



LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

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Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday, except August, at Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave. Paul Petersen, 1300 Hillcrest Road, Lancaster, PA 17603-2413 pcpetersen@comcast.net, 717-299-5640

A SURPRISE FIRST DAY COVER

The society's annual stamp show — LANCOPEX '17 — was quite successful with very positive dealer surveys and forty club member volunteers.

The show cover had an interesting turn of events. Sitting at the Cachet Sales Table as the show started,

John Hostetter remarked: "Isn't today (April 28) a first day of issue? I think it's for one of those round foreign airmail stamps. It's \$1.15, and doesn't it have a cabbage on it? Maybe we could work this into some of our show covers for an unofficial First Day of Issue."

The USPS representatives working our show had the new stamp and were willing to add the airmail stamp and tie to it to the other stamps on the cover with the show cancel device. We spread the word, and some members took advantage of this. The show cover had a World War I theme. This is a quiet protest for the absence of such a USPS stamp in April, as April 6 was the one hundredth anniversary of Woodrow Wilson entering the US into The Great War.

COLLECTIBLES AND ESTATES

Our May speaker spoke about collectibles and our estates. While this subject has been presented in part in our newsletter over the years, Patti Spencer, speaker, author, and estate and tax attorney, drove the point home.

Along with a well-researched and spiral bound handout that included APS resources, she more than urged members to have a plan and offered several recommendations. This is imperative with financially substantial collections.

While state laws vary, collectors must have a plan along with a "philatelic executor," though the term for this function varies by state. It is not simply the disposition of the collection but the details of the estate, probate, and tax matters that can not be ignored. ■

