purpose center reserved for next year's BAYPEX '22 on March 19th. Remember to reserve that Friday and Saturday for show set-up and take-down. Be sure to leave some time for shopping.

Unfinished Business

Meeting Location: Ray was contacted by ADRC to let us know that they still don't anticipate any room for us before January 1 at the earliest. A general survey of the membership present indicated that they are happy with the current location. Ray will work with Festival Foods to extend our use of their facility at 2430 University Ave., Green Bay. There is an elevator for those who prefer that method of getting upstairs. Festival requires that we not bring any food or beverage into the

facility, but we are welcome to purchase food and beverage from Festival. Our meeting time will remain the same from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. So far this has worked out well.

New Business

We have several upcoming shows in the area, please make efforts to attend and support our local dealers. These shows are shown below.

Upcoming Shows

CENWISPEX '21 – Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point, WI, 10/16/21, 10 to 4.

Oshkosh Stamp Bourse – Hilton Garden Inn, 1355 W. 20th Ave., Oshkosh, WI, 11/13/21, 9 to 3

October Program

A "show and tell" program was suggested in our newsletter. As previously mentioned, I was not at the October meeting and don't know how that went, I'm sure I'll hear all about it at the November meeting.

November Program

It was suggested that for the November program we bring a stamp(s) or cover(s) that show something you are really thankful for. Bring the

item on a stock card or something that can be passed around the room. We'll take turns explaining our favorite items and pass them around for close observation.

December Program

In December we'll have our Christmas party. Remember we need to purchase our treats from Festival. What would you think of the club sponsoring the purchase of a cake, or cookies, or brownies for the party. Maybe Festival even has punch that they make for such occasions. We need somebody to start looking into this. Any volunteers?

Ray's Ramblings

I am struggling trying to figure out what to write about this month. Do I go foreign or domestic; or recent or classical; should it be stamps or covers. There is a lot of material within just these three categories of location, period, and type of collection. I think I'll write about a well-known series – the Famous Americans Issue. This issue contains seven categories of five stamps in each category. All of the stamps in each of these sets is related to the other four. For example, the first category is American Authors and contains stamps honoring men and women in this category. The stamps in this category commemorate Washington Irving, James F. Cooper, Ralph W. Emerson, Louisa May Alcott, and Samuel L. Clemens.

There are seven such categories. Joining American Authors (Scott 859 – 863) as categories are American Poets (Scott 864 – 858), American Educators (Scott 869 – 873), American Scientists (Scott 874 – 878), American Composers (Scott 879 – 883), American Artists (Scott 884 – 888), and wrapping up the various categories is American Inventors (Scott 889 – 893). Each of the five stamps in the category follows the same denomination and color. The denomination and color of the stamps in each of the various categories contain a 1-cent blue-green, a 2-cent

rose carmine, a 3-cent bright red violet, a 5-cent ultramarine, and a 10-cent dark brown. Shown below is the set of American Authors.



American Authors (Scott 859 – 63)

This issue started out as a 10-stamp set, but rapidly expanded to 35 stamps due to its popularity.

The stamps in the set include:

American Authors

Washington Irving
James F. Cooper
Ralph W. Emerson
Louisa May Alcott
Samuel L. Clemens

American Poets

Henry W. Longfellow
John Whittier
James Lowell
Walt Whitman
James Riley

American Educators

Horace Mann
Mark Hopkins
Charles W. Elliot
Frances Willard
Booker T. Washington

American Scientists

John J. Audubon
Dr. Crawford Long
Luther Burbank
Dr. Walter Reed
Jane Addams

American Composers
 Stephen Foster
 John Philip Sousa
 Victor Herbert
 Edward A. MacDonell
 Ethelbert Nevin

American Artists
 Gilbert Stuart
 James Whistler
 A. Saint Gaudens
 Daniel C. French
 Frederic Remington

American Inventors
 Eli Whitney
 Samuel Morse
 Cyrus McCormick
 Elias Howe
 Alexander G. Bell

That is quite a list, I bet that every club member is familiar with at least one of these “famous” Americans and that there is at least one unfamiliar name to each club member.

The Post Office Department kicked off its plan to issue the “Famous Americans Series” in 1938 by asking the public for the names of 10 people they felt worthy of recognition. The overwhelming response to this number caused the Post Office Department to increase the number of people honored from 10 to 35. According to Mystic Stamp Company’s website the first two stamps to be issued in the series were Washington Irving and James Fennimore Cooper. Those two stamps were issued on January 29, 1940 and are pictured below.



