

Green Bay Philatelic Society Newsletter

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MARCH MEETING – Happy St. Patrick’s Day

WHERE: BROWN COUNTY AGING AND DISABILITY CENTER

WHEN: March 21, 2019 (third Thursday of every month)

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

PROGRAM: UPU Stamps 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. March’s volunteer is Ray Perry.

Winter Months Reminder: in the event of adverse 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.

Reminder: 2019 dues are now past due.

February Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president, Mark Schroeder.

Visitors: Doug Piirto introduced himself. Doug met Darryl and Jeanette Ruprecht while waiting to see a doctor. The Ruprechts noticed that Doug was reading a Mystic Stamp Co. publication and struck up a conversation. Doug joined the Green Bay Philatelic Society later in the evening. Welcome aboard Doug. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings. Doug collects U.S. and Finland stamps.

Secretary, Ray Perry read the minutes from the January meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer, Kirk Becker was recovering from some dental work and not at the meeting. In

Kirk’s absence, Ray presented Kirk’s Treasurer’s Report. A motion to approve the report was passed.

Committee Reports

Show: There was a lot of discussion around the upcoming BAYPEX ’19 show. Remember we will need help with venue set-up on Friday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. and with moving dealers in and out of the show on Saturday, March 23. Please be at St. Matthews at 7:00 a.m. to help move dealers in and plan on staying after the show to help them move back out. Then we have to take the venue down Saturday evening after the show. Above all, get your want lists together and start saving your \$\$ for all the philatelic goodies.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

We learned during the past month that Bob Petersen’s wife passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bob and his family.

Clete sent an email update on Dave Devroy's progress. Apparently, Dave's doctors say that the tumor is shrinking, and everything looks good. Doctors aren't sure what the long-term effects on memory loss will be. Clete said that Dave did remember that he (Clete) collects authors on stamps.

Those that wanted to, voted in the Linn's Annual Stamp Poll. Ray will get them sent in.

February Program

Dave Burrows presented a program on British monarchs on stamps. The program covered stamps commemorating monarchs from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth, and from the penny black to the Machin heads. Very interesting program Dave, thanks for coming up with the presentation on short notice.

March Program

Program Chair Tom Schroeder says he has Tom Johnston lined up to do a program on UPU stamps. Should be a very interesting program. Thanks Tom.

April Program

Tom Schroeder has put together a philatelic trivia contest for the April program. We usually post the questions and rules a month early to give members plenty of time to get their answers together.

First, the rules: Bring as many of the following stamps as possible to the APRIL meeting. Or you may bring in the correct answers and Scott numbers. In order to accommodate out-of-town members or members that can't make the meeting, any member can mail the answers and the correct Scott numbers to Ray D. Perry, 2214 Allouez Ave., Green Bay, WI 54311 or by email to Ray at fiveperrys@athenet.net.

Now for the questions:

1. This stamp commemorates an institution founded in Chicago in 1905.
2. This stamp features a saint known for his love of animals.

3. This stamp features an unusual form of travel. It was issued prior to 1950 with a denomination of \$2.60.

4. This holiday stamp was issued without a denomination and prior to the forever stamps.

5. This is my favorite stamp. (If you have any extras laying around, I take donations). The stamp features an eagle that is all white. The background is all purple. This stamp was issued prior to 1972.

6. These two stamps feature an American automobile first built before 1979.

7. This stamp features a model sitting for her portrait. She was the artist's mother.

8. This stamp was the first of its kind. It changed how postage was paid for in the U.S.

9. This was the first of many US. Stamps featuring this Christian holiday. The holiday is sometimes known for its many pagan rituals adopted by Christians. This would make sense because this holiday was placed on the calendar where it is to counter the Pagan holiday. The holiday features a character loved by children whose name has the exact same letters in it as the most famous fallen angel.

10. This stamp is a Canadian first. My clue is this: Think about a stamp that shares something with our (U.S.) current vice-president (a thing we all know) then triple it.

11. This 12-stamp foreign set is known as the "Trail of the Caribou" issue.

12. This stamp was issued before 1960. It is an important historical first for our country. It honors a person who is neither native nor of European descent.

13. This stamp honors a man named Bill. However, the portrait on the stamp is a man named Ben.

14. This forever stamp features a religious symbol that is becoming more visible in the U.S during both a Jewish and Christian holiday. The stamp is not solely a product of U.S. Post Office efforts.

