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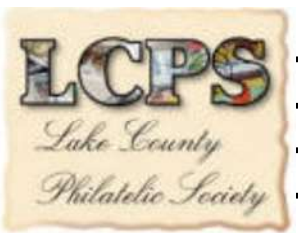
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Perforations



Last Month, Dan Ring presented a very interesting talk "A **Philatelic look at the Philippines, the first American possession.** Moving from its beginning, thru political changes, Japanese occupation to promised independence".

Starting with the history the first post office was established in the city of Manila in 1767, which was later organized under a new postal district of Spain, encompassing Manila and the entire Philippine archipelago, in 1779. The postal district was reestablished on 05 December 1837. A year later, Manila became known as a leading center of postal services within Asia.

He then covered the establishment of the Philippine Revolution postal service and its evolution to the bureau under the United States "Occupational" government in 1902.

The talk ended with the occupation of the islands by the Japanese in 1942 and the subsequent return of colonial rule by the United States in 1945 that eventually led to independence in 1946.

During the presentation, Dan passed about items of interest from each of these periods

**golden
corral**

This month, we will discuss

- 1) Chicagopex 2018 (2018 November 16-18),
- 2) final preps for the Holiday Brunch **(11 AM Saturday, 08 December at the Gurnee Golden Corral (1455 Dilleys Road Gurnee IL) and**
- 3) as usual, feel free to bring items for trade/sale or donation.

Treasures' Report: Total – \$3,501.03

**Local
Stamp
Shows**

MSDA MILWAUKEE STAMP SHOW
Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport
6401 South 13th ST
Milwaukee WI
December 1 and 2



MSDA Show West
Holiday Inn Oakbrook Terrace
17 W 350 22nd St
Oakbrook Terrace, IL
December 8 and 9



MSDA MILWAUKEE STAMP SHOW
Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport
6401 South 13th ST
Milwaukee WI
January 19 and 20, 2019



Next meeting:

7-PM on Tuesday 27 November 2018
at the Grayslake Library
100 Library Lane - Grayslake IL 60030



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Dave Sadler – Secretary
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Holiday Stamps — The United States Post Office Department issued its first Christmas stamp in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on 01 November 1962 — *only after 30+ years of customer demand for such a stamp.*

Anticipating a huge demand for the new Christmas stamp, the Department initially ordered 350 million printed - the largest number produced for a special stamp until that time. The green and red four-cent stamps featured a wreath, two candles, and the words "**Christmas 1962**". The initial supply sold out quickly and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing began working around-the-clock to print more. By the end of 1962, one billion of the stamps had been printed and distributed.

Although the decision to print a Christmas stamp generated some controversy, especially from groups concerned about maintaining the separation of church and state, legal actions to bar the stamps were not successful.

Since 1965 and every year (with 3 exceptions) since then the USPS has issued a Christmas stamp with a religious theme (predominately the "**Madonna and Child**").



In 1992, the USPS has been issuing stamps to mark the **Chinese New Year** (or Lunar New Year). Typically appearing in January and February. The stamps usually depict the animal sign of that year, consisting of the sequence: **Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog** and **Pig**. The designs may be part of a set (2005), or individually designed using a common design type based on colored paper cutouts of the animals. The U.S. Postal Service is in its 2nd cycle of the twelve animals associated with the Chinese lunar calendar are represented. The calligraphic characters on these stamps may be translated into English as "**Happy New Year**".

After years of refusing to issue a **Hanukkah** stamp, citing specific religious reference as the reason (while claiming the "**Madonna and Child**" stamps were merely art masterpiece reproductions), the United States Postal Service issued its first **Hanukkah** stamp in 1996.

Kwanzaa is a non-religious African-American festival which synthesizes and reinvents traditional African "**first fruits**" celebrations. The U.S. Postal Service issued the first 32 cent stamp designed by self-taught artist Synthia Saint James for Kwanzaa on 22 October 1997.

The United States Postal Service issued the 34 cent stamp on the 01 September 2001 commemorating two of the most important Muslim festivals: **Eid ul-Fitr**, marking the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan and **Eid al-Adha**, at the end of the pilgrimage to Mecca. During the festival, Muslims wish each other "**Eid mubarak**," the phrase featured on the stamp. "**Eid Mubarak**" translates into English as "**blessed festival**," and can be paraphrased as "**May your religious holiday be blessed**".

In 2016, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp to commemorate the joyous Hindu festival of **Diwali** on 05 October at the Consulate General of India, New York City.

The stamp design is a photograph featuring a traditional diya oil lamp beautifully lit, sitting on a sparkling gold background. Diya lamps are usually made from clay with cotton wicks dipped in a clarified butter known as "**ghee**" or in vegetable oils.

Also known as **Deepavali**, Diwali celebrates the triumph of good over evil. Spanning five days each autumn, it is considered by some to be the start of the new year.

Diwali is a shortened version of the Sanskrit word **Deepavali**, which roughly translates as "**a necklace of lights**." During Diwali, the flickering oil-wick diyas sprinkle the homes of observers around the world.



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