

Lincoln Stamp Club

SOUVENIR SHEET
NOVEMBER 2015

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MEETINGS

The Club meets the first and third Thursdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

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AFFILIATION

The Club is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society:
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NEWSLETTER AND WEB SITE

Editor: *David M. Frye*

A First Foray into the Unseen World of Fluorescent Markings

UV Light Reveals Variations Among Stamps' Tagging Patterns

by *David Frye, Editor*

Shakespeare's Hamlet said, "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, / Than are dreamt of in your philosophy" (*Hamlet* (1.5.167–8)). If Shakespeare had been a stamp collector, he might have noted that philately also exceeds the bounds of our dreams, or at least, it surpasses our unaided senses.

One of the things on my ever-growing listing of philatelic to-dos has been to explore the tagging of stamps as visible under ultraviolet light. So, here are my notes about my first foray into this new (for me) field.

I used a German-made Philalux³, which features both longwave (365 nanometers) and shortwave (266 nm) UV lamps. Stamps were placed on a viewing surface beneath a 3x magnifying lens. I did this at night, so I could darken the room to remove extraneous light and improve my efforts to photograph what I saw. I used my iPhone for these images. The regular-light images are scans from my flatbed scanner. Photoshop helped with straightening and cropping images, but I performed no color adjustments.

There's nothing particularly systematic about how I selected these particular stamps. I just exposed a pile of stamps to the shortwave UV light and then picked several that looked intriguing.

The 22¢ coil definitive shows how examining tagging can play a big role in stamp identification. The detailed listings in Scott's 2009 *Specialized Catalogue* note six small-letter varieties, several of which exhibit tagging distinctions. I think I'll need to view an accumulation of these stamps under UV light to learn how to distinguish "wide block tagging" from "narrow block tagging" and "wide and tall block tagging." In addition, looking at more examples would help me to learn if the shifted tagging in this particular stamp is typical or unusual.

The article on Linn's Web site does a good job of explaining the basics of this approach to studying stamps. My first effort helped me to gain a deeper appreciation for how postal services use tagging, which enables machines to process mail more efficiently, to fulfill their charters to deliver the mail to the public.



Tagging: The luminescent coating was applied to the stamp's design (Sc. 1842).



Shifted Tagging: The coating area is shifted up relative to the design (Sc. 2115).



Overall Tagging: This stamp's taggant was applied to the stamp's front (Sc. 1774).



Tagged Paper: The back of this stamp appears the same in UV light (Ger. Sc. 1242).

On the Web: www.linns.com/en/insights/stamp-collecting-basics/2007/october/hiding-in-plain-sight--basics-of-tagged-stamps-and-ultraviolet-1.html

Club Seeks 2016 Leaders

At the November 5 business meeting, the Club will open nominations for the four officer positions—president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer—and the two at-large board positions. All of these elected positions have one-year terms.

Elections will be held on December 3. Newly elected leaders will begin their terms in January.

Club Needs New Exchange Manager

The position of Exchange Manager has opened. If you would like to become more familiar with the ins and outs of the Scott catalogues and make a contribution that raises funds for the Club's programs, then taking a turn as the Exchange Manager would suit you.

The person in this position prepares lots for the exchanges, shares the list with the newsletter editor, and brings the lots to the exchange.

If you would like to lend your support to the Club in this role, speak to one of the officers. Thanks for giving this request your consideration.

Online Resource for Philatelic Study

Postal History Society Releases Free Journal Issues

by David M. Frye, PHS Publicity Chair

The Postal History Society has released complete versions of *Postal History Journal*, covering issues from June 2009 through October 2013, and made them available to the public on its Web site.

In August, the society's board of directors decided to make the texts and images of its publication available for free to the wider postal history, philatelic, and history communities as a service both to scholars and to collectors. With each new issue's release, another issue from two years earlier will appear in the free collection. With the publishing of the October 2015 issue, the October 2013 issue, No. 156, appeared on the Web site.

Yamil Kouri, MD, the society's incoming president, remarked, "The Postal History Society continues to expand the access to the wide variety of articles in its award-winning journal, and to increase awareness of the richness of the field of postal history."

The journal, under the editorship of Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris, has garnered numerous awards. In August 2015, the journal garnered the Reserve Grand and Gold awards in the literature competition at the American Philatelic Society's StampShow.

The editors, long-standing collaborators, noted, "We are really pleased that the Society's own Web site offers complete back-issue files. New and potential PHS members will be able to browse some of the fine writing in our back files, and appreciate some of the new directions taken by our authors."

The downloadable issues are in the *.pdf format readable across multiple operating systems and devices. The "Journals" section of the site contains a gallery of journal covers and links to the full-issue files.

The newest free issue highlights diverse topics, including, "King George V Coronation Day Mail," "Quack Electro-Magnetic Medicine," "Freedom of the Press, U.S. Mails, 1830s," and "A Phantom Rate No More!"

The Postal History Society extends an open invitation to anyone interested in postal

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More Pacific Mail Steam Navigation Company
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1850s Oregon Territory P.O.D. Special Agent
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Post Offices of the Olds-Sundre District, Alberta

The newest issue is available to PHS members. history to join the organization. U.S. memberships are \$35 annually. Included in the members' benefits is admission to all of the society's membership meetings as well as a subscription to the *Postal History Journal*, affording print-only access to articles for two years. The journal, published in February, June, and October, is an award-winning, full-color exploration of U.S. and global postal history that offers original research articles on all periods of postal history, reviews of literature in the field, and surveys of postal history offerings in other journals.

