



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World

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Happy Holidays

Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 20, 2012 at the Court Street Methodist Church. There will be circuit books, U.S. and worldwide stamps to look through. In addition to the usual U.S. and British North American circuit books; there is one book of Finland (1840-1947) stamps, one book of Saar, one of Danzig, one of Denmark and one book of Europe (pre-1940). Also, of course a book of ships.

At the last meeting Lester Perkins provided us with an interesting lesson on collecting perfins. Perfins are patterns of holes punched in stamps by companies or governmental entities to prevent thefts. They were first introduced in Great Britain in 1868. I used to consider such stamps as damaged. Many people still do. But, this makes for another interesting sideline for stamp collecting. I think you would enjoy collecting perfins, if you don't collect them already.

As kind of a program this month, let's do a 'Show and Tell'. Everyone try to bring something philatelic you find interesting or just want to show off.

Stamp Market

I put a Linn's stamp popularity poll on the back of the newsletter but I also noticed another article that I thought was interesting on the same page. It was in the Stamp Market Tip of the Week column. There was a comment that, "The market for United States stamps is really suffering right now, a reflection of the general economic decline and uncertainty of the larger American economy." I don't recall ever seeing such a strong statement as, the market for stamps is 'really suffering'. In fact, I have an article from January 17, 2009 in which a stamp dealer says that the stamp business was booming. Interesting?

The Linn's article goes on to say that now is the time to go out and get the stamps you need to fill in the holes in your album. The article particularly recommends getting a mint copy of the 1895 2c carmine George Washington definitive, type II, on paper watermarked double-line USPS (Scott 266). It is a relatively difficult stamp to find. It is probably not a good time to sell though.

Potato Tax Stamps

After December 1, 1935 Potato Tax stamps were required under the Agriculture Adjustment Act. The stamps were intended to show payment of a tax for those potatoes that potato growers produced in excess of their quota. The stamps were only in use for a short time though. The tax was declared unconstitutional January 6, 1936. Very few stamps were actually used, but many were purchased by collectors and seem to be relatively plentiful if one collects revenue stamps and wants to collect the entire set in mint condition. They are also relatively inexpensive. They are listed by Scott's catalog as RI, the one shown here is RI 19



Below is a copy of the Linn's U.S. Stamp Popularity Poll which they do every year. I thought it would be interesting if we conducted the poll as a club. We have done this in the past and we usually don't agree with the Linn's results. We can also submit our results as a club or you can send it in individually if you like. So if you would bring your selections to the meeting or if you can not make the meeting this month send me an email; awhite01@socket.net.

LINN'S 2012 U.S. STAMP POPULARITY POLL		
<p>Select from the following list the 2012 commemorative stamps; 2012 definitive and special stamps; and 2012 postal stationery that have the best and worst designs in your opinion, as well as those you feel are the most important and least necessary in subject.</p> <p>VOTE BY THE NUMBER PRECEDING THE ISSUE NAME ONLY</p>		
<p>Commemorative stamps</p> <p>1. New Mexico Statehood 2. Year of the Dragon 3. John H. Johnson 4. Heart Health 5. Arizona Statehood 6. Danny Thomas 7. Twentieth-Century Poets 8. William H. Johnson</p>	<p>9. Cherry Blossom Centennial 10. Civil War 1862 11. Louisiana Statehood 12. Great Film Directors 13. Pixar: Send a Smile 14. Bicycling 15. Celebrate Scouting 16. Miles Davis and Edith Piaf</p>	<p>17. Baseball All-Stars 18. Innovative Choreographers 19. Flags of Our Nation set six 20. Edgar Rice Burroughs 21. War of 1812 22. O. Henry 23. Earthscapes 24. Lady Bird Johnson</p>
<p>BEST DESIGN _____</p> <p>MOST IMPORTANT _____</p>		<p>WORST DESIGN _____</p> <p>LEAST NECESSARY _____</p>
<p>Definitives and Special stamps</p> <p>25. Spectrum Eagles 26. Aloha Shirts 27. Working Dogs 28. Glacier National Park 29. Lancaster County</p>	<p>30. Weather Vanes 31. Birds of Prey 32. Baltimore Butterfly 33. Bonsai Trees 34. Love Ribbons 35. Four Flags 36. Sunshine Skyway Bridge</p>	<p>37. Carmel Mission 38. Jose Ferrer 39. Bobcat 40. Purple Heart 41. Santa and Sleigh 42. Holy Family 43. Waves of Color</p>
<p>BEST DESIGN _____</p> <p>MOST IMPORTANT _____</p>		<p>WORST DESIGN _____</p> <p>LEAST NECESSARY _____</p>
<p>Postal stationery</p> <p>44. Sailboats postal card 45. Purple Martin stamped envelope 46. Sunshine Skyway Bridge stamped envelope</p>		
<p>BEST DESIGN _____</p> <p>MOST IMPORTANT _____</p>		<p>47. Pixar: Send a Smile picture postal cards 48. Scenic American Landscapes picture postal cards</p> <p>WORST DESIGN _____</p> <p>LEAST NECESSARY _____</p>
<p>Now vote for your single personal favorite stamp issue of 2012. Your choice can be from the commemorative, definitive-special or postal stationery categories. Se-tenant issues (different designs in one pane) are counted as one issue.</p> <p>MY FAVORITE 2012 STAMP (please write in number and stamp issue name):</p> <p>No. _____ Issue _____</p> <p>SEND BALLOT TO: Linn's Stamp Poll, Box 29, Sidney, OH 45365. All ballots must be postmarked by March 4, 2013. Photocopied ballots are acceptable. Stamps are pictured in color in the Dec. 24 issue on pages 32-33.</p>		

No New U.S. stamps are scheduled for issued in December

Philatelic Dates

December 1, 1935 Potato Tax Stamp act effective

December 20, 2012 Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO

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