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**Lincoln Stamp Club Offers StampBuddies to Novice Collectors**

*Lincoln, Neb. — Feb. 13, 2014* — Do you have an accumulation of stamps and wonder what to do with them? Have you inherited a stamp collection from a relative, but feel unsure about how to care for the collection and grow it on your own?

The Lincoln Stamp Club offers collectors seeking guidance from more seasoned collectors the chance to participate in the StampBuddy program. Participants share a bit about the kind of collecting they hope to enjoy. The program matches mentors with experience in the right areas to meet the needs of collectors looking for assistance.

Beginners can receive tips for mounting and preserving their collections, guidance for finding needed stamps, recommendations for catalogues and books about collecting, and helpful answers to their stamp questions. A StampBuddy mentor could be especially useful for people who are interested in stamps related to their pets, professions, or other hobbies, but who might not otherwise consider themselves stamp collectors.

The American Philatelic Society sponsors the StampBuddy program. APS is the largest organization of stamp collectors in the United States, with more than 30,000 members. The Lincoln Stamp Club is one of only seven clubs nationally to participate in this first wave of StampBuddy programs.

The Lincoln Stamp Club is hosting a free stamp show Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23. Members will answer questions about the StampBuddy program. The stamp show, LINPEX 2014, will be held at the Omaha Room at Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N. 27th Street, Lincoln. Show hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Parking is free. The entrance to the show is barrier-free.

More information about the StampBuddy program is available at www.stamps.org/stampbuddy/. The Lincoln Stamp Club’s Web site is www.lincolnstampclub.org.

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