15. This stamp features a flower whose name has been used by children to insult each other. This stamp was also the answer to a question on our club's 2015 scavenger hunt.

These are the questions, have fun searching for the correct answers

As always there will also be a silent auction.

Ray's Ramblings

It has been while since we've traveled abroad in this column. So, where should we go? With the winter we've been experiencing here in NE Wisconsin, it seems that someplace warm would be in order. How about the Bahamas? Not too far away, a nice retreat from the cold and snowy weather, and some beautiful stamps.



Bahamian Flag Scott #538

A quick check of Wikipedia reveals that The Commonwealth of The Bahamas is made up of more than 700 islands, cays, and islets (only about 30 are inhabited). It is located in the Atlantic Ocean north of Cuba and southeast of Florida. Its population is about 390,000. Most of which are of African descent. The area of The Bahamas is about 5,400 square miles.

Columbus' first landing in the New World in 1492 was in The Bahamas. At that time there were about 30,000 Lucayan people living in the country.

Currently The Bahamas is a parliamentary constitutional monarchy headed by Queen Elizabeth II. The Bahamas is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Its political and judicial systems are closely related to those of the United Kingdom. The Bahamas maintain close relations with both the U.K. and the U.S.

Over the years The Bahamas have maintained a fairly conservative stamp issuing policy. From 1859 through 2006 the country issued about 1,200 face-different stamps, or about 10

stamps/year. Early Bahamian stamps (from 1859 - 1900) featured Queen Victoria.



Queen Victoria on Scott 27-28

Following the Queen Victoria stamps there were stamps issued for King Edward VII followed by stamps for King George V. In 1920, the Peace Commemorative Issue was issued to celebrate the end of WWI. There were five stamps (Scott 65-69) in the set featuring a picture of King George V and the seal of The Bahamas. One of these is shown below.



Peace Commemorative Issue (Scott 69)

In 1935 the British Commonwealth issued a common design series featuring King George V and Windsor Castle to commemorate the 25th anniversary of King George V's coronation. Pictured below is one of these stamps – aren't the colors and design beautiful?



Silver Jubilee Issue - Scott 94

As mentioned earlier this is part of a common design series across the British Commonwealth of Nations. Forty-four countries issued stamps of this design. Another 18 countries participated in the omnibus but have different designs. A collection of all the stamps in the

omnibus would make a handsome collection indeed.

About two years later another omnibus was issued by the British Commonwealth of Nations. This one commemorated coronation of King George VI and features both Queen Elizabeth and King George VI. Forty-five countries issued the same design stamps and another 15 participated in the omnibus. One of these is pictured below.



Coronation Issue – Scott 99

From the late 1930s through the early 1950s many members of the British Commonwealth issued bi-color stamps featuring various views from the issuing country. The Bahamas are no exception. Shown below are two similar stamps featuring flamingos in flight, can you see the difference in these two stamps.



Scott 96

Scott 108

If you said Scott 96 features King George VI facing left and Scott 108 features King George VI facing right, you would be correct. Aren't these stamps beautiful. I just love the vibrant colors and engraving.

By 1967 these sets had evolved into multiple colors. They still featured scenes from the country and a fairly large portrait of the reigning monarch. They included such scenes as regattas, liners, hospitals, conch shells and more. The differences are quite evident. Check out the stamp shown at the top of the next column for a comparison.



Ocean Liner Scott 256

American Loyalists moved to The Bahamas after the Revolutionary War. The Bahamas was still a British colony and the Loyalists would be safe from persecution there. The Bahamas issued a set of four stamps (Scott 543-46) and a souvenir sheet (Scott 546A) in 1983 to commemorate the bicentennial of the American Loyalists arrival.



Souvenir Sheet of Arrival of American Loyalists

That about does it for our trip south this month. Hope you have enjoyed our trip to The Bahamas. Stay warm!

Stamp Shows

March 9-10 Rockford 2-3-4 Stamp Expo, Rockford Stamp Club, Forest Hills Lodge, 1601 W. Lane Rd. (Hwy. 173), Rockford, IL

March 23 BAYPEX '19, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Multi-Purpose Room, 2575 S. Webster Ave., Green Bay, WI

April 6-7 MSDA Spring Show, Ramada Plaza North Shore, 1090 S. Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, IL

May 4-5 WISCOPEX '19, Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, 517 Grand Canyon Dr., Madison, WI

Schedule of Events

Shown below is the program schedule for the current year:

March	UPU Stamps – Tom Johnston
April	Stamp Trivia Contest
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.