

### June 2010 Souvenir Sheet

The Lincoln Stamp Club's monthly news

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### Meetings

The Club meets the first and third Thursdays each month, from 6:30–8:00 p.m.

#### Location

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#### **Affiliation**

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

# **Books and Magazines About Stamps**

by David M. Frye

One of the ways to tell if you are a dyed-in-the-wool stamp collector is to pay attention to what you read and what catches your attention. When you're reading a novel, do you find yourself focusing upon the role that letters play in the story? Do you wonder what stamps the characters use on their mail?

When I'm traveling, I find myself paying some attention to the kinds of mailboxes and mail slots I see along streets and set into doors. The variety is amazing.

There are times, too, when we turn our attention directly to our hobby and to the literature, both books and periodicals, that help guide us in our pursuits.

I thought it would be interesting to share a little about the titles on my shelves and invite you to drop me a note or an e-mail about what's on your shelves. I can share your recommendations with our club in future issues of the *Souvenir Sheet*.

#### Basics

It almost goes without saying,

but some edition of a stamp catalogue is invaluable for tracking down the identity of stamps, finding out about their production, rarity, and price.

Since I'm mostly interested in identifying issues at least several years old, I've been satisfied with picking up discarded copies of Scott's *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*. Right now I'm using the 2006 edition, which has the virtue of color images. It was a great deal at the annual Lincoln Library book sale for \$1 a volume. If you like a little risk, try waiting until the last day of the sale. Then you can get books for a \$1 a box!

I also have the 2000 (again, the buck-a-book) edition of Scott's *Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps & Covers.* This gives me a lot more detail about U.S. issues, which suits my research interest in the issues of 1961.

#### **Periodicals**

My periodical list is pretty basic too. I subscribe to Linn's Stamp News in print, but occasionally check out articles online as well. This weekly publication shares what its title suggests.

As a member of the American Philatelic Society, I receive the American Philatelist each month. This magazine has a good range of articles that inform, entertain, and help me see the vast diversity of possibilities for focusing one's collection in certain specialities.

#### **Favorites**

I've enjoyed a hardcover book, *Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting*, by Rodney A. Juell and Steven J. Rod. It has helped me learn the broad sweep of U.S. stamp history. Sharp illustrations.

The U.S. Postal Service offers a free book, *The United States Postal Service: An American History 1775—2006*. It's full of great vignettes, period photographs, and summaries of the developments in technology that have aided the delivery of the mail.

As a member of Postal History Society, I get the quarterly Postal History Journal. This is more technical, but is always informative and educational.

## Wanted: Club Members with Stories

At the second meeting of each month, we have the chance to hear from one of our members about the part of their collecting that brings them satisfaction.

Maybe you have a special collection you have spent years assembling. Without a doubt, you could be the club's expert in the topic you have focused on for all those years.

Please give some thought to sharing your knowledge with the club. The audience is a friendly and grateful one. We don't want anyone to feel too intimidated to share their passion with the group.

Sometimes a slide presentation helps, but other kinds of visual aids—album pages and so on—would help make a great presentation.

If you would be interested in sharing your expertise, please visit with Herb Henry, Club President. He still has some slots open for programs later this year.

Thanks for giving this some thought.

## New This Month: U.S. Issues in June

June 22:

Oscar Michaeux, 44¢ commemorative, Black Heritage Series, New York, N.Y.

June 25:

American Wigeon, Two \$15 federal migratory waterfowl hunting and conservation stamps, Hanover, Md.

#### **Newsletter Ideas**

Send info and stories to *questions@lincoln-stampclub.org* or mail them to:
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# June meetings

Business Meeting and Exchange Thursday, June 3, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Gere Branch Library

France and the American Legion, by Carl Marks

Thursday, June 17, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Gere Branch Library

On the Web: www.lincolnstampclub.org/news

# July meetings

Business Meeting and Exchange Thursday, July 3, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Gere Branch Library

Topical Pictorial Cancellations, by George H. Green, Jr.

Thursday, July 15, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Gere Branch Library

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# June Exchange Offerings

Several items will be offered in the June Exchange. Here's a listing by catalogue number, with descriptions, book value, and the minimum exchange.

Number	Description	Book	Minimum
US 581-591	Perf 10 MNH, almost Fine	\$400.00+	\$60.00
US 597-603	MNH, F-VF Pairs		\$20.00
US 723	F-VF Pair	\$33.00	\$10.00
US CE2	Cover, neat markings		\$1.00
SW Africa	25 different used		\$0.50.

### **Insert Sheets**

Bundled with this issue are copies of the club's Exchange Sheets. Please make as many copies of these sheets are you need to prepare your items for the monthly exchange. We'll list them here monthly.

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