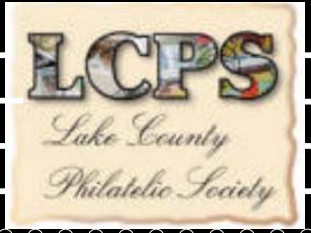


Perforations



The new year is upon us – the group having recovered from last months outing to the In-Laws Restaurant on Milwaukee Avenue, Gurnee. It was here, the membership (and the very lively party in the next area) managed to keep the management very busy replenishing the buffet. The incurred cost was totally underwhelming, as each member was given \$5.00 to offset the cost of the meal.

We now have only eleven months to decide where to go ~~next~~ this year..... suggestions?

This month our guest speaker will be Jim Bardo - stamp dealer from Buffalo Grove. Mr Bardo is very active in the Midwest Stamp Dealers Association (MSDA) and runs an on-line Stamp store located at <http://www.bardostamps.com/>. His specialties include appraisals, Zeppelin Covers, United States Stamps (Old/Modern, Precancels and Plate Blocks).



2006 January Stamp Issues:

Tuesday, January 3rd:
Thursday, January 5th:
Monday, January 9th:

(39¢) True Blue Love
\$4.05 X-Plane Priority Mail Pre-paid Envelope
39¢ Flag & Lady Liberty
24¢ Pike's Peak Postal Card & 48¢ Postal Reply Card
39¢ Franklin Stamped Envelope

Tuesday, January 10th:
Wednesday, January 11th:
Wednesday, January 25th:
Sunday, January 29th:

39¢ Official Mail Penalty Envelope
39¢ Favorite Children's Book Illustrations (eight designs)
39¢ Winter Olympic Games 2006
39¢ Hattie McDaniel - Black Heritage series
39¢ Lunar New Year (twelve designs)



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The first meeting of the new year kicked off with a guest speaker – Jim Bardo of Bardo Stamps. His prepared talk covered the evolution of the stamp shop and stamp collecting in general over the past forty years. He then made the mistake of asking for questions – as his next ninety minutes was devoted to answering a wide range of questions from the general membership.



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In all, it boiled down to "if you like it – collect it".

The philatelic world of Northern Illinois and LCPS in particular were rocked last month when Howard Shaughnessy suffered a series of serious health setbacks. As the long time witty editor of 'Perforations', contributor to multiple other stamp organizations, guiding spirit of our club, and our favorite ex-cartoonist, Howard has been an important person to our hobby in many ways.



Thankfully he is now home on the mend and can take calls. Cards can be mailed to 6834 Monticello, Gurnee, IL 60031. All LCPS members are sincerely encouraged to invest one of their stamps to tell Howard we miss him.

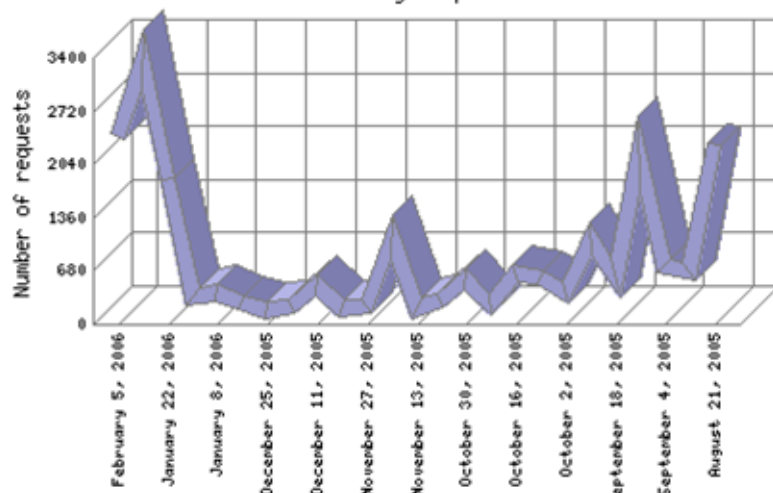
The theme of our February 28th meeting (7PM at the Warren-Newport library as usual) will be an open discussion of collection security. Beginning with a recent news account of the just re-surfaced stolen million dollar Lincoln 'Ice House' cover, we will discuss collection security precautions, experiences, and concerns. Bring your thoughts!

WEBSITE STATISTICS:

Month	Number of requests
August 2005	2,841
September 2005	4,467
October 2005	2,123
November 2005	2,209
December 2005	1,240
January 2006	2,948
February 2006	5,678



Weekly Report



Week beginning

Latest addition to the website: A Ryukyu Islands Reference.

Any ideas, comments or contributions – contact Dave Sadler (dasadler@comcast.net – 847.548.5070)

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