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Philatelic Society - Established 1933

Website: LCPSHOME.ORG

Perforations



The November meeting saw our first **"Stamp Swap Meet"** in three years and was very well received by all — with a few members making off like bandits.



Our **January** meeting will be both virtual ZOOM, and in person, at the Grayslake Library. The agenda includes: the yearly elections, discussion of topics for 2022 meetings and a presentation by Tom Willer on **"COVID Stamps."** Given the COVID situation, check the website for any changes (LCPSHOME.ORG). The ZOOM information will be emailed later this week.



On 13 December, the club held it's **Holiday Brunch** at the Libertyville's Timothy O'Tooles Pub. Those members attending will have their dues waved for 2022. Door Prizes were awarded adding to the expected festivities of the seasonal quiz and **pun**-ishing comments.



February 19 & 20

Rockford 2-3-4

Forest Hills Lodge

1601 W Lane Rd

Loves Park IL

March 12 & 13

Stampfest 2022

Crowne Plaza - Sabre Room

6401 S 13th St

Milwaukee WI

Treasures' Report:

Total: \$2,899.81~

Next Meeting:

7-PM on Tuesday 25 January 2022

Grayslake Library and Via ZOOM

Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



Officers:

Dave Schenkel – President

Ron Bruner – Vice President

Dave Sadler – Secretary

Ed Pieklo – Treasurer

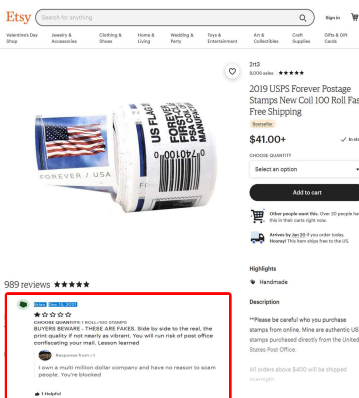
On 2022 January 05, the USPS posted a follow-up article: **Counterfeit Stamps – Don't Get Stuck with Bogus Stamps**

Are you looking online for a good deal on postage stamps? Is a substantial discount of up to fifty percent off an order of United States Forever® Stamps too good to pass up? If so, keep scrolling, they're probably counterfeit. To ensure your trusted communication arrives at its destination without delay, the Postal Inspection Service wants you to be aware of—and avoid—phony postage.

The number of counterfeit stamps being sold from online platforms has escalated. Scammers peddle fake stamps on social media marketplaces, e-commerce sites via third party vendors, and other websites. Counterfeit stamps are often sold in bulk quantities at a significant discount—anywhere from 20 to 50 percent of their face value. That's a tell-tale sign they're bogus.

Purchasing stamps from a third-party wholesaler or online websites can be unpredictable. You have no way to verify whether they are genuine or not. The Postal Inspection Service recommends purchasing from [Approved Postal Providers™](#). Approved vendors can include legitimate “big box” or warehouse retailers who do provide very small discounts on postage stamps, but this is through resale agreements with the Postal Service. Learn more about stamps and where to safely buy them at [USPS](#).

LINN'S made note of it in their 2022 January 10 and 17 editions. Bill Shultz sent an email to club members referencing the January 17 article – something to be aware of as I looked at “GOOGLE” to find good buys on stamps ...



Two of Seven negative reviews – the other 982 were “happy”



Etsy

Company

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Etsy, Inc. is an American e-commerce company focused on handmade or vintage items and craft supplies. These items fall under a wide range of categories, including jewelry, bags, clothing, home décor and furniture, toys, art, as well as craft supplies and tools. All vintage items must be at least 20 years old. [Wikipedia](#)

Headquarters location: Brooklyn, New York, NY

CEO: Josh Silverman (May 3, 2017–)

Founded: June 18, 2005, Brooklyn, New York, NY

CTO: Mike Fisher

Stock price: **ETSY** (NASDAQ)
\$163.70 **-3.10** (-1.86%)

Jan 14, 4:00 PM EST - Disclaimer

Subsidiaries: Eio7 Serviços de Informática S.A., Etsy France SAS, MORE

Founders: Rob Kalin, Chris Maguire, Jared Tarbell, Haim Schoppik

2022 USPS Stamp Program —



The United States Postal Inspection Service recently warned consumers about the proliferation of counterfeit U.S. stamps. Shown is a counterfeit pane of 16 of the U.S. 2019 Sesame Street stamps.

Postal Inspection Service warns about proliferation of counterfeit stamps

BY BILL MCALLISTER, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

Citing a proliferation of counterfeit stamps being offered on the internet, the United States Postal Inspection Service issued a warning Dec. 17, 2021, to avoid what it calls “phony postage” schemes.

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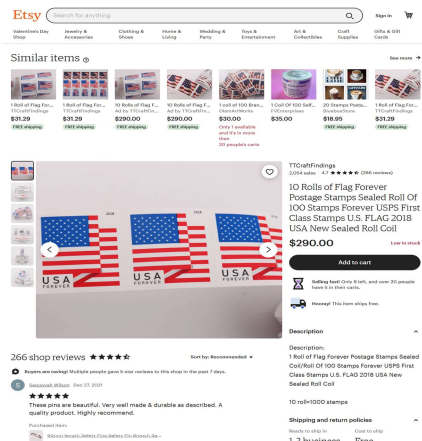
der of U.S. Forever Stamps too good to pass up?” the law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service asked in its news release.

“If so,” it continued, “keep scrolling, they’re probably counterfeit.”

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LINN'S 2022-01-10



This offering was one that you could actually look a the item offered. This Scott #5261, a coil stamp produced by Banknote Company of America (BCA) as noted in *Stamp Announcement 18-07: U.S. Flag 2018 Stamp Postal Bulletin 22484 — 2018 January 04*. The Etsy issues are printed in Pakistan and the Peoples Republic of China.

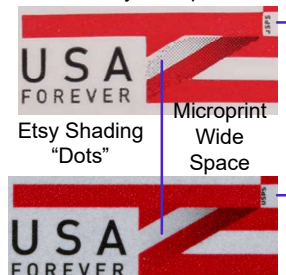
The images to the right point out the obvious differences with the added ETSY (top images) shading ‘dots’ and the microprint spaced further from the strip.

I was not able to find any discount postage on the ebay or Hipstamp websites.

In the past, definitive coils were the primary target – with improved printing and scanning, all stamps are now suspect.



Etsy Stamp



USPS Stamp

