

# LINCOLN STAMP CLUB

## SOUVENIR SHEET

April 2022

## Club Happenings Last Month

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*LaVonne Uffelman (2022)*

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### EXCHANGES

Manager: *Dale Niebuhr*

### APS AMBASSADOR

*Dale Niebuhr*

### MEETINGS

The Club meets the second

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

### LOCATION

College View Adventist Church

48th & Prescott St.

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### AFFILIATION

An American Philatelic Society

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## March 10 Meeting

We met with 22 members and 2 visitors attending. **LaVonne** reviewed the success of LINPEX 2022 with great attendance, new members signed up and positive comments from visitors and dealers. She thanked everyone who helped make the show such a success. The FDC door prizes donated by **Steve Allen** were won by visitor Mike Ponte.

**David Arunski** passed around a copy of the 2022 Scott *Stamp Values Specialized by Grade* catalog.

**Amber Wesely** showed an internet picture of stamp art for “The American Stamp Polka” and a printout of the sheet music to go with it.

**Tom Johnson** showed a 1927 registered embossed cover from Los Angeles to Hanover, Germany franked with 32 cents additional postage and slit at the bottom. He speculated that the cover may have been subject to disinfecting procedures.

**Dave Wallman** passed around a copy of March—April 2022 *First Day* magazine by the First Day Cover Society and a copy of the fourth quarter 2021 *Ceremonial* magazine by the American Ceremony Program Society.

**LaVonne Uffelman** showed “The Great Historic Aircraft of the World Mint Stamp Collection” she obtained at LINPEX. This is a 108-sheet collection of detailed schematic drawings and matching mint stamps of historic aircraft from balloons to the lunar module.

**Mark Sellhorn** showed a 1944 British cover that had been re-used twice with war economy labels to preserve paper.

The meeting concluded with the sale of donated material.

## Dues 2022

Please check the number behind your name on the mailing label. If it is not 22, please send them in to Dave Wallman or better yet, please bring them in to a club meeting.

# THE RAREST AND MOST VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS



## 1-cent 1868 Z-Grill

There are currently only two known 1-cent 1868 Z-Grills, both with cancellation marks. One is owned by the [New York Public Library](#) as part of the [Benjamin Miller Collection](#). This leaves only a single 1-cent 1868 Z-Grill in private hands. This 1868 1 cent Z-Grill stamp sold for \$935,000 in 1998 to [Mystic Stamp Company](#).

Later, in late October 2005, Sundman traded this Z-Grill to financier [Bill Gross](#) for a block of four [Inverted Jenny](#) stamps worth nearly \$3 million. By completing this trade Gross became the owner of the only complete collection of U.S. 19th century stamps.



## Inverted Jenny

Also known as Upside Down Jenny, The Inverted Jenny is a United States postage stamp with a face value of 24 cents. It was first issued on 10 May 1918. It is a printing error that makes this one of the rarest postage stamps in the world. It features the image of the Curtiss JN-4 airplane upside-down. It is believed that only 100 stamps with the error exist now. Even though at least three more sheets had been printed with the error, they all were destroyed. A single Inverted Jenny stamp was sold for \$1.5 million at an auction in 2018.



## British Guiana 1c Magenta

This stamp fetched \$9.5 million in a 2014 auction, but only \$8.3 million in a 2021 auction. The British Guiana 1c magenta is now considered the most valuable and rarest stamp in the world. Only one of its type exists now, which is used and cut in the shape of an octagon. The stamp was issued in 1856 by former British Guiana.

It features a sailing ship along with the colony's motto 'Damus Petimus Que Vicissim' (We give and expect in return).

It was discovered in 1873 by a Scottish schoolboy named Louis Vernon Vaughan among his uncle's letters. The stamp has been mentioned in various films as a prized object.



## Treskillings Yellow

The Swedish stamp named Treskillings Yellow was issued in 1855. This stamp once held the world record for the highest price for a single postage stamp in auction. It was sold in a 1996 auction for \$2.3 million. In an auction in 2010, it was resold, though the exact price is not public knowledge. The stamp is the only one of its kind. Its fame comes from a printing error. The three-skilling stamps were printed in blue-green and eight-skilling ones were in yellow. By mistake, a number of three-skilling stamps were printed in yellow. The only known surviving one was discovered by a schoolboy and philatelist named Georg Wilhelm Baeckman in 1886, while going through his grandparents' attic.



