

Mayflower Minutes

West Suburban Stamp Club
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Meetings on the 1st and 3rd
Fridays of each month at 7:30.
(Doors open at 6:30)
Held at:
Plymouth Historical Museum
155 South Main Street
Plymouth, Michigan



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Nov. 1—Tim—Belle Isle
- Nov. 15—TBD
- Dec. 13—WSSC Holiday Party at Rose's in Canton
- Jan. 3—TBD
- Jan. 17—TBD

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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

The November 1st and 15th Meetings (7:30 PM) will be LIVE at the Plymouth Historical Museum and via ZOOM. Doors open at 6:30.

WSSC SHOW MAY 23 and 24

For those of you who have not recently attended one of our meetings, we have been actively working to partner with Michigan Coin to hold a joint show. I am pleased to share that we have come to an agreement in principle and will be hosting a show! John Beckman has stepped up to assist in building our bourse and was out at the MOTORPEX show soliciting dealers for our event. Mark your calendars for May 23 and 24. Yes a Friday/Saturday show at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

WSSC HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 13th

The WSSC Holiday Party is scheduled to take place on December 13th at Rose's, 201 N. Canton Center Rd. Canton MI.

If you plan to attend, please sign up at either of the November club meetings. Cost is \$20 per person.

Remember, guests are welcome.

More details will be provided when available.

WSSC Club Officers:

President: Sarah Beckman, Vice President: Ron Beier, Secretary: Nick Fava, Treasurer: Bill Chace.

Trustees through 2025: Rod Watts, Tabitha Herron. Trustees through 2026: John Beeskow, Ray Gunther

Newsletter Editor: Doug Becker, E-mail: newsletter@thewssc.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My first month has been a whirlwind. The board met to develop the fiscal budget for 2025. During the October 4th meeting, our treasurer, Bill Chace, presented a report on our financial status, warning that with current spending levels, the Club's future may be at risk if adjustments aren't made. A vote was held to decide whether to sell the frames, which would help reduce one of our largest expenses—the storage unit. The results of the vote will be *shared at the next club meeting.*

Two key areas of the budget framework were discussed: membership dues and the cost of mailing newsletters. According to the treasurer's records, only 44 members of 100 members paid their dues in 2024. It was noted that many "life members" do not pay dues, a benefit granted by the club several years ago. The second point of discussion was when dues were last increased. Members present recalled that it has been at least a decade since the dues were set at \$12.

The first area is the costs of running the club. Costs continue to increase and we need to improve our revenue stream. Therefore, after much discussion, the board has decided to increase the dues from \$12 to \$15 for 2025. I am including it in the newsletter now so that the membership is aware of the upcoming changes. I would also like to note the additional change that all current members will be asked to pay the new dues rate. Per the by-laws, the "life member" designation is not defined as being excluded from paying dues and I ask those members who have not been submitting dues previously under this benefit to consider paying them going forward to help ensure the longevity of the club.

The second area for cost management is the newsletter. The board agreed it is important to continue with providing a physical newsletter. The cost to produce the newsletter is another significant chunk of our current budget (Printing \$1.34 each plus postage). The majority of the club members are receiving the newsletter electronically, however some members still receive a mailed hard copy. The board has decided members who want to continue to receive a hard copy pay \$12 a year to help defray the cost of mailing the newsletter to them. Other organizations do charge a supplemental fee to receive their communications via US postal mail. To be clear, the additional cost would not cover the cost of the printing of the newsletter (this is still included as a budget item) and we will continue to provide a few copies during our meeting as always. If you want to continue to receive a hard copy sent to your home, please send a check for \$12 to the club's post office box before December 31st 2024. The February newsletter will be the first edition using the new system.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (Cont.)

The last topic I would like to share with the group is that the By-Laws of our Club allow for one lifetime member designation per year. The board proposes that this year's nomination be David Stanbury for his many years of service with the exhibits and auction lots. The By-Laws require a formal vote which will be held November 15th our second meeting in November. I ask that you attend and vote during this meeting. No ballot or mail in votes can be counted.

I do want to thank the membership for having faith in me as your president. I look forward to working with you all to build the hobby and continue our fellowship for years to come.

PROGRAMS NEEDED FOR 2025 MEETINGS

Looking for someone to present a topic for discussion at a 2025 meeting. If you would like to talk about something in your collection see Charlie Wood. It can be as simple or complex as you want. Do whatever you feel comfortable with.

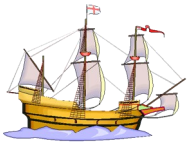
ARTICLES WANTED FOR NEWSLETTER

Would welcome any writeups or articles on stamp collecting related subjects. Keep your eyes open and submit any article you write or find.

DOOR PRIZES NEEDED

Looking for donations of door prizes for our meeting raffles. If you have items that would be appropriate for our raffles, talk to Jim. Current stock of items is getting low.





