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Winter 2024

## Upcoming Events and Announcements

### Club Meetings

Location: Sons of Utah Pioneers bldg.  
3301 E. Louise Ave., Millcreek, UT 84109  
First and third Thursdays of each month @ 7:00 pm  
Club Website: [www.utahphilatelic.org](http://www.utahphilatelic.org)

### Club Officers

President: Steve Baldridge  
Vice-President: Craig Edwards  
Secretary/Treasurer: Jack Wall  
Board Members: Rick Leimbach, Bill Long, Vladimir Makarov, Steve McLaughlin  
Newsletter Editor: Steve Baldridge (temporary)

### Upcoming Events

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

February 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### STAMP SHOWS FOR 2024

February 9-10  
May 17-18  
October 11-12



### President's Corner

Steve Baldridge

Greetings Members!

This may be a short edition, because at present we still don't have a permanent newsletter editor. I'm going to be more aggressive in finding a new editor, so don't be surprised if you get a call sometime.

First off: As you (hopefully) are aware, we had an election at our December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, for the Executive Committee, and the club voted to retain the current committee of myself as president, Craig Edwards as vice-president and Jack Wall as secretary/treasurer. Just to recap: The UPS board consists of a three-member executive committee, and a four-member general board. NOTE: this number is flexible with a minimum of four, although the number is always even. This allows the board to have an odd number of total members, so that we don't have a tie in the event of a vote with an evenly-divided number. We have an election each year, alternating between the executive committee and the general board, so that each group is elected for a two-year term.

December 21<sup>st</sup> was our annual Christmas party, and a good time was had by all. There were 27 members present, and we had an abundance of snacks for the evening, brought by club members. While munching on the goodies, we drew numbers for the White Elephant gift exchange, for those who brought one. Again, this is an annual tradition.

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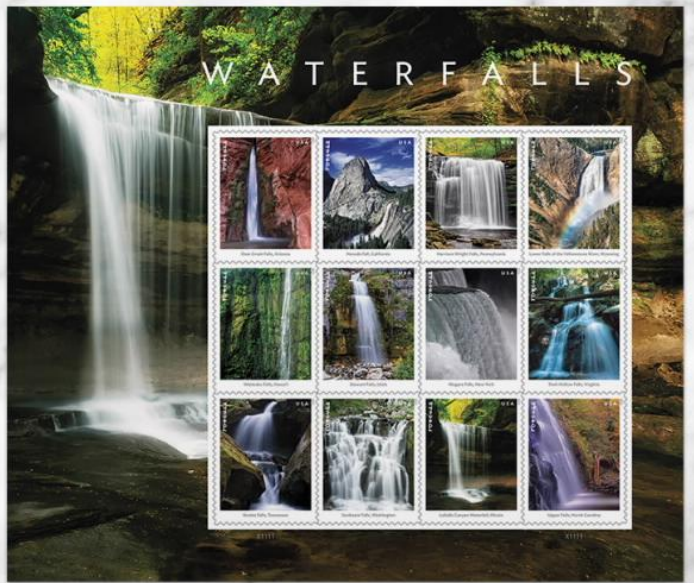
I have elected not to prepare a minutes report for the evening, since there really isn't much to report. The minutes are usually prepared by our secretary/treasurer Jack Wall, but he was unable to be present that night.

We'll have our annual business meeting on February 1<sup>st</sup>. I hope you can plan to attend, because this is when we present our 2023 financial report. We'll note the club's financial condition and discuss any changes we may need to make for 2024. We'll also be collecting dues, which remain stable at \$20/single and \$25/family membership.

Speaking of money, be aware that postal rates are increasing at some point in January. First-class postage will raise from .66 to .68 cents, and there will be accompanying increases for postcards and international mail. Now would be a good time to stock up on Forever stamps while they are still valued at 66 cents. Dealers sometimes offer Forever stamps at an even lower rate, so check at the next show, Feb. 9-10.

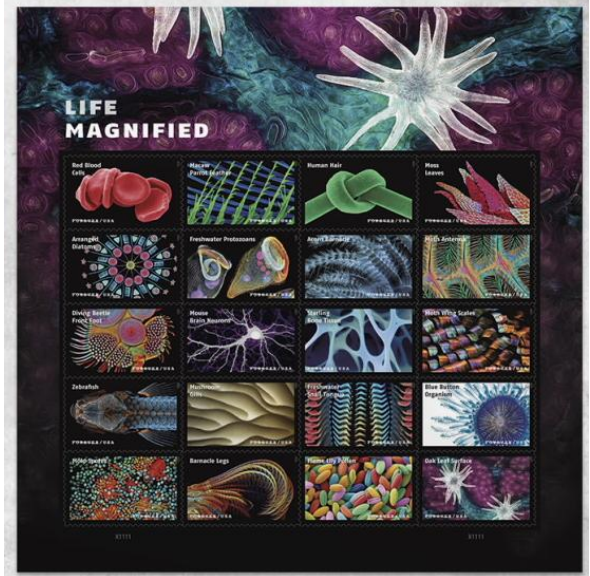
## NEW ISSUES – US STAMPS

If you collect US stamps, like I do, make sure to pick up some of the (relatively) new issues before the rate increase. Among them are the Waterfall stamps:



Issued in June, this set of 12 different images will make for good postage in addition to augmenting your collection. I like to insert a mint sheet into my album, and then populate each single space with a used specimen – if I can get one.

From August, another se-tenant issue of 16 stamps is Life Magnified. The USPS had the foresight to issue 32 million sheets, so maybe some of them will show up on our letters, for that dwindling number who still write letters.



Then there is the April issue of this set showcasing the art of Roy Lichtenstein, who popularized the pop art genre of the 1950s and 60s. According to USPS, 18 million stamps were printed, although it isn't clear if this means the total number of *sheets*, or total number of *stamps*, which would mean that 900,000 *sheets* were issued, since there are 20 images per sheet. I suspect that the 18 million figure refers to total number of sheets. The USPS needs to be more clear.

