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Lincoln Stamp Club

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NEWSLETTER

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Reading the Fine Print

Passing of the Decades Marked in Streamlining Texts on U.S. Stamps

by *David M. Frye, Editor*

The basic function of postage stamps is to note on pieces of mail that senders have paid the necessary charges for the services supplied in the country in which or from which they have posted those pieces of mail.

This means that stamps at least need to bear some sort of denominational marking, an indication of the country in which the postage fees have been paid, and perhaps a statement of the type of fees purchased.

Let's look only at U.S. stamps, and of those, only ones designed to note payment for regular mail. To give this survey a little rigor, the summary will look at the first commemorative issue in each year, moving ahead by decades.

For instance, then, if one looks at the Yorktown Issue of 1931, these texts appear:

- UNITED STATES POSTAGE
- 2 CENTS.

For the next stop, look at the Vermont Statehood Issue of 1941:

- UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
- POSTAGE 3¢.

Jumping ahead another decade, we come to the United Confederate Veterans Final Reunion Issue of 1951:

- UNITED STATES POSTAGE
- 3 CENTS.

The first commemorative of 1961 was the Mahatma Gandhi Issue, using these texts:

- UNITED STATES POSTAGE
- 4¢.

In 1971, the first stamp out of the gate was the American Wool Industry Issue:

- UNITED STATES
- 6¢.

Everett Dirksen's likeness appeared on the first issue of 1981, with the following texts:

- USA
- 15¢.

Switzerland's seven-hundredth anniversary



was featured first in 1991:

- USA
- 50.

The Year of the Snake Issue arrived first in 2001, using two descriptive texts:

- USA
- 34.

A decade later, the Year of the Rabbit Issue used the following notices:

- USA
- FOREVER.

So, do any patterns or trends arise when one looks at this brief survey? Aside from noting the increase in cost, one can see how, over the decades, designers for the Post Office Department and then the Postal Service have trimmed the length of verbiage. What had been spelled out has moved towards symbols, abbreviations, and assumptions.

One might argue these moves declutter the designs, leaving more space for the artistry. On the other hand, dropping "Postage," for instance, removes an explicit distinction between that service and "Special Delivery" or "Air Mail," for example. In addition, using digits without indicating the denomination leaves the world's recipients needing to know the structure of our currency and to have a sense that letters need 34¢ and not \$34.

This is a taste of a study that awaits—surveying postal issues to look for trends in designs, especially during transitional periods indicating changing design philosophies.

SHOW AND TELL
Bring Your Unusual,
Intriguing Items

Members of the Club are encouraged to bring items from their collection to the program meeting—the second meeting of the month—to show to the other Club members.

You can bring an unusual or distinctive item, an item with a story, an item that needs further identification, or any other item that captures your eye and interest.

We will take some time at this second meeting to give members a chance to show their items and to tell (or ask!) about them.

This is a great way to share with fellow collectors some of the high points of your collection and to find out about nooks and crannies in the world of philately you may not have known about before.

Thanks for giving this invitation some thought and for bringing your items to enrich our Club's gatherings.

July 2014 Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Make payments in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. Items with a catalogue value are donations to the Lincoln Stamp Club; proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work. Opening prices on donated items appear under "Minimum."

