

WSSCC

Holiday Dinner Party Edition



Fauquier County Courthouse
in Old Town Warrenton

Special points of interest:

- Door prizes donations are always appreciated
- Give us your ideas for next year's programs (we have a clean slate - choose your favorite month)

January 3rd Program: Holiday Dinner Party

At our December meeting, Greg Coburn presented his Foreign Silver Coin Collection, our thanks to Greg for his efforts and displays. This month is our **Annual Holiday Dinner Party** located at the Northside 29 Restaurant in the New Baltimore area along Route 29/211.

UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAMS & EVENTS:

Jan	3	Holiday Dinner Party - Northside 29 Restaurant
Feb	7	WSSCC Meeting - Doug Harms Presents
Mar	7	WSSCC Meeting - Lee Morrison Presents
April	4	WSSCC Meeting - Final Preparation Planning for Show
April	13	6th Annual Warrenton Stamp and Coin Show
May	2	WSSCC Meeting - Annual Show Follow-up discussion

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Reminder Note: Please come @ 6:30pm to set-up tables and chairs

The **WSSCC February meeting** will be held at the **Our Savior Lutheran Church @ 6194 Dumfries Road (Rt. 605) Warrenton Va. 20187. (347-3224)**. From Warrenton, travel to the Rt.29-211 & Rt. 605 intersection, turn right onto Rt. 605, travel about 1/4 mile and the church is on the left, just before PB Smith Elementary School. WSSCC will meet at this location until further notice.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Guests and new members are always welcome. Drop by and join us.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (except for the January holiday dinner) at the **Our Savior Lutheran Church located at @ 6194 Dumfries Road (Rt. 605) Warrenton Va. 20187** near the intersection of Routes 29 & 211, and the Town of Warrenton. (Please

enter and exit using the side doors of the church and proceed to the Meeting room).

The meetings start at 7:00 pm. We conduct our business, and then begin an informal 30-minute program, which alternates between coin and stamp topics. The program is usually followed by an auction

of stamps, coins, and other hobby items. We finish around 9:00 pm.

ABOUT THE CLUB

"If you like stamps or coin, you're welcome to join"

The Warrenton Stamp and Coin Club is a not-for-profit organization based in Warrenton Virginia, but has members from all over the region, including Casanova, Manassas, Culpeper and Fredericksburg. Meetings are held each month, and the programs are broad enough to interest both stamp and coin collectors. Annual dues are \$12 for adults (and junior members pay no dues). Visitors and guests are always welcome. All prospective members shall be able to receive two email editions of the newsletter before being dropped for non-payment of dues. The Club actively supports local Boy Scouts' merit badge programs, and has raised funds for local high school scholarships. Our website address is:

<http://www.wsccl.com/>

Special Notes: Happy New Year!

Our Annual Holiday Dinner Party is scheduled for our next January 3, 2013 meeting. Our membership selected the Northside 29 Restaurant for this year's annual celebration.



Upcoming Hobby Meetings & Shows

CY 2013:

Jan 3 - WSCC Annual Holiday Dinner Party starting @ 7:pm

Jan 26 & 27 Vienna Quarterly Show

Feb 2 - Springfield. Alexandria Coin Show.

Feb 7 - WSCC Meeting @ 7:pm (Doug Harms Presents)

Mar 7 - WSCC Meeting @ 7:pm (Lee Morrison Presents)

Winter, Virginia Beach Hampton Roads Winter Stamp Show

Winter. Danville. Coin & Currency Show.

Winter. Winchester Coin Club Semi-Annual Coin Show.

April 4 - WSCC Meeting @ 7:pm

April 13 - 6th Annual Warrenton Stamp & Coin Show

April 27 & 28 Vienna Quarterly Show

May 2 - WSCC Meeting @ 7:pm

Spring. Annandale Coin Show.

Spring. Chantilly. Dulles Coin and Currency Expo.

Spring. Charlottesville Coin & Currency Show.

Spring. Lynchburg. 7th Annual Lynchburg Spring Coin Show.

