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I believe all of our website problems have been corrected. We do have a new server and a new "handler" for our bulk mail. Bulk mail is often seen as SPAM or "junk" mail until you let your computer know that you will accept bulk mail from that specific sender. Many of you had this problem when we first started sending the Nooze out in bulk. You may have that problem again. If you are aware of someone that says they are not getting the Nooze, have them check their SPAM or junk mail and accept it. If everyone could please mention this in their meetings it will get the message out. I can't send an email out to all as it will have the same fate as the Nooze.

This Saturday at the library we will have our monthly bourse.

The library is now open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will also be clubs utilizing the space at other times. You are welcome to come for a visit or to join and support the library.

Don't forget about the red box program. It is a great way to fill the holes in your collection.

The mission of the library is and always has been to support and promote philately in the Midwest.

My cover this week is an ugly, dirty little cover. Many collectors would pass on this as it is far from pristine. Much of my collection is exactly that, "far from pristine". When I was younger and only collected stamps my friends wanted mint, no hinge, perfectly centered stamps. I have always liked 'em dirty, with a journey behind it and a story to tell. This cover was mailed from Michigan on the Fourth of July in 1882. The early 1880's was the time when post offices first started closing on the Fourth in observance of Independence Day. It is stamped envelope #U177. I have a large collection of U.S. to foreign destinations at the five cent rate, but not too many of the U47 & U59 designs which I actively search for. It is a blue cancel and finally, it went to Ireland. I only have a handful of US to Ireland 19<sup>th</sup> Century covers. These factors far outweigh the dirt and wear that this cover has endured over the last 136 years and this is a prize to me.



## Upcoming Events:

Event	Monthly Meeting
Sponsor	Lake Minnetonka Stamp Club
Location	All Saints Lutheran Church, 15915 Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka MN
	The Lake Minnetonka Stamp Club meets the second Tuesday of every month, from September through June. For information, call Bill at <u>763-475-1779</u> .
Date and Time	Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Event	Stamp Academy
Location	Northern Philatelic Center, <u>1110 Lowry Ave No. Minneapolis, MN</u> If you want to know anything about stamps, this is the place. There is an expert appraiser on staff every Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and noon with over 30 years of experience cataloging stamps for some of the largest dealers in the country. For those people that have a collection that was handed down and are looking for what to do with the collection, this is a great opportunity to learn about your options
Date and Time	Thursday 12 April 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Sponsor	Scandinavian Collectors Club
Event	Monthly Meeting
Location	Danish American Center, <u>3030 West River Parkway</u> So. Mpls, MN
	The Scandinavia Collectors Club meets the second Thursday of each month; This month will have an auction.
Date and Time	Thursday 12 April 2018, gathering at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00 pm
Sponsor	Minnehaha Stamp Club
Event	Monthly Meeting
Location	Pearl Park Recreation Center, just off I35W at <u>414 E. Diamond Lake Road</u> in south Minneapolis, MN
	This small and friendly club meets second Thursdays, September through June.
Date and Time	Friday 13 April, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Event	Monthly Meeting
Sponsor	Germany Philatelic Society
Location	Gideon Pond Retirement Home, 9901 Penn Ave. So., Bloomington MN
	The Germany Philatelic Society meets the second Friday of each month, August through June
Date and Time	Saturday 14 April 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
Event	Library Bourse
Location	Northern Philatelic Center, <u>1110 Lowry Ave No. Minneapolis, MN</u> Every stamp club member and all collectors are invited to participate in this free monthly event. We started this as a monthly event and it has continued to grow and expand. Just bring your stamps, covers, stories and any other philatelic items to sell trade and buy. There will be refreshments available, so come and participate. It's like a garage sale for stamp collectors. Come a little early to get the best spot and set up your stuff.
Date and Time	Wednesday 18, April, 2018 at 5:30 <u>p.m.to</u> 8:45 p.m.
Sponsor	Twin City Postcard Club
Event	Monthly Meeting
Location	Lynnhurst Community Center 1345 W. Minnehaha Parkway Minneapolis MN

