



JUNE 2004

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The June L.C.P.S. meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 9 June at the Willow Grove Community Center. Our program will consist of "penny stamps." If you have any extra stamps you wish to donate, please bring them along. All proceeds will go to the club treasury. (Last time, we had over \$13.00 donated!). We will have two groups of stamps: one foreign stamps; the other US. So check out those extras!

Lori Hostetler will be our hostess with the mostest!!

Hopefully everyone has their reservation for the bus trip to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, June 12th. If you have decided you want to join us, there is still time. At last count, there were a few seats left on the bus—so bring your \$20.00 to the June meeting!! Since we are leaving at 7:30 a.m., we will have some "treats" on the bus for a "Finger Food Breakfast."

A very special treat awaits us at the National Stamp Museum. Queen Elizabeth's Royal Collection is on loan to the National Stamp Museum for the remainder of 2004. This is the first time the Queen's Collection has been available in the United States—so you can look forward to viewing this very special collection.

The club will hold its annual summer auction next month. We think it is a good idea to advertise anything you wish to put in the auction. It gives club members an idea of what is available and its price. Some of the items that will be entered in the July auction are listed in this newsletter—and Bill Snyder will reserve space in the July newsletter for additional listings. The deadline for sending him a list of your entries is 25 June.

Don Weber has been updating our membership list and we hope to provide corrected copies at our July meeting. Thanks to Don for his great record-keeping.

MINUTES, MAY 12, 2004, LCPA METING

Marilyn Shirley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12. There were 30 members and one guest present. Our guest was Roy Baardsen, vice president of the Reading Stamp Club. He had attended our stamp show and was invited to attend a meeting of our club. He was impressed by the number of members present and the enthusiasm of the members for their hobby. Roy invited us to attend the Reading Stamp Club Show on Saturday, September 11, 2004 at the Farmer's Market in Leesport. There will be 15 dealers there.

Three get well cards were circulated for Mark King, Truyde Greiner, and Don Weber. Chuck Kilgore reported that 39 people have signed up for the Washington, DC, bus trip on Saturday, June 12. There is still time to sign up for the trip. Cost is \$20. Alistair Welch won the drawing, which was \$15 this week.

An invitation was extended by Bob and Barbara Brown (dealers at our stamp show) to visit their home in Pottstown where they have reassembled the old Lititz Post Office in their basement. To make arrangements call Brown's Postal Museum at (610) 469-2758.

The APS is having an open house at their new headquarters in the Match Factory in Bellefonte, PA, on Saturday, June 26. Carpooling has been suggested and a paper was circulated for interested persons to sign. If you are interested, contact Marilyn Shirley.

We were made aware of a pilot program called Stamp Camp USA for kids to learn through stamps. More information as it becomes available.

After a short break Leslie Botte lead a discussion on watermarks. Watermarks are impressions put into paper during its manufacture. Watermarks are most commonly detected by placing a stamp face down into a black tray containing watermark identification fluid (or Ronsonal). Foreign stamps can have inverted and/or sideways watermarks. The last watermarks on US stamps were on the 1938 presidential series.

To demonstrate tagging which is caused by a fluorescent coating on paper Leslie used a short wave UV lamp in the darkened kitchen area of our meeting room. Tagging has been used since the 1960s on higher value US stamps for recognition by the USPS automatic canceling machines. Low value US and bulk mail stamps are not tagged. Tagging chemicals are not removed by water. Many foreign stamps' tagging can be seen using a long wave UV lamp.

The June meeting will be on penny stamps. An auction is scheduled for the July meeting. In August there will be a picnic at Marilyn's home. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

JULY AUCTION ITEMS

The July AUCTION for LCPS is just around the corner. Listed below are a few items that will be included in the Auction. If you have any materials you would like to list, please send Bill Snyder your list. The deadline for the July Newsletter is 28 June.

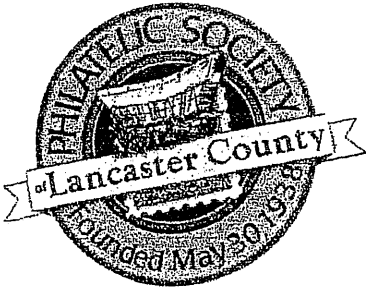
DONATED ITEMS (proceeds go to club!):

1. US Liberty Album—approx \$125 face; 1938-1983 almost complete; some airmail, revenue, & BOB; over \$300 catalog. Minimum bid: \$100.00
2. International Album—A-V; lots of stamps. Minimum bid: \$75.
3. International Album—Fewer stamps but heavy in Great Britain and Germany. Minimum bid: \$60.

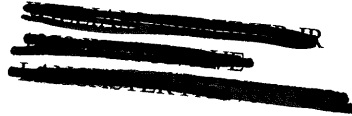
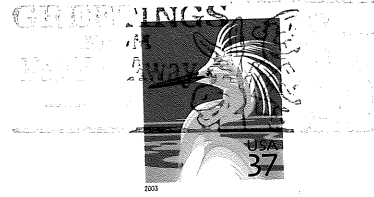
REGULAR LISTINGS:

1. UN First Day Covers—60 m/l and 25 m/lk mint stamps. Minimum bid: \$5.00.*
2. Miscellaneous Foreign Covers. Minimum bid: \$1.
3. Stampless Covers. Minimum bid: \$5.
4. US Mint. Catalog \$161. Minimum bid: \$15,
5. First Day Cover Programs, signed by designer. Minimum bid: \$1.
6. US Unused Postage. Minimum bid: \$7.
7. 500 m/l used stamps, Cuba. Minimum bid: \$10.
8. 150 m/l used stamps, Barbados. Minimum bid: \$10.*
9. 250 m/l used stamps, various. Minimum bid: \$3.*
10. US Duck stamps. Catalog \$596. Minimum bid: \$20.
11. UN Covers. Minimum bid: \$1.
12. Old Prints. Minimum bid: \$50
13. TNT Post Cards & Covers. Minimum bid: \$5.
14. TNT Stamps & Covers. Minimum bid: \$5.
15. Block of four and more, US # 518 (Scott), mint NH. Catalog \$300. Minimum bid: \$20

m/l=more or less

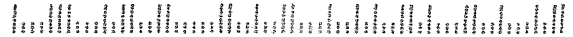


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LANCOPEX 2004 FINANCIAL REPORT

LCPS Treasurer Don Weber reports that LANCOPEX 2004 was a solid financial success.

Income.....\$3, 843

Expenses2, 676

Profit.....\$1,167

Don extends his congratulations to all who helped the show turn a nice profit. A full financial report on LANCOPEX 2004 will be available at the June meeting.