

The August meeting was saw an outstanding presentation by **Glen Zinck** on **Things Japanese** – covering not only stamps but items collected on his Navy assignment to the region just after WWII.

September will cover what must be close to the ultimate 'topical' collection subject, **"The US Bicentennial"**. It will be presented by **Bill Schultz**.

The festivities will start philatelically with an overview of the 36 1971-77 US commemorative issues celebrating our country's 200th birthday, then extend to special coinage (including the re-issue of the \$2.00 bill), magazine editions, and worldwide stamp issues as everyone else joined in.

It won't be just stamps and coins either, as we link to the official celebratory events from President Ford's opening speech on April 18, 1975 to the culmination July 4, 1976 on the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Bring your own bicentennial memorabilia along to share (c'mon, you must have something)and join Bill on the **Bicentennial Freedom Train**.

There are door prizes planned, plus a shoe box or two of free stamps to pick through.



Treasures' Report: Checking - \$1,612.17; Savings - \$ 1,539.71; Total - \$ 3,151.88

New Meeting Place: Grayslake Library

The meeting schedule for Sep - Dec 2010:

7:00 pm - September 28: **Grayslake Library**

7:00 pm - October 26: **Grayslake Library**

7:00 pm - **November 30: Grayslake Library**

11:30 am - December 11 (Holiday Brunch): Gurnee Golden Corral

We will be away from our "regular" meeting place (WNL) until they are done with their remodeling project in January 2012.



Local Stamp Shows

MILCOPEX '10
Wyndham Convention CTR
4747 S. Howell Ave
Milwaukee WI
September 24-26

MSDA Show
Holiday Inn Express
600 Milwaukee Ave
Prospect Heights IL
October 16 - 17

TOSAPEX '10
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
1435 So. 92nd St.
West Allis, WI
October 23-24

CHICAGOPEX 2010
Westin Chicago Northwest
400 Park Blvd
Itasca IL 60143
November 19 - 21

MSDA CHICAGO SHOW
Lindner Conference Ctr
610 E. Butterfield Rd
Lombard, IL
December 11-12

Next meeting:
7-PM on Tuesday 28 September
at the Grayslake Library
100 Library Lane - Grayslake, IL 60030



Officers:
Dr Tom Willer – President
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The **Bicentennial** is rooted in the event called the **Seven Years' War** that effectively removed France as a player in North America. This war left Britain deeply in debt and their home economy similar to what we are facing today. So lets look at the events that led us to 1776 ...

1764 - The **Sugar Act** increases the duties on imported sugar and other items such as **textiles, coffee, wines and indigo**. It doubles the duties on foreign goods reshipped from Britain to the colonies and also forbids the import of **foreign rum** and **French wines**. It also passes a measure to reorganize the American customs system to better enforce British trade laws, which have often been ignored in the past.

1765 -March, the **Stamp Act** is passed by Parliament imposing the first **direct tax** on the American colonies, to offset the high costs of the British military organization in America. Under the **Stamp Act**, all printed materials are taxed, including; **newspapers, pamphlets, bills, legal documents, licenses, almanacs, dice and playing cards**. The American colonists quickly unite in opposition, led by the most influential segments of colonial society - **lawyers, publishers, land owners, ship builders and merchants** - who are most affected by the Act. Also, the **Quartering Act** requires colonists to house British troops and supply them with food.

1766 - March, King George III signs a bill repealing the **Stamp Act** after much debate in Parliament, which heard Benjamin Franklin arguing for repeal and warning of a possible revolt in the American colonies if the **Stamp Act** was enforced by the British military.

On the same day it repealed the **Stamp Act**, Parliament passes the **Declaratory Act** **stating that the British government has total power to legislate any laws governing the American colonies in all cases whatsoever**.

1767 - June, Parliament passes the **Townshend Revenue Acts**, imposing a new series of taxes on the colonists to offset the costs of administering and protecting the American colonies. Items taxed include imports such as **paper, tea, glass, lead and paints**.

March 5, 1770 - The **Boston Massacre**; a pre-positioned Boston mob harasses British soldiers who then fire their muskets pointblank into the crowd, killing three instantly, mortally wounding two others and injuring six.



1770 - April, the **Townshend Acts** are repealed by the British. All duties on imports into the colonies are eliminated except for tea. Also, the Quartering Act is not renewed.

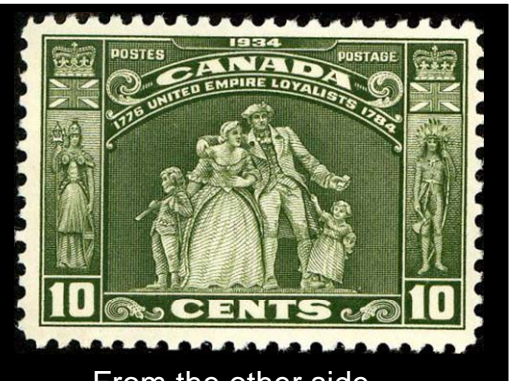
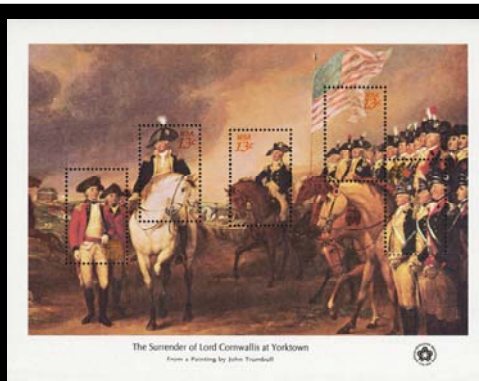
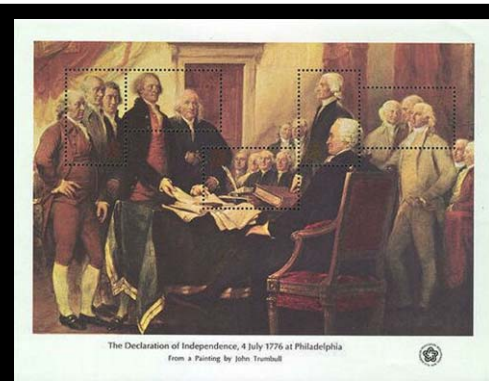
1773 - The **Tea Act** takes effect and on December 16, 1773, about 8,000 Bostonians gather to hear Sam Adams tell them Royal Governor Hutchinson has repeated his command not to allow the ships out of the harbor until the tea taxes are paid. That night, the **Boston Tea Party** occurs as colonial activists disguise themselves as Mohawk Indians then board the ships and dump all 342 containers of tea into the harbor.

1774 - In March, an outraged Parliament passes the first of the **Coercive Acts** (called **Intolerable Acts** by Americans) in response to the 'rebellion' in Massachusetts.

1774 - Sept 5 to Oct 26, the **First Continental Congress** meets in Philadelphia with 56 delegates, representing every colony, except Georgia.



April 18, 1775 - General Gage orders 700 British soldiers to Concord to destroy the colonists' weapons depot. That night, **Paul Revere** and **William Dawes** are sent from Boston to warn colonists. Revere reaches Lexington about midnight and warns **Sam Adams** and **John Hancock** who are hiding out there.



From the other side ...



Over the next 17 years, the foundation of what we now call the United States of America was hammered out only to be questioned and re-invented 70 years later during the Civil War (150 years) — which will be depicted, beginning next year, with a five year series of panes replacing the Nature of America series.