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WILKINSBURG STAMP CLUB NEWS

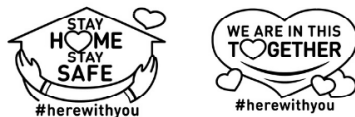
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Covid-19 spawns new Topical Collectors

The COVID-19 safety slogans have caught on.. On April 7 Singapore Post started using three postmark designs Collectors are moving towards collecting COVID-19 mails and newly issued stamps in the fight against COVID-19! Postal administrations are also using slogan cancellations with



April 7– April 19



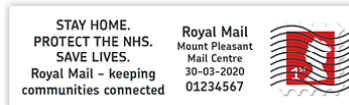
April 20-May 3



May 4th-May 17th

public service messages on everyday mail. Malaysia's postal administration, Pos Malaysia, may have been the first to do so in late March with a postmark reading "You Stay At Home, We Deliver; Do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19." One shows a person wearing a mask with the text "Let's Do Our Part, #here with you," the second shows a home and a heart with a message encouraging people to stay at home, and the third depicts two hands forming a heart with the message "Together We Can Overcome." Royal Mail in the United Kingdom is using an all-text cancella-

As modern postal history items, these postal markings help tell the story of what happened through the mail. Also watch for covers with service interruption markings. As of April 8, the United States has temporarily suspended the acceptance of international mail destined to 51 countries and is returning the mail items to the senders. Undoubtedly there will be markings on mail sent to those countries during this time. From Linn's magazine



tion that reads "Stay Home. Protect the NHS. Save Lives; Royal Mail - keeping communities connected." This slogan cancel started appearing on mail in late March.



Vietnam special issue Together we prevent Covid-19."

Notable People on Stamps: Queen Margrethe II



On April 16, 2020 H.M. Queen Margrethe II celebrated her 80th birthday. PostNord marked her birthday by issuing a mini-sheet / souvenir sheet, with five stamps.

The large portrait was photographed specifically to be used on the stamp, while the photographs for the four small stamps were chosen in consultation with H.M. the Queen and show key events in

her life. Four 10-kroner stamps show scenes from the queen's life: as a girl with her two younger sisters and her father, King Frederik IX; her marriage in 1967 to Prince Consort Henrik; holding her infant son, Crown Prince Frederik, born in 1968; and a right-facing profile of the young queen smiling. However, the milestone birthday on April 16 went by with very little fanfare as celebrations were cancelled due to the coronavirus crisis. Prior to her birthday the head of the Danish Royal Family was still trying to spread joy and bring a smile to the people on her big day, by making one special request of the public.

"This year, the Queen is calling for a bouquet that would normally be sent to her, be sent to one of the many senior citizens who are facing particular difficulties during this time." The sweet sentiment is bound to brighten homes and lives across the country. Denominations: DKK 30.00 (1x), DKK 10.00 (4x) in miniature sheet Printer: Cartor Printing Method: 3-color Offset Perforation: n/a

Club News

Well not much happening as far as club news with the corona-virus pandemic keeping us all at home..

Here are a few things some of our members are saying;
"I am working on my stamps everyday as it is a distraction from the goings on outside around the world. This is quite an undertaking for me as I have my father's, my mother's collections (which each had started before they met), my sister's, my nephew's and my own collection. Foreign and US." Marilyn

"I miss our meetings too. Diana and I are doing fine, not going out, and having our daughter and grandkids bring our groceries. I will miss our Wilpex also, but am looking at stamps on the internet. Not the same as being there and seeing in person. See you soon, I hope." Wylie

"I am working from home, and creating all sorts of new mail bid

sales...whether people will actually bid, only time will tell." John

"This past weekend I also worked on stamps. OMG they do tend to get out of control. LOL I was trying to organize Poland not the country just the stamps I have...ha ha ha. Still doesn't really look like much was organized but really has been. I thought of another category to collect - holocaust stamps. I don't know why I haven't thought of it before. Miss stamp club meetings too. Will miss the show not happening" Laura

"I miss the stamp club meetings, too. You are in my prayers and I hope this virus goes away soon. Stay well and hope to see you soon." Andy

"Everyone's doing well. Toby's doing all of the running around. I'm doing a lot of crocheting, stamps, baking and cooking" - Danielle

"I'm high risk too. I haven't

seen a human being for 23 days reminds me of special forces training. I think we are going to be in this for a long run I have three months of food supply and hopefully everything is over in 3 months but the last pandemic lasted 2 years, before it burned out, killed 49 million people." 1918 Bill

"Donna and I are well and doing all we can to stay that way. It sure is chaining the way we do things! But keep the faith!!" Herb

