



**PERF-DISPATCH**  
**GREATER MOUND CITY STAMP CLUB**  
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Where Kirkwood Community Center  
Room 200  
111 South Geyer Rd.  
Kirkwood, MO 63122

When 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at **7:30**  
**PM**

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

**JANUARY MEETING**

Are you comfortable with knowing how to check your stamps for watermarks, perf gauges, and all the other skills that really upgrade your collecting? Come to the meeting this month to learn. Check with page 3 to see what you should bring.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

**2024**

January.....Workshop.....Katrina Whitaker  
February.....Workshop.....Katrina Whitaker

Speakers still needed for all the rest of this year. Contact Katrina to volunteer and reserve the month when you would like to share your philatelic knowledge with the club.

**BOURSE**

The Second Saturday Bourse has been resurrected. It will be held in the Epic Empowerment Center at 17795 Wildhorse Creek Road in Chesterfield, MO. Look for the sign along the road. This is another opportunity to meet local dealers and add to your collection.

**WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ**

**H**i everyone and Happy New Year! I hope that we all have a healthy and prosperous 2024. Has it been cold enough for ya? I don't know about everyone else, but I've had enough of this cold weather to last me for the rest of this year, maybe next year too! I am definitely looking forward to Spring.

What does 2024 have in store for the Greater Mound City Stamp Club? Well, along with the usual things that we do as a club like, Expo, StampFest, Pot Luck dinner, Christmas Party, and the various programs throughout the year, 2024 is going to require some patience, flexibility, and resilience. This is because the dreaded, but needed, renovation to the Community Center is going to finally begin this year. Here's what I know now and can share.

Phase one, the main entrance, lobby, and west gym will close down from March through September. Yep, that means that we lose our space for StampFest this year. Phase two, the east gym, and the meeting rooms will close sometime this fall for the rest of the year. When depends on completion of the first phase. That means that we are going to have to find another place to meet for a few months. I don't know yet how long this will be. There will also be periods when the electric and plumbing will be shut down during phase one. Depending on when these periods happen, we may have to find another meeting place for a month here and a month there. When the main entrance closes, we will have to enter through the old main entrance, which may be a good thing as it is located on the second floor. There will not be any impact on our January and February meetings. Your club officers will tackle all of this and I'll inform everyone how we will skin this cat once it all gets figured out.

The club finished off the year with its annual Christmas bash. We had 30 attend this year, which is a little disappointing as I was hoping for a few more especially since the club was on the hook for 35, but for those that did attend fun was had by all.

There were many fun games with lots of sweet prizes handed out. I want to thank Katrina, our VP, for putting on another great event.

As is customary, I announce the results of the officer elections and this year's recipient of the Prexie award, if there is one. I also announce these here for those who were not in attendance. The officer positions up for re-election this year were the President and Treasurer. The incumbents threw their hat in the ring, but no one else sought to oppose them. Therefore, myself and Pat Morgan were retained in their current positions at President and Treasurer respectively.

The Prexie award. This award is awarded by the club President to recognize a club member who has gone above and beyond what is asked of club members in support of the club in a myriad of ways over a period of time. It is not awarded every year. I did this year. It is with great pleasure that I announce that this year's Prexie award winner is the venerable Jerry Schultz! Congratulations, Jerry, and thank you for all that you have done for the club!

Have you ordered your club shirt yet?

Many of the club members have already renewed their dues for next year. If you are one who has not yet done so, please take care of that soonest. Also, if you plan on not renewing, why would anyone even think of doing that???, please let Phil know that too. The more info Phil has sooner makes it all work out easier.

The program for the next 2 months comes at the request of several club members. It's a how to workshop hosted by our VP. How to what one may ask? It's how to do the basic things that all stamp collectors should know how to do. The program will cover how to use basic collecting tools, how to use a catalog, how to see and identify watermarks, and how to find and identify basic faults. This program will use a hands-on approach where everyone will get to practice what they learn with stamps donated by dealers in the club. If you don't know how to or are not sure, this is a program for you. If you do know, then you can help those who do not! Now, the VP needs to fill the program list for the rest of this year. Who will step up?

That is all!

Guy

**CLUB WEBSITE**

[www.greatermoundcity.org](http://www.greatermoundcity.org)

**HOPEL+**

The "Old Philatelists Eating Lunch Plus" is simply a gathering of some of your philatelic friends coming together to have lunch and enjoy each other's company. The February gathering will be at Tuckers Place, 14282 Manchester Rd. at 11:30 a.m. on February 12.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Postal rates are going up again this month. A first class 1 oz letter up 2 cents to 68 cents, post cards up 2 cents to 53 cents, but the additional oz rate will again stay pat at 24 cents. At least something didn't go up!**

### DUES

Roughly 80% of our members have paid their dues and renewed their membership for 2024. For those of you who haven't yet renewed, why not do it now? Send off your payment to our Treasurer, Pat Morgan, or bring it with you to our January meeting. We love having you as a member and we don't want to lose you.

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# GMCSC JANUARY WORKSHOP

Please bring the following equipment with you when you come to the workshop  
this month, January 22, 2024

Pencil

Eraser

Magnifying glass and/or loupe

Tongs

Perforation gauge

Watermark tray or small black plastic dish

Watermark fluid

Catalogue

Please note: A small number of these items may be available for you to borrow during the workshop, but not nearly enough for everyone to have one. Since you probably should have your own to use for your collecting, it will be better if everyone brings their own. Clarity brand watermark fluid will be available for purchase at a very attractive price.