

# Lake County Philatelic Society's Annual Charity Sale for the Northern Illinois Food Bank

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The club's charity event for the food bank got off to a great start on Saturday at the Spring Midwest Stamp Dealers Association show. It was estimated that about \$80-90 sold in the first two hours. Jim Bardo and MSDA was very generous and gave us a wonderful table location — right by the main door where everyone who attended the show was most likely to walk by as they came in.

By the time the show was over on Sunday, the donation box contained was \$441.55 or after subtracting out the \$45 kitty, we netted \$396.55 for the Food Bank. The remaining box of items will make a final appearance at this month's meeting for those interested in picking up some bargains.

Thanks again for all those who donated material, sorted/ priced and manned the table during the show.



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**POETS:** In 1940 the USPOD issued stamps for five poets in the Famous American series. They were (1¢) Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, (2¢) John Greenleaf Whittier, (3¢) James Russell Lowell, (5¢) Walt Whitman and (10¢) James Whitcomb Riley who were active in 18th and 19th centuries.

This month we add 10 poets who were active in the last century - but this time with excerpts from their works printed on the reverse – seven of the ten which are copied below. How many of these works are you familiar with (in my case – none)?

**GWENDOLYN BROOKS (1917-2000)** - Build now your Church, my brothers, sisters. Build never with brick nor Corten nor with granite. Build with lithe love. With love like lion-eyes. With love like morningrise. excerpt from "The Sermon on the Warpland"

**WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS 1883-1963** - I have eaten the plums that were in the icebox. excerpt from "This is Just Say"

**ROBERT HAYDEN (1913-1980)** - Sundays too my father got up early and put his clothes on in the blueblack cold, then with cracked hands that ached from labor in the weekday weather made banked fires blaze. No one ever thanked him. excerpt from "Those Winter Sundays"

**ELIZABETH BISHOP (1911-1979)** - The art of losing isn't hard to master; so many things seem filled with the intent to be lost that their loss is no disaster. excerpt from "One Art"

**WALLACE STEVENS (1879-1955)** - One must have a mind of winter: To regard the frost and the boughs Of the pine-trees crusted with snow; excerpt from "The Snow Man"

**DENISE LEVERTOV (1923-1997)** I like to find/ what, not found at once, but lies/within something of another nature, in repose, distinct. excerpt from "Pleasures"

**E. E. CUMMINGS (1894-1962)** - In Just- spring/ when the world is mud- /luscious the little lame balloon man whistles far and wee. excerpt from "In Just-"



Just think what we'd be missing without stamps ...