

# Perforations



Last month, **Bill Schultz** will introduce us to the APS's "**The Hub**", its online community engine of **Stamp SCHOOL**, demonstrating how to access the network's group discussion areas, files sharing, events, and private messaging — allowing members to search for and connect with others based on location or philatelic interests, fostering a collaborative environment for philatelic discussions and knowledge sharing. All you need is internet access and an account.



This month, we will play **STAMP BINGO**, since Gary Olson decided that the **BOSTON 2026 STAMP SHOW** was a stronger calling than presenting "**Swedish Booklets**". He'd better bring back some good stories for the June meeting.



Also, we need everyone to put in their "**wants**" for the annual Swap Meet scheduled next month.



**Internet Philately** — After listening to Bill's talk about the **American Philatelic Society's (APS) "HUB"**, the question came up about what is out there on the Web that may help collector.

In general, the offerings can be divided into three categories:


- 1) **Online Information, Catalogs & Identification**
- 2) **Communities & Societies** and
- 3) **Buying, Selling and Auctions**

The first, **Online Catalogs & Identification** — websites that can help the collector nail down what he/she is looking at include:

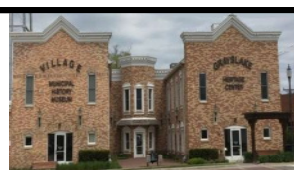
- 1) **Stamp Smarter** (<https://stampsarter.org/>) - a site that offers very complete information on the identification of US and Canadian Stamps but week in the world arena.
- 2) **Stamp World** (<https://www.stampworld.com/en/>) – billed as the internet's largest online catalog.
- 3) **The Swedish Tiger** (<https://www.theswedishtiger.com/>) – an excellent source for pre-1940 US stamps
- 4) **Colnect** (<https://colnect.com/en/stamps/identify/>) - A worldwide collectibles site featuring a visual search tool that allows you to take a photo of your stamp to identify it instantly.

The second category, **Communities & Societies** are for those who wish to connect with others to discuss and trade information about stamps. Sites include:

- 1) The **HUB** (<https://stamps.org/learn/the-hub-and-stamp-school/>) – discussed at our last meeting, the APS social media and education site – APS membership required.
- 2) **Stamp Community Forum** (<https://www.stampcommunity.org>) – a site geared education and information exchange.

Next Show							Next Meeting						
June 26							May 26						
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MSDA Stalene Stamp Show 12-13 June First Christian Church Highway C Kenosha WI							BINGO! 						

**Next Meeting:**  
**2:00-PM on Tuesday, 26 May 2026**  
**Grayslake Historical Society — Any Changes will be posted on: [lcpshome.org](http://lcpshome.org)**



**Officers:**  
Tom Willer - Presidents  
Bill Schultz – Vice President  
Dave Sadler – Secretary  
Gary Olson – Treasurer

- 3) **American Topical Association** (<https://americantopical.org/>) - The largest organization dedicated exclusively to topical stamp collecting (e.g. birds or space or squirrels).
- 4) **International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors** (<https://www.iswsc.org/>) - A group that strives to promote the fun and fascination stamp collecting to young and old alike.
- 5) **United States Stamp Society** (<https://www.usstamps.org/>) - An association focused specifically on the study of postage and revenues produced for use in the U.S. and its territories.
- 6) **Virtual Stamp Club** (<https://virtualstampclub.com/>) - An excellent online resource and meeting hub for networking, sharing news, and discussing philately in a digital format.



The third category is interesting - **Selling & Auctions**. With the scarcity "Stamp Stores" and the decline in the number of stamp shows; how is it possible the acquire the stamps to fill in the "holes" in your collection.

The "common" issues are now more easily found on the internet on sites such as:

- 1) **Ebay** (<https://www.ebay.com/>) - A general swap meet of almost everything - including stamps. The search function for 2 philatelic materials is limited and takes effort to find what you are after.
- 2) **Hipstamp** (<https://www.hipstamp.com/>) - A philatelic swap meet with above average search tools. The APS store is located here.
- 3) **Mystic Stamp Company** (<https://www.mysticstamp.com/>) - *Want stamp stories, deals, and special offers you won't find in our catalog?* This site offers a wide variety stamps and a free US catalog.
- 4) **The Postal Store** (<https://store.usps.com/store/stamps>) - The United States Postal Service online store where you can order current US issues.
- 5) **PostBeeld** (<https://www.postbeeld.com/stamps>) - An European site that is one of the internet's largest international online stamp shops, offering a massive stock for thematic and worldwide collectors.

For the "scarce" issues, the collector will have to look at the On-Line Auction sites such as

- 1) **Rasdale Stamp Company** (<https://www.rasdalestamps.com/>) - Our local auction house that may be leaving relatively soon.
- 2) **Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries** (<https://www.siegelauctions.com/>) - The world's leading auctioneer of U.S. And Worldwide stamps, and comprehensive source of philatelic information.
- 3) **H. R. Harmer** (<https://hrharmer.com/>) - Since 1940, H.R. Harmer has served as one of America's premier philatelic auction houses.
- 4) **Sotheby's** (<https://www.sothebys.com/en/departments/stamps>) - a trusted leader in rare stamps and philately for more than 140 years, having held its first dedicated stamp auction in 1872. — This is just a few of the hundreds of sites available to the collector — Happy Hunting



05 May



14 May

**New Issues —  
May 2026 (55 designs)**

Note: A pane of 25 "Encore" stamps Design has not been released



23 May (Booklet)



25 May



26 May



27 May



28 May