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Understanding the Wild Orchids Coils

PNC ID 2020-2



1
Greater Purple
Fringed Orchid



2
Terrestrial
Cowhorn Orchid



3
Common
Grass Pink



4
Fragrant Lady's
Tresses



1
Three Birds



6
California
Lady's Slipper



7
Crested
Coralroot



8
Pink and White
Lady's Slipper



9
Eastern Prairie
Fringed Orchid



10
Three Birds

Frank Covey

8. Pink and White Lady's Slipper

Cypripedium reginae

9. Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid

Platanthera leucophaea

10. Three Birds

Triphora trianthophoros

On February 21, 2020, the USPS issued the Wild Orchids 3K and 10K coils. There are 10 designs in the issue showing nine different wild orchids. One of the orchids, the Three Birds, appears twice on the 10 stamps as different images (5 and 10).

The B1111 plate number repeats at 27-stamp intervals.

Shown are the images of the wild orchids as they appear on the coils. Each image is numbered. The images occur 1-10 and then 1-10 are repeated. The B1111 plate number is the ninth stamp in the second set of 10. The plate number is on the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid. The last seven stamps in the repeating strips of 27 show images 4-10.

Latin Names

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Greater Purple Fringed Orchid | <i>Platanthera grandiflora</i> |
| 2. Terrestrial Cowhorn Orchid | <i>Cyrtopodium polyphyllum</i> |
| 3. Common Pink Grass | <i>Calopogon tuberosus</i> |
| 4. Fragrant Lady's Tresses | <i>Spiranthes odorata</i> |
| 5. Three Birds | <i>Triphora trianthophoros</i> |
| 6. California Lady's Slipper | <i>Cypripedium californicum</i> |
| 7. Crested Coralroot | <i>Hexalectris spicata</i> |

Membership Update

as of April 1, 2020

Reinstated

Warren Kellner 1867

Deceased

C. Veazey LeCraw 1556
Smyrna, GA

Membership at Beginning of Month	400
Reinstated	1
Deceased	-1
Membership at End of Month	400

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PNC³ Elections Slated for June

2020 is an election year for the Executive Board of PNC³. Board members serve two-year terms, with terms starting in September. Voting takes place in June, the votes are tallied in July and results announced at the annual meeting in August. As of this writing, the following individuals are proposed candidates for the various positions on the board:

President – Thomas McFarland

Secretary – Daniel Farrar

Treasurer – Melvyn Borofsky

Robert Thompson retains a position on the board as past president. This is not an elected position.

We still do not have a candidate for vice president, so if anyone is interested, please contact Robert Thompson at 713-397-1772 or rthomp5711@gmail.com.

Candidates have submitted brief biographical sketches for publication in **Coil Line** so members may understand some things about who will lead the club in succeeding months. Here are some of those sketches.

If there are any new candidates next month, their biographies will be shown next month. The current nominations are shown below.

Jill Ambrose – for Member-at-Large

I have been a member of PNC³ for many years am member number 425. I have served in many capacities over the years, including two terms as president. I initially started the club website and served as webmaster for more than 20 years. I'm currently the Content Mistress and a member of the Catalog Committee. I attend the annual meeting in August almost every year and I have officiated at numerous regional meetings including those at the APS winter shows and the Plymouth Show in Michigan.

I'm currently one of two "at-large" officers and I look forward to serving the club for another term in that capacity.

John Himes – for Member-at-Large

John Himes is a Life Member of PNC³. He collects both PNC used singles and mint strips and drives his friends and family crazy hunting for plate numbers on incoming mail. He's also a long-time member of the American Philatelic Society and is working on collections of U.S. stamps, Canal Zone stamps and postal cards of the U.S., U.S. possessions and Canada.

For the past four years John has served as PNC³ vice president. During that time, he made sure members had access to a directory of fellow members, helped add important content to the PNC³ website, was a proofreader for **Coil**

Line, helped place PNC single album pages on the website for download, helped recruit our new webmaster, and wrote a number of articles for **Coil Line**. John also co-hosted PNC³ meetings at Southern California stamp shows. Prior to this role, he served as PNC³ treasurer for four years.

