

USPS Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee Updates Stamp Subject Criteria

A Slower Approach to Commemorating the Deceased

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by Bob Ferguson I recently revisited the Web site of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee and noticed an addition to its stamp subject selection criteria that updates the presentation I gave to the Club on Dec. 17, 2015: "How Long Does a Person Have to Be Dead to Be Featured on a U.S. Stamp?" The new criterion #4 states: "Living people will

not be con-

sidered at the

present time.

Beginning

MAYA ANGELOU "A bird doesn't sing

because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song."



FR. TED HESBURGH

removed from the stamp subject selection criteria, and the previous five-year waiting period was not reinstated. Thus, after September 2013, there were no longer any specifics relating to the death of a potential stamp subject. As a result, in 2015 a stamp was issued less than a year after Maya An- 8 gelou's death (Sc. #4979) and, in 2016, a stamp was is- 🗄 sued two years after Shirley Temple's death (Sc. #5060). In 2017, at least one stamp will

& women" was

Quick Commemorations: Several recent commemorative issues either were issued or scheduled to appear rather rapidly follow the deaths of their subjects.

in 2018, proposals for a deceased individual will be considered three years following his/ her death." This had to have been added to the Web site after December 2015, but the exact date is unknown to me.

The most recent change I detailed in my December presentation happened in September 2013, when the phrase "honor living men be issued two years after the person's death (Fr. Theodore Hesburgh died on Feb. 26, 2015.). There may be additional 2017 stamps that have not been announced.

The change in 2018 will mean there won't be any more fast-track stamps honoring individuals. They won't be issued until a person has

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been dead six years or more: three years before even being considered plus three years to evaluate the subject and design and produce the stamp. This follows the procedures stated in the Committee's stamp selection process: "Due to the time required for research and approval, ideas for stamp subjects should be received at least three years prior to proposed issuance."

So, if we add this new stamp subject selection criteria to the Committee's stamp selection process, which states, "Due to the time required for research and approval, ideas for stamp subjects should be received at least three years prior to proposed issuance," it's fair to say there won't be any more fast-track stamps honoring individuals after 2017. They won't be issued until a person has been dead at least six years: three years before even being considered plus three years to evaluate the subject and design and produce the stamp.

I thought this was an interesting development that—at least for me will be fun to track in the coming years. Web: http://about. usps.com/who-we-are/ csac/

November 2016 Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Make payments in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. Proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work. The seller's initials appear in the last column. **LSC** lots are donations. Number your lots before the meeting.

Lot #	Description Catalogue Minimum			Final	Buyer	Seller
• 01	US Sc. 3137 Bugs Bunny M Pane/10	\$6.75	\$3.00			LSC
• 02	US Sc. 3154-3157a Opera M Sheet/20	\$16.00	\$6.00			LSC
• 03	US Sc. 4905c Circus M Souvenir Sheet	\$14.00	\$7.00			LSC
• 04	Ajman M #85–92 Churchill CTO Set/	6 \$6.40	\$4.50			LSC
• 05	Barbados Early U Small Collection	\$—	\$0.50			LSC
• 06	Lebanon Used Assortment	\$—	\$0.50			LSC
• 07	Malagasy Republic U Small Collection	\$1.00	\$0.30			LSC
• 08	Malaya States Sc. 107, 132 U Pair	\$0.70	\$0.20			LSC
• 09	Malaysia U Assortment—Nice!	\$—	\$0.75			LSC
1 0	Montserrat Sc. 128, 146 M Pair	\$0.70	\$0.25			LSC
• 11	Panama U Small Assortment	\$—	\$0.10			LSC
1 2	Poland CTO Asortment	\$—	\$0.50			LSC
1 3	Portugal U Assortment	\$—	\$1.00			LSC
• 14	Portugal U Assortment	\$—	\$0.50			LSC
1 5	Romania CTO Assortment	\$—	\$0.50			LSC
1 6	Ryukyu Island Sc. 152–158 M Set	\$1.70	\$0.75			LSC
• 17	St. Lucia Assorted M Sets	\$1.60	\$0.75			LSC
1 8	South Africa U Assortment	\$—	\$0.50			LSC
1 9	Spanish Guinea M Assortment of 5	\$1.00	\$0.30			LSC
• 20	Togo M & U Assortment	\$—	\$0.80			LSC
2 1	Togo M & U Assortment	\$—	\$0.40			LSC
• 22	Turkey Large U Assortment	\$—	\$1.00			LSC
• 23	Ger. Sc.1477,1480–1481 M Fam. Wom	. \$2.55	\$0.80			DMF
• 24	Ger. Sc. 1484,1486,1489 M Fam. Wom.	\$5.60	\$1.85			DMF
• 25	Ger. Sc. 492,1494 M Famous Women	\$7.25	\$2.40			DMF
• 26	Germany Sc. 1564 M Stamp Day	\$0.60	\$0.20			DMF
• 27	Germany Sc. 1566 M Stamps on Stamps	s \$1.10	\$0.35			DMF
28	Germany Sc. 1567 M Health Care	\$1.10	\$0.35			DMF
• 29	Ger. Sc. 1573–1574 M Kites, Puppets	\$2.80	\$0.90			DMF
3 0	Senegal Sc. 142–144 M Bridges	\$0.80	\$0.25			DMF
3 1	Crystal Mount Cover Size: 22 @7"	\$—	\$1.00			DMF
3 2	Crystal Mount Cover Size: 2 packs 7 @	15" \$—	\$2.00			DMF
3 3	C.M. Cover Size; 1 pack 6 @ 15" + extr	as \$—	\$1.00			DMF
• 34	Chad 327, C206–210 CTO Zeps on St	ps. \$4.00	\$0.50			LSC
• 35	Poster stamps mixed lot	\$—	\$0.01			LSC
• 36	30+ Old Foreign Coins	\$—	\$1.00			LSC

