

West Suburban Stamp Club

# Mayflower Minutes

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- July 7 **No Meeting**
- July 21 Meeting - Big Summer Auction
- Aug. 4 Meeting TBD
- Aug. 18 Meeting TBD
- Sept, 1 Meeting TBD
- Sept. 15 Meeting TBD

## CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

The July 21st, August 4th and August 18th Meetings (7:30 PM) will be LIVE at the Plymouth Historical Museum and via ZOOM. Doors open at 6:30.

## WE NEED PROGRAMS

We can always use members or guests who are knowledgeable about various aspects of philately to give talks at our meetings. If you are interested, please talk to Charlie Wood. By the way, Charlie is also looking for someone to assist him with coordinating the programs.

## BALLOT FOR 2024 CLUB OFFICERS

The 2024 slate of club officers is shown in the ballot on page 5 of this newsletter. Please vote and return your ballot by the August 18th meeting.

## OLDEST POSTAL SERVICES IN THE WORLD

These postal services were established in China about 4000 BC and in Egypt and Assyria by 3000 BC. Like the Chinese, the Egyptians service was used mainly by court officials, while that in Assyria was apparently open to the merchant class as well. There is strong evidence to suggest that a well regulated service existed between Egypt and Syria and between the rulers of Assyria and Babylon.

## EARLIEST SURVIVING LETTERS

Early letters were clay tablets written in Cuneiform script and inserted in clay envelopes. They were transmitted by the royal court, merchants and individuals in Cappadocia (Asia Minor) and date from 3000 to 1500 BC.



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# Giant Auction July 21, 2023



1. Canada used, Scott 25, Cat. \$40.00
2. U.S. mint, Scott O82 no gum, Cat. \$160.00
3. U.S. used earlies on album pages.
4. U.S. mint, Scott C6, Cat. \$70.00
5. U.S. postcard selection
6. Canada used, Scott 57, Cat. \$120.00
7. U.S. selection of mint E22, E23 over \$60.00 Cat. Plus, a few surprises
8. (9) U.S. mint, Scott 548, never hinged, Cat. \$90.00
9. U.S. mint, Scott 290, Cat. \$150.00
10. Big selection of all Michigan postmarks on hand, illustrated postal cards Great Selection of Michigan Towns
11. U.S. Mish/Mash
12. U.S. mint/used selection (3) mint, Scott 1341, used, Scott 2543, 2544
13. Cuba mint/used including mint, Scott 179, Cat. \$69.50
14. U.S. used, Scott 36, Cat. \$350.00
15. Event Covers
16. China – People’s Republic – (52) MNH Stamps & (3) MNH Souvenir Sheets consisting of (15) Sets & (1) Single from 1994 & 1995. Total Cat. \$32.30.
17. Germany World War I Era – (8) different 1914 mint “Red Cross Penny Seals”.
18. Belgium – (2) used 40c stamps that are #5, Cat. \$525 or #8, Cat. \$110 or #12, Cat. \$150. I’ll let you figure out these tricky stamps to identify. But in any case, these two stamps have a high Total Cat. Value.
19. Epirus - #42-56 mint Complete Set. Couple small faults. Cat. \$35.50.
20. Falkland Islands – Christmas in July – Nativity Scenes Complete Set & Souvenir Sheet, #771-775 & 775a MNH. Total Cat. \$33.00.
21. (7) MNH Souvenir Sheets from the “Stamp World London 90” Exhibition commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Penny Black. Countries include Cook Islands, Isle of Man, Palau, Swaziland, Tanzania, & Micronesia. Cat. \$40.50.
22. Canada - #74-84 used Complete Set. Total Cat. \$219.15.
23. Ireland – (8) MNH Gutter Pairs including #282, 283, 288, 289, 361, 362, 478, & 594.
24. Tasmania - #31 & #32e used, 4p blue & 6p purple, small faults. Total Cat. \$48.50.
25. (6) MNH Souvenir Sheets from the “PHILEXFRANCE ‘89” Exhibition. Countries include Uganda, Togo, Argentina, Bangladesh, St. Thomas & Prince Islands, & Laos. Total Cat. \$30.50.
26. Great Britain - #54, plate #7 used, 1sh green. Trimmed bottom perfs. Cat. \$70.00.
27. Great Britain – A nice page of (49) earlies that have a Total Cat. well over \$100.00.
28. Bonus Lot – “C, D, E, & F” Countries – (443) older stamps. Some mint may be stuck down.

