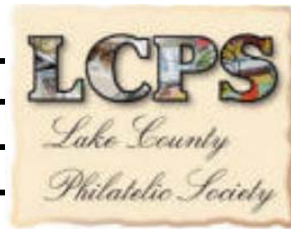


Perforations



Last month we examined more items retrieved from Wisconsin by Tom Willer, a demonstration of 'Bestine' a product that actually separates a self adhesive stamp from the paper and leaves the glue in place (talc required if you do not want to stick to anything else) by Bill Schultz. He also gave out samples to try (but not around open flames).

Also Ron Deiler brought in part of a collection he inherited for the members to look through.

This month just bring yourselves and stamps (or whatever) and we'll continue with items from "out of the past" **on Thursday 24 Feb.**



Treasures' Report: Checking - \$1,632.17; Savings - \$ 1,542.65; Total - \$ 3,174.82

Interesting websites: Beyond the Perf (<http://www.beyondtheperf.com>) is the online extension of the USA Philatelic catalog developed to bring you in-depth information about stamps, cancellations, and related events.

This month they presented articles on the Ronald Reagan Centennial stamp: Capturing the President's Spirit, Love Stamp Series Slideshow (1973 - current) and Celebrating Lunar New Year: Year of the Rabbit First-Day-of-Issue Ceremony along with a story on the new Art Deco Bird stamp.

They also have a Beyond the Perf photostream on **Flickr** (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/beyondtheperf/>) the online photo management and sharing website.

In general, the site goes beyond the information found in the **Postal Bulletins** (<http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/pb.htm>) and easier to digest than the same information found in Linns'.

Local Stamp Shows

Stampfest St Aloysius' Gonzaga Hall 1435 S 92nd Street West Allis, WI March 5 - 6	ASDA Chicago Stamp Show Lindner Conference Center 610 East Butterfield Rd Lombard, IL March 11, 12 and 13	MSDA Show Holiday Inn Express 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL April 2-3	COMPLEX 2010 District 214 Fieldhouse 2121 S Goebbert RD Arlington Heights IL May 27-29	MSDA Show Holiday Inn Express 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL July 9-10
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Next meeting:
7-PM on **Thursday, 24 February 2011**
at the **Grayslake Library**
100 Library Lane - Grayslake, IL 60030



Officers:
Dr Tom Willer – President
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Walter F. Veile - Treasurer



Snow – was a major event of February 2011. Notice the two mail boxes after the snowplow went through ...



Scott 2030a



Scott 292



Scott 3210, 2209h



Scott 716



Scott 1240



Scott 1146



Scott 4102



Scott 4103



Scott 4104



Scott 4101



Scott 3445



Snow has been a subject or a background for US stamps for over a century. The first being the \$1.00-"**Cattle in the Storm**" stamp is considered by most collectors to be the most beautiful stamp of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition Issue of 1898 while others just believe it the most intricate and beautiful stamp ever issued period. These cattle would have been just as home here on 2 February as they are on the stamp. The cattle were again depicted as they were planned in the two colors on sheets issued in 1998.

In general, snow has been a common item on many stamps centered on the winter Olympics and the Christmas holiday season. The next "snow" stamp appeared in 1932 depicting a Skier on the Lake Placid Winter Olympics followed by the first snowflake stamp issued for the 1960 winter games in Squaw Valley.

The first snowy Christmas stamp was in 1963, featuring the National Christmas tree with the White House in the background. The White House was again shown under a blanket of snow in Patricia Fisher's photograph that was used on the stamp commemorating the 200th anniversary of the building.

Additional snowflake designs were issued for the 2006 holiday season. These were interesting in that they were from photographs of the crystal structure of four types of flakes.

With snow, you also find snowmen - after all some use must be made of the stuff. One can only stay cooped up for so long. The snowman stamp first appeared on the 1982 Christmas issue as part of four stamp block that depicted three additional snowy scenes. Since then, snowmen have made at least two other issues comprising of eight additional designs.

How many more US stamps have snow scenes and what on is your favorite - (particularly after coming in after shoveling for a few hours to clear just the driveway and a path to the front door)?.



Scott C46



Three new stamps for February:
February 10 (44c) Ronald Reagan
February 11 (5c) Art Deco Bird
February 14 44c Patriotic Quill and Inkwell
and a reissue of the 2c Navajo Necklace