| Lot # | Description | Catalogue | Minimum | Final | Buyer |
|--|--|-----------|---------|-------|-------|
| • 01 | Åland Sc. 112a, M, complete booklet | \$9.50 | \$4.75 | _____ | _____ |
| • 02 | Anguilla Sc. 315–318, 4 M singles | \$1.55 | \$0.80 | _____ | _____ |
| • 03 | Barbados Sc. 122, Used, HR, pencil mk. | \$2.10 | \$1.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 04 | Benin Sc. 864, M, Bl. of 4 | \$4.50 | \$2.25 | _____ | _____ |
| • 05 | Bermuda Sc. 164–165, 2 M singles | \$0.40 | \$0.20 | _____ | _____ |
| • 06 | British Guiana Sc. 192–195, UVF | \$1.10 | \$0.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 07 | British Guiana Sc. 196, M H | \$3.50 | \$1.75 | _____ | _____ |
| • 08 | British Guiana Sc. 197, M H | \$2.75 | \$1.40 | _____ | _____ |
| • 09 | British Guiana Sc. MR1, VF, H | \$0.20 | \$0.10 | _____ | _____ |
| • 10 | Cambodia Sc. 1548–1550, M, 3 shts. | \$8.15 | \$3.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 11 | Canada Sc. 1063–1066, M, Bl. of 4 | \$3.00 | \$1.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 12 | Cyprus Sc. 529–532, 3+1 sht. VF | \$3.45 | \$1.75 | _____ | _____ |
| • 13 | Cyprus Sc. 533–534, M | \$0.70 | \$0.35 | _____ | _____ |
| • 14 | Gibraltar Sc. 1008, Sht. of 6, M, crease | \$12.00? | \$2.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 15 | Gr. Britain Sc. 1791–1795, M strip of 5 | \$6.25 | \$3.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 16 | Gr. Britain Sc. 2615a, sht. (20) | \$24.00 | \$8.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 17 | Guyana Sc. 1867–1869, M, 4 +1 sht. | \$24.00 | \$6.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 18 | Jersey Sc. 1213a, M sheet | \$9.00 | \$4.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 19 | Lesotho Sc. 297–300, CTO | \$0.80 | \$0.25 | _____ | _____ |
| • 20 | Lesotho Sc. 301a, sht. of 4, CTO | \$1.80 | \$0.45 | _____ | _____ |
| • 21 | Pitcairn Islands Sc. 192, M, sht. of 4 | \$1.75 | \$0.65 | _____ | _____ |
| • 22 | Slovakia Sc. 492–511, 2006 M Set (21) | \$45.95 | \$15.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 23 | Thailand Sc. 1923–1926, 1960, 5 M sht. | \$10.00 | \$2.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 24 | Turkmenistan Sc. 22–23, M, Str. 5, imp. | \$13.50 | \$4.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 25 | U.S. Sc. 3139, MNH, \$6.00 face | \$12.00 | \$6.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 26 | U.S. Sc. 3140, MNH, \$7.20 face | \$14.50 | \$7.25 | _____ | _____ |
| • 27 | U.S. Sc. 3895, MNH, \$8.88 face | \$18.00 | \$8.50 | _____ | _____ |
| The following items are presented in this exchange by members of the Club. | | | | | |
| • 28 | U.S. Sc. 1206, FD Program & Stamp | \$— | \$1.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 29 | U.S. Sc. 1311, FDC, SIPEX imp. SS | \$2.00 | \$0.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 30 | U.S. Sc. 1383, FD Program & Stamp | \$— | \$1.75 | _____ | _____ |
| • 31 | U.S. Sc. 2433, World Stamp Expo SS | \$30.00 | \$2.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 32 | U.S. Sc. 2438, Classic Mail Trans. SS | \$9.95 | \$1.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 33 | U.S. Sc. 3204C, Sylvester/Tweety Panel | \$3.95 | \$0.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 34 | U.S. Sc. 3854, Lewis & Clark | \$2.00 | \$0.75 | _____ | _____ |
| • 35 | U.S. Sc. 4791–4795, NE Lighthouses | \$4.75 | \$2.25 | _____ | _____ |
| • 36 | U.S. Sc. C126, Future Mail Trans. SS | \$8.50 | \$1.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 37 | U.S. Sc. UX61–UX63, UXC12–UXC13, Tourism Year of the Americas 1972 | \$7.75 | \$2.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 38 | Rwanda Sc. 297, Souvenir Sheet | \$1.60 | \$0.75 | _____ | _____ |
| • 39 | Belgium Sc. Var. Q, Newspaper Stamps | \$2.25 | \$0.25 | _____ | _____ |
| • 40 | Italy Sc. 2437, M | \$0.20 | \$0.10 | _____ | _____ |
| • 41 | Italy Sc. 2447, M | \$1.40 | \$0.50 | _____ | _____ |
| • 42 | U.S. Sc. 3178, M, Sheet of 1, \$3.00 face | \$6.00 | \$3.00 | _____ | _____ |
| • 43 | U.S. Sc. 3647A, M, \$3.85 face | \$8.50 | \$3.85 | _____ | _____ |
| • 44 | Vatican City Sc. 28, M, OG | \$6.50 | \$2.00 | _____ | _____ |

