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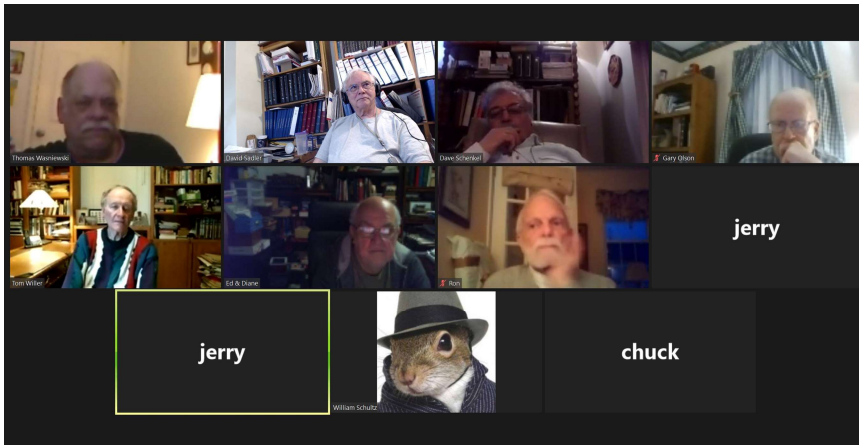
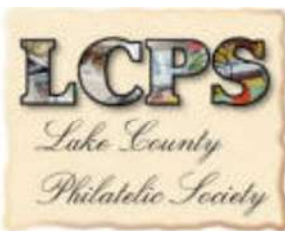
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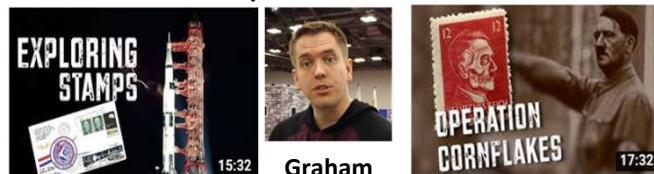


A "ZOOM" view of the 28 April Meeting

The meetings for May through July will be done via ZOOM, the August meeting is still in question. We will know more when either the Grayslake or Warren-Newport libraries open back up and what rules the meeting rooms will be operating under.

Due to the "Stay-at-Home" order, the Lake County Philatelic Society was forced to embrace the new virtual world of on-line meetings. The April meeting saw 11 members on-line (seven with a video presence, three audio only ... and one squirrel).

Jerry Dachs presented two stamp videos "*The Apollo 15 Scandal*" and "*Operation Cornflakes*"



from the YouTube channel "*Exploring Stamps*" by a Engländer by the name of Graham – he has about ninety 15-20 minute long episodes – the first, "Stamp Collecting" is a brief 60 second overview of the objective of his channel. In all, they are interesting and cover a wide range of topics



Earlier this month, Mystic Stamps reissued its booklet "*The 12 Best Reasons to Collect Stamps*". Of the 12 reasons, #8 is the topic "*Stamps are Art ..*"

This is interesting in that, after the last meeting, Bill Schultz volunteered to lead a discussion titled "*Opening your Personal Gallery*" – looking at the subject of ART as found on stamps.

This will bring up the use of another facet of using the Zoom application. Bill has been using Zoom to continue teaching his College of Lake County (CLC) Mathematic courses on-line after CLC closed its classrooms.

If Art on stamps is number eight, what are the other eleven reasons to collect stamps?

According to Mystic's 16 page booklet, the twelve reasons are:

1) *The World is Better off with More Stamp Collectors...*

2) *Stamp Collecting improves our quality of life...*

3) *Stamps are Fun ...*

4) *Stamps are History ...*

5) *Stamps Are Affordable ...*

6) *Stamps Are Valuable ...*

7) *Stamps Are Travel...*

8) *Stamps Are Art ...*

9) *Stamps Are Important ...*

10) *Stamps Reflect Who We Are ...*

11) *Stamp Collecting Exercises Your Brain ...*

12) *Stamp collectors live a long, happy and healthy life*



ZOOM Meeting Info: Here is the Zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84592152764> .

Dave Schenkel will send out an invitation to everyone with an e-mail address the Monday morning before the meeting. That will also have the meeting link and call in number for those who do not have a microphone.

