

The Messenger



July 2021

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In Person or by Zoom
New Location
Johnson County Library
22435 W 66th St.
Shawnee, KS 66226
Saturday, JULY 3RD
Gather at 1:00pm
Meeting starts at 2:00pm
**Zoom link Info will
come to your email**

Our Secretary Reports What You Missed:

Members present or on Zoom: 38 plus 1 visitor

Announcements: Jim McKinzie talked about the Wichita show on June 18th & 19th. Tomas Griebing talked about GASS/Great American Stamp Show in Chicago on Aug 12th-15th. Show is on and please show your support. Congrats to Dale Smith for being voted their Distinguished Topical Philatelist this year. Randy Neil has a supply of Kellehers' Stamp Quarterly to give away at the front table.

First Vice-President: Michael Miklovic expressed the need for members to step up for programs in July and August. Waldo library of the Kansas City Library System not open yet for our old meeting room. Still has not heard from Midwest Genealogy Library (Mid-Continent) in Independence. We are booked through September at the Johnson County Library, Monticello/Shawnee Location.

Second Vice-President: No Report.

Treasurer: Armen said as of February 2020 we had \$8,165 in the bank. As of June 2021 we have \$8,313. Not bad considering Covid and not collecting dues this year.

Librarian: Neil has two new books for the library: Stamps Tell the Story of the Vatican and Guinness Book of Stamps. Let Neil know if you would like to check them or others out.

Historian: No Report. A member donated some old Midaphil covers and some MPS material

Exhibits: Barbara reports that three people have signed up for the exhibiting in December. Please consider exhibiting some of your material. Contracts will be sent out soon. She also thanked people for the today's refreshments. She will need some help as Betsy is no longer able to at this time.

Show & Tell: We had four. Jeff Lough, Fred Reynolds, Ted Rights and Tomas Griebing. Jeff collects philatelic items related to Thomas Jefferson. He showed a postal currency dated 8/21/1862 which was used to buy stamps. He also presented a crash cover dated 9/15/1919. Fred had a copy of the Philatelic Gazette. He received it from Dan Mayo who was a member of the Collectors Club of KC and secretary of the Military postal History Society. He also had a book on the Postal History of American Expeditionary Service. Talked about what is military mail and showed several examples. Ted had a cover from with his connection to Lehigh Valley PA where Ted is from. Tomas had a cover that traveled around KC for 27 days due to the wrong zip code written by the sender. It finally arrived after calling several post offices.

Program: BOB #1 given by Jim McKinzie. Showed and explained what BOB or Back of the Book means. Then talked in depth about Motor Vehicle Use Revenue stamps. Showing how collecting the used examples can be fun. Comparing the information given on the back to what make and model that car looked like during that time period.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Miklovic who was kindly subbing
for Michael Keil

**Meet in person or log into Zoom on Saturday,
July 3rd
"Martin Morck: Artist, Designer and Engraver"
Presented by Jeff Lough**

New U.S. Issues for 2021:



Tap Dance

First Class, Forever Rate
Five Designs, Pane of 20
Issue Date July 10th
Print Quantity –18,000,000 stamps

Mystery Message

First Class, Forever Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date July 14th
Print Quantity –20,000,000



Western Wear

First Class, Forever Rate
Four Designs, Booklet of 20
Issue Date July 23rd
Print Quantity –175,000,000



Ursula K. Le Guin

3-ounce rate, Forever
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date July 27th
Print Quantity –10,000,000



Philatelic Happenings:

No known events close by. Will it pick up this fall? Let's hope so. Meanwhile, make plans to go to Chicago to the BIG show. See more info at stamps.org, the APS website.

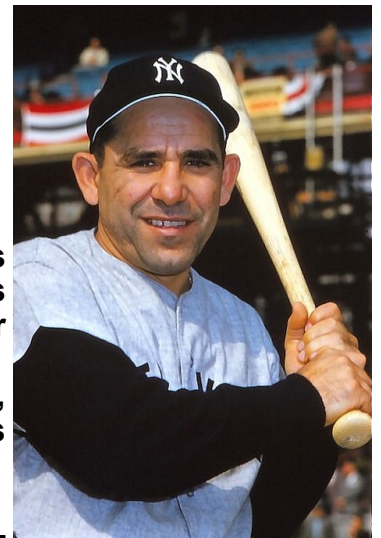
Raven Story

First Class, Forever Rate
One Design, Pane of 20
Issue Date July 30th
Print Quantity –18,000,000 stamps



The following info was not available at press time for this newsletter last month, so as Yogi used to say, "It ain't over, till it's over!"