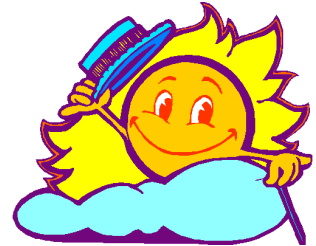
# Mini Auction August 4, 2023

1. Canada used, Scott 45, Cat. \$62.50
2. U.S. used, Scott RW2, Cat. \$160.00
3. U.S. mint, airmail selection, many Scott C25-31, plus more.
4. U.S. used, Scott 239, Cat. \$100.00
5. Foreign postcard selection
6. Canada used, Scott 60, Cat. \$190.00
7. U.S. G stamps, pre-sorted mint and \$5.00 face
8. U.S. used, Scott 281-284, 328- 330, Cat. \$84.00
9. U.S. mint, Scott O16, Cat. \$70.00
10. Event Cover Selection
11. U.S. mish/mash
- 12) Used Danish West Indies selection including Scott 31 – 36, 43, 44, 47, Cat. \$52.00
13. U.S. mint, Scott C3, perf stains, Cat. \$70.00
14. U.S. mint, Scott 238, no gum, Cat. \$225.00
15. U.S. cover selection
16. Southern Rhodesia – (17) mint / used stamps including #46, 67-70, 74-78, & 100-105. Also Rhodesia & Nyasaland – (17) mint / used stamps including #172-176, 178-179, 180-182, 184-187, & 188-190. Total Cat. \$46.90.
17. New South Wales – Queen Victoria #39 & #40, 6p brown & 6p violet, Perf. 12 & Perf. 13. Total Cat. \$93.00.
18. (4) MNH Souvenir Sheets from the “Stamp World London 90” Exhibition commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Penny Black. Countries include Macao, Czechoslovakia, Russia, & St. Thomas & Prince Islands. Total Cat. \$43.70.
19. Canada – (8) older used stamps including #85, 86, 87-88, & 91-94. Total Cat. \$108.50,
20. Christmas Stamps – (27) MNH Stamps & (1) MNH Souvenir Sheet. Included countries are: Fiji, Estonia, & Czechoslovakia. Total Cat. \$29.85.
21. Grenada – (39) older stamps both mint & used. Total Cat. ≈ \$75.00.
22. China – People’s Republic – (56) MNH Stamps & (3) MNH Souvenir Sheets consisting of (13) Sets & (3) Singles from 1994 & 1995. Total Cat. \$32.35.
23. Belgium #9 used, 1c green, Cat. \$125.00. Also, a possible #4, Cat. \$62 or #7, Cat. \$8, or #11, Cat. \$9, 20c blue. I’ll let you figure out this tricky stamp to identify.
24. Botswana – (7) MNH Postage Due, #J1-J7, Cat. \$14.50 and (6) MNH Souvenir Sheets that Cat. \$25.60. Total Cat. \$40.
25. Bavaria - #7 used, 12kr red from 1858. Cat. \$140.00.
26. Germany World War I Era – (5) different mint Official War Welfare Stamps (“Offizielle Kriegsursorge”).
27. Great Britain - #55 used, 2sh blue. Cat. \$200.00.
28. Bonus Lot – “A, B, & C” Countries – (402) older stamps. Some mint may be stuck down.



