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When 4th Monday each month at **7:30 PM**

Membership \$15 for Regular members
\$10 for email only

JANUARY MEETING

This month we get two programs for the price of one, with Christina Esbeck illustrating uses of the United States “F” stamp, while Philippa Esbeck will show her collection of odd shaped stamps. **Also note the meeting this month will be in Room 201, across the hall from our usual room.**

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

February....	Retracing a Global Trek.....	Ed Bayham
March.....	TBD.....	Norb Wright
April..	Civil War Revenue Stamps...	Don Woodworth
May.....	TBD.....	Open
June.....	TBD.....	Open
July.....	Lick and Stick Party.....	All
August.....	TBD.....	Open
September.....	TBD.....	Open
October.....	Philatelic Jeopardy.....	Guy Gasser
November.....	Auction Bux Auction.....	Jerry Schultz

Speakers needed for next year. Contact Katrina to volunteer and reserve the month when you would like to share your philatelic knowledge with the club.

DUES

Don't forget to pay your dues for 2023. They are \$15 to get the Perf-Dispatch in hardcopy or \$10 to receive it by email. The majority of our members have already paid. Don't be left out. Pay now while you are thinking about it.

WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ

Happy New Year! The new year is upon us and we're off and running. I hope that this year is healthy, joyful, and prosperous for everyone. I hope that everyone had a nice holiday season and everyone is ready to take on 2023. Let's also hope that inflation slows back to a reasonable rate, and that the weather gets back to being more normal even though these warm periods are pretty nice.

Recapping the end of last year, those that didn't attend the Christmas party missed out on a great event filled with lots of fun and frolic. The 28 that attended did not. I want to thank our VP, Katrina Whitaker, for the great job she did putting together a wonderful event. Everyone seemed to have a good time and there were lots of thanks and compliments on the evening.

The Christmas party marks the end of the club's FY and is also when I award this year's recipient of the club's Prexie Award. The Prexie Award, for the benefit of our new members, is the President's award and it started in 2005. It is awarded to the club member who has over a period of time gone above and beyond what club members normally do to support the club. This award is at the sole discretion of the club President, and may or may not be awarded each year. All club members are eligible. I am pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Greater Mound City Stamp Club Prexie Award is Pat Morgan. Congratulations, Pat!

The next couple of months bring our usual club meetings. However, that doesn't mean that we can all rest on our laurels. Nope. That's because in a little over two months will be the big show of the year for the St. Louis region, the St. Louis Stamp Expo. Why am I bringing this up now? Show support, that is why. Our club is the biggest supporter of the show and we always pitch in to help make sure that the show is a success. That means needing many volunteers for several things over a 4-day period to ensure its success. I also bring this up now because we only have two

meetings before the show, Jan and Feb, and we have to nail down who is doing what well in advance. Therefore, I am asking everyone now to think about the time they can provide to support the show, and next month I will ask for volunteers to commit and sign up for different events.

Here's the when, where, and what for the Expo. One can find information at the Expo website, www.stlouisstampexpo.com or on our club website. Here is the information too so you can immediately put it on your calendar. The St. Louis Stamp Expo will take place at the same location as the last 20 years, the Airport Renaissance Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, Berkely, MO 63134. Show dates are 24-26 March. Show times are 10-6 Fri and Sat, and 10-3 on Sun. I'll need the following volunteers, as of right now, times TBD; eight to help set up exhibit frames and then help mount exhibits on Thursday morning, and eight to take down exhibits and exhibit frames on Sun afternoon; two to help set up the youth room on Thursday afternoon, seven to help run the registration desk and seven to help in the youth room (a minimum of 2 hour time blocks); and as many as can to man the club table to answer questions about the club and sign up new members. It's possible that we may need more. I'll iron that out by next month's newsletter.

It's time to renew the 'ol membership. Phil reports that we almost have everyone renewed. If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please do so soonest so we can close out that task for this year.

This month's program promises to be as wild as wild card weekend turned out to be this past weekend. I can only imagine what our youngest members, Christina and Philippa Esbeck, have in store for us with F rate and odd shaped stamps. You've gotta come find out. And the VP is working on programs for this year. It's a never-ending task. She still has several months open. Sign up early and pick the month.

That is all!

Guy



Postage rates are going up again January 23rd. A first-class letter up to 1 ounce rises 3 cents to 63 cents, the postcard rate goes up 4 cents to 48 cents, but hey, the additional ounce rate stays the same at 24 cents. At least something didn't increase!

HELP NEEDED

The club is in need of a new Club Stamp Custodian. The job involves; storing the club stamps, occasionally organizing new stamps, bringing some to club meetings and setting up/breaking down a table at Stampfest each year. The job comes with extra Auction Bux each year for taking it on. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

DONATED COLLECTION

Late last year a large collection of U.S. and worldwide stamps was donated to the club with the proviso that beginning collectors would be allowed to receive stamps for their collection at no cost. By early this year we will have had the collection for about one year, so at that point we may sell the collection. If we have beginners who still would like to go through the collection before that happens, please contact the Secretary to arrange a time to look through it and add to their collections.

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