USPS finally announced that 25,000,000 stamps will be issued for the Yogi Berra stamp.



The Midwest Philatelic Society Website, Marketplace & Blog is
www.midwestphilatelicsociety.com
Find previous newsletters, links to other stamp info and more on our website.

The President's Corner:

Happy Summer! The Fourth of July is just around the corner and people are starting to plan vacations and other travel. I know a number of members will be traveling to Chicago in August for the Great American Stamp Show. The program looks great and it should be a fun show! It was nice to see so many members at the recent June MPS meeting. We heard a lot of very positive comments from people about the space, and it was nice to finally be able to gather in person. It was also good to see several members online. We will continue to schedule a Zoom connection to hold a hybrid meeting so members who may not be able to attend in person can still participate. If any of you have suggestions for other things you would like to see with meetings or for club activities we would love to hear your ideas. Happy stamping! Tomas

NOTICE: MEETING IN-PERSON IS BACK!!!

The July meeting for MPS will be held on **Saturday**, July 3rd at 2 pm.

We will be meeting **IN-PERSON** and also via **ZOOM** (if you prefer to attend online)

The **NEW LOCATION IS:**

**Johnson County Library-Monticello Branch
22435 w 66th Street
Shawnee, KS 66226**

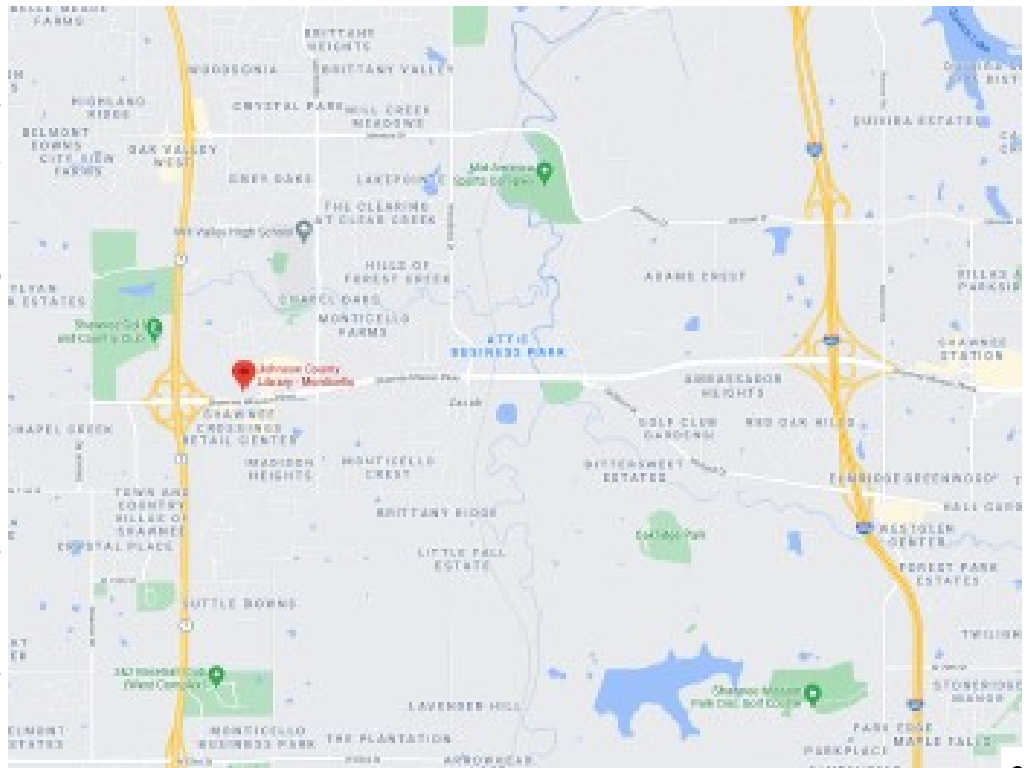
This library is located on the North side of Shawnee Mission Parkway, just East of K-7 highway (and West of I-435).

There is ample parking around the building.

We have the meeting room from 1-5pm. Please feel free to come after 1pm to help set up, visit with each other, set up auction items if you have them and enjoy being together in-person again.

