

Last month the group discussed what you would do investing in stamps if 1) you came into some extra money (e.g. lottery), 2) for profit and 3) just for the hobby. The interesting outcome was number 2. It appears the way to make an investment work in this hobby is to pool your money, buy a valuable stamp, hold it a while and then sell it at auction. We also filled out our entries for the yearly Linn's stamp Poll. The results should be out next month.

Also briefly discussed was a charity project for th Northern Illinois Food Bank. As for the annual election, the current club officers were reelected – again.

This months topics are: a presentation by Tom Willer "Postal Stories from Southeast Asia: Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos", suggestions for topics for future meetings and charity event planning.

## Meeting is this coming Tuesday 17 February @ 7 pm due to Avon Township and Grayslake local elections being held on 24 February our usual Tuesday.



On Valentine's Day this year, the U.S. Postal Service will issue two ENGRAVED/INTAGLIO stamps in the popular Weddings series: the 49c Forever Vintage Rose stamp and the 70c Vintage Tulip stamp. This is one of the few times the USPS has opted for this method of production usually opting for the less expensive gravure and offset methods.

Both feature elaborate floral line drawings from engraved plates originally created by naturalist artist Maria Sibylla Merian (1647-1717). The drawings, from the Dover Pictorial Archive, were reprinted in Flowers, Butterflies, and Insects. She also produced the drawings for Scott 3126-3129 (citron and pineapple with bugs) issued in 1997.

Treasures' Report: Total – \$ 3,262.04



Local Stamp Shows Stampfest St Aloysius' Gonzaga Hall 1435 S 92nd Street West Allis, WI March 7 and 8

ASDA Chicago Stamp Show Lindner Conference Center 610 East Butterfield Rd Lombard, IL March 13, 14 and 15

**MSDA Spring Show Comfort Inn and Suites** 600 Milwaukee Ave **Prospect Heights IL** April 18 and 19 MSDA

Compex 2015 **Forest View Ed Ctr** 2121 S Goebert Rd Arlington Hgts IL May 22, 23 and 24

**MSDA Show Milwaukee** St Aloysius' Gonzaga Hall 1435 S 92nd Street West Allis, WI June 27 and 28 🎬

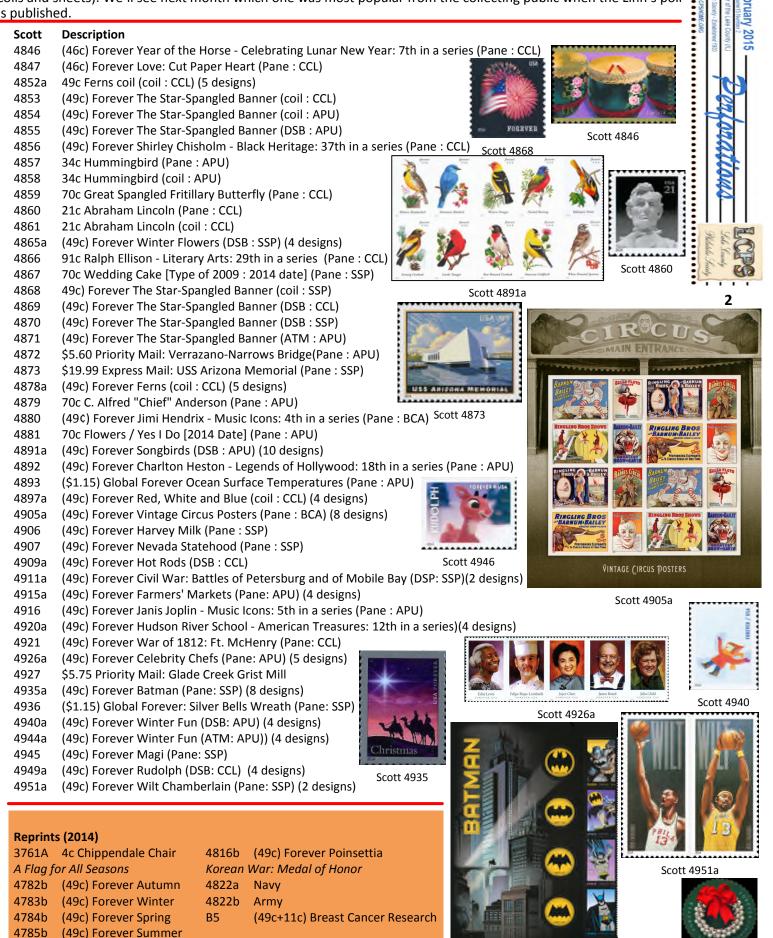
Next meeting: 7-PM on Tuesday, 17 February 2015 at the Grayslake Library 100 Library Lane - Grayslake, IL 60030



Officers:

Dr Tom Willer – President **Bill Schultz – Vice President** Dave Sadler – Secretary Ed Pieklo – Treasurer

**The United States Postal Service** Issues of 2014 included 51 new plus five re-issues (collectable units - panes, coils and sheets). We'll see next month which one was most popular from the collecting public when the Linn's poll is published.



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