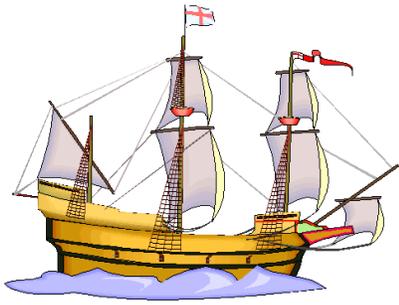


May 2020



Mayflower Minutes

West Suburban Stamp Club

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 1 – Meeting Cancelled
- May 15– Meeting Cancelled
- June 5–TBD
- June 19 – TBD

MAY CLUB MEETINGS CANCELLED

JUNE MEETINGS TBD

Stay safe and healthy

MESSAGE FROM WSSC PRESIDENT

The majority of the executive board has decided that the May Meetings should be cancelled due to the continuing uncertainty and our desire not to put our members at risk.

Tom Schoenfeldt



MEMBER INFORMATION REQUEST

A club member submitted the following question:

“I used to concentrate on MNH but find that as I get much older stamps to add to my collection they would previously have had hinges for mounting. Some of these still have some hinge that is a little stubborn to remove. Any suggestions on how it is best to remove the hinge remnants without destroying the gum?” (JN)

E-mail your suggestions/answers to newsletter@thewssc.com

Answers will be posted in the next newsletter but will be sent to the requesting member immediately. If you have a question please submit it.

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Why millennials have fallen in love with stamp collecting – Serialpressit

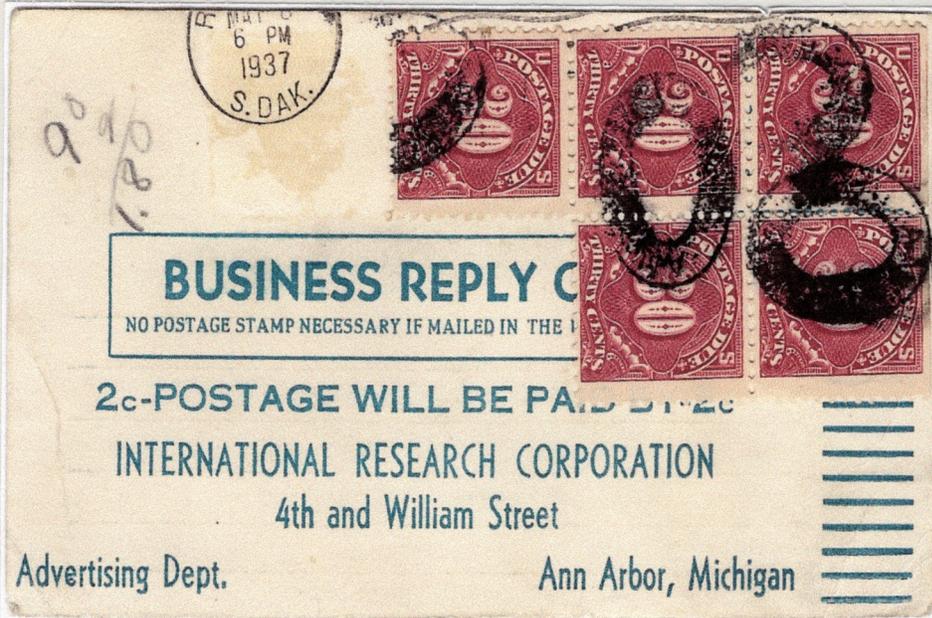
It was once a byword for boring, but it seems stamp collecting is finding a new young audience, despite the fact that some hobbyists have never actually posted a letter. *"Philately is gaining popularity among millennials, many of whom see the creative pursuit as an escape from their screen-based lives,"* says 37-year-old Suzanne Rae, from North Yorkshire. *"Philately is tangible: it's relaxing and unplugged. It's also very Instagrammable,"* says Rae, who is only the second female chairman the Philatelic Traders Society has had in its 91-year history. *"Twitter and Instagram enable young collectors to find people like them, and see that it's not only a geeky old man's pursuit."* Rae gave up her job as a management consultant two years ago to make her hobby her business by starting an online stamp shop, *Art Stamped*. *"We were one of the first stamp businesses using social media,"* she says. Nicholas Challinor-Halford, business manager at stamp auctioneer Harmers of London, believes that part of the millennial boom is the result of romantic notions of pre-digital life. *"For Generation Y... [stamp] collecting is escapism with a nostalgic slant, giving collectors a physical link with the past."* Sadie Medhurst, a 31-year-old fan, agrees: *"Stamp collecting is presumed to be a solitary endeavor reserved for the older members of society, but this could not be further from the truth. Each stamp tells a story: I often like to think of the many hands they have passed through."* Rae's love of stamp collecting was instilled in her as a child, thanks to her grandparents. *"I grew up in Edinburgh where there was – and is – a stamp shop just around the corner,"* Rae says. *"I started off buying British stamps with my pocket money. As I travelled for work, I built up a Ghanian Gold Coast collection. More recently, though, I just collect what I like – stamps that tell stories or are graphically appealing."* This feeling is echoed by 29-year-old Constanze Dennis, a senior auctioneer at Grosvenor Philatelic Auctions in London, who says stamp collecting ties together many elements she loves. *"I have a scientific background, so the analytical side really appeals,"* she says. *"My personal philatelic interest is crash mail, envelopes salvaged from plane crashes. Definitely morbid but equally fascinating."* One of the highlights of the stamp collectors' calendar is the Stampex show, held at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London every autumn. *"There are lots of younger people there,"* says Rae. *"It's not fuddy duddy; it's engaging. You can spend a lot of money but it's a hobby you can enjoy inexpensively too."* *"From the outside looking in, stamp collecting makes no sense,"* says 34-year-old collector James Leigh, who also works at stamp dealer John Curtin Ltd. *"Why are people spending sometimes vast amounts of money on little bits of paper that look almost identical? [But] I find them utterly fascinating and I don't care who knows it."* *"Stamp collecting is so much more than a hobby,"* says Medhurst. *"It's a lifestyle, a community."* And, perhaps, the perfect salve for these constrained times.

