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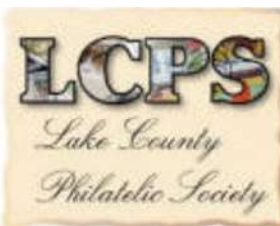
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Philatelic Society - Established 1933

Website: [LCPShome.org](http://LCPShome.org)

# Perforations



Last month, we had our annual swap meet. In general, it was not as good as in years past.

This month, Chuck Skittino will talk about “**Digital Philately**” something that has grown more pronounced in the hobby – but then again, don’t retire that magnifying glass just yet.

Given the problems of scheduling meetings at either the Grayslake or Warren-Newport libraries the meeting location for September through November ( Sept 24/Oct 22/ Nov 19) will be located at the **Grayslake Historical Society Building**.

The Brunch location for December will be decided in October/November.

## Next Stamp Show

July 24

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July 27 - 28  
TOSAPEX 2024  
St. Francis Lions  
Community  
Center  
3476 E Howard  
Ave  
Saint Francis WI

Since we are discussing micro-philately, it may be useful to look at what has evolved over the past few years. We will look at the four general device types currently available (two of which are digital):

**Digital Microscope (\$18-\$120)** - If you are looking to go through or inspect a lot of stamps quickly, and looking for errors, varieties and microprinting.

This device has been the digital mainstay for collectors for years. One can easily quickly see the images on the computer screen via an USB interface - providing relief for your eyes, viewing fatigue and the need to hold a magnifying glass steady.



The primary drawback is the field of view when looking at larger items.

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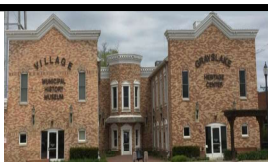
## Meeting Schedule & Topics

23 July - “Micro-Philately”  
By Chuck Skittino  
27 August - “Century of Progress Update”  
By Ed Pieklo

## Next Meeting:

2:00-PM on Tuesday, 23 July 2024

Grayslake Historical Society — Any Changes  
will be posted on: [lcpshome.org](http://lcpshome.org)



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



**Digital Microscopes** with a built in LCD Screen (\$89-\$160) - this device is easy to use. Just turn it on and start inspecting! You can also take photos and videos, store them on a memory card, and transfer the photos onto your computer.

This device has a much larger field of view (5-9 inches) easily accommodating a commemorative stamp and *does not require a computer use.*

Not interested in digital/do not have a computer?

**Stereo Microscope (\$60-\$230)** - If you are looking for a low-cost microscope, the Stereo Microscopes may be for you. You can see the stamps by looking through the eyepieces of the microscope, and get a 3-dimensional image of the stamp at about 20X magnification which is sufficient for viewing stamps.

There is a great, cost-effective option. However, if you plan on looking at stamps for a longer time, the 45° angle stereo microscope makes viewing more comfortable, so you don't need to bend your neck for long periods of time for viewing.



45° angle



90° angle

**Magnifying Lamp (\$18-\$60)** - If you are looking for a multi-functional tool, a Magnifying Lamps may be the best option. It doubles as a work lamp for your desk, and help you see any other small details you might need. It's a great tool to have on hand for removing splinters, putting that screw back in a pair of eye glasses, seeing tiny details, and any other purpose where vision aid is required.

Overall, this option has a great field of view and can be easily set up to quickly go through that old box of stamps underneath the desk



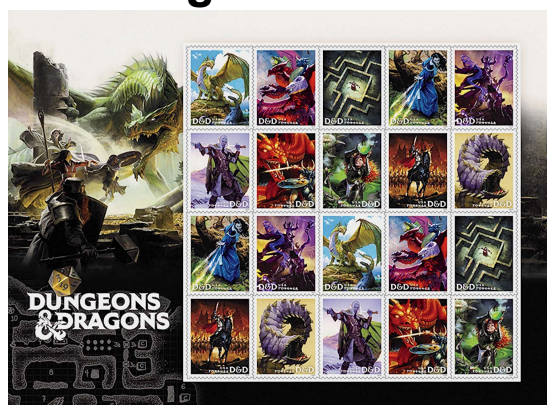
Another option is a flatbed scanner (\$90) - is slow (30 seconds for a 8 x 14 inch scan) but the image generated is far superior to those generated by the **Digital Microscope/Digital Microscope with built in LCD screen.**

With a good scanning (\$50) and image processing programs (\$50) you can create publication and website quality images.

(Note: I use VueScan and PaintshopPro with a Canon LIDE 400 Scanner)



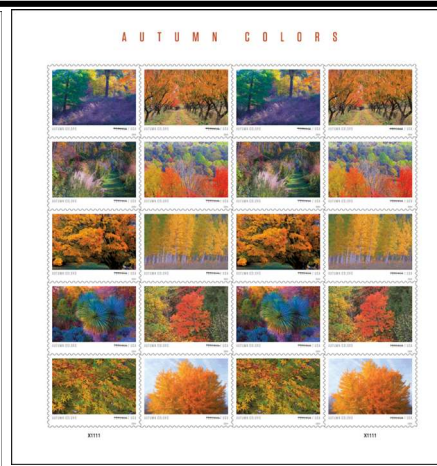
## New August Issues



Aug 01



Aug `15



Aug 16

30 different stamps  
BUT  
\$43.80 for the three panes

