

Affiliates

The RPA is an affiliate of four societies: the American Philatelic Society (Chapter 207), the American Topical Association (Chapter #84), American First Day Cover Society (Chapter 69), and the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors (Associate #1).

ROPEX- ROcester Philatelic EXhibition

For many years the RPA organized a yearly stamp show called "ROPEX." While the pandemic curbed show plans in recent years it is hoped that the RPA can renew hosting a show in the near future.

Exhibitor Assistance

If you ever thought of exhibiting at a local, regional or national level, the RPA can help. Several members have broad knowledge and experience in exhibiting and can assist you with your display. We also have a few nationally accredited APS and ATA judges in our membership who can additionally critique your presentation and offer advice.

RPA Web Site

The RPA maintains a very extensive web site at <http://www.rpastamps.org>. You'll find meeting details, stamp show schedules, historical information and much more there. Check it out when you get a chance.

Free Dues

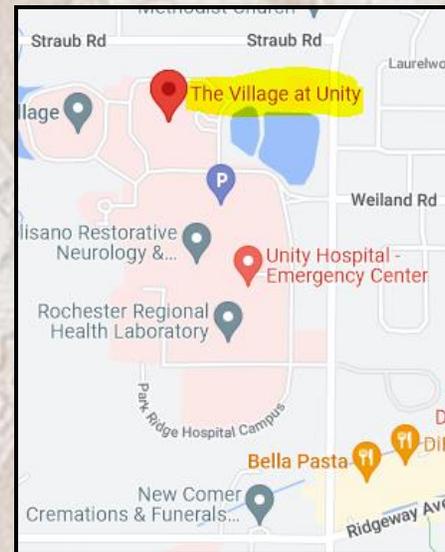
As an RPA member, we hope you have the opportunity to recruit fellow philatelists into our group. By sponsoring three or more new members into the RPA in any given RPA year, your dues for the following year will be free. Life membership is granted to any RPA member with 25 years of paid dues.

We hope the material presented here gives you a better understanding of what the RPA is all about and the many ways we can help each other enjoy stamp collecting to its fullest. The RPA appreciates your decision to join our club, and once again, welcome!



Rochester Philatelic Association Services Guide

Everything You Wanted to Know About the RPA!
100+ Years and Going Strong!



Meetings at:

The Village at Unity Community Room

1477 Long Pond Rd,
Rochester, NY 14626

2nd and 4th Thursdays
September-June
(2nd Thursdays only
November-December)

The RPA wants to welcome YOU
as our newest member!

www.rpastamps.org

On behalf of your fellow members from throughout the US and Canada, welcome to the RPA! You are joining western New York's premier philatelic organization, founded in 1913. New members always have questions and this pamphlet is intended to answer some of them. It also outlines the variety of club benefits and services our organization offers.

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Membership Dues

RPA dues are \$20 and run a calendar year from January 1-December 31.

Tax Status

The RPA is a non-profit, tax exempt organization incorporated in the state of New York since 1963. It has received 501(c)3 status from the IRS as a charitable organization.

RPA Officers & Constitution

The RPA constitution lays the foundation for the inner workings of the club. Current officers include the President (presides over all meetings), Vice President (assistant to the president), and Officer at Large. All of these positions are for two year terms and come with a seat on the RPA Board, joined by the Immediate Past President. The Board is the governing body of the organization. Any RPA member in good standing may run for any RPA position.

Meeting Location Details

We meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month from September through June, except in November through February when only the second Thursday meeting is held. Our home is at the Village at Unity Village Square Community Room at 1477 Long Pond Rd, Rochester, NY 14626 in the suburb of Greece.

Meeting Agenda

All meetings officially begin promptly at 7:30 PM. Doors open at 7 PM, allowing a half hour of informal gatherings for exchanges, etc. beforehand.

Most meetings feature a silent auction table starting at 7 PM. Members with material to sell are welcome to bring in items for the table before 7:30. Pick up auction forms at the head table when you arrive, placing one on each lot. Include your full name, an accurate item description, estimated catalog value, and the minimum starting bid. Those interested in the lot will examine it and place written bids on your sheet. The highest bid when the auction closes at the end of the evening wins the lot. There is no commission involved. All lots are then settled between the seller and buyer. Note that the RPA assumes no responsibility for items on the table before, during or after the silent auction.

Meetings end between 8:30 and 9:00 PM. Programs cover a variety of philatelic subjects, with either a live or electronic presentation. We encourage RPA members to give talks on their areas of interest and/or expertise. Speak with the current RPA officers to discuss such opportunities. We can also arrange to photo or scan your items for a presentation.

Join Us via Zoom

Can't attend meetings in person? RPA meetings are broadcast via Zoom should you not be able to be there in person.

The RPA Newsletter, "Hinges & Tongs"

All RPA members enjoy a copy of the latest newsletter, "Hinges & Tongs," every three months from September through June. It has official club information, meeting agenda and assorted articles. This is free and part of your membership. You are always welcome to submit articles for publication. The deadline for submission is roughly 3 weeks before the publication date. For details, contact the newsletter's editor and publisher. Members with email receive their issues electronically.