

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

- Aug. 2- TBD
- Sept. 6- TBD
- Sept. 20- TBD
- Oct. 4—Giant Auction
- Oct. 18—TBD

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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

The August 2nd, September 6th and September 20th Meetings (7:30 PM) will be LIVE at the Plymouth Historical Museum and via ZOOM. Doors open at 6:30.

NOTE—ONLY ONE MEETING IN AUGUST ON THE 2nd

CLUB SECRETARY POSITION CURRENTLY VACANT FOR 2024/2025

We are in need of someone stepping up to fill the open position of Club Secretary for the upcoming election of officers.

Please consider serving our club in this important role. Advise Mike Pappas or Chuck Vomastek if interested.

2025 PLYMOUTH SHOW CHAIR NEEDED

We are also looking for someone to fill the position of Show Chairperson for the 2025 Plymouth Show and future shows. Please advise one of the board members if you are interested in taking on this responsibility. Tim will help mentor his replacement during the transition.

ANN ARBOR STAMP CLUB HAS NEW MEETING LOCATION

Starting August 19th the Ann Arbor Stamp Club will be meeting at a new location:

Westminster Presbyterian Church

1500 Scio Church Road

Ann Arbor MI

Postal Mail to: P.O. Box 2012, Ann Arbor MI 48106

WSSC Club Officers:

President: Terry Savard, Vice President: Nick Fava, Secretary: Sarah Beckman, Treasurer: Bill Chace.
Trustees through 2024: David Stanbury, Cary Johnson, Trustees through 2025: Rod Watts, Tabitha Herron
Newsletter Editor: Doug Becker, E-mail: newsletter@thewssc.com

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (NEW TERMS START ON OCT. 4, 2024)

The Election Ballot is on page 7. Please vote and submit your ballot as soon as possible.
NOTE: The position of Club Secretary is open as no one has volunteered to serve.

WSSC FACEBOOK PAGE

The West Suburban Stamp Club Facebook page is maintained by Nick Fava. If you are on Facebook, please join our Group. Nick regularly posts interesting articles and information. Just look for **West Suburban Stamp Club** and join.

REMINDER—USPS RAISED RATES ON JULY 14th

Product	Old Prices	New Prices
Letters (1 oz.)	68 cents	73 cents
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	64 cents	69 cents
Large Envelopes (1 oz.)	\$1.39	\$1.50
Domestic Postcards	53 cents	56 cents
International Postcards	\$1.55	\$1.65
International Letter (1 oz.)	\$1.55	\$1.65

The additional-ounce price for single-piece letters is 28 cents.

**You're Invited to the Peninsular State Philatelic Society
3rd Annual USPS Postal Museum Tour
202 E. Michigan, Marshall, MI 49068
Phone: 269.420.7030
SATURDAY
August 17, 2024
1pm
Lunch at Win Schuler's at 11 am
115 S. Eagle St., Marshall, MI 49068
Short Program TBD**

Access to the museum is only by stairs.

The tour is limited to 20 people. Please RSVP by August 13th.

My contact info: 517-467-4408 or dlhartwick@comcast.net

Warmest Regards, Debbie

THERE IS HISTORY IN OLD LETTERS

Too bad E-Mail and Text messages will not stay around as long as these letters. Cursive, what's that?

Fig. 1—1863—Grand Gulf, MS. To Ononwa IA (Now Letts IA)

Soldier in Grand Gulf, Miss moving on to Vicksburg writing to his sister. "Our troops had a fight a short time ago and whipped the rebels." "P.S. After the battle of Vicksburg, if I don't get killed, I can tell you more news than I can now. Our troops are having little battles most every day."

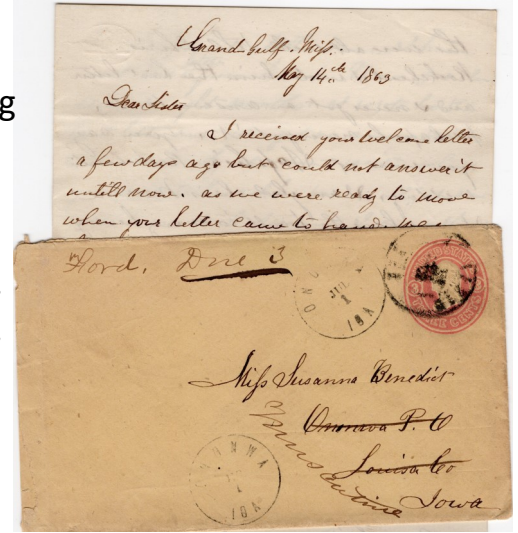


Fig. 1

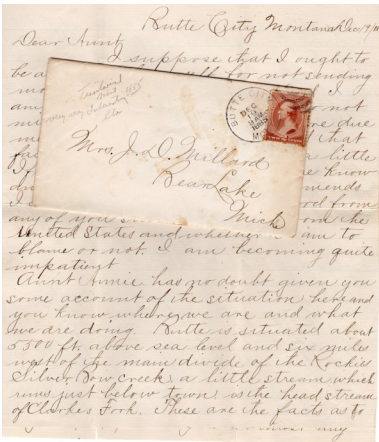


Fig. 2

Fig. 2—1885—Butte City, MT. To Bear Lake, MI, Territorial Mail

Nephew writing to his aunt. Talks about Butte, Population 20,000 (including mining camps) and beauty of the area and the "wickedness". "Deep canyons, wooded or grassy slope and snow covered peaks such as the books tell about and artists try in vain to picture". "We have good stores of every kind excepting the drunk shops which are very very bad". "Work has been plenty the past season and wages good".