# Mini Auction August 18, 2023

1. Canada used on album page, including Scott 15, 34, 38, 85, 86
2. U.S. mint/used Officials including used, Scott O41, O75, mint, Scott O33, needs inspection. Cat. \$240.00
3. U.S. used, high value postage, plus airmail and special delivery
4. Described as a U.S. Scott, 141, I doubt it as I don't see a grill. Take a chance on this space-filler.
5. Foreign postcard selection
6. Canada used, Scott 14, Cat. \$90.00
7. U.S. miscellaneous, plus Hawaii, needs a look
8. U.S. mint, Scott J16, Cat. \$80.00
9. U.S. mint, Scott (3) 279b, plate strip of 3, never hinged, Cat. \$85.00
10. The Bicentennial of The Bill of Rights Commemorative Folio
11. Cuba mint, Scott 180, Cat. \$30.00
12. U.S. mint/used selection including used, Scott 186, 189 211, mint, Scott 206, no gum. Cat. \$109.50
13. U.S. used, Scott 10A, Cat. \$160.00
14. U.S. mint, Scott 239, no gum, Cat. \$240.00
15. U.S. cover selection
16. Western Australia – (12) older different “Swan” stamps. Decent potential catalogue value.
17. Tasmania – Queen Victoria – 6p used. Could be #32j, #32k, #32m, #32o, or #32r depending on shade of lilac. And a 1sh used. Could be #34d or #34f depending if it is “Dull Vermilion” or “Brownish Vermilion”. Both Perf. 11 ½. Total Cat. \$95.00 to \$115.00 depending on identity.
18. (12) MNH Stamps & (7) MNH Souvenir Sheets from the PHILEXFRANCE ‘89” Exhibition. Included are the Figures & Scenes from the French Revolution Stamps from Togo. Included are all the different varieties of Stamps, #1535 to #1539B. Includes a couple gold foil Souvenir Sheets. Total Cat. \$62.40+.
19. Great Britain – (64) mostly “Offices Abroad” older stamps. Some decent Cat. Value.
20. Canada – (16) older stamps including #34 MNG and Used #35-37, 37c, 37 Ottawa Printing, 42, 51-53, 54 (small tear), & 75-79. Total Cat. \$102.35.
21. Faroe Islands – (5) MNH Sets including #368-369, 387-388, 407-408 Bible Stories, #364-367 Abstract Paintings, and #403-406 Whales. Total Cat. \$29.50.
22. Gold Coast & Gilbert and Ellice Islands – (91) older mint / used stamps.
23. Bavaria - #2, 2b, 5, 6, 10, & 12 used from 1849 to 1862. Total Cat. \$49.50.
24. New Zealand – (36) older “Official” stamps and (4) “Life Insurance” stamps. Total Cat. \$38.75.
25. Great Britain - #4 used, 2p blue on bluish paper. Cat. \$50.00.
26. Belgium – (2) used 40c stamps that are either a #5, Cat. \$525, or a #8, Cat. \$110, or a #12, Cat. \$150. I'll let you figure out these tricky stamps to identify. But in any case, these two stamps have a high Total Cat. Value.
27. Germany World War I Era – (6) different mint Red Cross Charity Stamps.
28. Bonus Lot – “F, G, H, & I” Countries – (561) older stamps. Many of the mint are stuck down.





The Nominating Committee has identified candidates for various officer positions within the club. Below you will find a ballot. You may either select the candidate listed or write in another candidate. Bring your completed ballot to any of the July or August meetings or mail it to WSSC, P.O. Box 700049, Plymouth, MI 48170 as soon as possible. **At the end of the business meeting on August 18th we will count the ballots.** The new officers take the reins at the first meeting in October. Be sure to get your ballot in on time!!!

**President (select one):**

- Terry Savard
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President (select one):**

- Nick Fava
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary (select one):**

- Sarah Beckman
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

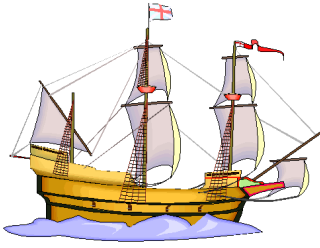
**Treasurer (select one):**

- Jim Napiorkowski
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Trustees through 2025 (select two):**

- Rod Watts
- Tabitha Herron
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_





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

**Club Officers:**  
**President: Mike Pappas**  
**Vice President: Aravind Palakurissi**  
**Secretary: Sarah Beckman**  
**Treasurer: Jim Napiorkowski**

**Trustees through 2023 :**  
**Ron Beier**  
**Deborah Hartwick**  
**Trustees through 2024:**  
**David Stanbury**  
**Cary Johnson**



**Suggestion:**

**How about submitting a newsletter article**

**We Need Programs For the 2023 Meetings**

**If you have a topic you would like to share with the Club please advise Charlie Wood. You will receive either funny money (\$15) or a gold tong for your effort.**

**Please consider presenting a program.**

**WANTED—Great Britain Scott # 101 Used (see specifics below)**

**Member is looking for used 101 with one of the three lower letter combinations in the design: D-D, G-J, and L-T. Looking for these three stamps used and fairly clean and fresh. Attempting to reconstruct a sheet. Contact Everett at [barandev@aol.com](mailto:barandev@aol.com) for more details.**