We will work to maintain social distancing during the meeting.

Thanks last month for those that stayed around and helped to reset the room for the library after the auction. Please volunteer again.



Philatelic Ramblings:

If you were unable to attend last month's IN-PERSON meeting, I am sorry. You missed a good meeting and we missed YOU! Notice we are back to meeting on Saturday but we will still be at the Johnson County Library, way out west. I heard a few Johnson Countians grumble about how far it was. Coming from Independence, I just laughed. I was ready to go to the moon to have an in-person meeting. Glad they are back.

The beauty of our hobby is there is something to like about it for nearly everyone. Some of us love the production side of how a stamp is produced, some collect covers and study the postal aspects of that envelope, some just enjoy the beauty of stamps such as flowers on stamps and then there are those of us that enjoy the history or subjects of those little pieces of paper. This time of year always reinvigorates me towards my U.S. Bicentennial collection. I recently found a few items that I was not aware of and didn't have for my collection. Perhaps I will share them at our next meeting for show and tell. Still waiting on them to arrive. I find it amusing that I have to get some of these items from a dealer in England.

Speaking of the 4th of July, I recently read about The Battle of Alamance. This was a pre-Revolutionary War battle between royal governor William Tryon's militia and a group of backcountry farmers called "The Regulators." This occurred in present day Alamance County, North Carolina, southwest of the City of Burlington. The farmers had grown angry over expensive land, embezzlement of tax money, and collusion between creditors and public officials. This prompted the framers in Piedmont North Carolina to form associations, write petitions and seek peaceful redress of their grievances. The lack of response from the royal government only deepened the Regulators resolve. This rising frustration later gave way to violence. The Regulator movement ended with their defeat at Alamance but their struggle sent shockwaves through the Carolina colony and the rest of Colonial America. Thus creating tensions that would reignite during the American War of Independence. This being a precursor to the Revolution, it would have made a perfect commemorative stamp for this year. Why, because it happened 250 years ago this past May on the 16th.



So I ask each of you, what subject that you are passionate about is lacking in the current US stamp program. In other words, what would you like to see represented on a stamp? Write me about it and we will include it in a future newsletter. *JMc*

Last Month's MPS History Quiz Answer:

For the 1939 HAPEX/MPS stamp show and exhibition held at the K.C. Municipal Auditorium, a beautiful 4 pane label was created. Which of the following does not describe one of the 4 triangle panes?

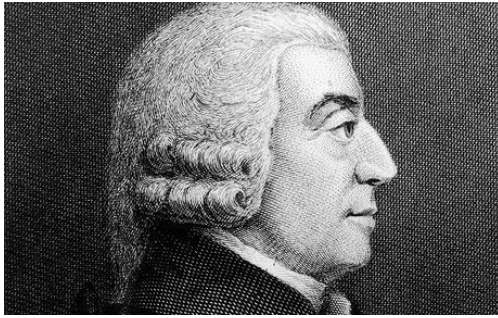
Answer: d - trick question. The year in the club logo pane is 1925. We recognize 1893 as the founding year.



June & July Dates that have Significance to Our Revolution by Jim McKinzie

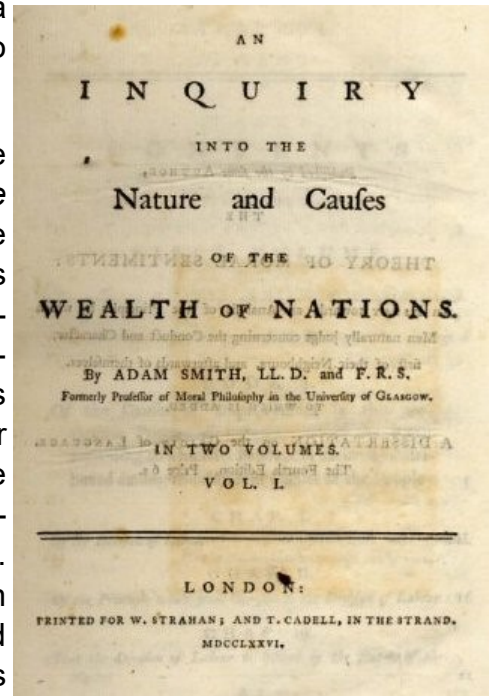
With the 4th of July the next day after our meeting time, perhaps it is a good time to think about the people that helped shape our country into what it is today.