Professionally, John is a recently-retired IT Delivery Executive who was managing an IT outsourcing account for a major Japanese automotive company's U.S. and Canadian businesses. In that role, he managed a budget of \$42M in FY17 and worked with the office of the CIO to assure the company was getting outstanding IT support. For a number of years he has served on the Board of SeaCoast Grace Church in Cypress, California, where he also helps administer a \$6M annual budget. He holds BA and MA degrees in mathematics and a certificate in Executive Leadership from Cornell University. He is a strong people person and concerned with finding solutions to problems that provide win-win scenarios for all involved.

John would consider it an honor to receive your vote for a PNC³ At Large position for the coming term.

Lynnette Wood – for Member-at-Large

Like many collectors, I began collecting stamps as a child. Also like many collectors, my collection was set aside as I pursued college studies, which ultimately resulted in acquiring a Ph.D. in applied mathematics in 1986. But it was in 1996 that my interest in serious stamp collecting was truly revived.

In that year, I inherited a great uncle's collection that included many worldwide classic-era stamps he accumulated in his travels before and during World War I. Identifying these old stamps rekindled my interest in studying, cataloging, organizing and appreciating – not just accumulating – stamps. I have been a passionate collector ever since.

My collecting specialty is U.S. stamps, with a particular interest in PNCs, which I have collected seriously for more than a decade. In addition to new and used U.S. stamps and PNCs, I have fun with small but growing collections of "Mr. Zip" on selvage, postage due on vintage postcards and British Machin varieties. I joined PNC³ in 2006 and have been helping maintain the membership database for the last three years. For the last year, I have also enjoyed contributing to **Coil Line** as author of "Beyond the Numbers" and have begun writing stamp-related articles for other newsletters as well as preparing stamp-related displays that promote stamp collecting in my local community. As a member-at-large, I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the stamp collecting hobby in even more ways.

Have you used your free classified yet?

PNC³ Auction 62 Results

Auction closed March 31, 2020

Joe Sedivy, Auctioneer

We had 36 bidders in this auction with 34 bidders winning at least one lot. Of the 374 lots 176 sold, which is a decrease from last auction. I waited until April 3 to close the auction in case of late bids. I would like to thank all who make these club auctions work so you can buy and sell to help fill holes or move out duplicates. Please remember that most lots sell for under SCV, so price them accordingly when sending in lots. We had several new bidders in this auction which is wonderful to see. Again thank you to all and if you are on the internet please place your bids that way; I do not need a formal bid sheet for you to bid.

Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
3	\$42.00	52	\$6.50	101	\$6.00	159	\$225.00	228	\$8.00	321	\$50.00
4	\$62.50	54	\$4.00	102	\$9.00	161	\$11.00	229	\$9.00	329	\$40.00
5	\$75.00	55	\$3.00	103	\$6.00	163	\$4.75	230	\$30.00	330	\$240.00
6	\$30.00	60	\$9.00	109	\$6.00	180	\$7.50	231	\$9.00	331	\$225.00
14	\$12.00	61	\$5.00	110	\$3.00	185	\$31.00	232	\$6.00	335	\$3.00
18	\$5.00	62	\$4.00	111	\$2.00	186	\$34.00	233	\$6.00	337	\$25.00
22	\$39.00	63	\$4.00	112	\$9.00	187	\$40.00	234	\$6.00	338	\$40.00
23	\$95.00	64	\$4.00	113	\$2.50	188	\$25.00	235	\$6.00	341	\$270.00
24	\$11.00	68	\$82.50	117	\$3.00	191	\$55.00	236	\$6.50	342	\$55.00
25	\$8.50	69	\$5.00	120	\$5.50	192	\$175.00	237	\$4.50	347	\$50.00
26	\$7.00	71	\$6.00	121	\$2.50	197	\$2.00	238	\$9.50	350	\$10.00
29	\$90.00	72	\$6.00	122	\$4.50	198	\$10.00	239	\$14.00	351	\$4.00
30	\$90.00	73	\$5.50	126	\$6.50	199	\$20.00	240	\$4.50	352	\$1.50
31	\$6.50	74	\$5.00	124	\$12.00	200	\$5.50	241	\$4.50	354	\$2.00
33	\$165.00	75	\$7.00	127	\$5.00	201	\$10.00	242	\$6.00	355	\$4.50
34	\$3.25	76	\$10.00	131	\$10.00	202	\$15.00	243	\$9.00	356	\$31.00
35	\$20.00	77	\$8.00	132	\$4.00	203	\$35.00	244	\$7.00	358	\$13.00
36	\$16.00	78	\$9.00	133	\$3.25	204	\$9.00	245	\$11.00	359	\$5.00
37	\$17.00	81	\$6.00	135	\$4.00	208	\$21.00	246	\$13.00	361	\$1.00
38	\$31.00	82	\$5.00	136	\$25.00	212	\$19.00	250	\$7.00	363	\$3.50
39	\$40.00	83	\$5.00	140	\$125.00	213	\$19.00	255	\$12.00	366	\$11.00
40	\$29.00	84	\$4.00	144	\$10.00	214	\$4.50	256	\$0.50	367	\$6.00
41	\$82.50	89	\$5.50	145	\$12.00	215	\$5.00	258	\$3.00	368	\$21.00
42	\$75.00	90	\$4.00	147	\$55.00	216	\$8.00	282	\$2.00	369	\$0.50
45	\$14.00	95	\$5.50	149	\$55.00	217	\$80.00	298	\$0.50	373	\$2.50
47	\$7.00	96	\$5.50	151	\$50.00	218	\$82.50	301	\$2.00	374	\$1.00
48	\$6.00	97	\$7.00	153	\$1.00	220	\$13.00	312	\$4.00		
49	\$3.00	98	\$6.50	156	\$3.00	223	\$41.00	313	\$4.00		
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Collecting the Wild Orchid Coils

Frank Covey

To understand this narrative, it will help if you first read the companion article, "Understanding the Wild Orchid Coils," located on Page 50 of this issue.

The Wild Orchid coils, issued February 21, 2020, come with a plate interval of 27. There are 10 different designs. Of the 10 designs, two sets are repeated twice and the last seven of the design set are repeated to fill out the 27 needed to match the repeating plate interval. The 3K rolls have four-digit back numbers. The 10K rolls have five-digit back numbers. On a given roll, back numbers are either toward the top or the bottom on the back of the liner.

PS10

The second set of 10 stamps has the plate number on the ninth stamp, the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid. Some, and maybe even most, have chosen to collect this strip of 10. The plate numbered stamp is one stamp in from the right edge in this collecting format. Past issues of plate number coil strips with multiple designs have the plate number centered on the strip with the remaining designs repeated to the left and right of the plate numbered stamp. This is not possible with the Wild Orchid coils. Missing from this collecting format is the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid without a plate number. This collecting format will be listed by Scott Publishing.

PS11

This collecting format starts with the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid without a plate number and ends with the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid with a plate number. This is the format I plan to use for my back number collection. My back number collection is usually saved as PS11 with the back number moving across the 10 PS11 in the set with a back number showing on all 11 positions across the strip. Even though the plate number is not centered, the back numbers show up well. One of the strips in the set will have a back number on each of the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid, i.e. the ones with and without a plate number. Scott does not plan to list this plate strip.

PS17

This collecting format, in many ways, matches what PNC collectors are used to seeing on their plate numbered strips. The plate number is centered and there are eight stamps to left of the plate number and eight to the right of the plate number. I plan to save some plate number strips in this format. In this format, the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid is represented with and without a plate number.

There are no pages that I am aware of that hold a

PS17 so I have made my own. I take two open-ended Garant 829 pages (available from SAFE publishing) and tape them together on the back with packing tape. After mounting the PS17 in the attached newly created page, I mount them on a rack I have built which will hold these wide pages. Scott Publishing will list this PS17 collecting format.

Strip of 10 with no plate number

One can collect the first strip of 10 of the repeating 27 stamps. This has all the images, but there is no plate number in this collecting format. Scott Publishing will list this format in their catalogue.

