

# Perforations



Last month, Bill Schultz presented a very interesting presentation on the current state of the "Match Factory" and its surrounding area - in the event you "drag" the family to central Pennsylvania. With the exception of a PSU 'Game Day' the area appears family friendly with a lot of local activities outside of philately.

This month, Marty Cain will present "**United States Firsts and Other Fascinating Stories.**"

In addition the last of the auction materials will make a last-farewell appearance for those interested in grabbing some good deals.



**Treasures' Report: Checking – \$2,037.14 Savings – 1,527.44 — Total: 3,564.58**

After a month off, the USPS began the introduction of new stamps with the 61¢ Richard Wright (Literary Arts Series) on 9 April in Chicago IL.

Richard Wright (1908 – 1960) was an African-American author of powerful, sometimes controversial novels, short stories and non-fiction.

Wright worked as postal clerk in Chicago from 1927 and until the job was eliminated by the Great Depression. He was forced to go on relief in 1931, became a member Communist Party in late 1933 (which he left in 1944) and began writing.

His most noted works include: *Uncle Tom's Children* (1938), *Native Son* (1940) and *The Outsider* (1953).



### Local Stamp Shows

**COMPEX 2009**  
District 214 Field House  
2121 S Goebbert Rd  
Arlington Heights IL  
May 22-24

**MSDA Show**  
Wingate Inn  
600 Milwaukee Ave  
Prospect Heights IL  
July 25-26

**MSDA Show**  
Wingate Inn  
600 Milwaukee Ave  
Prospect Heights IL  
October 3-4

**CHICAGOPEX 2009**  
Sheraton Northwest  
3400 West Euclid Ave  
Arlington Heights IL  
November 20-22



**MSDA Show**  
Wingate Inn  
600 Milwaukee Ave  
Prospect Heights IL  
December 12-13



**Mailing Services Prices Effective Monday, May 11, 2009:** On May 11 the price for a 1-ounce First-Class Mail stamp will increase from 42¢ to 44¢ along with the cost for other mailing services — Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services (including Parcel Post), and 'Extra' Services.

**Next meeting:**  
7-PM on Tuesday 28 April 2009  
at the Warren-Newport Library  
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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