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CHARLES SCHULZ STAMPS OVERALL FAVORITE IN LINN'S 2022 U.S. STAMP POLL



From Linn's Stamp News

The 10 Charles M. Schulz stamps featuring characters from Schulz's beloved Peanuts comic strip were selected by Linn's Stamp News readers as the overall favorite United States 2022 stamp issue.

The stamps were issued Sept. 30, 2022, in conjunction with Schulz's birth centennial. The Charles M. Schulz stamps feature Charlie Brown and 10 other

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USPS ANNOUNCES RATE INCREASES

From the USPS Newsroom

On April 10th, the United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of mailing services price changes to take effect July 9, 2023. The new rates include a three-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 63 cents to 66 cents.

If favorably reviewed by the Commission, the proposed increases will raise First-Class Mail prices approximately 5.4 percent to offset the rise in inflation. The price changes have been approved by the Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.

The price for 1-ounce metered mail will increase to 63 cents, and the price to send a domestic postcard will increase to 51 cents. A 1-ounce letter mailed to another country would increase to $1.50. There will be no change to the single-piece letter and flat additional-ounce price, which remains at 24 cents. The Postal Service is also seeking price adjustments for Special Services products including Certified Mail, Post Office Box rental fees, money order fees and the cost to purchase insurance when mailing an item.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading.

June 14	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
June 23-24	**DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
June 23-24	**OKPEX 2023,** Oklahoma City Stamp Club, Reed Center, 5800 Will Rogers Road, Midwest City, OK 73110
June 28	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
July 8	**HOUSTON TSDA,** Hilton Garden Inn – Energy Corridor, 12245 Katy Freeway (I-10 and Dairy Ashford Exit), Houston, TX 77079. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4)
July 12	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
July 26	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
August 9	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
August 23	**DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
August 25-26	**DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75081. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL LAUPUS

Hello to all!

I recently purchased a 1904 album from Jack and it aroused my curiosity to research early stamp albums. It is generally believed that the first stamp album was published in February or March 1862 by Justin Lallier, a noted French archaeologist. The first edition of this album contained spaces for about twelve hundred stamps. No room was provided for varieties of perforation, or of watermark. It contained no illustrations, and arrangement of the album was imperfect.

Jack's albums, members sale items, the show and tell part of our meetings and the programs presented by members and guests are a tremendous opportunity to learn more about stamps, stamp collecting, world history and geography.

Thanks to Ivan Zuniga, Perry Denton, my wife Susan and all who participated in our very successful auction on April 12th. Thanks to all who participated in a very interesting program on May 12th- "Story Behind the Stamp, the letter V". On May 24th Rick Hosler presented a Quiz program on the history of USA stamps. We all learned that we still have a lot to learn about USA stamps.

Please consider presenting a program in the coming months. Our Vice President, Rick Hosler would greatly appreciate your cooperation in volunteering to present a program in 2023. Stan would also greatly appreciate members submitting articles for future newsletters. Participation in the program portion of our meeting is an opportunity to increase everyone's knowledge of our hobby.

I repeat the following message in every newsletter because I feel it is that important.

Helping lead a volunteer organization can be tough and I never take our members who give their time on our behalf lightly. I'm thankful for all our members, no matter what your role is. Whether it is big or small, you matter, and we are proud to have you here and sincerely appreciate your membership. Dedicated, active club members are the essential element in the success of any club. We are blessed to have many outstanding stamp collectors in our club.

Bill Laupus

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

I see that the Charles Schultz pane of 20 stamps was voted Overall Favorite for 2022 in the Linn's Stamp Poll. Issued last September, it is already sold-out at Stamp Fulfillment Services, unless you want to pay extra for the "portfolio" or framed copy. In fact, Stamp Market Tips in the April 24th issue of Linn's recommends seeking a pane or two at your local post office (good luck with that!). Nearly all U.S. stamps since the end of World War II are available at a discount from face. The Charles Schultz pane appears to be an exception. Another exception is the 1997 Bugs Bunny pane with the 10th stamp imperforate, face value $3.20, current retail near $100 or more. I bought 4 from a friendly post office in Sioux City, Iowa at the time, I wish that I had bought a whole pad of 100 panes.

