**FOR RELEASE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014:**

**Lincoln Stamp Club Hosts Stamp Show, Commemorates Wilderness Act’s Fiftieth Anniversary**

*Lincoln, Neb. — Feb. 10, 2014* — The Lincoln Stamp Club will host LINPEX 2014, a public stamp show, on Saturday, February 22, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, February 23, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. LINPEX will be held in the Omaha Room at Country Inn and Suites, 5353 N. 27th St., Lincoln. Admission and parking are free. The entrance to the show is barrier-free.

LINPEX will feature a bourse, including seven dealers and the U.S. Postal Service. Show visitors may browse and buy mint and used U.S. and worldwide stamps, postal history, and Liberia-themed postal material. The USPS Station will have a special show cancel that can be used on any outgoing mail.

The show also offers no-cost evaluations of collections that members of the public may bring to show to knowledgeable Club members. The young and young at heart alike are welcome to spend hours digging through thousands of loose stamps at the Beginners’ Table, where each stamp cost children a penny, while adults pay a nickel.

Information tables will introduce the American Philatelic Society, the Lincoln Stamp Club, the Postal History Society, the United States Stamp Society, and the Vatican Philatelic Society. A judged competition of philatelic exhibits will entertain and educate, showing how collectors’ topics cover a wide diversity of interests, including leopards, dental hygiene, honey bees, mourning letters, and the Purple Heart.

The Club, marking its own fiftieth anniversary in 2014, will release a special show cover that honors the fiftieth anniversary of the signing into law in 1964 of Public Law 88-577, popularly known as “The Wilderness Act of 1964.” Passed by the 88th Congress in its Second Session, the act’s purpose was “to establish a National Wilderness Preservation System for the permanent good of the whole people, and for other purposes.”

The cover will feature a stamp-like design honoring the act’s preservation of places “… where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled ….” The design will appear in a single-color letterpress-printed cachet on copies of the U.S. Postal Service’s Folk Art Eagle Stamped Envelope. This envelope has never been available at local post offices. The cachet printer, Porridge Papers, Christopher James’ Lincoln firm with business clients around the nation, is renowned for the quality of its letterpress work.

Collectors desiring to obtain copies of the Wilderness Act cachet on the LINPEX covers may place their orders on the Lincoln Stamp Club’s Web site at www.lincolnstampclub.org or buy them at the show for $2.50. Individuals may order covers by mail for the same price, so long as each order includes a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send orders to Joel Johnson, 3240 Sheridan Ct., Lincoln, NE 68506. An order form for current and past show covers is available on the Club’s Web site.

To find out more about LINPEX, the anniversary of the Wilderness Act and the Lincoln Stamp Club, visit the club’s Web site: www.lincolnstampclub.org.

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