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- Choose a UserID and Password and entering both into the resulting webpage.
- Record the UserID and Password for future access.
- When three green check marks and the words "Passwords Match" appear, click on the "Activate Account" button.

Existing members who have not yet followed this process or are having access issues should send email to webmaster@pnc3.org.

Provide a phone number and contact time and the webmaster will make contact to get access set up or resolve other issues.



Beyond the Numbers

Lynnette Wood

Rose Upon Rose

Part 2

In my last article, I wrote about the 555.5 “dot” variety found on the Yellow Rose, Scott #3054, reported in the December 1997 issue of **Coil Line**. At the time the article was published, it was reported as a constant plate variety. I suggested that readers look in their own accumulations for this stamp.

Well, to date 376 stamps have been jointly checked by three people and another example of 555.5 has yet to be found. John Himes noted that, since another has never been reported in 22 years, the dot found between the green and black 5s is probably not a constant plate variety. It is probably just a small bit of ink or dirt.

So what constitutes a constant plate variety (CPV) and what is just a bit of ink or dirt? The PNC³ Glossary defines a CPV as “any printed variation of the intended design caused by any irregular feature in the printing process. This variation must occur at regular intervals on the finished product.” Thus, since no other examples of 555.5 have been found, we should conclude that this was a one-time event, and not a CPV.

This got me digging around in more old issues of **Coil Line** looking to find other examples of CPVs on the Yellow Rose and I found one in the Snippets section of the April 1998 issue. Here, Doran Figart reported a CPV on the Yellow Rose with plate number 4455. He found four copies that showed a black mark above and between the 3 and 2 of 32 near the top right corner of the stamp, which the article called an “apostrophe.” Since he found four copies, and not just one, this is more likely to be a CPV.

I didn’t actually intend to write more articles about the Yellow Rose, but then Dan Forgues wrote me and reminded me that the Yellow Rose 3054 is also one of the issues with multiple incision types. He noted that, while the Yellow Rose has 20 different plate numbers, it has 27 different stamps with incision types. I mentioned incision types in the FOP articles, but never really explored the topic. The huge number of FOP incision types just seemed overwhelming to me. But “only” 27? I can handle that!

So look forward to an article about the Yellow Rose incision types, with thanks to Dan for the idea. And since I

don’t have any pictures to share this time, I will instead share a bit of “rose trivia.” This bit of trivia was inspired by learning that the Yellow Rose stamp was dedicated at Tournament House in Pasadena, California, headquarters for the Tournament of Roses. It made me wonder how many roses are used in a typical Rose Bowl parade. A quick Google search revealed the answer: about 18 million! I guess “Rose Upon Rose” is a pretty good title for these articles, after all.

So until next time, please do check out your 5555 Yellow Roses; wouldn’t it be something to find another 555.5 after more than two decades! Send me a scan at PNCsAreCool@gmail.com if you do come across one, or any other “dot” varieties that you find.

Coloring Your Perception

Dan Forgues

With the preponderance in the use of optical brighteners in U.S. stamps of the last decade or so, I thought it would be a good idea to quote Gene Paquette (a tagging expert):

“The green tagging colors seen under UV light are affected by any fluorescent brighteners in the paper. Short wave UV light also picks up some, but not all, of the fluorescent brightness. Since most fluorescent paper has a bluish-white glow, this changes the perceived green tagging color to various shades of bluish-green. The brighter the paper, the more the tagging [*appearance*] tends toward a blue shade.”

Too often people say the tagging is bluish-white when it is really a combination of the tagging and fluorescent brighteners that produce what we see.

Reference:

“The Encyclopedia of United States Stamp Collecting: Luminescence,” pages 543-50, *The United States Specialist*, December, 2004

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'Pure Citrus' Update

John Himes

A few years ago, it was discovered that an air freshener called "Pure Citrus" was a wonderful product for separating used self-adhesive stamps from their backing paper and removing the remaining adhesive from the backs of the stamps. For our newer members or those who have forgotten, most people were using Ronsonol lighter fluid for this purpose. It's made with naphtha and generally works well.

The Pure Citrus product works well, too, perhaps even better than Ronsonol on stamps that are firmly stuck to their backing paper. Everyone was advised to look for the Pure Citrus with product number 222, available at Home Depot, Walmart and various on-line sources.

