



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society
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Next Meeting

Happy New Year! The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be **Tuesday, January 15th** at our usual place (now called Solstice), at 109 Keene St. in Columbia.

6:00 Pre-meeting buying, selling, and socializing

6:30 Business meeting starts

The program this month is:

Show and Tell



Do you have something weird, unique, or that you're just proud of that you'd like to share with the club? Well, this is your chance! Bring that philatelic treasure, show us and tell us about it. This always turns out to be a fun evening, so be sure to attend!

Last Time

We had an enjoyable dinner and festive times at the Olive Garden Restaurant during the December Christmas party. The service and food were great as usual. There were also some really nice White Elephant presents. We had a record 24 people at the event!

Upcoming 2019 Programs

Jan. 15: Show and Tell (**Club Members**)

Feb. 19: Stamp Bingo (**Dave Benish**)

Mar 19: Spring Auction

Apr. 16: APS Program

May 21: The Changing USPS (**Postmaster**)

Jun. 18: Ice Cream Social & Trivia (**John**)

Jul. 16: Album Night (**Club Members**)

Aug. 20: Club Fundraising & Col. \$ Auctions

Sep. 17: "Clothesline" (1-Page) Exhibits

Oct. 15: Fall Auction/Elections

Nov. 19: Philatelic Craft Night

Dec. 10: Christmas Party

2019 Officers

President: **Scott Ward**

V.P./Librarian/APS: **David Durbin**

Treasurer: **John Marquardt**

Newsletter: **Dave Benish**

Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

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Stamp of the Month: U.S. #292

"Cattle in the Storm"

Many say it's the most beautiful U.S. stamp

Originally printed in 1898 to commemorate the Trans-Mississippi Exhibition, it was reprinted in 1998 with a red border.



Club Dues

It's that "Club Dues" time of the year again. Treasurer **John Marquardt** will be accepting 2019 dues payments at our January meeting or you can mail them to him at 609 Woodridge, Columbia, MO 65201. Dues are a modest \$10.

This Month's Winner

Congratulations to **Paul Berg** for being this month's random winner of \$30 Columbian with his newsletter!

American Philatelic Society

I renewed my membership in the American Philatelic Society (APS) recently. What a bargain! They have a great award-winning magazine, and membership allows access to their research info, their expertizing service, and also the ability to buy and sell stamps with other APS members. No wonder most of our members belong to APS!

The APS annual StampShow in 2019 will be August 1-4 in nearby Omaha, Nebraska. That's only about a 5-6 hour car ride from here, so I'm planning on going.

The St. Louis Stamp Expo will be March 29-31 this year (usual place). Mark your calendars for that event!

More information about APS can be found at:

stamps.org

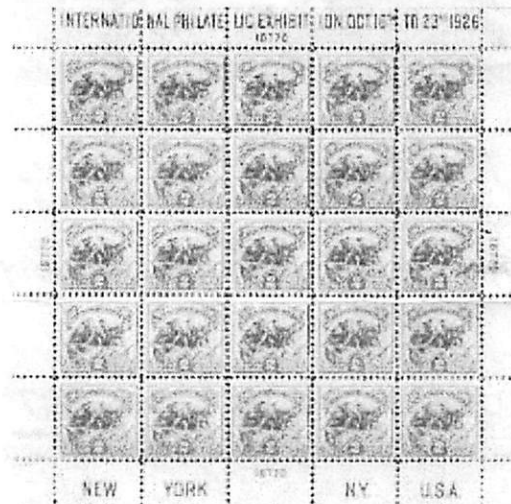


Special Printings

Some of the early "banknote" issues from the 1800s have so-called "special printings" on hard white paper. They are all high-value items. If you want to see real examples, go to the following website: usphila.com and click on the Scott number (for example, 180).

Stamp Collecting Terms: Pane

A pane is the "proper" name for a sheet of stamps sold at the post office. Most panes include a plate number and other markings in the margin or selvaige.



The above U.S. pane was to commemorate the International Philatelic Exposition of 1926.

Official Stamps

US official stamps, for use by government offices, were issued beginning in 1873. A congressional Act provided for the issue of official postage stamps for each government department.



Dave's Corner

Have you made any stamp collecting resolutions for the New Year?

I made a few. I purchased an inexpensive Japan specialty album last year, so I've got some new holes to fill in there. And there's at least a dozen small boxes of stamps I need to finally sort out. So, plenty to do! This is a great time to think of ways to enhance or expand your collection(s).