



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, September 17th** at our usual place (now called Solstice), at 109 Keene St. in Columbia.

6:00 Buying, selling, and socializing
6:30 Business meeting and FUN starts

The activities this month are:

Clothesline Exhibits and **50th Birthday Party**



Yes, the Columbia Philatelic Society is celebrating its 50th birthday this month. If you only come to one meeting this year, make it this one!!!

Clothesline Exhibits

Like previous years, there will be two “tracks”:

Philatelic Theme: Page(s) that focuses on a philatelic area and would be educational.

Topicals: Basically a presentation of stamps with a similar topic/subject.

Although voluntary, of course, this is supposed to be a fun event, so try to bring something. Exhibits (for either or both tracks) can be 1-2 pages and can have as many stamps and/or covers as desired plus possible text. Multiple entries are possible.

There will be substantial prizes!

50th Birthday Party

Our club was founded in September 1969 by Dr. H. Denny Donnell, who has remained a loyal member over the years, served as president several times, and has been an inspirational collector for all of us.

We are going to have a blowout birthday party to celebrate the club. There will be cake, of course, plus plenty of prizes and surprises for everyone. Come be a part of this special celebration!



Last Time

We had a couple of great auctions. The Club Fundraising Auction raised about \$200 for the Scott Ward Memorial for Youth Stamp Collecting. We also had fun with the Columbian Dollar Auction. Thanks to the buyers and those who donated items.

"C" Is For Cinderellas

Continuing our journey into the website

alphabetilately.org

we are covering Cinderellas this month. Quoting from the article,

"A Cinderella stamp is any non-postage stamp. The oft-neglected stepchild of the postage stamp, a Cinderella may look like a stamp, but it won't carry the mail.

The category includes locals, labels, tax stamps, fiscals, poster stamps, charity seals, forgeries, fantasies, phantoms, revenues, etc. Some are more elaborately designed than the postage stamps they imitate.

The hard-core philatelist scorns any stamp that didn't carry the mail, but others find these philatelic by-ways fascinating and rewarding. Philatelic Exhibition Seals are a popular sideline among stamp collectors. The heyday for Cinderellas in the U.S. was the 1920's and 1930's, when many beautifully designed engraved examples were produced.

As mentioned, there are items that are officially-issued, but not valid for postage, such as Revenues or Tax Stamps (such as the stamp on a pack of cigarettes, or on that tag with the ominous warning that is attached to every pillow and mattress).

One of the attractions - or turnoffs - of collecting Cinderellas is that there is no such thing as a "complete" collection, since in most sub-categories of this area, there is no catalog of what exists, and almost no way to compile one."

That being said, they are often interesting and fun to collect! Here are some examples:



Upcoming 2019 Programs

Sep. 17: "Clothesline" (1or 2-Page) Exhibits

and 50th Birthday Party + *birthday presents!*

Oct. 15: Fall Auction/Elections

Nov. 19: Philatelic Craft Night

Dec. 10: Christmas Party

Stamp of the Month:

U.S. 245



\$5 Columbian Expo.

What more appropriate stamp to have on our 50th anniversary than this beautiful stamp from the 1893 Columbian Exposition featuring Christopher Columbus? It's certainly one of the most beautiful stamps and examples of engraving ever issue by the U.S. As any collector knows, however, it's extremely scarce (only 27,350 printed). If you happen to find one on cover, don't soak it off—it's worth about \$5,000 that way (\$15,000 if it has an Expo cancel!).

This Month's Winner

Denny Donnell is this month's winner of an additional \$30 Columbian with his newsletter, in a non-random choice. Congrats!



Dave's Corner

I joined the club in 1986, when I moved to Columbia. Being a member has been a source of continued enjoyment in the hobby. And I've met some wonderful fellow collectors along the way, many of whom I consider friends. My personal thanks for many happy years!