

# February 2021

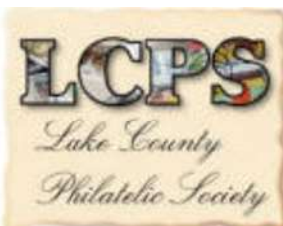
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# Perforations



## What are the differences?

	STAMPSTORE	ebay	Hipstamp
Fee per Listing or Subscription Fee	20¢/fixed listing No Subscription Fees	First 50 free then 35¢ per listing Optional - eBay Store \$4.95 - \$2.999	Required - Monthly fee from \$2.95 - \$59.95 Fixed price - 0 listing fee Auction style - 3¢ each
Final Sale Fees	Tiered price commissions 10% - 20%	10% 6.15% Basic Store	11.95% starter account 8.95% >100 listings
Additional Supplies and Costs	Submission Forms 10¢ Mounts 5¢ Cost to send them in	Optional listing upgrades Transaction Fees 2.9% + 30¢ Packing supplies/postage	Transaction Fees 2.9% + 30¢ Packing supplies/postage
Computer Equipment	No Equipment necessary	Scanner/Camera, computer, printer, internet	Scanner/Camera, computer, printer, internet
Duration of sale	2 Years Optional year extension	30 days for fixed price Auctions 1-10 days w/ relist options & fees	Fixed priced - until sold or closed by seller Auction - 1-10 days

## How much work is involved?



- Upload descriptions & images
- Monitor sales
- Fill orders
- Answer buyer questions
- Handle returns/refunds
- Deal with unhappy customers



- Mount and describe items
- Mail to the APS

**Your job is done!**  
StampStore takes it from there.

## How will you get paid?



- Buyer payments & seller proceeds are processed through PayPal.
- Payments to seller accounts usually within same day.



- Buyer payments processed through credit cards and PayPal.
- After a sale, the payment is held until the 30 day return period is up.
- Checks are mailed monthly.

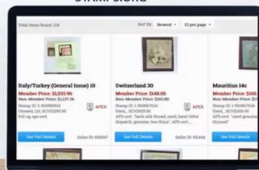
Last month, Bill Shultz presented an APS slide show "Where to Sell Stamps" that was put together by Wendy Masorty (Director of the APS Sales Unit).

The primary focus was a comparison of three of the largest US web based philatelic sales sites, ebay.com, [hipstamp.com](http://hipstamp.com) and [classic.stamps.org/StampStore](http://classic.stamps.org/StampStore) (the APS Stamp Store).

The main take-aways were the services offered, fees/payment and seller involvement which are presented in the three figures to the left.

## Where to Sell Stamps

Wendy Masorty, Director of APS Sales Unit



MAJOR ERROR OR NOT  
37c Snowy Egret Booklet Stamp

BY: DR. THOMAS F. WILLER  
JANUARY, 2021

This month, Tom Willer will present his investigation into the 37c Snowy Egret Combination Booklet Stamp of 200?.



**Treasures' Report:**  
**Total: \$3,094.47**

**The Return of the Stamp Show!!**

**February Meeting Info:** Given the negative status of both our libraries opening their meeting rooms, Dave Schenkel has scheduled the following **ZOOM meeting for 23 February 2021:**

Use the Computer Join URL (Web Address):  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84592152764>  
just prior to 7pm on the meeting date. *This will connect device to view the presentation, and if you have speakers and microphone listen to and comment.*

For Those who do not have a microphone or only wish to join just on audio, you can **Dial In** (fees may apply depending on your phone contract) +1 312 626 6799 (Chicago) and when asked to enter your meeting ID, enter: **845 9215 2764 #.**

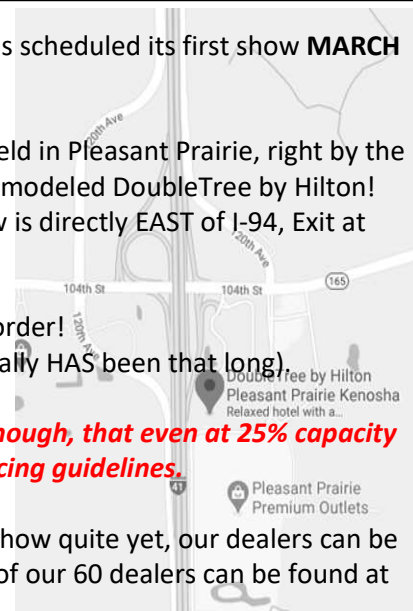
The **2021 Midwest Stamp Dealers Association** has scheduled its first show **MARCH 27 & 28 in WISCONSIN!**

The Wisconsin/Illinois STATELINE SHOW will be held in Pleasant Prairie, right by the Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets, at the newly remodeled DoubleTree by Hilton! The show is in their beautiful main hall. The show is directly EAST of I-94, Exit at Hwy 165.