….Stan Bartnikowski

USPS AGGRESSIVELY PURSUES USE OF COUNTERFEIT POSTAGE

From the USPS Newsroom

In FY2022, the Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service seized more than 340,000 packages with counterfeit postage and more than 7.7 million counterfeit stamps with an estimated $7.8 million loss avoidance for the Postal Service. Expanded actions to crack down on fraudulent postage include:

- Postal Service interdictions of packages with counterfeit labels affixed. The Postal Service will fully exercise new authority to take possession and dispose of packages identified with counterfeit postage.
- Reviews of shipments on Postal Service docks and during warehouse outreach visits
- Shut down of websites and closure of eCommerce accounts selling counterfeit postage
- Engagement and partnership with eCommerce companies to disrupt activity
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) collaboration
- Promotion of the Inspection Service's rewards program which provides rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person that unlawfully uses, reuses, or forges postage stamps, postage meter stamps, permit imprints, or other postage; or uses, sells, or possesses with the intent to sell any used, forged, or counterfeit postage stamp or other postage.

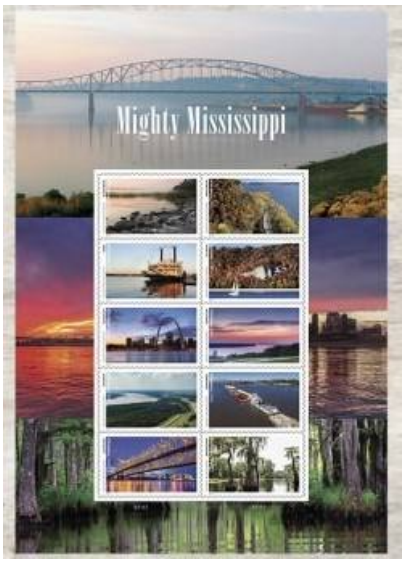
[Editor's Note: the sale of counterfeit Forever Stamps at roughly half face value was rampant late last year in social media; e.g., Facebook. Hopefully USPS will succeed in shutting these sites down so collectors are not stuck with counterfeits.]

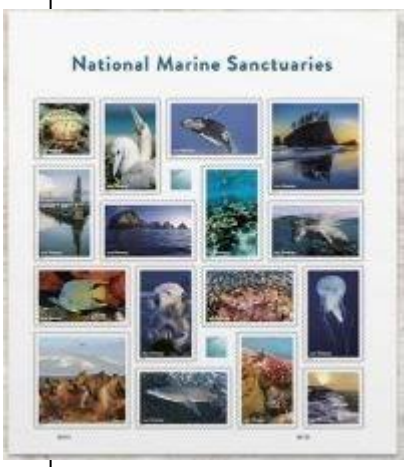
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memorable Peanuts characters: Lucy, Franklin, Sally, Pigpen, Linus, Snoopy and Woodstock (shown on one stamp), Schroeder, Peppermint Patty and Marcie. Shown here is a pane of 20 Charles M. Schulz stamps containing two of each stamp and a central label featuring a 1987 photograph of Schulz.valid for use in line with our recent transition to barcodes on definitive stamps.

The Mighty Mississippi stamps placed second in the Overall Favorite category. The stamps feature photographs, each representing a different state traversed by the Mississippi River.





The National Sanctuary stamps placed third in the Overall Favorite Category. The stamps picture photographs of the 15 national marine sanctuaries and two marine national monuments.

Below are the winners and losers for design and importance, for Commemoratives and Definitives. There were no postal stationery issues in 2022.