Fig. 3—1883—Los Gatos, CA to Moline, IL

Doctor writing to his sister about life in Los Gatos and work. Two streets at the time. Now a population of 35,00 and home of Netflix. "I have taken in \$2.00 cash and booked \$50.00 this week, I'm no slouch". "...There is not one square block in town". "I could live on \$15 a day for awhile". "I have only had to hire one livery rig so far, but had to pay \$2 for that and didn't drive but about 2 miles".



Fig. 3

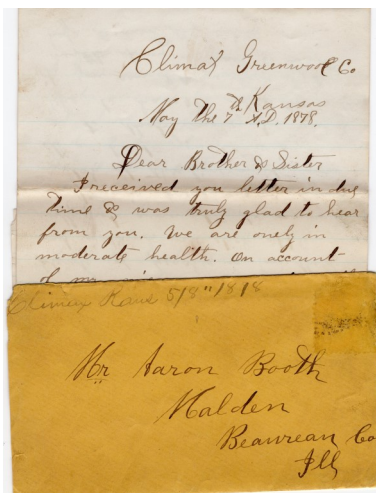
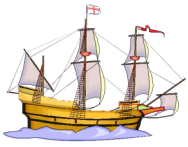


Fig. 4

Fig. 4—1878—Climax KS to Malden IL

Letter to brother and sister regarding wagon tipping over and farm life. "The family was going to gather gooseberries with me to work and in making the turn to cross the creek, I set the wagon and turned and turned us all under the bed and hurt Mrs. Booth and the baby slightly and the little girls got scratched a little". "I would like \$50 in 10 days if you can let me have it to next spring. I have 60 head of hogs to turn this winter". A loan locally was 10% commitment and 9% interest.



Mini Auction August 2, 2024

1. US Mint Scott 655,656,738, 754, 755, 753, 771. Cat. \$26.25
2. US and State Duck Stamps, California, Arizona, Alabama, & US. Cat. \$104.68
3. US Mint Scott #232 with gum crease. Cat. \$62.37
4. Canada FDC 25
5. US Special Handling Mint QE1, QE2, QE3, QE4. Cat. \$53.00
6. US Mint light hinge marks Scott #264 & 319. Cat. \$13.00
7. US Mint Scott #555. Cat. \$28.12
8. United Nations FDC (30)
9. US Used Scott # 330, 233, 223, 226. Cat. \$35.77
10. US Covers most originated from overseas, Destinations in US
11. US Mint on Album Pages (43) from 1962-1972 random check no hinge marks found
12. US used Assorted approximately 60% on paper 40% off , a few mint
13. US Mint (3) Scott 279b Plate # Strip never hinged. Cat. \$25.34 each
14. US Mint Scott #265 strip of 2 never hinged. Cat. MNH F Grade? \$43.72 each
15. US used #342 with slight corner tear, #492, 509, 510, 512. Cat. \$74.40
16. Portugal & Portuguese India – (160) older stamps mounted on album pages.
17. “M” Countries – (204) older stamps from Mauritius, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, & Mozambique Company.
18. South Australia & Queensland – (13) older stamps plus (12) from Southern Rhodesia.
19. Ghana – (6) MNH Souvenir Sheets including #268a, 131a, 170a, 178a, 142a, & 203a. Total Cat. \$39.40.
20. British Commonwealth – (198) older stamps from Straights Settlements, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gibraltar, Swaziland, Gilbert & Ellice Islands, Somaliland Protectorate, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, St. Kitts – Nevis, Qatar, Dominica, Seychelles, Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, & Singapore.
21. Spain – (267) older stamps mounted on album pages.
22. “S” Countries – (250) older stamps from Salvador, San Marino, Senegal, & Saudi Arabia.
23. “R” Countries – (215) older stamps from Russia, Reunion, Rhodesia, Rio Muni, Roman States (reprints), Rwanda, Ruanda-Urundi plus a few from Quelimane.
24. Canada - #208 Plate Block #1. (2) stamps are MNH & (2) are mint. Total Cat. \$23.00 for singles. More for Plate Block.
25. Poland – (326) older stamps mounted on album pages.
26. Sabah (Malaysia) – (Rarely seen British Commonwealth country.) #16 used. \$10.00 blue & carmine. Cat. \$29.00.
27. Persia (Iran) – (182) nice older stamps mounted on album pages.