Treasures' Report:
Total ~ \$3,383.82

**No Shows are
scheduled.**

Next meeting:

7-PM on Tuesday 26 May 2020

Virtual Via ZOOM

Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



Officers:

Dave Schenkel – President
Bill Schultz – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Ed Pieklo – Treasurer

On reviewing the twelve, **reason nine** got me thinking. With COVID-19, the world is not or ever be the same. We are being forced to do things we would not have thought about in the past – like the virtual stamp club meeting. How could a stamp be relevant? According to Mystic, the Penny Black:

This is the world's first stamp, the stamp that started a worldwide communication revolution. In 1840, Great Britain cut the price to send a letter by half! Mail volume more than doubled in the year following the issue of this stamp called the "Penny Black." Commerce boomed, pushed by faster and cheaper communication. Stamps are important not only because they enable us to communicate through letters; they're a statement about who we are as Americans. They're symbols of our struggles and our strengths – of victory in war, progress in peace, and faith in the future. Stamps are so much more than an acknowledgment that postage was paid. Even non-collectors know in their hearts that stamps are important and convey a special message. Brides use the love stamp on their wedding invitations to mark this life-changing event. They know the stamp is a tangible symbol. Every country around the world knows the power of stamps to communicate important ideas and connect with others. Just like stamps reflect what's good about America and symbolize our diverse background and beliefs, values such as religious tolerance, and our attempts to make the world a better place.

This was just the start of the mass communication revolution we have seen in the last 200-years. What about the tools such as the telegraph, telephone, facsimile, radio, television, and the Internet? What has been their effect?

The primary reason I collect stamps is the historic value – particularly after the United States started issuing commemorative stamps in 1893 (even though one can get a snapshot on our American society with the definitive issue of 1869).

Each commemorative says something about how we viewed ourselves and the world at the time of issue. Looking back – how many of those stamps would now be considered politically incorrect? How many reflect ongoing ideas and problems that we are faced with today?

Stamps are but "yellow sticky's"/"Cliff notes" for those who wish to research the past to find ways to improve and cope our future.

A Rehash on Zoom Steps:

1) To facilitate our use, it is necessary to send everyone who may attend that invitation to the meeting by email. These can give the ID #'s allowing folks to sign in to the meeting if a meeting ID is needed in addition to just the web site, and in any event will also allow the option to dial in with a supplementary phone to participate with audio (if you do not happen to have a microphone hooked up on your PC or want to participate using other devices.

2) If you wish to participate, send an email to Dave Schenkel daveschenkel@aol.com, our moderator, to get placed on the invite list.

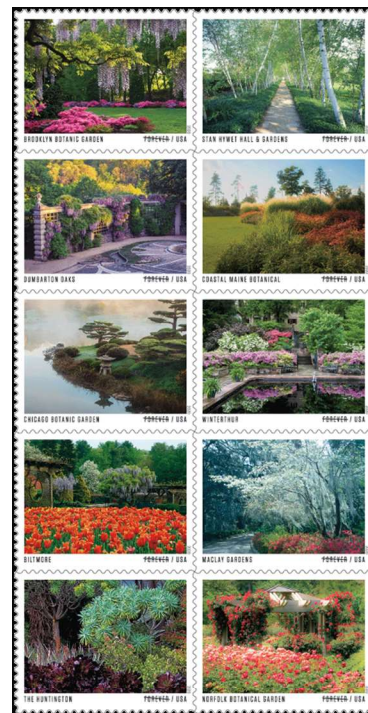
3) Dave will send out the invite in advance of the meeting and then 'shortly before', to remind members about the meeting – so make sure you check your email for changes and additional information, Dave has the option of muting all attendees' audio automatically on joining the meeting when setting up the meeting. This is done to allow an orderly transition – so do not get upset and think you have equipment problems.

Note: The e-mail will supply a phone number to call to use your phone if you do not have microphone capability with your computer or other applicable device.

If you have a video camera, it is best to have the lighting above and in front of you. (1.5 kW lamp 3 meter away and 1 meter above works pretty well.)

May Stamps:

American Gardens 2020 May 13



Voices of Harlem Renaissance 2020 May 21



These stamps celebrate one of the great artistic and literary movements in American history, the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, which firmly established African Americans as a vital force in literature and the arts.

Twenty stamps showcase four stylized pastel portraits of these literary figures: writer, philosopher, educator and arts advocate Alain Locke; novelist Nella Larsen; bibliophile and historian Arturo Alfonso Schomburg; and poet Anne Spencer.

This pane of 20 stamps features 10 different photographs of botanic, country estate and municipal gardens taken between 1996 and 2014.

The gardens include: Biltmore Estate Gardens (NC); Brooklyn Botanic Garden (NY); Chicago Botanic Garden (IL); Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens (ME); Dumbarton Oaks Garden (DC); The Huntington Botanical Gardens (CA); Alfred B. MacLay Gardens State Park (FL); Norfolk Botanical Garden (VA); Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens (OH); and Winterthur Garden (DE).