Commemoratives	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Best Design	Mighty Mississippi	Charles Schultz	Marine Sanctuaries
Worst Design	Women Cryptologiists	Title IX	Buzz Lightyear
Most Important	Marine Sanctuaries	James Webb	Women
Least Necessary	Buzz Lightyear	Nancy Reagan	Shel Silverstein

Definitives	1st place	2nd place	3rd place
Best Design	Snowy Beauty	Mountain Flora	Monument Valley
Worst Design	Floral Geometry	Elephants	Holiday Elves
Most Important	U.S. Flags	Monument Valley	Virgin & Child
Least Necessary	Elephants	Floral Geometry	Kwanzaa

WAS THIS STAMP REALLY POSTMARKED BEFORE IT WAS ISSUED?

By Geoff Owens

We all know that stamp collecting expands our knowledge of geography and history, but sometimes arithmetic comes in handy as well.

When I came across this example of China, Scott C6, I was intrigued as it has a clear Hankow CDS dated 14.7.19, (or a broken 8, but for this article we'll assume a 9). However, the catalogue indicates the stamp was issued in 1929. How can that be?



To understand this we must delve into some history. Traditionally the Chinese used a calendar that was based the reign of the current emperor. Where we might say "in the year of our Lord xxxx" they would say in effect "in the year of our emperor xxxx." When the Qing dynasty was deposed and Sun Yat-sen became provisional president of the new Republic of China* he proclaimed that January 1, 1912 would be the official first day of the new government. Although the Gregorian calendar was adopted for some purposes the "Minguo" calendar also came into being for traditional use where Year 1, the first year of the Republic, corresponds to 1912 on the Gregorian calendar.

From my research I understand that the Chinese characters 民國 on documents indicate the Minguo calendar was applicable (I'm happy to be corrected on that point). Regardless, the Minguo calendar is still used on Taiwan today, often interchangeably with the Gregorian calendar.

To translate Minguo dates to Gregorian we add 1,911. Taking the date on the postmark we get 19 + 1,911 = 1930.

This tells us the stamp was used in 1930, the year after it was issued.

There is one other consideration however, that of date format. What if the date was in YY-MM-DD format instead of MM-DD-YY? Well, that would give 14 + 1,911 = 1925, which is before the stamp was issued and so cannot be right.

And so, with a bit of history and arithmetic we show that the stamp was not postmarked before it was issued. And all that for a $3 stamp!

*As an aside, "Republic" in Chinese translates to "people's country" - which makes perfect sense for a democracy replacing a monarchy..

NO CLUB EXHIBITS THIS YEAR

In previous years, DPCPS has submitted a one-frame exhibit (16 pages) to OKPEX and Mid-Cities Stamp Club EXPO. DPCPS member Paul Witthoeft has been preparing each exhibit from member contributions.

Unfortunately, Paul's wife met with an accident and Paul will not be able to bring an exhibit to OKPEX.

Also, it appears that there will be no exhibits at the Mid-Cities EXPO this year, due to relocation by the person running the exhibits.

So DPCPS will not be exhibiting this year.

USPS RATE INCREASES

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The proposed Mailing Services price changes include:

Product	Current Prices	Planned Prices
Letters (1 oz.)	63 cents	66 cents
Letters (metered 1 oz.)	60 cents	63 cents
Domestic Postcards	48 cents	51 cents
International Postcards	$1.45	$1.50
International Letter (1 oz.)	$1.45	$1.50

As operating expenses fueled by inflation continue to rise and the effects of a previously defective pricing model are still being felt, these price adjustments are needed to provide the Postal Service with much needed revenue to achieve the financial stability sought by its Delivering for America 10-year plan. The prices of the U.S. Postal Service remain among the most affordable in the world.

The PRC will review the changes before they are scheduled to take effect.

Call for articles for the DPCPS Newsletter

We are seeking philatelic articles for publication in the club newsletter. Please contact the editor, Stan Bartnikowski (stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com)Thank you.

POLAND RELEASES CRYPTO POST CARDS

From Poczta Polska

On May 8, Poland issued four unique NFTs (Non-Fungible Tokens), which were created in cooperation with Polish Radio. Each of the Crypto Postcards has a different musical background, and the graphic materials used, with postal motifs, come from the collections of the Museum of Post and Telecommunications in Wroclaw.

