



**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

**WORDS FROM EL PRESIDENTÉ**

**H**i everyone. The really big shew is in full stride and going strong, or so I hope. Since I'm writing this before the show opens, but you will all receive it either the day before or the day it opens (I hope it's not later than that), I'm making the assumption that it is going great. I hate to assume though because it is well known what could happen when making assumptions! Those that read this after the show, well, the show is over and what a show it was.

First off, March is the month that the CC starts its renovations. The good news is that there will not be any impact on this month's meeting. We continue to march like normal. If and when a month comes that does cause us a problem, I will notify everyone via email as soon as I get the information. Hopefully, it will not be a last-minute notification. It shouldn't be, but nothing is for certain.

As of this writing, I am still soliciting volunteers for some areas of the show. Hopefully a few more will answer the call. Since the show will be over when we meet next, I want to thank now those of you who volunteered to help with the show. Again, a show this size doesn't run well without the help of our volunteers. I'll be more specific in next month's column. Also, don't forget the big box one gets for volunteering!

Looking forward, the next big event on the horizon is StampFest. We are still working out the details and searching for a venue since we know the CC is a no go this year. There will be more to come in the next month or two.

Have you ordered your club shirt yet? If not, it's never too late to order one. Those that do have them, please wear them to the show. I can't think of a better way to advertise the club than walking around the show floor and attending any events with club shirts proudly displayed.

This is the last call for membership renewal. The club has a handful of people who have yet to renew

**MARCH MEETING**

This will be a Workshop meeting where you will learn how to use your perf gauge, how to check the watermarks on your stamps, and how to read your catalogue to know what the perforations and watermarks on your stamp should be. Bring your tongs and other tools, as well as a stamp or two you need to check. Hope to see you there on March 25.

**PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

March.....Workshop.....Katrina Whitaker  
July.....Lick 'n Stick.....Guy Gasser  
October.....Philatelic Jeopardy.....Guy Gasser  
November...Auction Bux Auction.....Jerry Schultz

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.

**WHAT YOU MISSED**

Last month Ed Bayham gave a talk on postcards and covers, showing how interesting they can be. An advantage of postcards is that you can see the message they carried, while covers often do not contain the original message. He also shared a book showing art works that have been used on cards.

their membership. Any member who has not renewed by 31 March will be officially dropped from the rolls. Please don't be one of them.

The program this month will be a continuation of the "how to" workshop the VP started in January. You know, the how to do the basic things that all stamp collectors should know how to do. Maybe you don't know, which is exactly why you need to know, and this is the opportunity to be in the know. 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 month we'll start putting hands on these things to enhance the learning process. We may even continue this into April for more hands-on fun depending on what you all want to do with this. The one thing to remember though for this month's program is, bring your tools! Now, the VP still needs to fill the program list for the rest of this year. This is taking too long this year. Who will step up?

This year Expo has the privilege of hosting a USPS first day of issue ceremony for not one, but two new stamps, the Celebration Blooms and Wedding Blooms stamps. This privilege does not come along very often. Here's a great opportunity to be a part of a new issue of stamps.

Last thing for this month is go to the show! If the attendance isn't there, the dealers won't come back and there won't be a show. Support the show. Support the dealers. Support the club. See you at the show!

That is all.

Guy

### ■ DID YOU KNOW? ■

**Did you know: The first postage stamps issued in St. Louis with a first day of issue ceremony were the Louisiana Purchase Exposition issue on 30 April 1904. Gee, I wonder what event it supported???**

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The "Old Philatelists Eating Lunch Plus gathering will be at Mike Duffy's Pub & Grill at 6662 Clayton Rd. on April 8 at 11:30. Don't miss out on the fun.

## DUES

This is the final month members will receive the Perf-Dispatch if they do not pay their dues for 2024. Annual dues are due by January 1, but you receive a grace period through the end of March to pay them. We still have a few members who have not yet paid their 2024 dues. Please get them to Pat Morgan by the end of this month.

## 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.

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