



BUFFALO STAMP CLUB

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BUFPEX

By now everyone should be aware of BUFPEX. If you need information on the show, see the card which has been sent with this newsletter. Make sure you pass on the information to others – friends & relatives. AND, when you are finished with the card, don't throw it away! Give it to a non-collector as an invitation or leave it where it grabs the attention of people - A doctor or dentist office is a good place, or post it on the community bulletin board of a post office or library. In this way, we get the word out and publicize this important and significant event.

I am making a big deal about this because stamp collecting was the No. 1 collecting hobby in 2011, according to Wikicollecting.org. It beat out antiques, comic books, beanie babies, video games and, yes, coin collecting! The data used to compile the list was based on the collecting interests of 150,000 collectors around the world. While it is a small sampling of people, it shows that in the grander scheme of things, stamp collecting is still a very popular hobby. We already knew that! See the list at:

en.wikicollecting.org/world-s-most-popular-collecting-hobbies-2011

OTHER BUFPEX ITEMS

- Please come and support your club and the dealers
- The US Postal Service will be there. Please support them, also – They need it!!
- Help out at the Welcome Table – Be an Ambassador for your Club!
- Check out the exhibits – They are always interesting.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 3rd: **Auction**

February 17th: **Presentation by Dave Smith – US Bureau Issues with Straight Edge Guidelines**

March 2nd: **BUFPEX setup – 7 PM**

March 3rd and 4th: **BUFPEX**
Hours: Saturday 10AM-5PM & Sunday 10AM-3PM

EXHIBITS FOR BUFPEX WANTED

Contact Bob Meegan or Alfred Carroccia for information.

DUES

Check to see if your dues have been paid. Dues remain at \$12.00 and can be given to Casey Kielbasa at the meeting or mailed to Casey at P.O. Box 154, Cheektowaga, NY 14225-0154. Check with Casey if you are not sure. Casey will begin to contact those who are late.

MEETINGS

Auctions and meetings are held at the Leonard Post located at 2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga and begin promptly at 7:30 pm. A calendar for 2011-2012 was in September's newsletter. If anyone needs a spare copy, see or email the editor, or check the club website.

GAIL AND JOE BRZEWOSKI

Thanks to Gail Brzewowski for the tasty treats she has been bringing to the auctions. Hopefully, Joe will get a break from his travelling to far off lands so both he and Gail can join us more often.

NEWS WANTED

If you have anything to report, whether it is that BIG find from the \$1.00 box or the health and well-being of the membership or just an interesting story, let either myself or President Alan Davis know so we can be aware of any issues or noteworthy news. When applicable, we'd love to share it with membership.

LINCOLN COIN & STAMP CO.

Did everyone see Lou Montesano highlighted in "People Talk" in the LIFE Section of the Buffalo News that was published the weekend of January 6th. See it now at: <http://www.buffalonews.com/life/columns-advice/peopletalk/article698845.ece>



It's entitled:

"Seeing the World, One Stamp at a Time"

Isn't it True!! - Nice article, Lou!

OFFICERS

President: Alan Davis
Vice President: Bob Meegan
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BUFPEX THEME & CACHET COVER

Our Theme for BUFPEX this year celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. 2 years ago on March 11, 2010, the US Post Office issued its souvenir sheet commemorating the Abstract Expressionist art style and held the First Day Ceremonies in Buffalo at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. The gallery houses 4 of the works that are depicted on the stamp sheet.

We're happy to help celebrate the Gallery's 150th!!
We should be very proud of our world renowned Gallery!



JANUARY MID-MONTH MEETING

Bob Meegan led the Mid-Month Presentation. With the help of hand-outs, Bob reviewed the Type Variations of the 1918-1920 Offset Printed 2¢ & 3¢ Washington series. He also showed examples of each Type in singles, blocks & strips. It was interesting and informative.

LARRY LYONS

In December, the Club received a Christmas present in the form of a box of donated stamps and stamp related material. Larry Lyons of Westport, CT made the generous donate. Larry is the editor of the Penny Post, which is a periodical/newsletter focused on carriers and local postal agencies, and, in addition, authored the 3 Volume set of *The Identifier for Carriers, Locals, Fakes, Forgeries and Bogus Posts of the United States*.

In all, he donated 4500 US stamps, 500 foreign stamps, 25 various covers, 30 auction catalogues, and a set of *The Identifier*. We thank him with much gratitude and appreciation for a very generous donation to our Club.