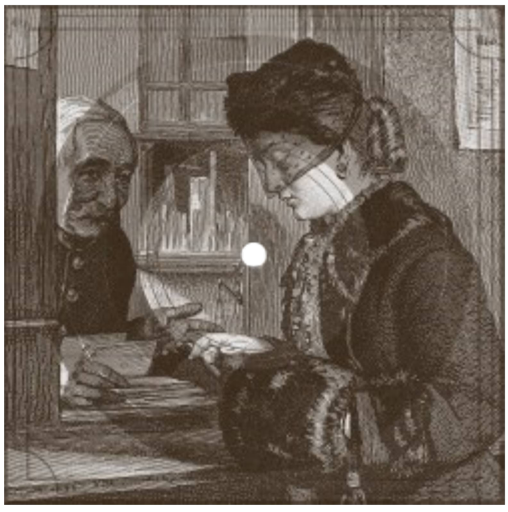
1. "New Year's Letter"



Graphic: Based on painting by Timoleon Marie Lobrichon, 1883.

Musical background: From Mieczyslaw Karlowicz's Serenade Op. 2 for string orchestra Part I: March

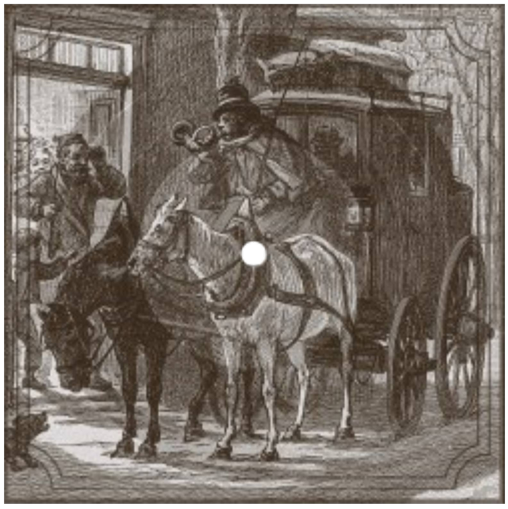
2. "At the window of the Post Office"



Graphic: Based on painting by Berthold Woltze, 1884

Musical background: Excerpt from Chopin's Polonaise in A major, Op. 40 No. 1, arranged for orchestra

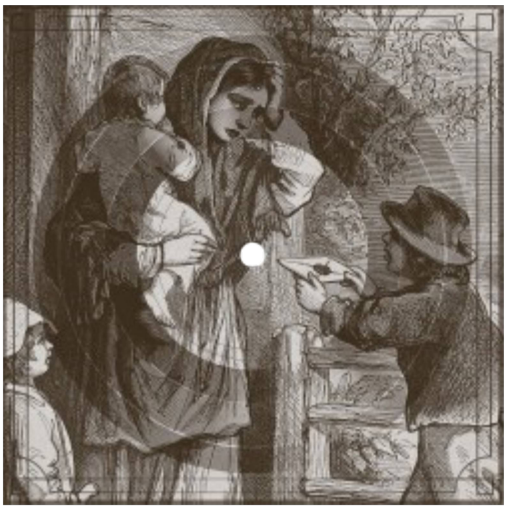
3. "Arrival of the son on Christmas Eve"



Graphic: Based on drawing by Carl J. Arnold, 1886-1887

Musical background: From the Polonaise in A minor 'Farewell to the Homeland' by Michał Kleofas Oginski, arranged for orchestra.

4. "Letter from the battlefield"



Graphic: Woodcut by Franciszek Kostrzewski, 1870**.**

Musical background: Excerpt from the first movement of Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21

[Editor's note: I attempted to purchase these items (198.90 PLN, about $47 US) but found that I needed crypto-currency to do so. I'm not ready to enter that arena, so I lost interest]

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY FERNANDO TORRES

March 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Laupus.

Minutes of the previous Meeting were not requested.

