



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2014, at the Court Street Methodist Church.

This month's circuits include 2 books of Canada and Provinces, 2 books of France, 2 books of classical Europe, one book of Finland and 2 topical books of ship (one book of stamps and one of photos). The rest are an assortment of U.S. stamps.

Last month Lester had a nice program on post cards and postal cards. It was both interesting and informative. He distinguished them as postal card being printed with postage by the post office and post card being printed commercially requiring postage to be added and frequently have a picture on the reverse side. Lester also noted that there was not a UX2 listed in Scott's catalog and wondered why. Jon did some further research and provides this explanation, "Scotts Catalogue 1938 clearly shows the UX-2 as being the same card as UX-3, but not watermarked. At that time it was unknown in unused condition. As you know, the coloration of the cards UX-1 and UX-3 is different. UX-2 was of the same paper coloration as UX-3. Sometime between 1938 and the 1960's (my next Scotts), UX-2 was renumbered as UX-3a, as it remains today. It is listed as UX-3a in current Scotts." Jon said he will also bring his collection of extra post and postal cards if anyone is interested in filling out their collection. Maybe he will also have a copy of the UX2 or UX3a to show us.



This month Jon is going to give us a view of his collection from Upper Silesia. Upper where?? Must be near Upper Manhattan? Well, anyway I'm sure Jon will tell us where it is.

Have a little extra cash? Now is your chance to pick up a philatelic rarity. Sotheby's will auction the 1856 British Guiana One-Cent Magenta stamp on June 17, 2014. They predict that it will sell for between \$10 million and \$20 million. If it does, it will be the world's most valuable stamp. The 1855 Swedish stamp currently holds that record. It sold for \$2.3 million in 1996.

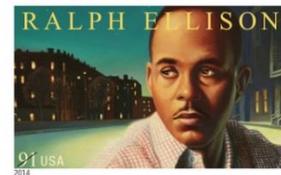


The British Guiana One-Cent Magenta has not been seen in public since 1986 when it was exhibited at Ameripex '86 International Stamp Show in Chicago. It was discovered by a 12-year-old Scottish boy living in South America in 1873. He found the stamp among some of his families personal papers and subsequently sold it for only a few shillings. The stamp is being sold by the estate of John du Pont (another story in itself) who purchased it in 1980 for \$935,000. Part of the proceeds will go to a Wildlife Conservation charity.

In 1883 a large quantity of stamps were stolen in Cuba and to prevent their being used the remaining stock were overprinted with the devices shown here. These were the clichés used to print the control numbers on the tickets of the Havana lottery.



**New U.S. stamps scheduled
for issue in February 2014**



Philatelic Dates

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| February 7, 2014 | USPS issues 34c Humming Bird definitive for new post card rate |
| February 10, 2014 | USPS issues 70c Great Spangled Fritillary (Butterfly Series) |
| February 12, 2014 | USPS issues 21c Abraham Lincoln additional ounce rate |
| February 14, 2014 | USPS issues 49c Winter Flowers forever definitive for new rate |
| February 20, 2014 | Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO |
| February | USPS issues 91c Ralph Ellison (Literacy Arts Series) 3 ounce letter rate |
| March 21-22-23, 2014 | Regency Auction |

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