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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

**A**LL meeting dates include a combination auction and bid board. Scheduled meetings are as follows:

### 2012

APRIL 3 & 17

MAY 1 & 15

JUNE 5

MEETING SCHEDULES FOR:

JULY, AUGUST, AND

SEPTEMBER, TBA.



## STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

**S**TEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on April 22, 2012 at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

**M**EMBERS who attended our white elephant sale at our March 20th meeting had fun bidding for the white elephant they needed. Sales were brisk and everyone had a wonderful time and a fun evening.

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**S**TEVE FEIG was our \$20 winner for the March membership award. Congratulations Steve!

## ANSWER TO FEBRUARY'S STAMP QUIZ

- City that grew into the cornerstone of America?  
Answer: **CHICAGO**
- Who founded this city?  
Answer: **JEAN BAPTISTE POINTE du SABLE**
- What year was it created?  
Answer: **1773**
- Scott number of stamp depicting Point du Sable?  
Answer: **Scott 2249**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Steve Patillo	Donald Peterson	Ed Nelson
Joseph Miller		Steve Feig
John Olsson		Robert Bremer

## STAMP OF THE MONTH

**J**APAN — IN 1953 - 1954, Japan issued a 10-yen Goddess Kannon stamp (Scot 580) with a redrawn design based on a similar stamp issued in 1951.

The stamps were issued in two different varieties of booklets of 10 stamps and two attached labels.

One type of booklet was issued in honor of Philatelic Week in 1954. The other booklet was not issued to commemorate anything. Panes from the Philatelic Week booklet (Scott 580a) can be distinguished from panes from the other booklet (580b) by the inscriptions on the labels.

The inscriptions on the labels on Scott 580a are arranged in two columns of boldface characters. On 580b, the left-handed label inscriptions are arranged in three columns of mixed heavy and thin characters.

The *Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*, values panes from both booklets, but does not value the intact booklets.

The Scott standard catalog values the mint pane from the second booklet (Scott 580b) at \$67.50. This is a good price for the intact booklet, and if you see it offered at this price you should buy it. Make sure that you buy the intact booklet and not just the pane, as all the demand is for the booklet.

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## ANSWER TO MARCH STAMP QUIZ

**T**HE officer whose picture was in the March issue of DRIFTWOOD is:

- Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson
- Rank – Lt. General
- Scott Number for stamp: Scott 788 or 2975

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## OKINAWA FALLS TO YANKS

**J**UNE 21, 1945 ~ Just 350 miles southwest of the Japanese home islands, Okinawa is the last crucial stop of the American island-hopping campaign. After months of bombardment, the largest American amphibious invasion in the Pacific war lands more than 60,000 troops on the island on Easter Sunday (April 1) 1945. Dug-in on the Southern end of the island and supported by waves of kamikaze attacks from the air, more than 77,000 battle-hardened troops of the Japanese 32nd Army wait for the Americans advance. In desperate hand-to-hand fighting that drags on for nearly three months, an estimated 12,000 Americans and more than 100,000 Japanese lose their lives.

## STAMP QUIZ FOR APRIL

**L**ISTED below are the names of Black Americans whose contributions have been recognized with the issue of a U.S. postage stamp. See how many names from the left hand column that you can match with the contribution in the right hand column. Don't forget to identify the Scott Catalogue Number for each answer.

#	Name	Letter	Contribution
1	Salem Poor	A. . .	Boxer
2	Whitney Moore Young	B. . .	American West Legend
3	Mary McLeod Bethune	C. . .	1st Black Supreme Court Justice
4	Louis Armstrong	D. . .	Ragtime Composer
5	Benjamin O. Davis, Sr.	E. . .	Fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill
6	Thurgood Marshall	F. . .	Jazz Musician
7	Bill Pickett	G. . .	Educator
8	Joe Lewis	H. . .	Baseball Player
9	Scott Joplin	I. . .	Civil Rights Leader
10	Jackie Robinson	J. . .	1st Black General Officer

If you think you know the answer; please send it to the Club's P.O. Box or you can e-mail your answer to [leb\\_dorbaumann1@verizon.net](mailto:leb_dorbaumann1@verizon.net).

{Answers must be received on the Saturday preceding the first meeting of the month.}

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## MINUTE MAN STATUE (5 CENT)

**T**HE five cent stamp shows the Minute Man statue that stands in Minute Man National Historical Park in Massachusetts. This statue was created by Daniel



Chester French in 1875 and stands where the colonial militia and minutemen fought at the North Bridge on the first day of the Revolutionary War.

The 970 acre park includes a number of other important historical locations including the Obelisk Monument, the first monument to American War casualties, the Hartwell Tavern, and the Wayside, a colonial house that was home to Louisa May Alcott, Nathaniel Hawthorne and others.