Postage Stamp "Rummage Sale" Attracts Collectors

by David M. Frye

Every LINPEX features the Beginners' Table, heaped with postage stamps from all countries and surrounded by stamp collectors of all ages and interests. They spend hours sifting through the mounds of stamps, looking for issues to add to their collections. This part of LINPEX has proven so popular that the Club decided to offer those mountains of stamps to collectors for a whole Saturday in October.

The Club's first "Rummage Sale" opened its doors at ten o'clock on Saturday, October 8. The many tables of U.S. and worldwide stamps attracted a steady stream of Club members and collectors from the community.

Several guests asked about becoming members of the Club. They received sample issues of *The American Philatelist* and *The Souvenir Sheet* and took with them Club membership applications offering a fifteen-month membership for the regular annual rate. The event publicity appeared in multiple social media, post office lobbies, and in flyers distributed at September's Omaha Stamp Show.

Adults bought stamps for a nickel each. Youth paid a penny. The event garnered \$116.50 and provided a memorable day of philatelic recreation to local stamp collectors. **Searching for Treasure** (clockwise from upper right): Two guests explore the world; **George Wagner** and **Dave Hamilton** work with the U.S.; **Dale Niebuhr**, **Dave Wallman**, **Curtis Peacock**, and **Gene Crump** trim excess paper.



It's Time to Renew Your Membership

If you look at the address label on your copy of *The Souvenir Sheet* and see a "16," then your Club membership is eligible for renewal for 2017. Membership in the Club costs \$12 annually; you can add additional family members for \$1 each. Please give your dues to Dave Wallman, Treasurer, or mail them to the Club. Both cash and checks are welcome. Dues are payable by December 31.





Source: David M. Frye

Member's Activity

A version of the article by **Bob Ferguson** appearing on p. 1 of this issue of *The Souvenir Sheet* also made an appearance in the "Letters to Linn's" section of the Oct. 24, 2016, issue of *Linn's Stamp News*.

Nominations

The Club will open nominations for leadership at its meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3. Elections will be held Dec. 1.

Topics: Perfins, Nominations, Exchange, and Business

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 garage between N and M Streets. Take the elevator to the *main* floor, Rm. 155. Street parking is available too.

Welcome!

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club 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. Membership forms are on the Web:

 Membership: www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.

- Meeting & Exchange: Thurs., November 3, 2016.
- Show & Tell and Program: Thurs., Nov. 17, 2016: Holey Stamps—Understanding Perfins by Ken Pruess.
- Meeting & Exchange: Thurs., December 1, 2016.
- Show & Tell and Program: Thurs., Dec. 15, 2016: *Topic TBA*.

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 OPPORTUNITY

Items for Upcoming Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the Club's monthly exchange, send your descriptions and prices to John Schultz (jschultz2@neb.rr.com) by Nov. 15, 2016, for the December exchange. Upcoming exchanges, set for Nov. 3, Dec. 1, and Jan. 5, will feature items from Club members and from donors. Get your attractive lots listed! Downloadable forms are online:

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

Stamp Events Across the State West Omaha Stamp Show

November 12–13, 2016 Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Comfort Inn & Suites, 71st & Grover Sts. Omaha, Nebraska **Eight Dealers Twenty-four Tables Free Admission**





