

Lincoln Stamp Club

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The Lincoln Stamp Club's monthly news

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The Club meets the first and third Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.

Location

St. Paul United Methodist Church
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Affiliation

The Club is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society:
APS #0799-064882.

Four Scientists Honored by New Stamps



from the United States Postal Service

The third set of American Scientists stamps honors chemist Melvin Calvin, botanist Asa Gray, physicist Maria Goeppert Mayer, and biochemist Severo Ochoa. The stamps go on sale June 16.

- Melvin Calvin was the first scientist to trace in detail the process of photosynthesis and conducted pioneering research on using plants as an alternative energy source. He won the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1961.
- Asa Gray, one of the first professional botanists in the United States, advanced the specialized field of plant geography and became the principal American advocate of evolutionary theory in the mid-nineteenth century.
- Maria Goeppert Mayer developed a theoretical model that helped explain the structure of the atomic nucleus; for this work she became the only woman other than Marie Curie to win a Nobel Prize in physics.
- Severo Ochoa, a biochemist, was the first scientist to synthesize ribonucleic acid (RNA) and competed in the race to decipher the genetic code. Ochoa won the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine in 1959.

For each stamp in this block of four, art director Ethel Kessler collaborated with Greg Berger of Bethesda, Md., to create a collage featuring a photograph and signature of the scientist, along with items such as equations and diagrams that are associated with the scientist's research.

Variety of Items Appearing in Exchange

Thanks to a generous donation by a life member of the Club, the following items will appear in the June Exchange. Proceeds will benefit the Club.

Descriptions

U.S. 44-cent Lunar New Year used gutter block • Lincoln birthday cover 1939 Lincoln, Neb. • Falls City airport dedication cover 1929 • Western Union telegraph cover 1937 Lincoln, Neb. • Cadams, Neb., postal scam article • Japan revenues (15) used.

Vestigial Remains of a Functional Feature

by David M. Frye

Perforations originally served a purpose, easing the separation of individual stamps from a pane. Now the borders of self-adhesive stamps mimic perforations as an element of design. Their new purpose is to serve as a symbol, saying, "This is a stamp." What other treasured elements of a stamp's design could follow? The denomination once gave the value of the stamp. Now "forever" indicates the stamp's value equals the prevailing rate for the first first-class ounce.

New U.S. Stamps

June 16, American Scientists, Four for-ever rate (44¢) commemoratives, St. Paul, Minn.

June 24, White-fronted Geese, two \$15 federal migratory waterfowl hunting and conservation stamps, Katy, Texas.

June 25, Mark Twain, single for-ever rate (44¢) commemorative, Hannibal, Mo.

June 29, Pioneers of American Industrial Design, twelve for-ever rate (44¢) commemoratives, New York, N.Y.

Omaha Show

This annual APS World Series of Philately Stamp show is set for Sept. 10–11, 2011, at Metropolitan Community College. Info is posted at www.omahaphilatelicsociety.org.

Newsletter Ideas

Send ideas to questions@lincolnstampclub.org or by mail to: David M. Frye
5600 SW 80th Court
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New Web Site

A new site dedicated to franking machines has gone live: <http://frankingmachines.webs.com/>. It has some good images, but not much text.

WANTED

MEMBERS OR GUESTS TO TELL A STAMP STORY

The Lincoln Stamp Club invites you to share your philatelic passion by giving a presentation at one of our meetings or by writing a short article for our newsletter. If you are interested, or want to find out more, e-mail questions@lincolnstampclub.org or talk to the Club's officers.

Condolences

...to the family of William D. Knowlton, Jr., a former member of the Lincoln Stamp Club who died on May 16, 2011.

Meetings Set for June, July, and August 2011

The Club's meetings are all held at a single location:

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 second floor.

Business Meeting & Exchange

Thursday, June 2, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Presentation: "Switzerland—A Panorama of its Stamps" (American Helvetia Philatelic Society DVD)

Thursday, June 16, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Business Meeting & Exchange

Thursday, July 7, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Presentation: Dumpster Diving 101, George Wagner

Thursday, July 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Business Meeting & Exchange

Thurs., August 4, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Mexico Exportas: Stamps and Postal History, Ken Pruess

Thursday, July 21, 7:00–9:00 p.m.



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