



The Overprint

Newsletter of the Reading Stamp Collectors' Club

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**Most Meetings Held the first Tuesday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Site: Berkshire Commons, 5485 Perkiomen Avenue (Route 422)
Turn North on Lincoln opposite of the Dairy Queen.
Proceed 300 feet, turn left on Washington and look right of center at the stop sign.**

Monday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Picnic and Auction

**At St. John's Lutheran Church
in Boyertown**

Note the change in date, day, and time!

Also bring a covered dish or dessert

Also, please bring prizes for the Ladies Bingo Games!!!

**And please bring items for our auction and
bid on new treasures for your collection!**

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**Mike Bach won \$15 in the 50/50 drawing at the June meeting.
The attendance award was won by Charles Hayer who was not present.
Don't forget, members, to arrive early for the picnic (6pm) and auction and have fun!**

St. John's Lutheran Church hosts picnic, auction

For several years now our club has shared a special picnic and auction meeting with the Pottstown Stamp Club. As a result of our friends' connection, we have been able to meet at St. John's Lutheran Church in Boyertown.

The church is located at 45 North Reading Avenue and is a beautiful location for our joint meeting. Your editor thought that a little back-ground on the history of the church may enhance your visit. According to web sources, the church began as a preaching point in 1808 at "Boyers." In 1811, they shared a building with the local reformed church and their first pastor was Jacob Miller. He served from 1811 to 1829, when his brother, Conrad, took over leadership from 1829 to 1852. Together, that was 41 years!

The fourth pastor was Henry Wendt, who held services only once every four weeks. In 1867, English replaced German for some services.



The congregation bought a building lot in 1871 for \$3,000 and by next year they amicably moved from their shared church to a brand new building at their current location. The church alone cost \$20,200 not counting furnishings, bell, etc. In 1882 a 172-foot steeple was added at a cost of \$2,000. It was removed in 1933 due to safety issues. Moving along with the times, in 1901 the pastor was granted two weeks of vacation.

On January 13, 1908, a terrible tragedy struck the congregation. The Sunday School presented a program on the Scottish Reformation at the Rhoads Opera House nearby. Fire broke out and 173 people died, many of them members of the congregation and their families. This event made national news and resulted in many new fire codes.

In 1912, services in English were held every other week. All but a couple special services were held in English starting in 1938. The particularly patriotic congregation lent 356 members to the armed services in World War II. The church published a monthly newspaper for these citizen-soldiers. In the shorter WW I there had been 96 church member who served.

MIKE'S PAGES

RSCC IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

FUTURE MEETINGS: 2017

Reading Stamp Collectors Club

July 10th (MONDAY)
Boyertown – Picnic / Auction

August 1st
Carsonia Park in Postcards
Presenter: Mike Matus

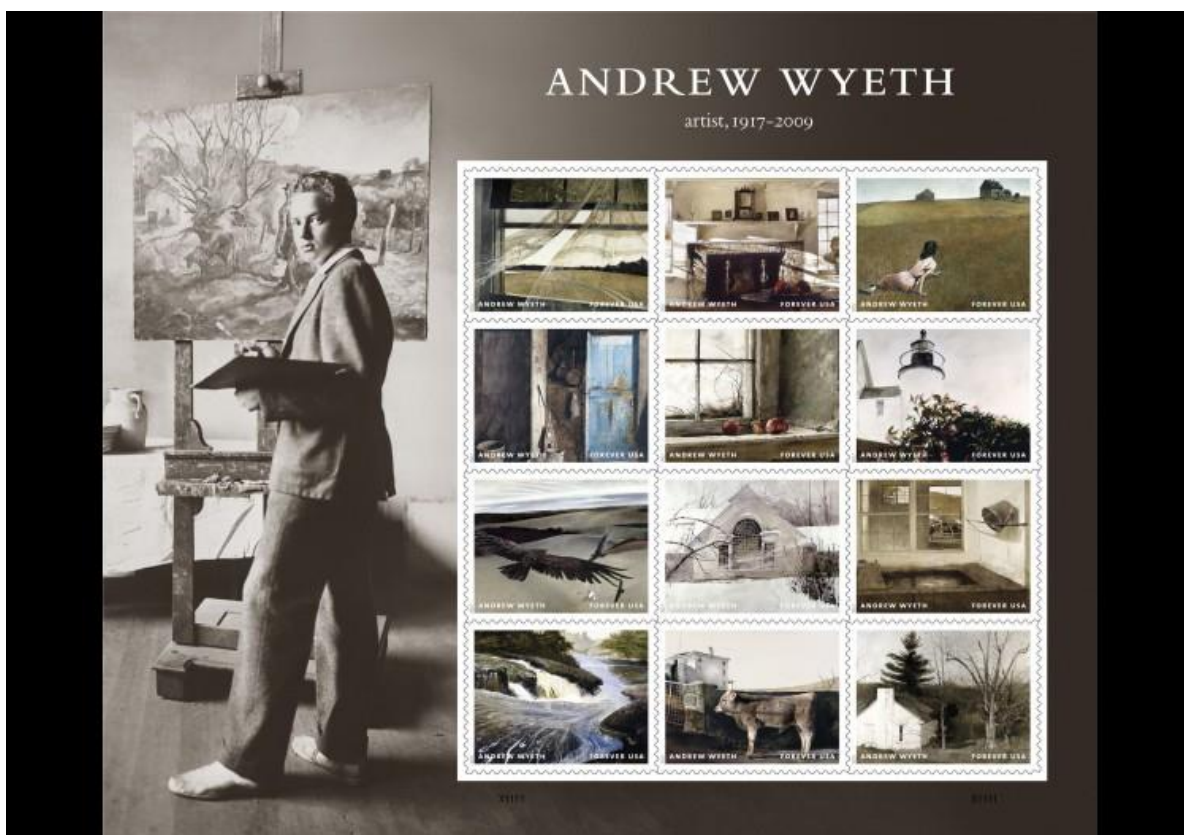
Philatelic Society of Lancaster County

July 12th
Postal History Classics
Presenter: Dr. Charles DiComo

August 9th
Picnic

COMING EVENT

ANDREW WYETH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



United States Postal Service Dedication of 12 Andrew Wyeth Forever® Stamps

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11 a.m.

