



The Philately Fun Times of the Columbia Philatelic Society

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **February 19th** at our usual place, Boone Landing Activity Room, 109 Keene St. in Columbia. The meeting will start at 7 PM. The club meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at this location. The program this month is:

Exhibiting

Member **Scott Ward**, who has won major awards for his exhibit of Parcel Post stamps and their history, will reveal what he's learned about exhibiting. He may give us a "behind the scenes" glance at what the judges are looking for and how to get into the world of exhibiting. Some important tips will also be shared.



Last Time

What an incredible turnout for the January meeting! Also welcomed a couple of new faces (Leroy and Jessie). We had several outstanding "Show and Tell" items—thanks to everyone who brought one and shared it. There were also lots of door prizes, which will be the case throughout the year!

2013 Officers

Our officers for this year are:

President: **Charles Peterson** (442-0042)
V. President: **Don Barnett** (573-635-1853)
Treasurer: **John Marquardt** (474-7254)
Libry/APS: **Chuck Barsamian** (446-9110)
Newsletter: **Dave Benish** (696-2597)

Upcoming 2013 Programs

Feb.: Exhibiting (**Scott Ward**)
Mar: Mailers Postmarks (**Dan French**)
Apr.: Spring Auction
May: Possible Program by **Alan Barasch**
Jun.: Club Benefit/Columbian \$ Auctions
Jul.: Stamp Bingo (**Dave Benish**)
Aug.: APS Program (TBA)
Sep.: "Clothesline" (1-Page) Exhibits
Oct.: Precancels (**T.G. Rehkop**)
Nov.: Fall Auction/Elections
Dec.: Christmas Party

Annual Club Dues

If you haven't yet paid our amazingly cheap annual dues (\$10), you can give it to **John Marquardt** at the next meeting, or mail it to 609 Woodridge, Columbia MO 65201.

"New Columbian Dollars"

You may have noticed some Columbian Dollars in your newsletter (assuming I remembered to put them in!). As discussed in our last newsletter, members will receive them throughout the year for the newsletters, being at the meetings, being an officer, an APS member, doing a program, etc. I will be attempting to supply people with the correct amounts.

Columbia Philatelic Soc. Stamps

Thank you **Charles Peterson** for his hard work in developing and also providing "Columbia Philatelic Society" stamps that we can put on our philatelic mail. These will make nice "Cinderella" items for collectors that receive them.

Club Donation to APS

At the last meeting, the club unanimously approved donating \$100 from the club treasury to APS on behalf of **David Straight**. This is obviously an excellent use for this money. Few people have done as much for the hobby as David.

Cinderella Stamps

You may have heard the term "Cinderella Stamps" before, particularly if you read the first page of this newsletter! This term refers to stamps or stickers that cannot be used as postage for delivery of mail. They are fun and collectible.

Covers vs. Wrappers

Covers are envelopes that may or may not have postage stamps which have passed through the mail. Before envelopes were introduced in 1840, people folded letters and wrote the addresses on the outside (some people continued this practice beyond 1840). An extra sheet of paper (literally, a "cover") was sometimes used to cover the letter on the outside.

Wrappers refer to paper used to cover parcels and that have stamps on that paper. It is also used as postal stationery term for items that were open on both sides and wrapped around pamphlets or newspapers.

Some notes: Items are generally more valuable if the stamps are attached to their covers or wrapper, particularly older ones. High face value stamps are rare on cover and more commonplace on wrappers. There is a number of wrapper-type stamps (for example, later Newspaper stamps) that are much more valuable used than unused.



New Inverted Jenny Stamp

If you were wondering about the \$2 Jenny stamp on the letterhead this time, there's a story behind it. The USPS will be issuing a sheet of 6 of these stamps on September 22 (face value of \$12). This should be a popular sheet to own. As usual with sheets of this type, the sheet or stamps from it on cover will be hard to find. In the upper left corner of the sheet will be an image of the National Postal Museum building.



If you're ever in Washington, D.C. make a point of seeing the National Postal Museum. It's well worth the visit.

It's Almost Here!

The annual **St. Louis Stamp Expo** will be coming in just a few weeks. It will run **March 22-24** and, as usual, will be at the Renaissance Hotel in St. Louis. **This is the BIG one!** Lots of dealers, lots of exhibits, and lots of fun. Our own **Scott Ward** will have a substantial exhibit on Parcel Post stamps that you won't want to miss.

Dave's Corner

Consider building your dealer network. If you're looking for specific items, dealers are often happy to help you find them. The St. Louis Stamp Expo is a good place to find many dealers in one place.

For those that missed the news, postal rates went up to 46 cents for first class mail and 33 cents for postcards this month. Not a problem with Forever stamps!