



The Westfield Philatelist

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Calendar of Events

March 22 - Show & Tell & Ask Night

This is your night to show off one of the prized items in your collection or bring something that you just need some help with. Our members have expertise in a wide range of philatelic subjects. Tap their knowledge.



April 26 - The Case of Thirty-five
Esthetic and Political Messages: The
Famous Americans of 1940.

By Steven J. Rod

Learn what you don't know about this series. You might want to review Steve's article about this series that appeared in the January/February 2011 issue of our newsletter.



A Philatelic Quiz

Q1. In 1923 this place was declared an international zone by Great Britain, France and Spain with stamps issued by all three countries for use in that zone. It was annexed by Morocco in 1957.

Q2. What island in the North Sea moved from Danish to British to German hands? It was the site of a major German naval base in World War II.

Q3. What region in southeastern Albania issued stamps in 1914 under a provisional government before uniting with Greece and then returning to Albania?

Q4. What does the word 'ZIP' represent and what was the first United States commemorative stamp to have the word printed in its sheet margin?

Q5. What was the first United States stamp printed on the Giori press?

Westfield Stamp Club Show
makes front page of local newspapers
The Westfield Leader
and
Scotch Plains Fanwood Times
Thursday, March 8, 2012



STAMP SHOW...Cheryl Ganz, curator of the National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C., shows part of her personal collection from the Hindenburg at the Westfield Stamp Club's show held Saturday at Town Hall. Included in the collection was a partially burnt envelope recovered after the crash.



STAMP SHOW...Janet Klug of Pleasant Plain, Ohio, past president of the American Philatelist Society, along with Edward Grabowski of Westfield, stand by the Grand Prize winner of the Westfield Stamp Club's annual show held at the Westfield Municipal Building.

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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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**The 50th Annual Westfield Stamp Club Show
and Banquet**



Our judges Janet Klug and Cheryl Ganz



There were no empty chairs at the lectures given by our judges.

The editor would like to thank our fearless paparazzi for providing the photos seen in this issue: Alan Grossman, Ed Grabowski, Althea & Warren Scheller and Dave Steidley.



A surprise visit from Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin?
He says: "I am just a hippie."



Answers – January/February Philatelic Quiz

Q1. Six United States Presidents initially lost a bid for the White House before succeeding on a later try. Can you name them?

Thomas Jefferson lost to John Adams and served as his vice-president in the 1796 election. In the 1800 election Jefferson won against John Adams.



John Quincy Adams lost to James Monroe in the 1820 election. The 1824 election was decided by the House of Representatives in Adam's favor when Andrew Jackson won a plurality of the popular vote, but did not receive a majority of the electoral vote.



Andrew Jackson - In the 1828 election, Jackson won and John Quincy Adams was defeated.



William Henry Harrison lost to Martin Van Buren in 1836, but beat Van Buren in the 1840 election.



Grover Cleveland lost to Benjamin Harrison in 1888, but won the presidency against Harrison in 1892.



Richard M. Nixon lost to John F. Kennedy in 1960 and defeated Hubert H. Humphrey in 1968.



Q2. A number of United States stamps have nicknames. To what stamps do the nickname "Battleships" apply?

Ans. **The 1898 revenue stamps depicting U.S.S. Maine.**

The U.S.S. *Maine* was a 2nd class battleship built at the New York Navy Yard in 1895. In January 1898 she was sent to Havana, Cuba to protect United States interests and on February 15th sank following a massive explo-

sion that killed most of her crew. The sinking was a precipitating cause of the Spanish-American War that began in April 1898 and lasted until August of that year. The image on the stamp is based on a watercolor painting by Frederick Nelson Atwood.



United States 1898
(Scott R168)

Q3. At some point in its history, this Balkan kingdom had ties to Austria, Italy, Germany, Serbia and Yugoslavia.

Ans. **Montenegro**

Invaded by the Austro-Hungarian army in 1915-1916 it became a vassal state under the Austrian Habsburg monarchy. In 1918 it became a province of the new kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes which was renamed Yugoslavia in 1929. With the disintegration of Yugoslavia in 1991, Montenegro remained in an alliance with Serbia. During World War II Italian troops occupied parts of the country in April 1941 while the Germans occupied areas of the country in late 1943.



Montenegro 1896
(Scott 45)

Q4. Where and when was the first airmail flight using an airplane?

Ans. **India on February 18, 1911**

Henri Pequet, a French pilot, flew from Allahabad, India to Naini, a distance of about six miles carrying several thousand letters and cards for which a fee was charged to post an item.

The fee was to raise money for a new hostel in India.



Marshall Isl. 2011
(Scott 981a)

Q5. Ulysses S. Grant died within days of finishing dictation of a two-volume memoir of his life. Who was the friend who published his work earning over \$400,000 for the family of the late president?

Ans. **Mark Twain**

Ulysses S. Grant became a partner and invested all of his property in a banking house, Grant & Ward, in which one of his sons was involved. In 1884 the firm went bankrupt leaving Grant penniless. He decided to write his autobiography finishing the two-volume work shortly before his death on July 23, 1885 from throat cancer. Between 1885-1886 Mark Twain published the autobiography *Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant* raising a considerable amount of money for Grant's family.

MEETING NOTICE

The Westfield Stamp Club will meet on Thursday, March 22nd, at 8:00 PM in the Community Room of the Westfield Municipal Center on East Broad Street. The room will be available at 7:30.

The program will be a Show, Tell and Ask Night. Please bring along a great item or two to share with the members or bring a particular item you need some help in identifying. Our scheduled speaker had a conflict and will speak next month.