"I also miss our meetings and fellowship but I am very happy to have the hobby of stamp collecting. That basically is all I have been doing for the past month." Dave

WSC Meetings

ALL Visitors are welcome!
 We meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays
 No Holidays
 Next meetings

Meetings have been Canceled due to Coronavirus

**Check for next meeting date
 Possibly May 24th???
 Or June 14th ???
 If the building is again available.**

*Summers Meetings
 June thru August
 2nd Sundays only*

*Doors Open 12:30
 Meeting starts at 2PM*

*Churchill Borough Building,
 2300 William Penn Hwy
 Churchill, PA 15235.
 Free light lunch available*

Covid-19 Just a recap of the latest preventions from the CDC

Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness

Clean your hands often

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact** with people who are sick. **Stay home** as much as possible. **Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.** You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.

Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young

children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected. Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing. Keeping distance from others is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

If you do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Throw used tissues in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfecting. Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface. Dilute household bleach by making by mixing 5 table-spoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per

gallon of water OR 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach any other cleanser.

Alcohol solutions should have at least 70% alcohol.

Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfecting products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).

I am making a limited number of masks if someone needs one please contact. Deb Foltyn Quest4moos@msn.com or 1023 Brintell Street] Pgh., PA 15201 1637 or (412) 7812875

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Up Coming Stamp Shows

Newsletter



Due to the COVID-19 outbreak we are encouraging all of our visitors to verify that the show has not been canceled by contacting the promoter directly before attending the show.

Eastern PA Stamp Show (EPASS)

June 27, 2020
Bourse only (no exhibits)
Sponsor:
Allentown Philatelic Society
Location:
Jordan United Church of Christ
1837 Church Road
Allentown, Pennsylvania 18104
Contact: Brian Gaydos
Email:
briangaydos1971@gmail.com
Website:
<http://aps-lv-stamps.org/epass>

Langhorne Tri-State Coin &

Stamp Show
May 24th, 2020
Sheraton Bucks County
400 Oxford Valley
Langhorne, PA 19047
Contact: Allen Brock
Phone: 305-852-7678
Hours: Sun 10-4
Admission: Free

Future show dates:

Jun 28th, 2020
Jul 26th, 2020
Aug 23rd, 2020
Sep 27th, 2020
Oct 25th, 2020
Nov 22nd, 2020
Dec 27th, 2020
Jan 24th, 2021

Greenhills Classic Stamp and Coin Show

June 28th, 2020
American Legion
11100 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45218
Contact: Xenia Coin
Phone: 937-376-2807
Hours: Sun 10-4
Admission: Free
Future Show dates:
Jun 28th, 2020
Jul 26th, 2020
Aug 30th, 2020
Sep 27th, 2020

Oct 25th, 2020
Nov 29th, 2020
Dec 27th, 2020
Jan 31st, 2021

MSDA Cincinnati Area Stamp Show

Nov 14th - 15th, 2020
Four Points by Sheraton Cincinnati North
7500 Tyler's Pl Blvd.
West Chester Township, OH 45069
Contact: Jim Bard
Phone: 847-634-2676
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3
Admission Free

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Original articles for the newsletter may be submitted by any of the membership to Maureen McKeever at a meeting or emailed to

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Or via regular mail:
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Many thanks to Maureen McKeever for stepping up to take over the newsletter. Doing the newsletter for the past three years has been rewarding, challenging and informative. I hope that you have been able to obtain some useful information from it.

Thanks for having faith in me to try to produce the best newsletter I could produce. Deb

Club members get a free black and white hard copy of the newsletter.

Color copies available at a Meeting. *You must send a request before the meeting, so they can be printed special.*

From the Editor - It seems to be part of human nature to want to "collect things."

Officials across the nation are encouraging social distancing for the weeks ahead. With this in mind the usual meetings, and shows, have been canceled.

With all this extra time on your hands, at home, we are able to get caught up on organizing our collections.

However it is possible to stay connected with fellow collectors, via phone or electronically.

Stamp Collecting is a hobby that is easy to pursue from home. In times such as these we as Philatelists, must be grateful for our hobby, as we can sit and work at for hours, days, even months and years, totally submerging oneself in the colors textures, and uniqueness of each stamp. Taking time to catalog, organize, and lose any cares we may have.

A never ending challenge to get a place for every stamp and eve-

ry stamp in it's place.

There has been a significant "re-birth" of interest in stamp collecting since about 2005.

