

# Perforations



Last month we discussed ways to increase the membership in the club and deals that can be obtained visiting garage and estate sales.

We also had a very quick look at stamp related websites and the services that can be found on the internet.

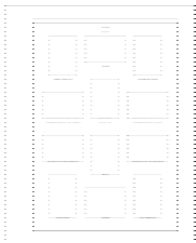
This month in addition to any items brought in, we will discuss future presentations/programming and annual elections.

**Treasures' Report: Checking - \$1,647.17; Savings - \$ 1,543.04; Total - \$ 3,190.21**

**Programs and Presentations:** The APS has quite a number (over 200) of philatelic related presentations available to stamp organizations.

A complete list is available at <http://www.stamps.org/directories/slides.asp> if anyone would like to browse through and suggest a few for viewing at future meetings.

**Album Pages:** Free album pages are available through the APS (2008-2009 in addition to topical pages) in PDF format at <http://www.stamps.org>.



A complete set of downloadable US album pages (by year and type) are available from **Philosateleia** located at <http://www.philosateleia.com/album/>.

Free album pages are also available (2000-2010) from **Stamp Web Album** at [http://www.stampalbums.com/free\\_us.asp](http://www.stampalbums.com/free_us.asp). They also have for a yearly subscription of \$30.00 or \$40.00 for both web and CD that includes over 6500 'Classic' pages of both US and Foreign countries.

Inexpensive pages are available from **Stamp Paraphernalia** ([StampParaphernalia.com](http://StampParaphernalia.com)). Their pages have color images of stamps in most slots and are meant to be encased in document holders inside a three ring binder. As an example, a complete airmail album can be purchased for: Airmail Album Pages Only (\$6.99) or with pre-cut mounts and document protectors (\$29.00).



If anyone is interested in downloading and printing up some of these pages let me know at the next meeting.

### Local Stamp Shows

<b>Stamp, Postcard and Paper Show</b> Antioch Senior Center 817 Holbek Dr Antioch March 27: 10 am-3 pm	<b>MSDA Show</b> Holiday Inn Express 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL April 2-3	<b>MAYPEX '11</b> Gonzaga Hall 1435 So. 92nd St West Allis, WI May 21-22	<b>COMPEX 2010</b> District 214 Fieldhouse 2121 S Goebbert RD Arlington Heights IL May 27-29	<b>MSDA Show</b> Holiday Inn Express 600 Milwaukee Ave Prospect Heights IL July 9-10
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**Next meeting:**  
7-PM on **Tuesday, 22 March 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

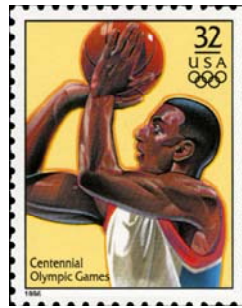
March is sometimes noted for two events - **spring** (forward) and **March Madness** (basketball or some Irish snake legend). As has it, there are stamps that 'honor' such events. Examples relating to these March activities are:



Scott 2560



Scott 3762



Scott 3068t



Scott 1189



Scott 3286



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**Flowers** and **birds** are another reminder of spring. In this topical area there are literally thousands of examples. Some are shown below:



Scott 2001



Scott 2467a



Scott 1757a-d



VC-Scott 313

In general, this last two months, we've been looking at **Topical Stamp Collecting** or collections that consist of stamps which are chosen for their designs, rather than for the countries that issued them or the class of postal service they provide.

Topical collecting provides an inexpensive way to collect stamps and has been proven as a way to get youngsters interested in the hobby (and for old philatelist, something to do as national collections become expensive to maintain). The beauty of the collection is it allows the individual to collect purely for our own pleasure, classify the material as he wants and not worry about format — no two topical collections can ever be the same. .



Latin Music Legends - March 13



Celebrate - March 25



Jazz - March 26

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