News From the World of Collecting

LINPEX 2015 Exhibits

The Club's next stamp show—LINPEX 2015—will feature a sixteen-frame exhibition open only to single-frame exhibits. A panel of two judges will review the exhibits. The simplified fee structure is \$20 per exhibit.

Copies of the prospectus and entry form are available on the Club's Web site:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/2015/linpex-prospectus.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/2015/linpex-entryform.pdf

Discount Postage Sale

Through the generosity of donors who contribute their holdings to the Club to support its educational programs, the Club has obtained a supply of U.S. postage stamps. These are available for purchase at meetings. The fixed price is two-thirds of face value. The Club accepts either cash or checks made out to the Lincoln Stamp Club.

Items for July Program

Ron Ecklund will present a program, "I Still Do it My Way," on July 17. To help make the program a richer experience for Club members, he will focus on two sets of U.S. stamps:

- Celebrate the Century, Sc. 3182–3191 (issued 1998–2000)
- Berries, Sc. 3294–3305 (issued 1999).

Ron has asked that members bring their lists of needed items from these two series and their surplus copies that they would be willing to swap.

He'll use these two issues to illustrate his methods for gathering, processing, and collecting stamps.

StampBuddy Update

The Club has gained access to a brief slide show that illustrates how the APS StampBuddy program can help clubs promote stamp collecting, educate new collectors, and communicate the benefits of membership. The hope is to show this presentation at one of the Club's meetings and talk about how we can make use of its insights and methods.

From the Collecting Closet



Pushing the Envelope: A common 2c Washington regular issue paid the postage for a first-class letter traveling from Aurelia to Cherokee, Iowa, a distance—by road—of just a little more than eight miles. The unusual proportions of the envelope give this common cover a bit of intrigue. It no longer has its contents, so whether it held a note or a card is lost to history. **If you have an intriguing cover to share, send a high-resolution image and details to questions@lincolnstampclub.org.**

Food Drive a Big Success

USPS Helps to "Stamp Out Hunger"

WASHINGTON — U.S. Postal Service letter carriers collected 72.5 million pounds of food on May 10 from the donations of thousands of communities throughout America for the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. This represents the eleventh consecutive year the event has surpassed 70 million pounds and adds to the more than 1 billion pounds of food collected since the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive began in 1993. Donations of canned goods and non-perishable food items will feed countless families in need.

Stamp Out Hunger, the nation's largest single-day food drive, was launched in 1993 by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and is supported by the Postal Service. Canned and non-perishable items are collected by 230,000 letter carriers and other postal employees in 10,000 cities and towns in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam.

"The Postal Service was filled with pride when we saw the news coverage of this year's food drive," said Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe. "There were more than 2,000 television and radio reports, more than 1,000 newspaper and online articles and tens of thousands of hits on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and countless blogs. Everyone who saw this coverage knew that the food drive was helping to put food on the tables of families who are in need."

About 50 million Americans—including 16 million children—lack sufficient food, according to Feeding America, a partner in the drive and the nation's leading domestic hunger relief charity. With most school lunch programs suspended during summer months, millions of children must find alternate sources of nutrition.

More Info: about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2014/pr14_038.htm

Meetings: Business, Exchange, & Collecting Methods

The Club meets at a central 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.

- **Business Meeting with Exchange:** Thursday, July 3.
- **Show and Tell (see p. 2) and**

Program: *"I Still Do It My Way,"* Ron Ecklund, Thursday, July 17.