## Mauritius 'Post Office'

These stamps were issued in September 1847, when it was a British colony. The stamps were of two denominations; one penny with the color of orange-red and two pence of dark blue. The stamp was modeled after the British stamps, featuring the profile of Queen Victoria. The words Post Office were printed on them, from what the stamp take its name. It was changed to 'Post Paid' from the next series. A legend has originated that the wording was an error, but philatelic scholars confirm that it was not. The stamps were brought to attention of collectors by a merchant's wife in 1864. Only 26 stamps are existing now. They are valued at around \$4 million.



## Basel Dove

The Basel Dove is a stamp issued by the Swiss canton of Basel, on July 1, 1845. It was the first tricolor stamp in the world and had a face value of 2.5 rappen. Basel was one of the only three Swiss cantons to print postal stamps. The Basel Dove, depicting a white dove with a letter in its beak, was designed by architect Melchior Berri. It sported the colors black, crimson and blue. Around 42,000 stamps were printed in the series until it was withdrawn in 1854. A Basel Dove stamp is now worth around \$20,000.



## Penny Black

The Penny Black was the first adhesive postage stamp in the world, introduced in Britain by Rowland Hill, who is known as the 'father of postal stamps'. It features the profile of the British Queen Victoria. The stamp gets its name from both the color and value of it. Issued in 1840, it was withdrawn in a year because the cancellation mark was difficult to spot in the black background. The stamps of this series are very hard to find, and are estimated to be worth around \$3000.

A number of unused sheets of these stamps are kept at British Postal Museum.



## The Whole Country is Red

This Chinese stamp was issued in 1968, during the Cultural Revolution. With a face value of 8 fen, it was noted for its printing error. The stamp represented the expansion of Communism in China. It shows the map of China in red color and the picture of a worker, a farmer and a soldier holding the copies of 'Selected Works of Chairman Mao' (Little Red Book). However, the map of Taiwan, was not red, but white. SinoMaps Press noticed the error by afternoon of the issue date and the stamps were immediately recalled, though a few went to collectors. They are among the rarest postage stamps now.



## Hawaiian Missionaries

Issued by the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1851, these are among the rarest stamps in the world. The stamp denominations were: 2 cents, 5 cents and 13 cents. They went on to be known as 'Missionaries' because most of them were discovered on mail between Missionaries in Hawaii. All of the stamps were made on blue paper of cheap quality. The design consisted of the numeral of denomination in the center and in words at the bottom. The phrase 'Hawaiian / Postage' were inscribed on 2 and 5-cent stamps while 'H.I. & U.S / Postage' was printed on the 13-cent stamps. The 2-cent version is the rarest among the three, with only 15 of them existing.



## Tyrian Plum

The Edward VII Tyrian Plum is one of the rarest postage stamps from Britain. It was issued in 1910 to replace the existing two-color two-pence stamp bearing the profile of King Edward VII. The new stamp, with face value of two pence, also featured the king. In total, 24 million stamps were printed but following the unexpected demise of the king in May that year, almost all of the stamps were destroyed. A few stamps exist though their actual number is not known. The only known used stamp is in the Royal Philatelic Collection.



## Canada 12-pence Black

Also known as the Black Empress of Canada, this stamp was issued in 1851 and is one of the rarest now. The stamp depicts the profile of Queen Victoria, based on the Queen's portrait drawn by Alfred Edward Chalon. This design is called Chalon Head. Even though more than fifty-thousand copies were printed, a small number of the stamps were sold. In 1857, the unsold stamps were withdrawn and destroyed. It is believed that only a little more than 100 stamps of this kind exist now. One stamp is estimated to be worth about \$500,000.



## Club Notes

We will meet in person at our new location, College View Adventist Church, 48th and Prescott. Please join us in the company of other philatelists.

### Welcome

The Lincoln Stamp Club welcomes guests to every meeting of the Club. Dues are only \$12/year. Membership forms are on the Web: ⓘ Membership: [www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub](http://www.lincolnstampclub.org/membership/.StampClub).

### Facebook

The Lincoln Stamp Club is on Facebook. Please “like” the Club and share its updates with your circle of friends. ⓘ Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Lincoln](http://www.facebook.com/Lincoln)

## Meetings

ⓘ : **Program:** Thursday, April 14  
“The Iditarod and Stamp Collecting”  
By : **Marcia Claesson**

ⓘ : **Meeting:** Thursday, May 12  
Sale of donated material

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