The post Post modern: why millennials have fallen in love with stamp collecting appeared first on The Guardian.

Submitted by Carol Schoenfeldt

**A 1937 Business Reply Card - Lots of Postage Due
Charlie Wood**

At first glance, this 2¢ postage Business Reply Card to Ann Arbor looks ridiculously over-charged: \$1.50 in postage due for a card? That's what five 30¢ postage due stamps of the 1917 series would seem to indicate. But wait, there's more... At the left of the lone stamp, part of a cancel is missing. So is another 30¢ stamp covering the 1937 date stamp. Now note the pencil notation $2 \times 90 = 1.80$. Obviously, this is the top card of 90 received and paid for in Ann Arbor that day.



(Notice to Purchaser of Argus Camera)

IMPORTANT: Mail This Card Today.

This registration of your camera serial number with the factory puts the Factory Guaranty into effect and entitles you to a copy of the complete Argus Photography instruction book which will be mailed direct to you as soon as completed.

The factory serial number of my Argus Camera which appears inside case is 49605. Date purchased 5-7-37.

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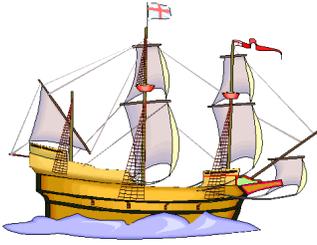
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I hope A.J. Hoffman received his Argus Photography Book. Maybe by now he is switched to digital photography.



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Nominating Committee Members

Suggestion:

How about submitting a newsletter article
Thank You Carol and Charlie For articles

We Need Programs For 2020

If you are interested, please talk to Charlie Wood.

