



The Westfield Philatelist

Newsletter of the Westfield Stamp Club

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From the Editor's Album

You are looking at the first issue of our club's new newsletter that will be coming to you every other month during our membership year. You will continue to receive the meeting notice that Tom Jacks sends you with the attached auction listing, but in addition you will now receive this newsletter. For those members who receive their notices by email, this will be a pdf attachment, while for others it will be mailed as a hardcopy. You will need the Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded free at www.adobe.com, in order to view the newsletter.

The newsletter will contain news of members, a look at future meetings, occasional comments about a previous meeting, philatelic news of interest, details of upcoming area stamp shows, short articles, etc. In order for this to be a rewarding experience for our club, I will need contributions from you, the members. Have you started a new collecting interest, entered an exhibit in a show, taken on a new philatelic responsibility, found an interesting item on eBay or at a show? This is the place to share that information with your fellow collectors. Send anything you feel might be of interest to the editor (contact information is listed on the next page).

As you can see this issue of the newsletter is titled *The Westfield Philatelist*. The board decided that one of our members might have a better idea for a title, so it authorized a free year's dues to the member whose title is chosen as our nameplate. So submit your ideas to the editor by April 1st so that the board can choose the winner at its April board meeting.

The Westfield Stamp Club Logo

Designed by charter club member A. Warren Scheller, it is based on the eight cent commemorative stamp issued by the United States Postal Service on November 17, 1972, to promote stamp collecting—the stated purpose of our club as noted in Article II of the club's constitution. The stamp was issued in New York City at the National Postage Stamp Show held at Madison Square Garden by the American Stamp Dealers' Association. It was produced in semi-jumbo size in panes of 40 by the United States Bureau of Engraving and Printing on the Giori press (brown Franklin stamp) while the green background was produced by offset lithography.

The stamp shows the first United States adhesive stamp, the five-cent Benjamin Franklin (*Scott 1*) that was issued 125 years ago in 1847 and also first placed on sale in New York City.

Thank you Warren for creating an appropriate logo for the club.

Upcoming Programs

February 28th: Richard Nazar will present "Production Varieties & Rarities of the 32¢ Flag Over Porch Issue". This stamp was issued in several formats from 1995 to 1997 and has a number of varieties, some of which as Rich notes in his title are quite elusive. Come join him for a look at this intriguing series of stamps. Rich is a member of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club which has a web site at www.pnc3.org containing a wealth of information on plate number coil stamps.



United States 1995
(*Scott 2915*)



United States 1997
(*Scott 2915D*)

March 27th: David Steidley will present "U.S. Airmail—The First 75 Years".



United States 1927 (*Scott C10*)

At last year's Westfield Stamp Show Dave received a Gold medal for his exhibit "Intended Use of U.S. Airmail—The First 75 Years". It was a wonderful exhibit and I am sure we will see some of that material in his presentation in March.



United States
1960 (*Scott C61*)



Don't forget that at every meeting, besides the main program, we have a fantastic auction of US & foreign material put together by Steve Rod.

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Meetings are held at 8:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month except for November (third Thursday) and July and August (summer recess). The club meets in the Community Room of the Westfield Town Hall located in the center of Westfield at 425 East Broad Street.

Dues are \$8.00 per membership year which runs from September 1 to August 31.

The club newsletter will be published every two months from September to June.

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The Westfield Stamp Show 2008

March 15, 2008 — 10AM to 5PM

Community Room, Westfield Town Hall

425 East Broad St., Westfield, NJ

Thanks to Dave Steidley, Wachovia Securities has again agreed to sponsor this year's stamp show. You won't be able to miss the location because of the great new signs that John Crout had made. If you can help with setting up the frames and tables for the show, please come to the Community Room on Friday, March 14th around 6:00 PM. The more people we have helping the quicker we can finish. Help is also needed at the end of the show for frame breakdown and cleanup.

The theme for this year's show is William Shakespeare, as March 15th is also known as the *Ides of March*. That phrase is from Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*.

Make a point to come and enjoy yourself at the show and support the dealers as they help provide the funds that make the show possible. This year's exhibits are listed below and once again Steve Rod and Ludwig Boesgaard will host an introduction to stamp collecting for kids. A special show cachet has also been produced related to the show theme.



William Shakespeare
United States 1964
(Scott 1250)

☞ 2008 Westfield Stamp Club Exhibits ☞

- * The 1939 Baseball Stamp (1 Frame)
- * Twentieth Century Presidential Postal History — Campaign to Inauguration (3 Frames)
- * The Prominent Americans (10 Frames)
- * Postal History of the French Colonial Allegorical Group Type: Use in the French Pacific Colonies (7 Frames)
- * United States Errors, Freaks and Oddities (6 Frames)
- * German Panzer Divisions (5 Frames)
- * A Palindromic Philatelic Alphabet (1 Frame)
- * The Indian National Army v. Britain (1 Frame)
- * William Shakespeare (1 Frame — Non-Competitive)
- * Croatian Postal Rates 1941–1945 (10 Frames)
- * The 1908 US Treaty Rate to the UK (1 Frame)



Shakespeare's Globe and Bankside Theaters. Great Britain 1995 (Scott 1624a)