There will be a bourse before the meeting, and a mini-auction will be held. A list of the lots for this month's auction is enclosed. Please bring any lots for future mini-auctions and give them to Steve Rod.

Our annual Westfield Stamp Show held this month was a great success with a large increase in attendance due to an increase in publicity.

Election of Officers and Members of the Board of Directors for the 2012-2013 year will take place at the June meeting. We need new Officers and Board Members; if you would like to serve, please contact Dave Steidley (tel: 973-669-1266 or Steidley@nac.net).

All 6 volumes of the Scott 2008 worldwide catalogs, the 2011 US Specialized catalog and the new encyclopedia on stamp collecting are available for borrowing at the meeting. See Gary Loew.

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March, 2011 WSC Auction

Lot #1 A "Covered Wagon" cigar box filled with many remainders – We note over 50 very fine lightly cancelled US blocks of four, over \$3.00 in face value (all MNH) of older stamps, some covers and more!

PLEASE INSPECT! Estimated retail value is \$7. ++

Reserve: \$2.00



Lot #2 Gorgeous Colorano Maximum Cards – Most FDC collectors know Colorano as the producer of "silk" cachets, which began in 1971. But before silks, Colorano produced maximum card FDCs. This is a lot of 24 in as brand new condition from the 70's – look at "The Jazz Singer"! estimated retail value is \$25++ **Reserve is \$3.00**



Lot #3 40 MNH Plate Blocks from various time periods very high catalog value – face is \$23.44

Reserve is \$19.00



Lot #4 US MNH Plate Block #1279 2011 Scott Catalog Value is \$4.00 – (We note that the 1991 Scott value was \$12..00) for this "Prominent American"!

Reserve is \$2.00

Lot #5 A spiral glassine book of 20+ cacheted first day covers –we note some better Olympics cachets and some other nice cachets; plus 30 blanks FDCs; plus two gold metal stamped FDCs!! . Estimated retail is about \$25

Reserve is \$5.00



Lot #6 A great book for the OLYMPIAN – The 1980 USPS Olympics hardbound book with all of the stamps and stationery in MNH condition. \$2.43 face – very high catalog value. Estimated retail value: \$8. **Reserve: \$3.00**



Lot #7 Scott #1686-89 The Bicentennial Souvenir Sheets – Current Scott Retail Value is \$19.00!!!
Our Reserve is the dealer's buy price of \$6.00 for this \$4.30 of 1976 face, which was supposed to be worth \$50. by now!



Lot #8 The USPS Wildflower pane of 50 29c stamps + their hard cover book – estimated retail value- \$23.00.

Reserve is \$17.00



Lot #9 The US Post Office – several full MNH post office fresh panes and half panes – we count \$36.50 in face value. **Our Reserve is \$29.00** – 15% below face value! Estimated retail is face or a little better. – very attractive postage but, also, the flags are collectible!



Lot #10 For the Moon Landing Specialist – the 25th Anniversary of the Moon landing pane of 12 29c stamps in MNH condition and FDC cancels – note 3 different panes, plus unwrapped and wrapped souvenir panels plus first day cover – plus folders – please inspect carefully!! estimated retail value \$15 **Reserve is \$4.00**



Lot #11 Six post office fresh MNH booklet panes with full tabs – a beautiful lot - \$32.25 catalogue value - \$12.24 face value **Reserve: \$12.00**



Lot #12 US Scott #371 – The Alaska-Yukon/William Seward Imperforate – This is a very fresh, very clean Plate Block of 6 – with LH – 2011 Scott for hinged is \$225. and for NH is a great deal more.

Estimated retail value is \$90 - \$100.



Reserve is \$70.00

Lot #13 US Scott #512 – a very nice block of four, but two of the stamps are LH and two are NH, The 2011 Scott value for the four single stamps is \$52. LH+ NH Estimated retail is \$16-\$25.



Reserve is \$12.00

Lot #14 NETHERLANDS! Wow – so beautiful – 8 pages of used Netherlands hinged neatly onto album pages – why can't US stamps be this pretty? 70+ stamps – catalog value is \$15.++ **Reserve is \$3.00**



Lot #15 RUSSIA! like being at the post office. 8 panes of MNH post office fresh Russia – Catalog Value is \$69.25. Estimated retail value \$15 - \$18. **Reserve is \$10.00**



Lot #16 CONGO very pretty used collection on album pages – mostly animals and flowers – a great topical or country start. **Reserve is \$3.00**



Lot #17 Wow! This is a huge lot! Minkus Global Album – “Liechtenstein to Poland” this huge album is in great shape – and appears to have about 400-500 stamps throughout; so many pages have no stamps – please inspect VERY carefully. You may see what we didn't see! Estimated retail value is \$15-20 ??? **Reserve is \$9.00**



Lot #18D Some very old stamp newspapers – rich in philatelic history – Please inspect carefully – a useful lot to the serious collector. Often seen selling for \$5. EACH on eBay! This is a DONATION – we ask that you “bid generously”!



Lot #19D Mystery Lot – We have never done this before. We promise you – Scout's honor – you are bidding on some terrific mint United States stamps – with a very high catalogue value, and an instant cash value (sell it now!) of at least \$20.00. Do you trust us? Do you love the Westfield Stamp Club? Then, bid high – have fun – and support our club – the club gets every penny! This is a DONATION – we ask that you “bid generously”!

Bring your duplicates to our meeting.
Sell and trade them from 7:30 to 8:00 pm at the bourse session
before the 8pm Meeting. Come at 7:30 to see what's for sale!
Don't miss this great meeting, an evening of fun and collecting...
Oh, and please bring a friend to this meeting!