There were 24 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports:

Program VP—Presentation next meeting: Topics with letter "V"

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — Report is available from the treasurer, Rod Gabel.

Old Business — We will plan on repeating the quarterly auction on April 12, 2023.

New Business — Timothy E. Wallaert has applied for new membership. His collection interest is USA and Vatican.

Announcements — no new announcements

Show and Tell — none

Program: Collecting Stamps from a dealers perspective. Tom Cunningham.

Meeting was adjourned after 8:30 p.m..

April 12, 2023

No meeting minutes available.

April 26, 2023

The meeting was cancelled due to bad weather.

May 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Laupus

Minutes of the previous Meeting were not requested.

There were 21 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports:

Program VP: Next meeting will feature a philatelic quiz by Rick Hosler**.**

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — Report is available from the treasurer, Rod Gabel.

Old Business — none

New Business — Paul Withoeft is not going to be able to attend OKPEX due to personal reasons, The club will not be able to expose a "Club Frame" in OKPEX this year.

Announcements — no new announcements

Show and Tell — Oil in Alaska. Presented by Jack Urish

Program: Topics with letter "V"

Meeting was adjourned after 8:30 p.m.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 14th.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICK HOSLER

Membership remains at 50.

2023 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few weeks. Forever stamps or other non-denominated stamps are listed with the current or anticipated value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

June 13 **Waterfalls**. Twelve (63¢) forever special stamps, pane of 12; Arizona (Deer Creek Falls), California (Nevada Fall), Pennsylvania (Harrison Wright Falls), Wyoming (Lower Falls of the Yellowstone River), Hawaii (Waimoku Falls), Utah (Stewart Falls), New York (Niagara Falls), Virginia (Dark Hollow Falls), Tennessee (Grotto Falls), Washington (Sunbeam Falls), Illinois (LaSalle Canyon Waterfall) and North Carolina (Upper Falls); Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

June 23 **Tundra Swans**. $25 federal migratory waterfowl hunting and conservation stamp issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior, pane of one and pane of 20. Memphis, TN

July 9 **Northern Cardinal**. One (63¢) definitive stamped envelope in multiple formats; Bird City, KS 67731

July 21 **John Lewis**. One (63¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 15; Atlanta, GA 30304

Aug. 10 **Life Magnified**. Twenty (63¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; red blood cells, Macaw parrot feather, human hair, moss leaves, arranged diatoms, freshwater protozoans, acorn barnacle, moth antenna, diving beetle front foot, mouse brain neurons, starling bone tissue, moth wing scales, zebrafish, mushroom gills, freshwater snail tongue, blue button organism, mold spores, barnacle legs, flame lily pollen, and oak leaf surface; Cleveland, OH 44101.

Aug. 11 **Thinking of You**. Five (63¢) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; Cleveland, OH 44101.

Aug. 24 **Bridges**. Four (25¢) presorted first-class definitive stamps, coils of 3,000 and 10,000; Arrigoni Bridge, Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, Skydance Bridge, Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge; Portland, CT 06480.

Sep. 8 **Pinatas.** Four (63¢) forever definitive stamps, double-sided pane of 20. Roswell, NM 80823.

Sep. 19 **Snow Globes.** Four (63¢) forever special stamps, double-sided pane of 20; snowman, Santa, deer, tree. Breckenridge, CO 80424.

Sep. 22 **OSIRIS-REx: Return to Earth.** Single (63¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20. Salt Lake City, UT 84199.

Oct. 2 **Ruth Bader Ginsburg.** Single (63¢) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20. Washington, DC 20066.

CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com or mailed to 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrolton, TX 75007-2828.

FOR SALE

US 2023 Coils. Sailboats (postcard rate): Pair $1.00, PNC5 $5.00; Patriotic Block (non-profit rate): Single $0.05, Pair $0.10, PNC5 $0.50 ; Freedom Flag (Forever rate) coil of 3000: Single $0.65, Pair $1.30, PNC $6.50. 2022 coils also available. See Stan Bartnikowski at club meetings or contact stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.