Two miles north of the Lake County/Wisconsin border!  
This is the FIRST show since January of 2020 (it really HAS been that long).

**Masks are required to enter. The hall is large enough, that even at 25% capacity (125 patrons) we will be able to maintain distancing guidelines.**

If you are not ready to come out and see us at a show quite yet, our dealers can be contacted anytime. Contact information for any of our 60 dealers can be found at [www.msdestamp.com](http://www.msdestamp.com).



**Next meeting:**

**7-PM on Tuesday 23 February 2021**

**Virtual Via ZOOM**

**Any Changes will be posted on: [lcpshome.org](http://lcpshome.org)**



**Officers:**  
**Dave Schenkel – President**  
**Ron Brunner – Vice President**  
**Dave Sadler – Secretary**  
**Ed Pieklo – Treasurer**

This article from the 1976 August 08 Chicago Tribune was forwarded by **Tom Willer** and it appears that philately has not been immune to the bribery games of Chicago as written by the then Trib's stamp hobby staff writer.

## Stamps: Chicago River issue floats along choppy waters — By Helmuth Conrad

HAVE YOU BEEN savoring the details of the Metropolitan Sanitary District stamp design scandal and wondering how it's all going to come out?

In case you missed the news reports, it seems that one **Napoleon Zbyszewski**, described as a "philatelic authority," has been paid more than \$10,000 to solicit entries for a stamp design commemorating the 75th anniversary of the reversing of the Chicago River.

This expenditure of public funds was never approved by the sanitary district board, hence the current uproar. Zbyszewski is a pal of **Valentine Janicki**, a board member who has been steering the whole thing along.

Even if one sets aside the fact that a flagrant footsy game has been played here at the expense of taxpayers, it is possible to raise several other questions about the contest.

First of all, isn't it being held just a touch late for the anniversary? All of the history books I've consulted say the river reversal was accomplished in January of 1900--and the Chicago stamp could not possibly be issued until 1977— if ever.

Secondly, isn't the offering of \$49,000 in prize money to entrants just a bit much? The first prize alone is \$10,000. I mean, for that kind of money, you ought to be able to get design entries for a whole bagful of stamps.

Finally, what assurance do we have that the river reversal stamp actually will be issued, even if someone comes up with a smashing design which is feasible in terms of printing processes? [About 70 contest entries already have been received].

Until I see such an official assurance in writing, given by the highest United States Postal Service officials, I'll remain skeptical. My hunch is that the Chicago River stamp will never be printed.

If you follow U. S. postal history, you know that there has been a tightening up on commemorative subject matter over the years. Political clout still has a bearing on subject selection, but it's not as common as it used to be.

I'd stop short of saying that the river reversal is not a proper stamp subject. But if you look back over all of the U. S. commemoratives ever printed, you'll see that the river project just doesn't seem to carry enough weight in terms of being visually spectacular or dramatic.

The key to the river reversal was the digging of the sanitary and ship canal, which required more excavation than the Panama Canal. I'll guess that the winning design will show one or more of the huge digging machines at work.

If there is a prize-winning design, that is.

The Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry innocently agreed to cosponsor the contest and help raise prize money. So far, however, its mailing of 6,000 requests for contributions has brought in only \$4,000.

It will be a shame if this whole matter turns into a fiasco. I'd like to see a Chicago stamp as much as you probably would. But don't hold your breath in anticipation, friends. So far, the only one who's smiling is Zbyszewski.

**Postscript: Valentine Janicki** — From 1989 October 22 Chicago Tribune article "SULTANS OF SLUDGE" - ... The startup of the Fulton County operation brought about the last major scandal to hit the district. The Ingram Corp., a New Orleans barge company, sought a \$46 million contract to haul sludge down the Illinois River. To win the work, company officials handed out \$1.3 million in bribes to, among others, **Valentine Janicki**, a district trustee who was sentenced in 1977 to 10 years in prison. Four other men were also convicted in the scandal. ...

As to **Napoleon Zbyszewski** – nothing has been heard again philatelically or otherwise ...

... and who said ". But if you look back over all of the U. S. commemoratives ever printed, you'll see that the river project just doesn't seem to carry enough weight in terms of being visually spectacular or dramatic.

Issued on October 19, 1929, this red 2-cent stamp commemorated the canalization of the Ohio River whose project's slogan, "Nine feet, Pittsburgh to Cairo," underscores the immensity of the undertaking. The stamp pictures a lock and dam, specifically lock number 5, on the Monongahela River.



Scott 681  
2c Ohio River Canalization

### OHIO RIVER MAINSTEM NAVIGATION SYSTEM General Plan and Profile

