

Mayflower Minutes

West Suburban Stamp Club
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Meetings on the 1st and 3rd
Fridays of each month at 7:30.
(Doors open at 6:30)
Held at:
Plymouth Historical Museum
155 South Main Street
Plymouth, Michigan



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 9—Pre—Show Planning
- June 6- What I Got at The Plymouth Show
- July 18-TBD
- August 15-TBD
- September 19-TBD

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CLUB MEETING INFORMATION

The May 9th Meeting (7:30 PM) will be LIVE at the Plymouth Historical Museum and via ZOOM. Doors open at 6:30.

WSSC “THE PLYMOUTH SHOW” MAY 23 and 24

Combining forces, the West Suburban Stamp Club, “The Plymouth Show” and Michigan's Premier Coin & Currency Show will be on Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24.

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE—ONE CLUB MEETING A MONTH

During the summer months our club will have only one meeting a month. This is due to holidays and museum scheduling issues.

See “upcoming programs” for summer schedule.

Later in the year the club will discuss future meeting scheduling.

MAY 9th MEETING—PRE-SHOW PLANNING

Come ready to plan and to volunteer for our upcoming show.

2026 WSSC PLYMOUTH SHOW LEADERSHIP NEEDED

Sarah is looking for someone to take the lead for next year’s show. Think about it and hopefully step up to take on that task. If interested, please talk to Sarah.

CLUB OFFICERS NEEDED FOR 2026 TERM

A slate of WSSC Club Officers is needed for the 2026 term. Please think about serving as an officer by renewing your current term or starting to become more active in supporting our club.

PROGRAMS NEEDED FOR 2025 MEETINGS

Looking for someone to present a topic for discussion at a 2025 meeting. If you would like to talk about something in your collection, see Charlie Wood. It can be as simple or complex as you want. Do whatever you feel comfortable with.

WSSC Club Officers:

President: Sarah Beckman, Vice President: Ron Beier, Secretary: Nick Fava, Treasurer: Bill Chace.

Trustees through 2025: Rod Watts, Tabitha Herron. Trustees through 2026: John Beeskow, Ray Gunther

Newsletter Editor: Doug Becker, E-mail: newsletter@thewssc.com

DOOR PRIZES NEEDED

Looking for donations of door prizes for our meeting raffles. If you have items that would be appropriate for our raffles, talk to Jim. Current stock of items is getting low.

AUCTION INFORMATION

Jim would like feedback and/or any requested items for the U.S. portion of the auction.

Note: If an item is not bid on at an auction, that item will be relisted at a future auction.

STAMP COLLECTING—SIGNS THE HOBBY IS NOT DEAD

While stamp collecting is nowhere near as popular as its “golden age”, there are indicators the hobby still maintains an international following and is evolving for the digital age.

A key sign of life is that specialist groups and clubs for philately continue to exist in countries worldwide. In the US, the American Philatelic Society and American Topical Association still have active memberships. Major annual stamp shows still occur.

Certain demographics and geographies show growing interest as well. In India and China, increasing middle classes have taken up stamp collecting. Youth philately groups provide education and community. First-day covers and topical collecting around specific subjects persist.

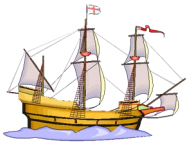
Technology is lending help in some ways. Online communities like Stamp Boards and Forum enable collectors to connect. Inventory software helps collectors organize and value their holdings. Auction aggregators centralize stamps for sale from eBay and other marketplaces.

While the hobby is certainly smaller than historically, dedicated enthusiasts are finding ways to adapt stamp collecting to today’s landscape. The global nature and abundant existing stamps offer continued potential for engagement.

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WHY EXPERTIZE?

1. For a warranty of genuineness and APS guarantee
2. To avoid financial loss and disappointment
3. For ease of future sale
4. To have proper identification of all aspects of the item, including paper, color, watermark, cancel, and gum.
5. To know if a stamp has hidden flaws or has been altered
6. For peace of mind



Mini Auction May 9, 2025

1. US 29 envelopes, pre printed postage, various rates, all unused.
2. US Scott #4084, Full sheet Comic Book Super Heroes. Cat. \$13.75
3. US Airmail Mint hinged, Scott C23 thru C31. Cat. \$23.00
4. US Scott #4143, Full Sheet of the 2007 Star Wars Issue. Cat. \$14.31
5. US Mint Scott #s 297 no gum, 670 (2) MH, 343 & 441 MH, 279b MNH. Total Cat. \$101.50
6. US Mint Scott #2967, Marilyn Monroe Full Sheet. Cat. \$16.50
7. US Mint Scott #358, No gum appears mint, your call. Cat. Used VF \$115.00
8. US Mint Scott #3408 Full Sheet Legends of Baseball. Cat. \$12.50
9. US Used Scott #300 thru 311, mounted on album page. Cat. \$132.85
10. US Mint Scott #3403, Full Sheet Stars and Stripes. Cat. \$12.50
11. US Used Scott # 314, 319, and 320. Cat. \$28.85
12. US Mint Scott # 3780b, special booklet of 20. Cat. of booklet of 10 is \$6.25
13. US Mint Scott 3236, Full Sheet of American Art Issue. Cat. \$15.00
14. US Mint Scott 3856b, special booklet of Lewis and Clark Issue, (10) stamps. Cat. \$7.50
15. US Mint Scott #3378, Full Sheet Pacific Coast Rain Forest. Cat. \$8.31
16. Canada - #104, 105, 107, 108, & 118, all Mint Light Hinge. Total Cat. \$142.50.
17. Mexico – (230) older stamps.
18. Great Britain - #111 – 122, Complete Used Set. Some very nice examples.
Total Cat. \$274.85.
19. Nicaragua & Peru – (284) different older stamps.
20. British Guiana – A manila stock card loaded with older stamps.
21. Romania – (879) different stamps. A nice start on a Romanian Collection.
22. Great Britain Offices Abroad – Morocco. Included are: #35, 37, 49-52, 58, 61, 65, 83, 84, 86, & 89-91. All Mint Hinged. Total Cat. \$39.25.
23. “M to R” Countries – (345) stamps from various countries.
24. New Zealand – (111) older stamps which includes (8) from New South Wales.
25. Great Britain - #45a, used 6p Deep Lilac. Rarer Plate #6. Cancel #927. Cat. \$190.00.
26. (1,000) Foreign used stamps off paper sorted into envelopes of 100.
27. (3) old Worldwide Albums with hundreds of stamps. Who knows?