One reason for this might be that technology was once "super interesting," the idea of "non-technology" is enjoying increasing popularity, even among younger people. Maybe the generations currently growing up and coming of age perceiving old things as "retro" or "nostalgic" (cool) rather than simply "old-fashioned" or "outdated" (un-cool).

In addition, a substantial number of us (former childhood collectors) from the "Baby Boomer" generation, many of whom relegated their stamp collections to "a box in the attic" during the late 60's, 70's and early 80's, have now become "empty nesters" and are digging out their stamp collections with renewed interest in

getting back into the hobby.

In many ways, the hobby has returned to its "roots." The investors are largely gone, and have been replaced by people who are simply collecting stamps **"for the fun of it."**

Whether you choose to use a general approach and gather as many different kinds of stamps as possible, or specialize in certain areas, you can spend as much or as little time and money stamp collecting as you wish.

There are still online resources, and mail order facilities, to fill your needs, to continue the hobby at home, in safety. Our hobby has at its foundation, the power to unite, to stimulate the mind, and to soothe.

If you're feeling overwhelmed or just need to disengage, visit your stamp collection. We may struggle with mental health, physical health, family problems,

and economic problems. Anxiety can reduce serotonin. Serotonin is sometimes known as the happy chemical, because it appears to play an important role in regulating mood, and low levels in the brain have been associated with depression. Having a low-stress hobby in our lives can help us keep those levels up. With the help of stamp collecting, we might be able to smile

Stay Positive.
Sort Stamps.
Stay Strong

Junior Corner — Coil Pairs and their lines

A **coil stamp** is type of stamp sold in strips one stamp wide. The name derives from the usual handling of long strips, which is to coil them into rolls. They can be perforated either horizontally or vertically, depending on the printing.

Seam Line

A colored line or lines between two coil stamps caused by ink build-up deposited on the printing blanket from the edge of the offset plates. The lines can vary from very light to very dark and run the range of the colors on the stamps being printed.

Joint Line

Printed line between two coil stamps caused by ink deposited in the seam of two adjoining curved printing plates. The lines can vary from very light to very dark and run the range of the colors on the stamps being

printed. Joint lines are a by-product of intaglio printing from rotary presses that use multiple line engraved plates. Joint lines caused by the Cottrell and Stickney presses used by the USPS ended when the last Cottrell press was retired in 1985.

Gap

The unprinted space between the ends of horizontal pre-cancel lines, indicating the seam between the mat or flexographic plate edges. If the gap falls on the 'joint line', it is known as a 'line gap'. Gap also applies to Tagging Gaps. The position of the gap may vary with respect to the plate number on different printing runs. PNC gap collectors frequently seek to acquire all gap positions for a given plate number.

White Paper Line

"White paper line" is the absence of color where there should be

some and shows as a vertical unprinted area between stamps. **What is a line pair?**

A line pair is a pair of coil stamps which has an inked line between the two stamps at their perforated edge. This line only occurs every so often on a roll of coil stamps. There are technically two different kinds of line pairs—joint line pairs and guide line pairs.



Guide line pair : Sometimes, to help in counting the stamps being printed, a guide line was actually engraved onto the printing plate. This printed line is usually more defined and crisper than a joint line.

In both cases, the line pair is made up of two un-separated coil stamps on either side of the inked line

Joint line pair



Guide line pair

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50 Years ago - Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov



Centenary of Birth First Day Cover May 15th 1970

Mauritius issued two stamps to mark the birth centenary of Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, better known as Lenin, on 15 May 1970.

The two postage stamps illustrate statutes of Lenin as a school boy on the 15 cs stamp, and as the 'founding father of the Soviet state', on the 75 cs stamp. Vladimir Lenin
Former Chairman of the Council

of People's Commissars of the Soviet Union

Themes:

Communism |

Dictators |

Famous People |

Heads of State |

Politicians |

Revolutionaries

Colors: Multicolor

Format: Stamp

Emission: Commemorative

Perforation: 12 x 11½

Printing: Photogravure

Lenin was a Russian communist revolutionary, politician and political theorist. Vladimir Lenin founded the Russian Communist Party, led the Bolshevik Revolution and was the head of government of Soviet Russia from 1917 to 1924 and of the Soviet Union from 1922 to 1924.

Under his administration, the Soviet Union became a one-party communist state governed by the Communist Party. Ideo-

logically a Marxist, he developed political theories the architect of the Soviet state. He was the posthumous source of "Leninism," the doctrine codified and conjoined with Marx's works by Lenin's successors to form Marxism-Leninism, which became the Communist worldview. He has been regarded as the greatest revolutionary leader and thinker since Marx.



Stamp on left denotes Lenin as a student.