Be sure you do NOT buy a product called Real Citrus. It's quite a different product, doesn't work like Pure Citrus and may even damage your stamps.

Recently, Dan Forgues and I had the same experience. We went to Home Depot to buy a can of Pure Citrus 222 but found it is no longer stocked there. Instead, a can with product number 228 is now available. Although the cans look identical, the 222 product contains 6.25 ounces and the 228 product contains 4.0 ounces. Both Dan and I have tried the 228 and it seems to be the same identical product as 222, just less for the same amount of money. Both the 222 and 228 work great, with no damage to the stamps that we've been able to detect.

For those who are unaware of how to use Ronsonol or Pure Citrus to remove self-adhesive stamps from the backing paper, the method is identical. Place the stamp in a container (a 9"x 9" glass baking dish works great for this purpose) and liberally soak the stamp and backing paper with the product. Wait a minute or two, then take a very dull blade and insert it underneath the stamp and on top of the backing paper. (I use an extremely dull X-ACTO knife for this purpose. Do NOT use a sharp blade!) The stamp should easily come away from the backing paper.

Next, place the stamp face down in the dish and apply more product to the back. Again, wait a minute or two, then you can gently rub most of the remaining gum off the back of the stamp. (Surgical gloves are recommended for this, especially when using Ronsonol, as there is a long-term risk of cancer from extended use of that product.)

Lastly, a tissue can be used to wipe away any remaining solvent and adhesive. The outcome should be a stamp that is 100 percent free of adhesive with zero damage to the stamp paper.

Again, either product works well. Be sure to use them in a well-ventilated room or outdoors and keep away from any open flames or other ignition sources.

If you have any questions, please email me at john-whimes@yahoo.com. I'll be glad to answer your questions.

Interesting Eagles

Doug Iams

I have been going thru a hoard of self-adhesive Presorted First-Class (25¢) Eagle coil covers (all but one the 2003 version) and have found a few interesting items.

The first (Figure 1) is a #S3333333 single on a #10 envelope that has the colors misregistered in a way that the plate number slopes uphill. Since the black 3 is printed with the same plate as the black S, the black 3 steps back down to the same level as the black S.



Figure 1



Figure 2

The second (Figure 2) is more interesting. It is also a #S3333333 single. It shows a clear ghost doubling to the left of the black in both the plate number and the year (black was not used in the design of any of the 10 stamps of this issue). Unfortunately it is on a 11 x 6 cover, so it may not stay there.



Figure 3

The last one (Figure 3) features a pair of the Eagles (numbers 3792 and 3801) that are luckily tied to the cover by a mailer's permit postmark. They are on a 9 x 6 Republican National Committee cover that no longer has its contents, so I don't know its weight.

Bulk mailers have to pay the difference between the cost of the service inscribed stamp they use and the actual postage rate. I assume the rate for this one was more than 50¢, but they could have still used only one stamp and paid a larger difference. Apparently, they chose to use two to impress the recipient.