Mini Auction September 6, 2024

1. US Mint #152 stamps 1965-1972 mounted on album pages
2. US used Scot #296. Cat. \$18.00
3. US Mint World at War 1941,1942,1945. Face Value \$9.00
4. US used E3 & E4 Special Delivery. Cat. \$160.00
5. Canada FDC (25)
6. Assorted Postcards various locations no postage (50)
7. Event covers variety of Cachets (30+)
8. US Used and Mint mounted on Album pages most used 200 + stamps 1962-1973
9. US mint and used #367 MNH dist. gum, 370 MH, #654 1 used and PB + 1 mint, #372 used. Cat. \$47.50
10. US Mint NH Scott #231 (2). Cat. \$24.75
11. Covers originated from various foreign to US Destinations
12. US Mint NH Scott #279b (4) Cat \$17.62 Each Scott #264 (2). Cat . \$14.10 each
13. US Mint (105) Stamps mounted on Album Pages 1947-1955 Random check no hinge marks
14. US Postal Cards and Envelopes Various rates.
15. US Used famous Americans issued 1940 .Cat. approximately \$10.00
16. "C" Countries – (338) older stamps from China, Ceylon, & Colombia.
17. (219) older stamps from Haiti, Saar, Honduras, Ghana, Porto Rico, St. Pierre & Miquelon, South Africa, Sarawak, and St. Thomas & Prince Islands. Plus a few from Sardinia.
18. Memel – (28) older stamps from this short-lived stamp issuing territory from 1920 to 1923 located in northern Europe.
19. "M" Countries – (322) older stamps from Montserrat, Maldives, Malaysia, Martinique, Mexico, Marienwerder, Malta, & Mali.
20. Ghana – (6) MNH Souvenir Sheets. Included are #276a, 276a Imperf, 351a, 449a, 194a, & 199a. Total Cat. \$36.00.
21. "S" Countries – (289) older stamps from Sweden, Surinam, Sudan, Serbia, Siam, & Somali Coast.
22. Manchukuo – (40) nice stamps from Manchukuo which was a stamp issuing government formed in 1932 with the assistance of Japan and lasting until 1945. The territory consisted of (4) Provinces of China and was dissolved at the end of World War II. Most of the stamps catalogue over \$1.00 each.
23. Canada - #195-197, 199, & 201 mint. Total Cat. \$55.95.
24. "P" Countries – (247) older stamps from Paraguay & Peru plus a few from Pitcairn Islands.
25. Binder loaded with (9) manila stock cards with hundreds of stamps.
26. One pound of mostly worldwide off paper stamps. That's a lot of stamps.
27. (37) older British Commonwealth Revenue stamps mostly from Great Britain, India, & South Africa. Includes (1) from Ireland.



Mini Auction September 20, 2024

1. US Used and Mint mounted on Album Pages 1973-1978 100 + stamps
2. US Mint Sheets (3) Face Value \$18.80
3. US Special Delivery QE1 – QE4 MNH. Cat. \$58.00
4. Canada FDC (25)
5. United Nations FDC postal envelopes (30)
6. US assorted almost all on paper.
7. US used Scott 381 & 518. Cat. \$5.60
8. US MNH Scott 548 (8). Cat. \$6.45 each
9. US Covers most pre- WW1
10. US Mint random check no hinge marks (152) stamps mounted on album pages 1956-1964
11. US Used Scott # 269,270,271,272,273,282,282c. Cat. \$33.50
12. US Mint NH Scott 286. Cat. \$47.88
13. US used Scott # 320, 393, 489, 693, 694, 695, 696, 698, 699, 700. Cat. \$47.00
14. US Used Scott # 246, 255, 256, 268, 269. Cat. \$24.50
15. US Mint Scott #736 (3) , 617, 667, 648, 622, 818. Cat. \$61.25
16. Czechoslovakia – (255) older stamps plus a few from Cyprus & Dahomey.
17. “C” Countries – (280) older stamps from Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, China, Ceylon, & Chad.
18. Australia – (223) older stamps.
19. Canada - #179-181, & 190 mint. Total Cat. \$46.50.
20. “B” Countries – (312) older stamps from Belgium, Bermuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, & Bulgaria.
21. (8) MNH Souvenir Sheets. Included are Grenada #365a, Brazil #1130, Zambia #85, Trinidad & Tobago #227a & #234a (FDC), Pitcairn Islands #248, Ghana #310a & 558. Total Cat. \$31.90.
22. Romania – (355) older stamps mounted on album pages.
23. Kenya, Uganda, & Tanzania – A beautiful high value set of #103 - #117 mint. Missing only #106 (which is the lowest Cat, Value of the set at \$1). Total Cat. \$120.25.
24. Philippines – (159) older stamps mounted on album pages.
25. A 1938 red “Worldwide Stamp Album” by John W. Nicklin in excellent condition complete with 475 mounted stamps.
26. (33) older British Commonwealth Revenue stamps mostly from Great Britain and Ceylon.
27. One pound of mostly worldwide off paper stamps. That’s a lot of stamps.



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 the August or the first September 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 September 6th 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):

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- Other _____

Treasurer (select one):

- Bill Chace
- Other _____

Trustees through 2026 (select two):

- John Beeskow
- Ray Gunther
- Other _____
- Other _____



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THE 2024 PLYMOUTH SHOW DEALER LIST IS SHOWN BELOW

THINK OF THEM FIRST WHEN BUYING PHILATELIC ITEMS

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