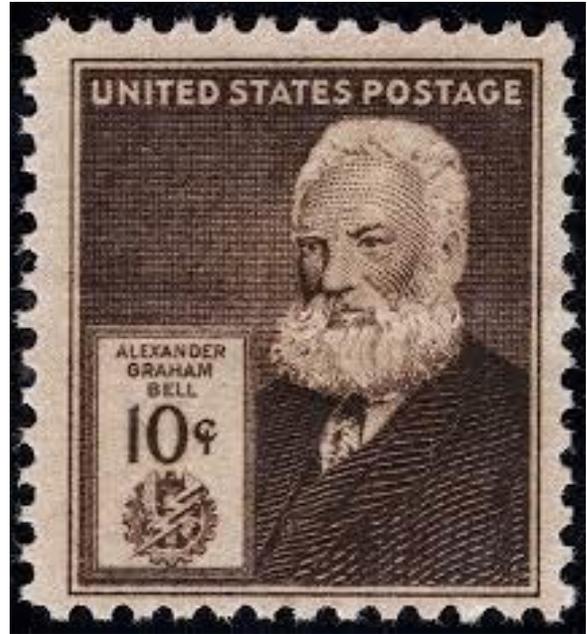
Irving (Scott 859)



Cooper (Scott 860)

On the other end of the stamp issuing plan, the 10-cent Alexander Graham Bell was the last stamp to be issued. This stamp is pictured

below. This stamp was issued on October 28, 1940.



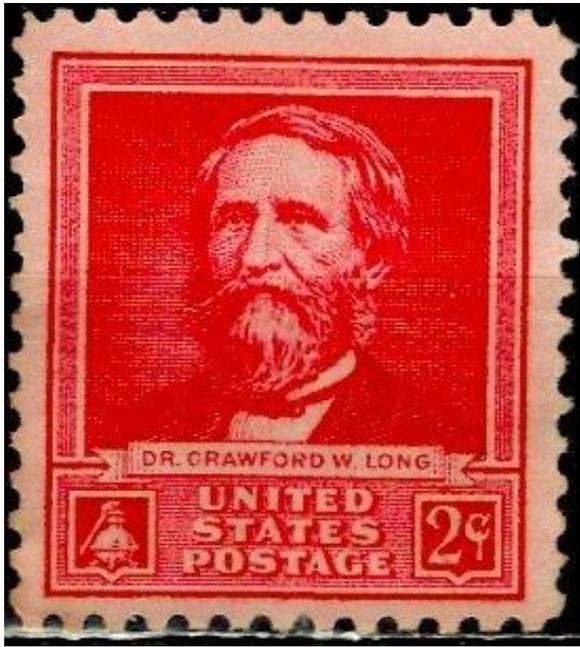
Bell (Scott 893)

Notice the design below the stamp value. Every stamp in that category has the same design which ties all the stamps in a given category together.

The subjects of the stamps received their catalogue number based on where they were in their group of five in terms of birth order. The oldest of the five subjects would be the one-cent stamp. Likewise the youngest in the group of five would be the 10-cent value. At the time of issue, all stamps met a standard rate.

Let’s take a look at one of the lesser known “famous Americans.” How about Dr. Crawford Long. The catalogue number is 875. Long was a doctor. He is credited with using and promoting the use of ether as an anesthetic. He is pictured on a stamp on the next page. He used ether on his wife to help her through child birth.

Also note the design on the Crawford stamp in the lower left corner and compare it to the design on the Alexander Graham Bell stamp shown above. See the different designs to indicate the field of expertise?



Dr. Crawford Long (Scott 875)

Let's look at another stamp. How about the five-cent American Educators stamp that commemorates Frances Willard (Scott 872). Willard was an American educator, temperance reformer, and a women's suffragist. She became the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Looking for a Wisconsin tie – there are a couple. First, she spent a couple of years in Janesville, WI. The second is the Milwaukee Normal Institute where she and her sister went to school. Their mother taught at the same school.



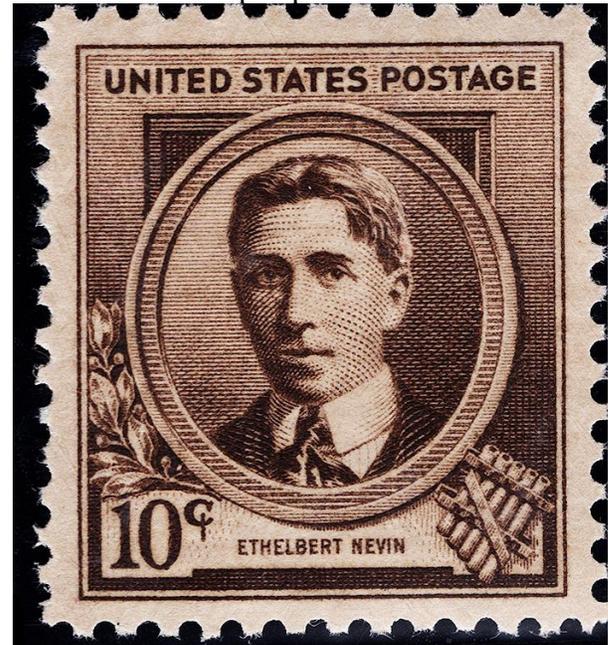
Frances Willard (Scott 872)

Notice the educational symbol shown directly below the image of Willard. Those are a couple

of the lesser known subjects commemorated in the "Famous Americans Issue."

Another of the lesser known people to be featured in this series is Ethelbert Nevin. Let's learn a bit about Nevin. Nevin is pictured on the 10-cent stamp in the American Composers section. Nevin was both a composer and pianist.

According to Wikipedia, his best known pieces include *Narcissus* from *Water Scenes* and *Mighty Lak a Rose* with lyrics by Frank Leiby Stanton. The stamp is pictured below.



Ethelbert Nevin (Scott 883)

With that, I'll wrap things up. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