Come to buy, sell or trade from 5:30 to 7:30. There is a brief business meeting at 7:00  $\,$  pm. Meeting adjures at 8:45  $\,$ 

Date and Time Event Location	Wednesday 18 April 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to Noon <b>Stamp Academy</b> Northern Philatelic Center, <u>1110 Lowry Ave No. Minneapolis, MN</u> If you want to know anything about stamps, this is the place. There is an expert appraiser on staff every Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and noon with over 30 years of experience cataloging stamps for some of the largest dealers in the country. For those people that have a collection that was handed down and are looking for what to do with the collection, this is a great opportunity to learn about your options
Date and Time	Thursday 19 April, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Sponsor Event	Twin Cities Philatelic Society Monthly Second Meeting
Location	LaBelle Condominiums II Community Room 1011 41 <sup>st</sup> Ave NE Columbia Heights, MN Coffee is available. And cookies! And Sales Circuit books. Meets Third Thursdays from September to June.
Date and Time	Friday 20 April, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.
Event	Scandinavian Topics Study Group
Sponsor	Scandinavian Collectors Club
Location	Northern Philatelic Library, <u>1110 Lowry Ave No., Minneapolis MN</u> Program
Date and Time	Saturday 21 April 2018 at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Event	Library Work Day
Sponsor Location	Northern Philatelic Society Northern Philatelic Center, <u>1110 Lowry Ave. No. Minneapolis, MN</u>
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Date and Time	Tuesday 24 April 2018 at 6:30 - 9:00.
Event	Monthly Meeting
Sponsor	The Minnesota Postal History Society
Location	Southdale Library, 7001 York Ave So., Edina, MN Auction.
Date and Time	Wednesday 25 April 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Event	<b>Stamp Academy</b> Northern Philatelic Center, <u>1110 Lowry Ave No. Minneapolis, MN</u> If you want to know anything about stamps, this is the place. There is an expert appraiser on staff every
Location	Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and noon with over 30 years of experience cataloging stamps for some of the largest dealers in the country. For those people that have a collection that was handed down and are looking for what to do with the collection, this is a great opportunity to learn about your options
Date and Time	Thursday 26 April, 2018 at 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Event	Monthly Meeting
Sponsor	Maplewood Stamp Club

Location	First Lutheran Church, Hwy 61 and East County Road F, White Bear Lake MN
	Social hour, business meeting and auction on the fourth Thursday of each month.
Date and Time	Saturday 28 April 2018 , 10:00 a.m.
Event	Library Program - Washington/Franklins by Jerry Kolton
Location	Northern Philatelic Center, <u>1110 Lowry Ave. No. Minneapolis, MN</u> This is part three of the three sessions on how to identify the Washington-Franklin issues. This HANDS-ON WORKSHOP will be a 45 minute introductory session on how to identify the Washington-Franklin issues. It is not mandatory to attend this session in order to attend the next sessions, but it is recommended. This WORKSHOP will first review the differences between flat plate issues, rotary press issues and offset issues, as distinguishing between a flat plate issues, rotary press stamp and an offset stamp is indispensable in identifying the different Washington-Franklin issues. The first hands-on experiment will be to identify 10 different Washington stamps as to whether the stamp is a rotary press issue, a flat plate issue or an offset issue - the answer is marked on the back of each stamp for you to check your answer. The next hands-on experiment will be to identify 10 Washington stamps by catalog number, having determined the stamp to be a flat plate or a rotary plate or an offset, as well as its perforation - the answer is marked on the back of each stamp for you to check your answer. Both of these experiments are recommended, at least as a review, in order to be able to identify your Washington-Franklin issues by catalog number in the next session. Please bring your tongs (no tweezers, please), a perforation gauge, watermark fluid and tray, a (lighted) magnifier and a Specialized Scott Catalog (a few are available in the Library) to this session.