Adam Smith was a Scottish economist and philosopher born on June 5th, 1723. He wrote *An Enquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*, which was first published in 1776. In his book he laid out the workings of a market economy and established himself as one of the most influential figures in the development of modern economic theory.



Adam Smith, Scottish economist and philosopher

His book was extremely influential to the founders and leaders after, in shaping our economy. He has been called the "Father of Capitalism". So, it is interesting that no stamp by the U.S. or Great Britain has been issued in honor of this man. In 2023 would be a good time, 300 years after his birth. What he wrote nearly 250 years ago, is still relevant today.



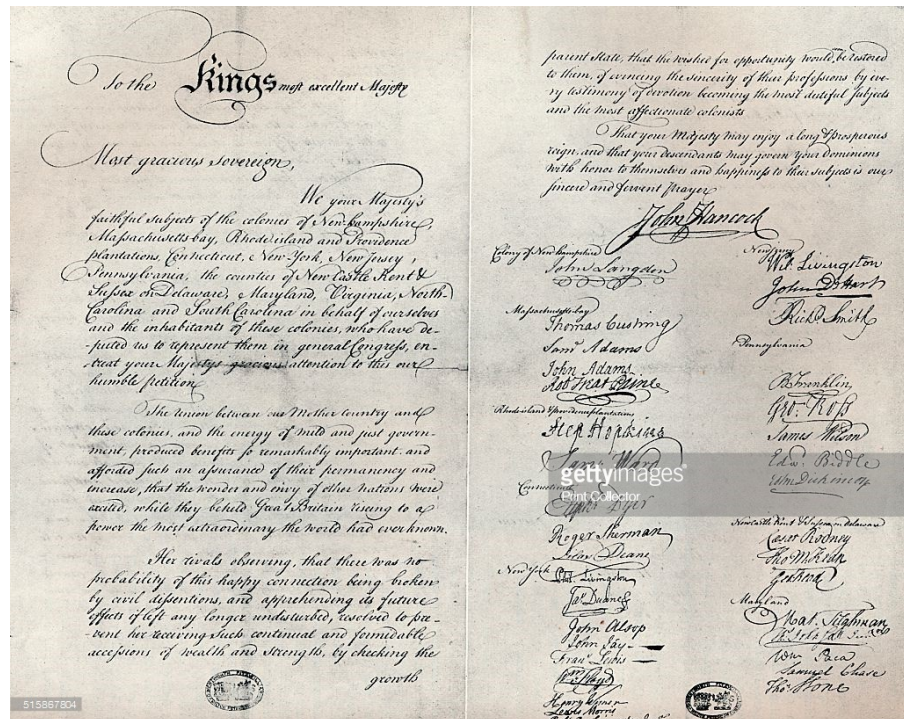
Title page to Adam Smith's Book, *The Wealth of Nations*

Lots of Karl Marx stamps have been issued, time for an Adam Smith stamp.



Great Britain #2942 King George III from British Royalty & History Type of 2008 Issued 09-15-2011

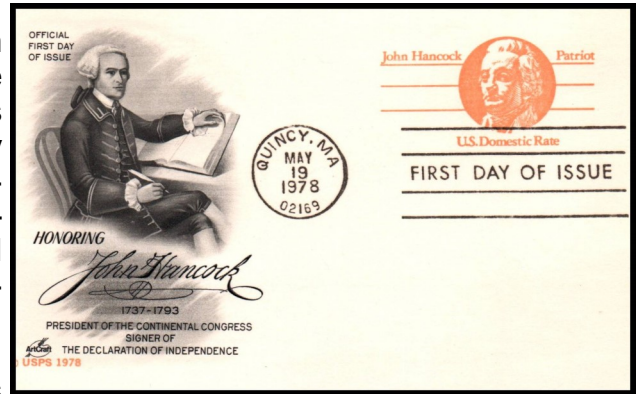
King George III was born on June 4th, 1738. He ruled England for 60 years from 1760 to 1820. It was this British monarch that the American colonies rebelled against. He was a king that expected his subjects to obey. On July 5, 1775 the Continental Congress adopted the Olive Branch Petition expressing hope for a reconciliation with Britain. King George was so intransigent that he refused even to look at the petition. Instead the king issued a proclamation declaring the colonists to be in a state of open rebellion.