The Society offers medals to recognize the best postal history exhibits in American Philatelic Society competition. Exhibits coordinators may obtain details and request medals from Barbara Johnson at APS, barbj@stamps.org, or George McGowan, Awards Chairman, geolotus2003@nycap.rr.com.

The Postal History Society, founded in 1951, encourages the study of postal history—broadly understood—among more than 300 members around the world.

Web: www.postalhistorysociety.org.

Holocaust Stamp Project Reaches Another Milestone

by *Charlotte Sheer, Founder, Holocaust Stamps Project*

We wanted to share exciting news with you!

As of October 19, 2015, the total count of donated postage stamps to the Holocaust Stamps Project has reached 6,303,197, which is 57 percent of our eleven-million-stamps goal—one stamp for each person who died in the Holocaust.

Stamps have been donated by individuals and organizations from thirty-four states, Canada, Israel, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

Donations of stamps in any amount and in any condition, including unwanted stamps collections and albums,

are welcome as we push towards making this year's collection our biggest to date.

NOTE: At least one member of the Lincoln Stamp Club has made a contribution.

Holocaust Stamps Project: www.foxboroughrcs.org/students-families/frcs-holocaust-stamp-project/

Donations: Trimming and counting is helpful.

Please send your contributions to:

Holocaust Stamp Project

Foxborough Regional Charter School

131 Central Street, Foxboro, MA 02035

jdroste@foxboroughrcs.org

The American Philatelic Society Asks for Assistance

by *Scott D. English, APS Executive Director*

The next generation of stamp collectors needs your help today! Thanks to the generous support of our members, more than 4,500 teachers have brought the love of stamps to their classrooms through the Stamps Teach program. Since 2012, more than 30,000 students have been able to start the collecting journey that you have loved for years.

We have already been receiving orders for this year. We're getting stamps to the classroom as quickly as possible so even more students can see, touch, and learn about stamps. In order to accomplish this, we need your support.

This year, a grant from the TurningPoint Foundation matches every dollar donated to this program with a dollar up to the first \$25,000. That means if you give \$25 dollars

today it will become \$50 to help students and teachers.

Why is it important? Most of the students we serve are in grades three and five. Nearly 60 percent of APS members started collecting before age ten—by the fifth grade. Since the program started, we have also seen a 44 percent growth in our Young Stamp Collectors of America—the next step in our youth programs.

How can you help? Please make a donation of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more today. We will gladly take any support you can give. The donation you make will make a big difference for teachers and students today. It could also bring us our next generation of collectors in years to come. Thank you for your support of the APS and philately.

- **Donate:** stamps.org/userfiles/file/education/StampsTeachDonate.pdf

National Stamp Collecting Month

Gere Branch Hosted Club's Display to Highlight Stamp Hobby

Thanks to the hard work of **Cynthia Carlson**, the Club's president, the Lincoln Stamp Club provided a display at Gere Branch of the Lincoln City Library from Oct. 4–31. The display, which framed several cubbyholes in the bookcase behind the main desk to look like stamps, provided some three-dimensional depictions reminiscent of stamps. Some samples of the library's collection of books relating to stamp collecting appeared there as well.

The Club's business cards, which list the meeting location, times, and dates, along with the Club's e-mail and Web addresses, were offered to interested people who stopped to see the display.

National Stamp Collecting Month is a traditional October observance that goes back to 1981.

- **More info:** stamps.org/Stamp-Collecting-Month.



Library Display: President Cynthia Carlson created Gere's display.

Topics: Business, Nominations, and "Prexy Postal History"

The Club meets at a central Lincoln location from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays each month:

St. Paul United Methodist Church
1144 M St., Lincoln, Neb.

Go south on 11th Street, then turn left into the church's parking garage between N and M Streets. Take the elevator to the *main* floor. Street parking is available too.

~Welcome~

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every club meeting and encourages collectors of all interests and experience to consider joining. Dues are only \$12/year, and can be mailed to the Club at its address on the front page or brought to a meeting. A membership form is available on the Web:

- **Membership:** www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.

- **Meeting & Nominations:** Thurs., Nov. 5.
- **Show and Tell & Program:** Thurs., Nov. 19: "*Prexy Postal History*" by **Willy Knopp**.
- **Meeting, Elections, & Exchange:** Thurs., Dec. 3.
- **Show and Tell & Program:** Thurs., Dec. 17: "*The Dead (How long?) and Living on US Stamps*" by **Bob Ferguson**.

Find us on

The Lincoln Stamp Club has taken its first steps into the world of social media by launching its new Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, please "like" the Club and share its updates with your circle of friends. Now is a good time to sign up and get your own free Facebook account.

- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/LincolnStampClub.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Items for December Exchange

If you would like to include items in a special exchange, give your descriptions and prices to **David Frye**, newsletter editor, by Nov. 15 for the Dec. 3 Exchange.

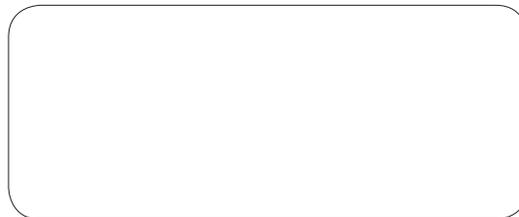
This special exchange will feature items from Club members. Get your attractive lots listed! Forms for your items are available online:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeForm4up.pdf.

West Omaha Stamp Show

The West Omaha Stamp Club is hosting a show, Saturday, November 14, and Sunday, November 15.

- **Eight dealers at twenty-four tables**
- **Free admission**
- **Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
- **Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- **Comfort Inn, 71st & Grover Sts., Omaha**



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