- **Business Meeting with Exchange:** Thursday, August 7.
- **Show and Tell and Program:** *"Russia Zemstvo Rural Posts,"* Ken Pruess, Thursday, August 21.
- **Business Meeting with Exchange:** Thursday, September 4.
- **Show and Tell and Program:** *"Collecting First-day Covers,"* Dave Wallman, Thursday, September 18.

WANTED

Items for Monthly Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the monthly exchanges, send your descriptions and prices to questions@lincolnstampclub.org by **July 25 for the Exchange on August 7**.

Send info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **July 25 for the September 4 Exchange**. Forms for your items are available online:

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

USPS Releases New Postal Issues: July through October '14 ... and Beyond!

July 26 ?—Medal of Honor: Korean War: 2 forever (49¢) com.; prestige folio (20); Washington, D.C.

July 30—Civil War: 2 forever (49¢) com.; pane (12); Battle of Petersburg, Battle of Mobile Bay; Petersburg, Va., and Mobile, Ala.

August 7—Farmers' Markets: 4 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Washington, D.C.

August 21—Hudson River School: 4 forever (49¢) com.; booklet (20); Ameri-

can Treasurers series; Hartford, Conn.
August ??—Janis Joplin: 1 forever (49¢); pane (16); Music Icons series; perhaps in San Francisco, Calif.

September 13—War of 1812: Fort McHenry: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Baltimore, Md.

September ?—Celebrity Chefs: 5 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); TBA.

Fall ?—Batman: 1 forever (49¢) com.; details TBA.

October ?—Graphic Design, Solar System,

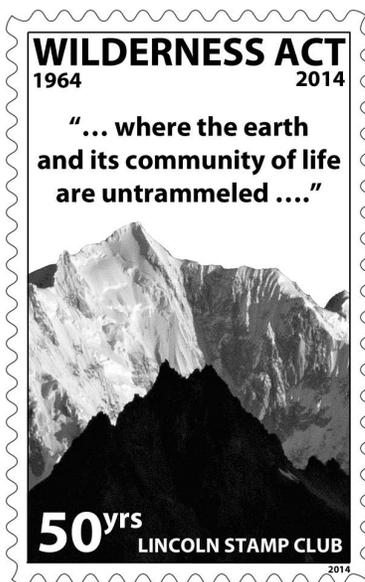
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Global Holiday, Eid, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah: several forever (49¢) com.; details TBA.

Details To Be Announced—Most Loved Pets and Wilt Chamberlain.

Artwork: www.uspsstamps.com/stamps/preview.

Note: This Postal Service site shows two sets of images: Stamp Preview and Currently for Sale.

About the LINPEX 2014 Cachet Design



1964 • The Wilderness Act and the Lincoln Stamp Club • 2014

Focusing upon "... where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled ...," the Lincoln Stamp Club 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 Club, marking its own fiftieth anniversary in 2014, released a show cover at LINPEX, February 22–23, 2014. The cachet features a stamp-like design honoring the act. The mountain in the cachet is Alaska's Denali, "The High One." The quotation comes from the act's definition of "wilderness." The design appears in a single-color letterpress-printed cachet on copies of the U.S. Postal Service's Folk Art Eagle Stamped Envelope. The cachet printer, Porridge Papers, a Lincoln firm with business clients around the nation, is renowned for the quality of its letterpress work.

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Omaha Stamp Show Seeking Exhibits

The Omaha Philatelic Society is hosting its stamp show—The Omaha Stamp Show—September 6–7, 2014. An APS World Series of Philately show, the event will feature 2,000 pages of competitive exhibits in 125

frames. Mike Ley is serving as exhibits chairman. The prospectus for exhibits is available for download.

The show will be held at the Metropolitan Community College, 2909 Edward Babe Gomez Ave., Omaha.

Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

On the Web: www.omahaphilatelicociety.org/OmahaStampShow/stamp_show-2014/2014_oss_prospectus.pdf