Recent PNC Issue Info

Denom	Issue Name	PNC-ID Number	Scott Number	Issue Date	Plate # Plate #	Plate # Interval	Roll Size	USPS Item Number	WAG or SA	T, M, B Back Numbers	
<.55>	Wild Orchids	2020-2		2/21/20	B1111	27	3,000	750404	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	from 3k roll	2020-2		2/21/20	B1111	27	500**	750415	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	from 3k roll	2020-2		2/21/20	B1111	27	25**	750403	Overall	SA	
<.55>	Wild Orchids	2020-2		2/21/20	B1111	27	10,000	760704	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	from 10k roll	2020-2		2/21/20	B1111	27	500**	760715	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	from 10k roll	2020-2		2/21/20	B1111	27	25**	760703	Overall	SA	
(0.10)	Presorted Star	2020-1	5433	2/3/20	B1111	27	3,000	750504	Untagged	SA	T
(0.10)	from 3k roll	2020-1	5433	2/3/20	B1111	27	25**	750503	Untagged	SA	T
(0.10)	Presorted Star	2020-1	5433	2/3/20	B1111	27	10,000	760604	Untagged	SA	B
(0.10)	from 10k roll	2020-1	5433	2/3/20	B1111	27	25**	760603	Untagged	SA	B
<.35>	Coral Reefs	2019-5	5370a	3/29/19	P111111	32	100	745104	Block	SA	None
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<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	25**	760503	Overall	SA	
<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	3,000	759904	Overall	SA	T, B
<.55>	Star Ribbon	2019-4	5362	3/22/19	B111	27	25**	759903	Overall	SA	
To Order These 4 3k & 500 rolls, call "800stamps24", speak with Patti at Philatelic Fulfillment 7:15 AM-3:15 PM CDT											
0.02	Meyer Lemons	2018-1	5256	1/27/19	B11111	28	3,000	750004	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.02	from 3k roll	2018-1	5256	1/27/19	B11111	28	500**	750015	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.03	Strawberries	2017-6	5201	1/27/19	P1111	27	3,000	750104	Untagged	SA	M
0.03	from 3k roll	2017-6	5201	1/27/19	P1111	27	500**	750115	Untagged	SA	M
0.05	Grapes	2016-4	5038	1/27/19	P111111	27	3,000	750204	Untagged	SA	M
0.05	from 3k roll	2016-4	5038	1/27/19	P111111	27	500**	750215	Untagged	SA	M
0.10	Red Pears	2017-5	5039	1/27/19	B111111	27	3,000	750304	Untagged	SA	T, B
0.10	from 3k roll	2017-5	5039	1/27/19	B111111	27	500**	750315	Untagged	SA	T, B
<.15>	Uncle Sam's Hat	2019-3	5341	1/27/19	B1111111	31	100	746904	Overall	SA	None
<.55>	U.S. Flag 2019	2019-2	5343	1/27/19	B1111	31	100	740102	Overall	SA	None
<.55>	U.S. Flag 2019	2019-2	5343	Note 2	B2222	31	100	740102	Overall	SA	None
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0.02	Meyer Lemons	2018-1	5256	1/19/18	B11111	28	500**	760415	Untagged	SA	T, B
**	NOTE 1: Roll sizes in Italics are quantities available from Stamp Fulfillment Services using adjacent USPS Item Number. These are partial rolls from 3K or 10K rolls.										Top
	Note 2: Discovered 1-15-2020 by Frank Covey in North Carolina.										Middle
											Bottom
								Compiled by Andy Jakes			
								Un-dated 3/12/2020			

Coil Line Procedures and Deadlines

Deadline

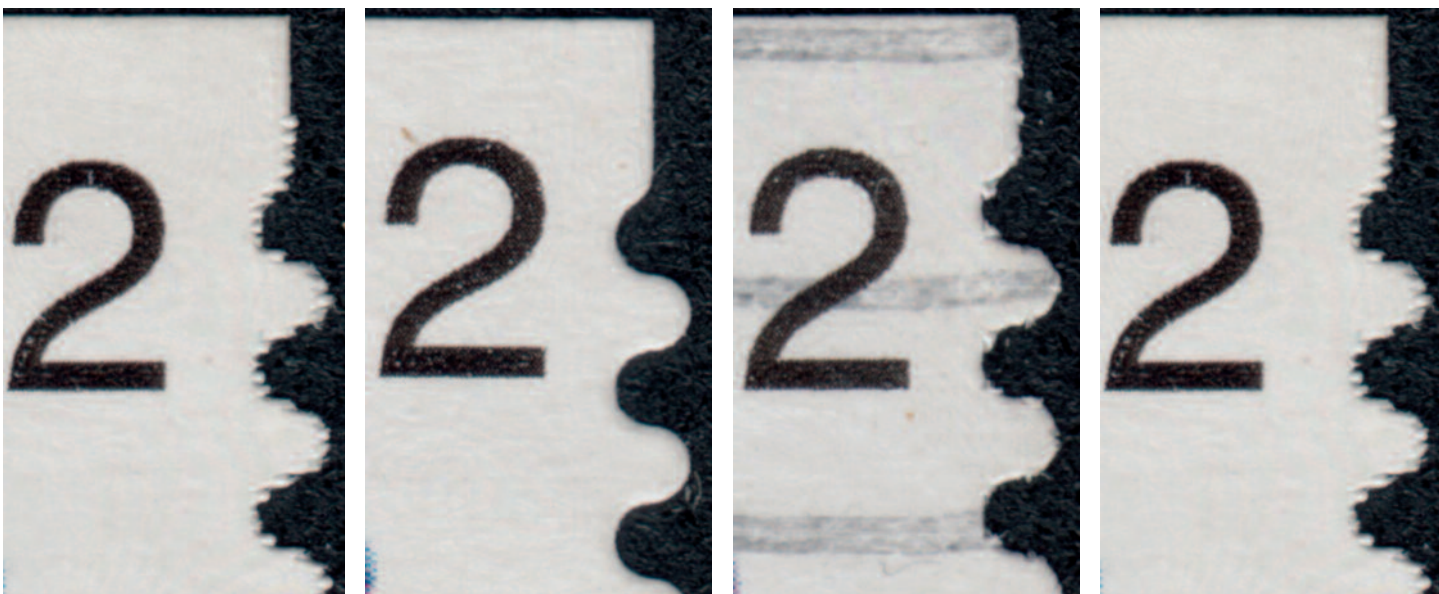
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The preferred method of receiving copy is via an email attachment. Please send as an MS Word document. We also welcome compact discs (CDs). Hard copy is acceptable but must be rekeyed so electronic submission is preferred.

