



The Philately Fun Times

The Columbia Philatelic Society
October 2019

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be **Tuesday, October 15th** at our usual place, Solstice, at 109 Keene St. in Columbia.

Because of the very full agenda, the meeting will start at 6 PM. There will be several activities this month:

- **Great door prizes!!!**
- **2020 Officer Elections**
- **2020 Programs**
- **Fall Member Auction**

You can bring stamps and other philatelic items to auction. Please attach the item to a bid sheet (you can copy/use the one sent with this newsletter).

Any items that receive a bid of \$3 or more will go into the live auction at the end of the meeting, with smaller-value lots are sold via the typical silent auction method. As always, this auction is a great chance to sell your duplicates and make \$, as well as pick up some nice material. Because of time constraints, 20 or fewer items are suggested.

This is usually one of the best-attended meetings of the year. There will also be a sign-up sheet this month for the Christmas party at the Olive Garden.

Last Time

It was a busy night! We celebrated the club's 50th birthday, and founder and long-time member **Denny Donnell** received a nice plaque honoring his efforts at creating the club back in 1969. His acceptance speech included an interesting look back at the philatelic universe at that time. We had cake, iced tea, and a lot of fun that evening.

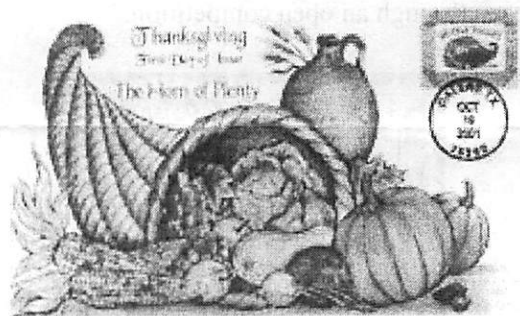
We also had our 2019 Clothesline Exhibit event competition. Thanks to everyone who brought an entry and made it interesting, and congrats to the winners!

Topicals:

1 st place	Al White Stamps on Stamps
2 nd place	Dave Benish Politics on Stamps
3 rd place	Paul Berg Minerals on Stamps & Stamps on a Mineral

Philatelic Theme:

1 st place	Charles Gerdes Latvian Stamp Paper
2 nd place	Denny Donnell No. 1's of the World
3 rd place	John Marquardt Space Covers



Upcoming 2019 Programs

Oct. 15: Fall Auction/Elections

Nov. 19: Philatelic Craft Night

Dec. 10: Christmas Party

2019 Officers

Acting President/Lib. **David Durbin**
Treasurer: **John Marquardt**
Newsletter: **Dave Benish**
Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**

"D" Is For Duck Stamps

Our next stop on our journey into the website

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is "D" for Duck Stamps. Quoting from the article,

"Duck stamps are issued annually by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as proof of payment of the fee for a Migratory Bird Hunting License. Proceeds from sale of the stamps are used to preserve wetlands. Technically a form of Revenue stamp (hence a Cinderella), these have been issued every year since 1934, and are a popular collecting sideline among stamp collectors, though they have no postal validity.

Many consider them exemplary of the best work from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the most handsome stamps produced in the U.S. One reason is that they are printed in relatively small quantities, so the quality remains high.

Once applied to a license, these stamps must be signed to validate them. Each year's design is chosen through an open competition."



This is the first Duck Stamp issued (1934)

This Month's Winner

Don Barnett is this month's random winner of an additional \$30 Columbian with his newsletter. Congratulations, Don!

Stamp(s) of the Month:

U.S. 2198-2201

1986 Stamp Collecting Booklet Pane



October is Stamp Collecting Month, so I've chosen this beautifully engraved set of stamps. They were issued by the USPS to publicize and promote the hobby. This was a "joint issue" with Sweden which printed a set with the same four images (but, of course, with different denominations). I have discovered that postally used examples (from that period) of these stamps are hard to find.

Since this is Stamp Collecting Month, some of the members thought that this might be a fun meeting to wear a shirt bearing a stamp image, or a stamp collecting pin or button, if you have one available.

Thin Papers

As we saw from **Charles Gerdes'** exhibit, a wide variety of paper can be used for stamps. Some of the thinnest are Pelure paper and India paper.

Pelure paper: Thin, hard, and brittle. Often bluish or grayish in appearance.

India paper: Also called "China paper" this is a very thin paper often used for plate and die proofs by many countries.

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Dave's Corner

We can take pride in our 50 years of history. The Columbia Philatelic Society remains one of the strongest clubs in the state of Missouri. This is because of our loyal and active membership. A high percentage are also APS members. I look forward to the club's coming years and our mutual enjoyment of the hobby of stamp collecting!

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