



The Westfield Philatelist

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Calendar of Events

Westfield Stamp Show 2011

All photographs courtesy of Alan Grossman

March 24 - Show, Tell & Ask Night

Bring along a great item or two to share with the members or bring a particular item you need some help to identify.



April 28 - Postal History of the French Colonial Allegorical Group Type: Use in Madagascar & Dependencies.

By Edward J.J. Grabowski

An overview of the use of the Group Type from one of the most complex of the French Colonial areas that used this stamp.



A Philatelic Quiz

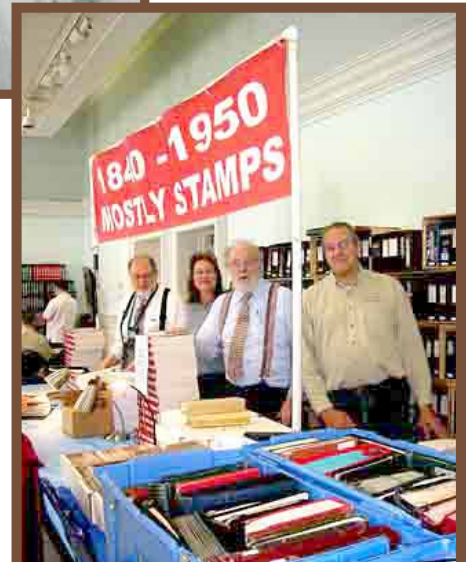
- Q1. Who is Winthrop Sargent and on what United States commemorative is he depicted?
- Q2. The first Thanksgiving Day in Canada after Confederation was observed on April 15, 1872. Why that date?
- Q3. A 1926 United States commemorative shows a statue of Swedish engineer and inventor John Ericsson. Why is he being honored on a United States stamp?
- Q4. In 1776 the New York Provisional Congress raised an artillery company to defend the colony. That company was commanded by one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. What United States commemorative postage stamp depicts a scene of that artillery company?
- Q5. What is the first stamp in the world to feature a dog?



A. Warren Scheller, founding member of the club and the official greeter at our show.

The staff at 1840-1950 Mostly Stamps at their booth

Below Steven Rod & Ludwig Boesgaard recruiting the next generation of stamp collectors



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Meetings are held at 8:00PM 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.

**For information visit
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Westfield Stamp Show 2011



A baseball fan noting errors on Roger Brody's exhibit "No Runs, No Hits, Just Errors"

Below, Tom Jacks (Mountainside Stamps) at his booth



Part of the record crowd at our show viewing the exhibits

News of Members

At Washington 2006 the American Stamp Dealers Association released the first issue of *The American Stamp Dealer* magazine containing 63 full color pages of articles about our hobby and the men who devote their time and energy to keep it going. With the March 2007 issue the name had been changed to *The American Stamp Dealer & Collector* and beginning with the July/August 2007 issue **Steven Rod** has had a regular column "US Stamps Inc" discussing U.S. stamps and postal history of the twentieth century. Fast forward to the March 2011 issue and another Westfield Stamp Club member, **K. David Steidley** has joined Steven as a columnist with two articles: "The Philately of Little Old New York" and "The Ackerman—Perry Connection". If you would like to read their columns and the other interesting articles in this great new philatelic journal you can subscribe by going to www.americanstampdealer.com. A one-year subscription (ten issues) costs \$19.95.

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THE VINCE SAMUELSON GRAND AWARD
UNITED STATES STAMP SOCIETY
PRESIDENT'S MEDAL
MOST POPULAR EXHIBIT
GOLD MEDAL

The 1903 Two Cent Washington Shield Issue
Nicholas Lombardi



THE SIDNEY SCHNEIDER MEMORIAL BEST
ONE FRAME AWARD
GOLD MEDAL

Airplane Flying Over Marseille
Patricia Moeser



THE ELIOT PERRY RESEARCH AWARD
GOLD MEDAL

Postal History of the French Colonial Allegorical Group
Type: Use In The Pacific Ocean Colonies
Edward J. J. Grabowski



GOLD MEDAL

Use of U.S. Airmail Stamps 1918-1993: The First 75 Years
K. David Steidley



GOLD MEDAL

A Trip To The Alps
Bruce Marsden



GOLD MEDAL

No Runs, No Hits, Just Errors
Roger S. Brody



BRONZE MEDAL

King Edward VIII: Abdication For Love
Alan Grossman

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT

World Fairs Honored on U.S. Stamps: 1915 (California)
to 1926 (Philadelphia)
Michael Frank



COURT OF HONOR EXHIBITS

The Issued Formats of the 37¢ Flag Stamp of 2002
Rob Loeffler

Liberty Enlightening The World: The Statue of Liberty
Alan Fisk

Philatelic Quizzes from *The Westfield Philatelist*
Frederick C. Skvara



SPECIAL THANKS

STEVEN ROD
LUDWIG BOESGAARD

The Club Officers and Board members wish to extend a very special acknowledgement and thank you to Steve Rod and Ludwig Boesgaard for running a very successful kids program.