Brandywine River Museum of Art - Free Admission

THE MARKET PLACE

Roy Baardsen is offering:

Marshall Islands: WW II - Complete 100 sheets - Face value \$527.14, Scott CV \$1423.50

100 sheets in MNH pristine Post Office condition. Housed in two mint sheet files.

EXAMPLE:



Asking price Make offer

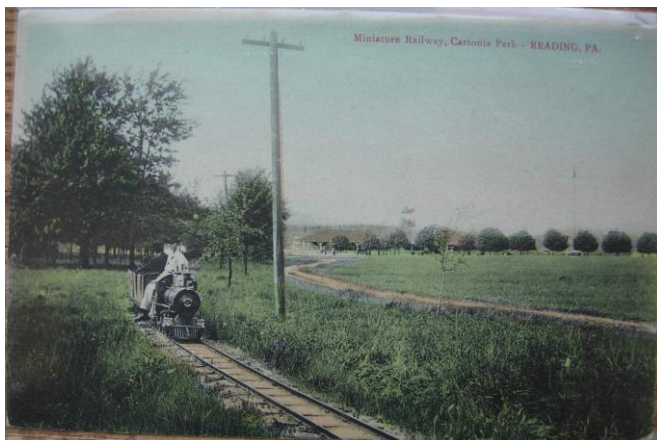
Call Roy K. Baardsen 610-927-3435 or e-mail roykb@comcast.net

Aaron Heckler is offering:

+c1910 postcard: Miniature railway, Carsonia Park, Reading, PA. series NN1505/16. Not posted. Light wear. **Asking Price \$15**

+Lot of 10 Christmas/New Years postcards. Embossed, published by John Winsch. All postally used with messages, c1910-15. **Asking Price: \$20 the lot or would sell singly \$3 each.**

+thousands of other postcards available: holidays, greetings, topics, town views, etc. Inquire with specific subject/topics of interest.



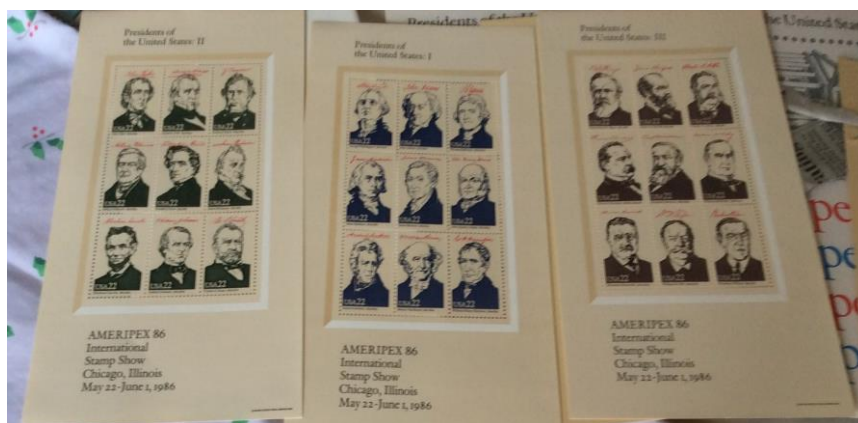
Contact: Aaron Heckler: pegpens@gmail.com

Bob Steiniger is offering:

USA 1873: 30 Cent Used Grey/Black Alexander Hamilton Scott # 165 CV \$ 140.00
Asking price \$ 75.00

Great Britain 1919: Seahorses 2sh 6p and 5sh Wmk 34 Scott # 179 & 180 CV \$200.00
Asking price \$ 110.00
Call Bob at 610-689-4431

Mary Anne Albert is offering:



MAKE AN OFFER:

Contact Mary Anne via email at persides2@aol.com

BUS TRIP

SEATS GOING LIKE HOTCAKES – 24 LEFT
DON'T MISS OUT

Destination: National Postal Museum

Where? Washington, D.C.
When? Thursday September 21, 2017
Cost: \$65.00 –
(includes driver's tip, snacks and prizes)

(Dinner stop is NOT included)

ONLY 50 seats available - Payment Insures a seat

Leaving:

1st Pick Up

7:00 a.m. From Lowe's - 2625 Shillington Rd
Rt 222 to Sinking Spring, Route 724 Exit
Parking rear of lot under the LOWES sign

2nd Pick Up

7:30 a.m. From Woodcrest Villa
2001 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601
Parking in dining room parking lot

Leaving D.C.

6:00 p.m.
A Dinner Stop Will Be Made at Cracker Barrel
13600 Wolfe Road, New Freedom, PA 17349
Shrewsbury exit on Rt. 83 717-235-4040

Call:

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Send Payments to:

Sinking Spring, PA 19608-8913

Email Reservation:

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OR

Bring your spouse and a friend. Spend a day in Washington, D.C. for sightseeing and lunch while we are at the museum

MONEY IS DUE BY - August 15, 2017

