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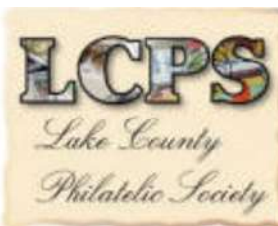
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Philatelic Society - Established 1933

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Perforations



Last month, our presentation was *"Other Philatelic Clubs"* by Tom Willer and Dave Schenkel.

In preparation for the talk, they canvassed ~80% of the club members asking which philatelic club/groups they belong to. The list included the APS, Plate Number Coil Club, ASDA, Canadian Christmas Seal Society, Christmas Seal Society, Cinderella Phil. Society, German Phil. Society, Germany & Colonies Phil. Society (England), Ill. Postal History Society, Local Topical Club, Milwaukee Philatelic Society, Mobile Post Office Society (RPO), MSDA, Pakistan and Indian Study Circles of Phil., Penguins

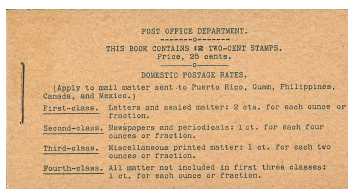
Society, Royal Canadian Phil. Society, Royal Phil. Society, Ryukyu Phil. Specialist Soc., Scandinavian Collectors Club, Scandinavian Phil. Society (England), Society for Check and Slovak Phil., Topical Society, United Postal Stationary Society, US Phil Classic Society, US Stamp Society (formerly Bureau Issues) and the X-France and Colonies Philatelic Society – 26 in total.

In all, it shows the diversity in the collecting habits of our club members.



This month, keeping the collection habits of other club members in mind, is the annual SWAP MEET - a programmed exchange of "philatelic clutter" throughout Northern Illinois.

Note: No ZOOM.



Scott BK1

US Booklet Stamps – The last booklet Scott BK307 - the Harry Potter Souvenir Booklet was issued on 2013 November 19 – 113 years since the first was issued on 1900 April 16. The original booklets were issued in quantities of 12, 24, or 48 two-cent stamps in panes of 6 bound in light cardboard covers printed with information about postage rates. To keep them from sticking together, Waxed paper was placed between sheets of stamps and carried a one-cent surcharge until 1963.

In 1963, starting with BK110, the booklet panes could be found in 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 20 stamps per pane to better be grouped in around a purchase increment of 25c - with some exceptions. In 1974, the booklet (BK127) lost the staples that held the booklet together replaced with glued tabs and better gum to prevent them from sticking together.

In 1989, booklets collecting could have taken a different trajectory with the issue of Scott 2431a - a self-adhesive pane of 18 on thick backing paper that could be folded, in this case, in thirds - creating the first 'Combination' booklet.



Scott BK110

MEETING Schedule Grayslake Library - 2pm-4pm

WED - 26 Jul - Swap Meet

TUE - 22 Aug - The APS

Educational Library

TUE - 26 Sep - TBA

Local Stamp Show

August 19 - 20

TOSAPEX 2023

St Francis Lions Community Center
3476 E Howard Ave
St Francis WI

Next Meeting:

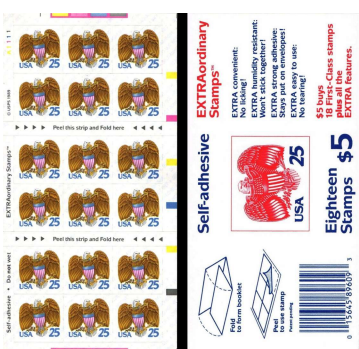
**** 2-PM on Wednesday 26 July 2023 ****

Grayslake Library

Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



Dave Schenkel / Tom Willer – Co-presidents
Officers: Ron Bruner – Vice President
Dave Sadler – Secretary
Gary Olson – Treasurer



Scott 2431a
 Combination Booklet



Scott BK178A
 MDI Booklet



Scott 3297d
 Double-Sided Booklet

This was not seen again until 1995, when the USPS issued Scott 2489a - 18 Squirrel self-adhesive stamps on a pane.

Also, in 1995, with the shortage of booklets, the USPS contracted the Minnesota Diversified Industries (MDI) to fabricate booklets by breaking down sheet stamps and hand folding them to fit in "booklet" sized packages for the post office vending machines of the day - creating a knitch collecting field in itself.

The first group was produced by breaking down uncut sheets of the Pink Rose Self-Adhesive stamp Scott 2492 - originally issued as a 'Combination Booklet' of 20 + label. This booklet became BK178A-BK178F with 13 major and sub varieties - the most complex of any of the 37 Scott numbers issued.

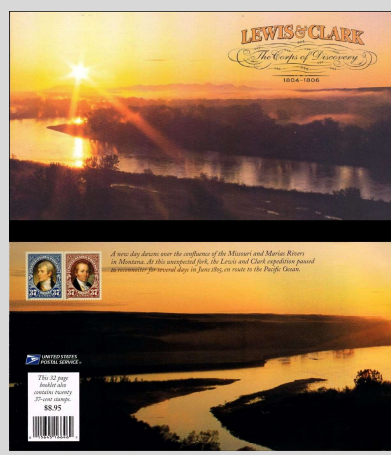
The next major impactor was the Double-Sided-Booklet first introduced in 1999 with Scott 3297d - the 33c Berries - with self-adhesive stamps arranged 12 on one side with 8 and pane info on the other side. The booklet variety of "Berries" was BK276A only a few numbers short of BK307.

It was the stamp format that heralded the end of the "classic" booklet collecting hobby.

Between 1999 and 2013, the "Prestige Booklet" was introduced. In this series of three oversized booklet, the USPS out did itself covering topics with several pages of information and two panes of stamps - an expensive endeavor.

The first was the US Navy Submarines Issue of 2000/Scott BK279, followed by BK294 - the "Old Glory" issue of 2003 and finally BK297 - the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial in 2004.

Prestige Booklet BK297



Scott BK297



Scott 3856a
 Backing #1



Scott 3856a
 Backing #2



Scott BK307



Harry Potter Souvenir Booklet Panes / Scott 4828a - 4844a

Nomenclature has evolved throughout the "book" era. The BK series are identified by a Scott BKxxx, followed by a book cover identifier BCxxx and the Scott xxxxa number for the pane(s).

The Combination and Double-Sided Booklets are identified with only a book cover number BCxxx and the Scott number for the stamp it contains - usually a Scott number in the format of xxxxa if only one design on the pane of 10/20 or if multiple designs are present a xxxxb is assigned.