



The Philately Fun Times

**The Columbia Philatelic Society
November 2019**

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Columbia Philatelic Society will be **Tuesday, November 19th** at our usual place, Solstice, at 109 Keene St. in Columbia.

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

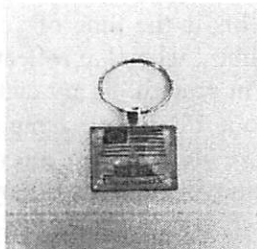
Our program this month is:

Philatelic Craft Night

Member **Steve Cooper** will demonstrate how to make craft items using stamps, as well as bringing examples of some of the things he's made.

For those members who feel inspired enough to get into this hobby using material from another hobby (i.e., stamps), Steve can provide information on where to buy the relatively inexpensive equipment and supplies, and ultimately make their own Christmas presents, etc.

At the meeting, we'll also have the signup sheet for the Olive Garden again. So far, we have 16 people. Looking for even more!



Last Time

We had a fun and busy night! Along with the usual door prizes, we elected officers for the coming year, set a tentative schedule for 2020 programs, and had a club member auction—numerous lots spanning all types of philatelic material.

2020 Officers

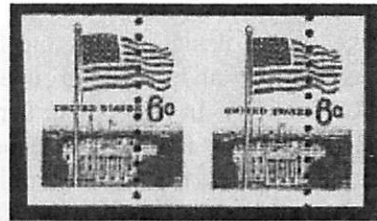
President/Librarian/APS: **David Durbin**

Vice President: **Bruce Taylor**

Treasurer: **John Marquardt**

Newsletter: **Dave Benish**

Webmaster: **Rebecca DeCourley**



2020 Programs (Tentative)

Jan: Show & Tell (**Club Members**)
Feb: Mystery Program (**Dave Durbin**)
Mar: Stamp Bingo (**Dave Benish**)
Apr: Spring Auction
May: Outside Program (**TBA**)
Jun: Ice Cream Social/Triva (**John M.**)
Jul: Club Member Program (**TBA**)
Aug: Fall Auction
Sep: Clothesline Exhibits
Oct: Columbian \$/Club Benefit Auctions
Nov: APS Program/Elections
Dec: Christmas Party

This Month's Winner

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

"E" Is For EFO's

That's right, EFO's, not UFO's. EFO's is the acronym for Errors, Freaks, and Oddities. This is the next stop on our journey into the website

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Quoting from the article,

"EFO's [include] misprints, misperfs, and other production blunders. Perforations shouldn't run down the middle of the design; grass shouldn't be blue; 2-cent stamps shouldn't say "5 cents" - but all of these errors have been found on US stamps.

Although most errors are caught and destroyed in the printing plant - it is the relatively few that are missed and reach the public that concern us here. Once sold over the counter at a Post Office, an error is fair game.

Such mistakes in the design or printing of stamps are highly collectible, and can be grouped loosely into the EFO hierarchy. In general, an Error means a human error, such as feeding the paper upside down (creating an Invert Error), or skipping a step (creating a Color Missing Error); a Freak is some random production accident, such as a paper fold or a color shift; and an Oddity is some unusual but non-dramatic mishap such as a streak or smear.

The appeal of EFO's is another example of the rule that "one man's trash is another man's treasure". Production Errors (e.g., Inverted Jenny) are generally the most popular (and valuable), but Design Errors make headlines too (e.g., Legends of the West). A related collecting/study area is Production Varieties, such as plate flaws, some of which qualify as EFO's as well."



Imperf. Error (Omitted Perforations)

Stamp(s) of the Month:

U.S. 2840

1994 Norman Rockwell Souvenir Sheet



No artist captured Thanksgiving quite as well as U.S. artist Norman Rockwell. This souvenir sheet issued 25 years ago pays homage to his talents. The denomination of the individual stamps is unusual at 50 cents. Hence, they were very rarely used as postage. Used copies of the stamp retail for 65 cents, but good luck finding one on cover!

Norge, Noreg, O.S.

You will find one of the above terms on all stamps of Norway. Virtually all have Norge, but Noreg was used on the stamp shown below, and O.S. appears on their official stamps (an abbreviation of *Offentlig Sax*). Trying to figure out a country of origin? Try the "Stamp Identifier" on stamps.org.



Dave's Corner

This is the time of year, perhaps more than other times, when we reflect on what we're thankful for. I'm grateful to my dad who started me on the road to a lifetime of stamp collecting, and to the people I've met on the journey that have added to the enjoyment of the hobby!