The Olive Branch Petition with the prominent signature of John Hancock

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Of the prominent colonists that signed the petition, John Hancock's signature naturally stands out the most at the top of the list of signatures. Some of the other signatories are Sam and John Adams from the Massachusetts Bay Colony and Benjamin Franklin from the Pennsylvania Colony. This document signed by colonists was a final attempt to avoid going to war with Britain. They pledged their loyalty to the crown and asserted their rights as British citizens.



**US #UX74
John Hancock Postcard**

While the Olive Branch Petition was significant, it was doomed from the start. The petition arrived months after the Battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill. This made it too late to have any effect on events. A stamp commemorating this important event would be a good reminder to current and future generations the importance of listening to each other and finding compromise. It will be 250 years soon, since this event took place.



**US #551
Nathan Hale**

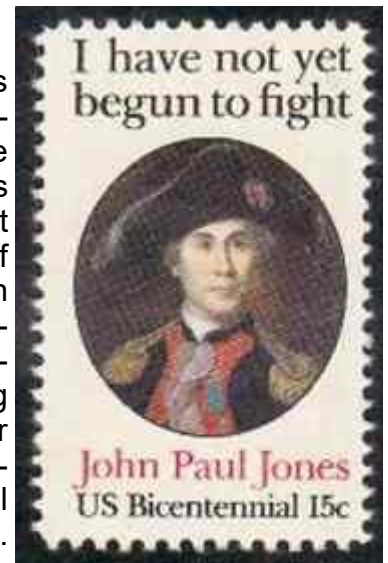
On June 6th, 1755 a great patriot was born. His name was Nathan Hale. He was born in Coventry, Connecticut and was just 21 years old when he was hung by British General William Howe for being a spy. Hale, an American officer, volunteered for the dangerous spy mission in Long Island when he was captured by the British on the night of September 21st, 1776. Howe ordered him to be hanged the next morning. As the young man mounted the gallows he is said to have uttered, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Hale should be remembered as one of the first of countless men and women that have put their lives on the line for this country. Isn't it time for a new Nathan Hale stamp? Perhaps on 9-22-2026 to honor his sacrifice.



PAUL JONES THE PIRATE

**From the US Navy
Academy Collection**

On July 6, 1747 Naval Officer John Paul Jones was born. Not American born but born in Kirkbean, Scotland. Yet, this Scotsman was American through and through. During the Battle of Flamborough Head, Jones is said to have uttered the now famous phrase, "I have not yet begun to fight!" What many do not realize this battle was not off the coast of the colonies but off the eastern coast of England in the North Sea. This battle is an example of the dual mission of a navy: to protect one's own maritime shipping and stopping the enemy's use of the sea for commerce. Jones mission was the interdiction of the enemy's shipping. The two naval forces were the mirror image of each other. The American's objective was to capture ships in a British convoy in order to keep supplies from reaching their destination and aiding the British war effort and British Captain Pearson's was to protect that valuable Baltic convoy of some forty ships. The ships were carrying vital naval stores to the ship yards of England.



**US #1789
John Paul Jones**

While both sides were victors only Captain Pearson accomplished his mission. Jones put fear into the British as he brought the American fight to their shores. Jones had accomplished much considering he was fighting the mightiest navy on the seas and in their backyard. Next year will be the 275th anniversary of his birth. *To be continued in future newsletters!*



CHICAGO 2021
GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW

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AUGUST 12-15, 2021
LOCATION: * DONALD E. STEPHENS CONVENTION CENTER
5555 N RIVER RD • ROSEMONT, IL 60018

*All health and safety guidelines will be observed.

Are you going to the big show? Many of us are making the trek to Chicago. Don't be left out! You can find out the details at the APS website: stamps.org. It will be great fun.

Let Tomas or I know if planning to attend. We hope to get some group pictures, like we did two years ago in Omaha.

MPS History Quiz:

Our club has had many names in the past. Can you match the name with the year that club name was officially adopted?

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| 1. Midwest Philatelic Society | A. 1938 |
| 2. Kansas City Stamp Club | B. 1925 |
| 3. Philatelic Society of Kansas City Mo and Ks | C. 1909 |
| 4. Midwest Philatelic Society of Kansas City, Mo | D. 1893 |
| 5. Kansas City Stamp Collector Club | E. 1905 |

Hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. Thanks to Historian Bob B. for his contribution. You can contribute too by emailing me for next month's issue. **Deadline for the July issue will be July 15th.** Happy stamping! *Jim Mc*