



## *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, **February 20<sup>th</sup>** at our usual place, at 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.

Our activity this month is:

### **Stamp Bingo**

We'll have great prizes! No prior experience is needed—some philatelic knowledge but mainly just a little bit of luck.

We're usually able to get in 3-4 games in the evening. Come have some fun at this popular game!



### Last Time

Most of our members braved the cold January conditions to make it to our annual "Show and Tell" night. Everyone got a door prize for their effort plus a very enjoyable evening.

Several members brought interesting items—from Christmas seals to fancy U.N. souvenir sheets to Antarctic stamps. There was even vehicle revenue stamps from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and a National Dental Association stamp. Thanks to everyone who brought something!

### Upcoming 2018 Programs

**Feb.:** Stamp Bingo (**Dave Benish**)  
**Mar:** Spring Auction  
**Apr.:** APS Program  
**May:** Philatelic Security Features (AI W.)  
**Jun.:** Scouting on Stamps (DVD)  
**Jul.:** Ice Cream Social + (**John M.**)  
**Aug.:** Club Fundraising & Col. \$ Auctions  
**Sep.:** "Clothesline" (1-Page) Exhibits  
**Oct.:** Kids and Stamps (**Scott Ward**)  
**Nov.:** Fall Auction/Elections  
**Dec.:** Christmas Party



### 2018 Officers

President: **Jean Walker**  
Vice President: **David Durbin**  
Treasurer: **John Marquardt**  
Librarian/APS: **Charlie Brown**  
Newsletter: **Dave Benish**  
Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

### Club Dues

Treasurer **John Marquardt** will be accepting 2018 dues payments at our February meeting or you can mail them to him at 609 Woodridge, Columbia, MO 65201. Dues are \$10 per family.

## This Month's Winner

Congratulations to **Joan Luterman** for being this month's random winner of an extra \$30 Columbian with her newsletter!

## New Members

Welcome to our newest youth members—**Chris, Josh, and Nate Wyckhouse** of Ellisville, MO (St. Louis area). It's strictly a coincidence that they're related to me (grand nephews). They each collect U.S. stamps.



## Stamps: A Window into History

One of the greatest things about stamp collecting is that it is continually giving us insights into history. Consider the inflationary overprints of Germany in the 1920s. By the end of that period, it cost millions of marks to send a letter!



Other history examples: Italian and German States become just Italy or Germany. Danzig comes and goes. Monarchs and presidents do as well. Maps are re-drawn. **Arthur Merhroff** noted that the location of the Panama Canal was even affected by a volcano appearing on a Nicaraguan stamp!



## The Basics: Magnifying Glass

You don't have to be a senior citizen to appreciate a good magnifying glass when it comes to collecting stamps. A magnifying glass, or loupe, is one of the most important tools you can have. It is used to examine a stamp for faults, small printing details, or sometimes exactly which stamp it is.



Magnification can help a collector, when buying a stamp, in detecting minor faults that are not indicated by the seller. Even a small defect can greatly effect a stamp's desirability, quality, and price.

Interestingly, microscopes can also be used to study stamps. I've even seen philatelic microscopes available for sale.

## Cinderellas

The subject of "Cinderellas" came up at the last meeting, and **Denny Donnell** gave a good and colorful definition. The broad definition I saw on the Internet is that a cinderella stamp is "virtually anything resembling a postage stamp, but not issued for postal purposes by a government postal administration."



## Dave's Corner

The "Show and Tell" program last month highlighted the variety of what's possible to collect and different ways of organizing it. The key idea is to have fun with whatever you acquire!