Spring. Richmond Coin Club's 9th Annual Spring Coin & Currency Show.

Summer. Danville. Coin & Currency Show.

Summer. Fredericksburg Coin & Stamp Expo

Summer. Winchester Coin Club Semi-Annual Coin Show.

Aug 3 & 4 Vienna Quarterly Show

Nov 2 & 3 Vienna Quarterly Show

First U.S. Postage Stamp 1847 5¢ Franklin



In 1847 the United States introduced its own postage stamps with adhesive backing. The first stamp featured, Benjamin Franklin, who created postal routes, implemented mail wagon service, and worked to maintain an inexpensive rate of postage some 75 years before the first pre-paid stamp. The original 5¢ rate could be used to transport a standard 1/2 ounce letter up to 300 miles. Our first U.S. postage stamp was produced by the private security printer Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, Edson & Company, who suggested printing the stamp in 2 colors for security reasons; however the government decided that one color was more cost effective.

Surprisingly, the U.S. Post Office would not make pre-paid postage mandatory until 1856. However, the prepaid adhesive postage stamps were a resounding success. In 1851 more than 1.2 million postage stamps were sold and the Post Office decided to reduce the cost of mailing a letter a distance less than 500 miles to a single penny. This reduction from 5¢ to 1¢ led to an astronomical 45 fold increase in volume to 52 million letters in 1852.

Note: This article was copied from the Kenmore Stamp Company website.

Great Britain's Penny Black The World's First Postage Stamp



The [Penny Black](#), issued on May 6, 1840, was the brainchild of Rowland Hill. Before the introduction of his prepaid postage stamp, the person who received the letter was required to pay the postman. This created many costly problems for the government when people refused to pay for a letter or package. Corruption, complicated postal rules and exceptions had made mail delivery so expensive that the average person was reluctant to accept a letter from the mailman. Trade and the spread of information became stagnant in this environment. The innovative answer, thought Rowland Hill, was "a bit of paper covered at the back with a glutinous wash so that the bringer might attach it to the letter." Hill chose to use a portrait of Queen Victoria from an 1838 City of London medal as the centerpiece of his postage stamp.

The imperforate [Penny Blacks](#) were printed in sheets of 240 with 12 stamps across and 20 stamps down and had to be individually cut by hand. For security reasons they were printed on watermarked paper and a full sheet sold for 1 pound sterling. Each stamp has 2 letters in the bottom corners that correspond to its position on the printing plate (the first row across starts with letters AA to AL, and ends with TA to TL on the bottom row).

While Rowland Hill's idea originally received some skepticism from the government, British citizens found the idea of using postage stamps to send a letter wildly popular. This started a postal revolution that soon swept the globe.

At Last Month's Meeting...

In **December**, we welcomed our members and attendees, we hope you enjoyed yourselves and if you're not a member, your invited join our Club. Our members discussed Annual Holiday Dinner Party. Our dinner party location will be made at the Northside 29 Restaurant. Tony discussed planning for the 6th Annual Warrenton Stamp and Coin Show currently scheduled for April 13, 2013. Greg Coburn presented his Foreign Silver Coin Collection, our thanks to Greg for his presentation Bill Clair talked about Dear Doctor & Dear Nurse Post Cards. As usual, I had a limited number of sample newsletters available as handouts at our meeting.

We closed with the usual auction. Thanks for settling your bill before leaving the meeting.

Thanks for your participation in our meeting and Auction!

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from the Editor..

It's time to be thinking about your New Year's resolutions: Hmm, well I'll **Move** about (people call it exercising), **Eat** well, **Relax**, **Maintain** good health style, **Sleep**, **Discover** new things (Stamps/Coins), **Try** to be a better person. I call this the **MERMSDT** plan, what does this mean - nothing but a freaking disaster waiting to happen! It's your life! **Think of your own plan!** My resolutions fall apart within a few days. Pre-planning stresses me. I'll worry about this tomorrow when I have more time and some eggnog! **Happy New Year!**

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