Thanks, Steve and Ludwig for a job well done!



FRED SKVARA & RICH NAZAR

A special thanks to Fred and Rich for producing the beautiful Westfield Stamp Show cachets and postmarks.
Great job!



ALL WSC MEMBERS WHO HELPED WITH THE SET
UP AND TAKE DOWN.
WE DID IT IN RECORD TIME!

ALL WSC MEMBERS WHO CAME TO THE SHOW.

IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS
WITHOUT YOU!

Answers – January/February Philatelic Quiz

Q1. Who is the first named woman to be depicted on a United States postage stamp?

Ans. **Queen Isabella I of Spain (1451–1504)**



In 1892 the United States Post Office Department decided to issue a set of stamps in conjunction with the World Columbian Exposition. The Exposition was held in Chicago the following year and commemorated the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, the Italian-born Spanish explorer (1451–1506). Printed by the American Bank Note Company, a set of sixteen stamps, known as the “Columbians” were released in 1893. Besides the \$4.00 value shown above, Queen Isabella I can also be seen on the 5¢, 8¢, 15¢, \$1 and \$3 stamps of that series.

On the 500th anniversary of Columbus’s discovery of America, the United States Postal Service issued six souvenir sheets depicting the 1893 series with the stamps dated 1492–1992. These stamps were also printed by the American Bank Note Company and the stamp shown above is from that set (Scott 2625c).



Q2. What is the longest running stamps series in the world?

Ans. **The Posthorn stamps of Norway.**

The Posthorn stamps of Norway first appeared in 1872 with the 3 skilling rose stamp (Scott 18) and are still being issued today. The earliest Posthorn stamp in my collection is the 10 ore stamp from 1886 (Scott 40a). The 5 krone stamp is from 2001 (Scott 1287).



Q5. What is wrong with the design of the United States 1932 Winter Olympics issue, Scott 716?

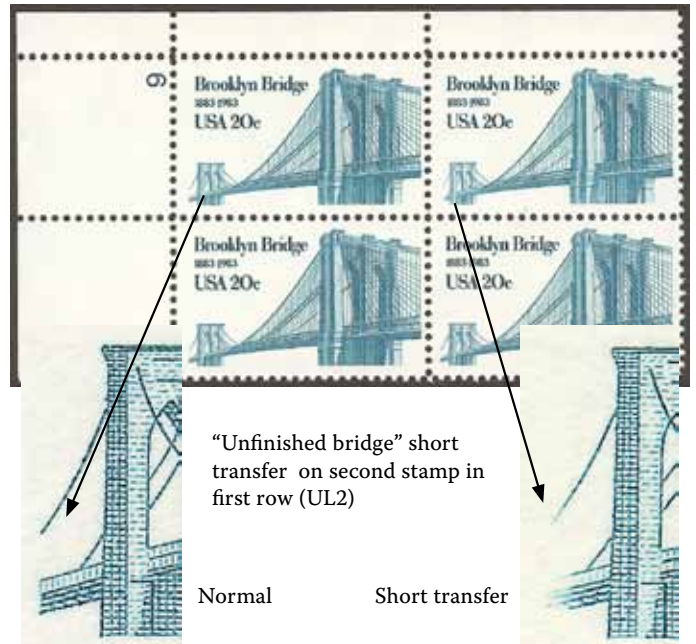
Ans. **Supposed to represent a ski jumper in action, the skier is using poles which ski jumpers do not use and is in a crouching position instead of being upright.**

The two-cent commemorative was placed on sale January 25, 1932, at Lake Placid, New York, the site of the 3rd Winter Olympics. The stamp was the direct result of the lobbying efforts by Representative Bertrand Snell of New York, the Republican floor leader in the United States Congress.



Q3. What United States commemorative postage stamp has an “unfinished bridge” variety?

Ans. **The 1983 United States Brooklyn Bridge Centennial Postage Stamp (Scott 2041).**



“Unfinished bridge” short transfer on second stamp in first row (UL2)

Normal

Short transfer

United States 1983 (Scott 2041)



Q4. What American stamp was printed by Thomas De La Rue of London?

Ans. **The 5¢ Confederate States of America, General Issue stamp showing Jefferson Davis (Scott 6).**



Thomas de la Rue began printing British postage stamps in 1855 and soon began printing the postage stamps for a number of other British colonies — Cape of Good Hope, Mauritius, Trinidad, Western Australia, Ceylon, St. Helena, the Bahamas, etc. In 1862 they printed the five cent blue Confederate States General Issue in London, the only American stamp to be printed outside the United States. The stamps were brought to the Confederacy by blockade runners.