

The PhilateliKid

The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)

Collect Stamps (The Most Educational Hobby)

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Stay Safe Indoors! Collect Stamps!

SCCFK Receives a Grant

Several philatelic organizations give gifts (called grants) to people who are promoting our hobby. SCCFK applied to The National Stamp Dealers Association for a grant and we were chosen to receive the grant in 2019 for promoting stamp collecting among youth.

Thank you NSDA !

The National Stamp Dealers Association is a group of over 265 stamp dealers. The NSDA website contains a listing of members and links to their e-mail addresses and websites. If you are looking for professionals to assist you in your stamp collecting, even as a beginner, you will want to develop a relationship with stamp dealers who will treat you with respect. I can say with personal experience of over 20 years with some NSDA dealers that it will make your stamp collecting very pleasant. After a while, they know what you like and will sometimes contact you with something they know you will like! Check them out at nsdainc.org. The most important thing about the members of this organization is that they have a high standard of ethics, which is very important in this time of questionable businesses on the internet.

Try Collecting Something Different

Not too many years ago it was a custom of many Americans to send Greeting cards to their friends at Christmastime.





Although the internet has drastically reduced the amount of Christmas cards being mailed, there still exists an area of collecting you may never have thought about – Christmas seals.

Christmas seals are NOT postage stamps. They are not issued by a government but instead they are issued by private organizations.

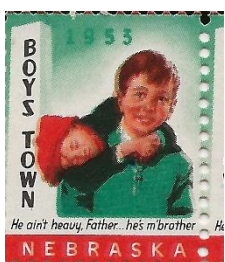


The one I grew up knowing the best was called the National Tuberculosis Association. It changed its name to American Lung Association 47 years ago, and is still going strong and are very involved in the COVID 19 pandemic. (COVID 19 attacks the respiratory system.) Christmas Seals have also been issued by many other organizations, as well as Easter Seals, Hanukkah Seals, Kwanzaa Seals, etc. Christmas Seals are normally very

colorful and artistic, and as a bonus – are very inexpensive to collect.



Christmas Seals are listed in Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers (“Scott Catalogue”) with the Prefix of WX. However, the Scott Catalogue does not list Christmas Seals issued after 1979.



American Philatelic Society affiliate #101, the Christmas Seal and Charity Stamp Society is a non-profit organization formed in 1931 to attract people of all ages to the hobby of Christmas Seal collecting. The CS&CS Society provides information and resources to aid members in the pursuit of this hobby and to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of items for their collection. Member collecting interests include Christmas Seals, other fundraising and, event seals, poster stamps, as well as seals on cover and all Cinderella Stamps. Its website is www.seal-society.org



Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are greatly appreciated and if \$10 or more you will be sent a written receipt. You also can donate via PayPal on our website - www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org or www.yummystampcollecting.org which will redirect you to the same site.

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