Mini Auction November 1, 2024



1. US Covers (30)
2. US Prexies Scott 803-830 except *26, 828, MNH except 817, 821, 825, 830 are used. Cat. \$26.50
3. Canada Covers (30)
4. US and a few Canadian 1 lb. on paper
5. US used from 60's and 70's over (250) stamps mounted on pages
6. US used E2 and E4 Special Postal Delivery. Cat. \$98.00
7. US Mint NH QE1, 2, 3, 4a Special Handling. Cat. \$19.50
8. US Mint (48) 1986-1990 mounted on pages. Est FV \$13.00
9. US Mint NH(26) Assorted Line Pair Plus 1 pair Eugene O Neil. Cat. \$58.00
10. US Covers (30)
11. Used Scott #24. Cat. \$38.00
12. US Mint Full sheet Battle of White Plains, 630. Cat. \$640.00
13. US Used Scott #14. Cat. \$92.00
14. US Mint Scott #370 and # 610 (poor centering). Cat. \$17.00
15. US Used (23) Earlier stamps mounted on pages.
16. A Collection of (533) mostly used U.S. stamps. Includes all (50) State Flag stamps and the first 35 Presidents stamps.
17. Christmas Stamps from Great Britain – (21) MNH Stamps including #1930-33, 2081-85, 2165-70, & 2245-50. Total Cat. \$32.75.
18. "S to Z" Countries – (293) older stamps from Sierra Leone, Somali Coast, St. Kitts-Nevis, San Marino, Senegal, Turkey, Umm al Qiwain, Ukraine, Uruguay, Upper Volta, Vatican City, & Yemen.
19. Great Britain - #117 used, 4 1/2p. Margins clear of the design on all four sides. Cat. \$56.25.
20. "N, P, Q, & R" Countries – (317) older stamps from Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Persia, Philippines, Peru, Qatar, & Romania.
21. Ethiopia – (43) older stamps including mint set #120-134, Cat.23.50 and mint #N3-N5, Cat. \$23.00. Most interesting is #133 imperf. Reprint with center inverted & double impression.
22. Canada - #225, 226, & 227 MH, 20¢, 50¢, & \$1 stamps. Total Cat. \$94.00.
23. "N & M" Countries – (334) old stamps from Netherlands, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, & Nigeria.
24. Italy – (38) better older stamps including #603 & 611 used, #615 & 632 both mint & used, and #601A used. Total Cat. \$105.00.
25. (39) Manila Stockcards in a Binder stuffed with thousands of worldwide stamps. Many duplicates. Stockcards alone are worth \$30.00.
26. Fiume - #27, 31, 32a, 108, 109, 111, 115, & 117, all MH. Total Cat. \$68.50.
27. The Official International Tributes to Princess Diana First Day Cover Album complete with (107) FDC's from different nations. The FDC's were issued by the Postal Commemorative Society. The album is in pristine condition. The original owner paid \$598.00 for this massive collection.



Mini Auction November 15, 2024

1. UN Covers (30)
2. US Postcards (30) some have postage
3. US Covers (30)
4. US Used (250+ from 60's and 70's) Mounted on pages
5. US Bicentennial Set Mint. Cat. \$29.50
6. US Mint postal cards and Envelopes with various rates
7. US Mint Scott #386 disturbed gum, and #390. Cat. \$112.00
8. US Mint NH Postal Savings Scott PS4 Block of 4. Cat. \$122.00 – 60% of PB Value of \$208
9. US Used Scott #100 faint Grill. Cat. \$950.00
10. US used from turn of Century must See. Cat. \$232.00
11. US used (203) mounted on Album Pages.
12. US Used Scott #15. Cat. \$90.00
13. US used Prexies almost complete and 1926-34 Reg Issue. Cat. \$18.00
14. US MNH Scott 3631, 651 – 701, 1926-34 Set Reg Issue. Cat. \$739.00
15. US Mint NH Scott #750 & 751 Mini sheets. Cat. \$38.00
16. "S & T" Countries – (305) older stamps from Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, & Togo.
17. Christmas Stamps – (9) MNH Stamps & (1) MNH Souvenir Sheet. Included are Ecuador #1546-47 & 1548 and Finland #1117-19 & 1160-61. Total Cat. \$33.95.
18. "R & S" Countries – (315) older stamps from Russia, Rwanda, St. Lucia, Sharjah, Singapore, Somali Coast, Siam, Somalia, Slovakia, & South Africa.
19. Great Britain - #114 MH, 2 1/2p. Margins clear of the design on all four sides. Cat. \$31.25.
20. "P" Countries – (242) older stamps from Portugal and Poland.
21. St. Pierre & Miquelon – A nice group of (23) mint stamps. Total Cat. \$17.80.
22. "J, K, L, & M" Countries – (306) older stamps from Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Laos, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldiv Islands, Macao, & Malta.
23. Christmas Stamps from Honduras. Included are (12) MNH Stamps & (1) Souvenir Sheet including #C1087-89, #C1131-33, #C1153-54, #C1177-80, & #C1178a. Total Cat. \$30.50.
24. Italy – (254) older stamps mounted on album pages.
25. A Scott International Stamp Album from the 1930's with probably a couple thousand stamps mounted.
26. Canada - #258 MH, 260 MH, 261 MH & 262 U, 13¢, 20¢, 50¢, & \$1 stamps. Total Cat. \$48.75
27. The Official Birds and Flowers of Our Fifty States First Day Cover Album complete with all (50) FDC's, Scott #1953-2002. The FDC's were issued by the Postal Commemorative Society. The album is in pristine condition.



PLEASE SUPPORT THE DEALERS THAT SUPPORT OUR SHOW

THE 2024 PLYMOUTH SHOW DEALER LIST IS SHOWN BELOW

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