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Incision styles, from the left: Style "A," Style "C," Style "Dtr," Type 1; Style "Dtr," Type 2

Dan Forgues

Here are my findings on sorting 149 of the 3263 22¢ Uncle Sam #1111 used PNC singles. This issue has only one plate number but there are four different diecut incision styles.

The four incision styles for this issue are "A," "C" and two different "Dtr" styles.

Style "A" has micro cuts along the peak/valley part of the diecut and is smooth cut in the top and bottom straight areas of the diecut.

Style "C" has no micro cuts and is smooth cut along the whole length of the diecut.

Style "Dtr" type 1 has no micro cuts and is smooth cut with ties spaced evenly along its length. It is similar to the "Dtr" on the 2915A Flag over Porch issue.

Style "Dtr" type 2 is the same as type 1 except it has no spaced ties in the smooth cuts at the top and bottom straight areas.

In sorting the 149 stamps, I found 87 style "A," 56

style "C," two style "Dtr" type 1 and four style "Dtr" type 2. I sorted roughly the same amount of this issue a couple years ago and found six of the type 1 and four of the type 2.

The "D" incision style is not as common as the "A" and "C." Only about 5 percent are "D" styles so search your holding for more.

Stamps with the four different incision styles are pictured along with closeups of the incisions.

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Catalog Corner with Frank Covey



(.10) Presorted Standard Star
(BCA) (SA)
Plate **B1111**
PNC ID **2020-1**



The (.10) Presorted Standard Star coil was issued February 3, 2020, in Kansas City, Missouri 64108. This non-denominated stamp comes in rolls of 3,000 and 10,000 and is used by businesses for their Presorted Standard rate mailings. This stamp replaces the Stars and Stripes issues (2015-2) and (2016-10) that served the same purpose.

Produced by Banknote Corporation of America (BCA), the coil has a B1111 plate number every 27 stamps along the roll. USPS is microprinted in red in the upper left corner of the middle red stripe. The 2020 date, printed in cool gray in the lower right corner, is hard to see.

Back numbers are printed on the back of the liner in black. The 3K rolls have four-digit back numbers. The 10K rolls have five-digit back numbers. On any given roll, the back number may be toward the top or toward the bottom of the liner. Below are images of both top and bottom back numbers. Back number 0560 comes from a 3K roll. Back number 09980 comes from a 10K roll.

The issue is untagged, but the white parts of the design appear bright under both SW and LW UV light.

Complete rolls or strips of 25 can be purchased from Philatelic Fulfillment in Kansas City, Missouri.

Since this is the first coil issue of 2020, it has been assigned PNC ID 2020-1.

