

There are no scheduled new issues this month. The next release will be in October with the Holiday and Wildlife issues - (though there is a rumored new Official stamp later this month).

LCPS Stamp Auction



Part of the increase in funds in the club account was due to the auction held earlier this year. Most everything was sold/exchanged (the coins ... well ...) with the club getting 10% of the sales.

PSE Grading (continued from page 1)

Basically an approximate grade/metric number for centering can be derived by taking the ratios of the margins. We'll use a Canadian Scott 151 as an example.

Left = 20 units

TOP = 20 units



Step 1. Measure the margins (I scanned the stamp and used Visio to draw the lines and determine the width of margins – better than a glass and ruler).

Step 2. Calculate ratios of Top/Bottom and Left/Right (normalized; Ratio ≤ 1.00)

$$T/B = 20/26 = .77$$

$$R/L = 19.7/20 = .99$$

Step 3: take lowest value * 100, so this stamp grades as a 77 or a **F-VF 75**. (based on measuring the examples given on the PSE website).



Scott 151

Still this is a nice looking stamp ...

Question: Are "metrics" taking the fun out of the hobby?