

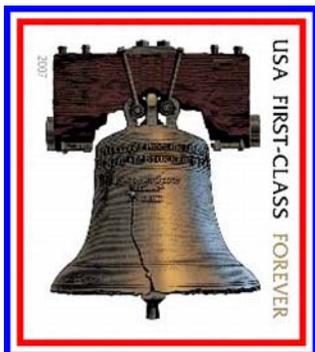


Last month was the most **Beautiful** stamp – this month, it is the **Smallest** stamp.

We were also quizzed by our president on odd stamp facts with three members walking away with prizes.



Treasures' Report: Checking Account -- \$724.49; Savings Account -- 1,485.90; Total -- \$2,210.39



'Forever Stamp'

The Forever Stamp went on sale April 12th at 41¢ to cover the first-class mail rate increase that will go into effect May 14. This stamp will cover any future first class postage rate increases, the price for the stamp will also rise -- but stamps purchased for 41¢ will still be honored on letters.

Instead of a denomination, the stamp carries the word "Forever" along its right side.

Non-denominated flag stamps will also be issued for this rate change, but unlike the Forever stamp, these will be sold at 41¢ and will be worth exactly 41¢, whenever they're used. If the rates go up, you will need to add the additional postage.

The USPS is betting with the Forever stamp, the non-denominated stamps will become a thing of the past with the Forever stamp will become the bridge between different stamp rates -- and they will not need to print extra 1¢, 2¢ or 3¢ stamps right before a rate change.

Some people will decide to buy extra Forever stamps this year as an investment against future postal rate increase, but the Postal Service isn't worried. The USPS will be able to earn interest on the money spent on the hoards of Forever stamps, knowing that some of the stamps will be lost or destroyed before they can be used. The agency will also save money it would spend printing the non-denominated stamps -- which in the past have been printed immediately after a rate change for use during the next rate change (It will probably be best to buy them up just as the next rate increase is announced).

New Issues – April 2007



Flag Stamp - 12 April

- 102700 [PSA PN/20]
- 106400 [WAG PN/100]
- 784400 [PSA CL/100]
- 784500 [WAG 3K]
- 785000 [PSA 10K]
- 785200 [WAG CL/100]
- 785300 [WAG 10K]



Forever Stamp - 12 April

- 676600 [PSA CB/20]
- 676500 [PSA VB/20]
- 569900 [PSA ATM/18]

Note: No Coil Stamp announced at this time

Next month will be very busy - with about 30 new issues scheduled to help us through the rate change.

Next meeting:
7PM on Tuesday 24 April 2007
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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