



## *The Philately Fun Times*

The Columbia Philatelic Society  
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### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be Tuesday, **May 17<sup>th</sup>** at our usual place, Boone Landing Activity Room, 109 Keene St. in Columbia. The meeting will start at 7 PM. The club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at this location.

With the Columbia Postmaster **Mark Rask** still taking care of his parents in Wisconsin, the activity this month is:

### **Stamp Trivia Night**

Yes, the fun and games continue! **Al White** has graciously agreed to put on his Stamp Trivia Night program. We'll have 3-4 teams of 5 or so (depending on attendance). The members on the winning team will each receive a sheet of World Stamp Show stamps!



### Last Time

We had several games of Stamp Bingo, with a bit of a twist. The first couple of games were with our standard cards, but the last two were with **Scott Ward's** set of Bingo cards from the Benjamin Franklin Stamp Club. A lot of fun and a lot of great prizes!

### Upcoming 2016 Programs

Our programs for the rest of the year are:

**May:** Stamp Trivia Night (**Al White**)

**Jun.:** Ice Cream Social + (**John M.**)

**Jul.:** Columbia Postmaster (**Mark Rask**)

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

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

**Oct.:** APS Program: Violating the Rules!

**Nov.:** Fall Auction/Elections

**Dec.:** Christmas Party



### 2016 Officers

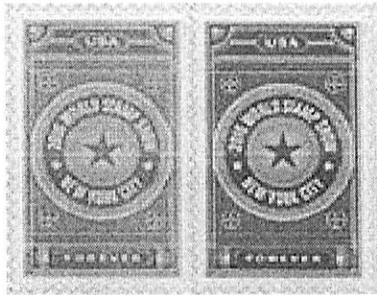
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## Whew, That Was Close!

In **Scott Ward's** Youth Room at the St. Louis Stamp Expo **Ryan Brown** (of St. Louis) came very close to estimating the right number of stamps in a large jar. He guessed 4,500 stamps, and the actual number of stamps in the jar was 4,477! Wow! That's within a half of one percent.

## World Stamp Show

This once-a-decade show is designated as a "World Stamp Exhibition" by the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie (FIP). According to the promoters, "the WSS-NY 2016 will provide all show-goers with a unique experience combining our passion of stamp collecting with the fun and excitement of everything New York City has to offer."



The first international stamp exhibition to be held in the U.S. took place in New York City in 1913. The Post Office Department hadn't yet created a division to cater directly to stamp collectors, so there were no U.S. stamps issued to commemorate the event.

However, the Hamilton Bank Note Co. of New York produced a set of four Cinderella stamps to mark the occasion.



## World Stamp Show (Con't.)

A lot had changed by the time of the second U.S. international philatelic exhibition in 1926. The U.S. Post Office Department was more actively engaged with collectors and so they issued a special 25-stamp sheet with an inscription in the margin to commemorate the show.

U.S. #630 was therefore a dual "first" – the first stamp show commemorative as well as the first U.S. souvenir sheet.



Each decade since, the government has produced special issues honoring the event. These would make an interesting small collection.

## Collecting Terms: Changeling

A stamp whose color has been changed either intentionally or unintentionally by contact with a chemical or exposure to light. Oxidation is often an issue.

## Dave's Corner

There's a simple way to promote the hobby of stamp collecting, and it requires no additional time or money. Just use commemoratives on your mail. Seeing one on an incoming letter got me started. It might start someone else too!