

# DRIFTWOOD



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Newsletters of the Long Beach Stamp Club published almost every month throughout the year. Meetings are usually on the first, third, and sometimes fifth Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of **MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL, 2800 SNOWDEN AVENUE, IN LONG BEACH, CA.** Visitors are always welcome. Address dues, payments, and correspondence to the Club at Box 90042, Long Beach, CA 90809-0042 or our website [www.LongBeachStampClub.com](http://www.LongBeachStampClub.com).

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## SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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

### 2011

MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>

JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>

## NEW MEMBER

**T**HE members of the Long Beach Stamp Club would like to welcome George Rindfleisch as our newest stamp Club member! George collects U.S. stamps.

## MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

**T**HERE were no winners at our March meeting so the award for our first meeting in May will be \$20.

## STEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW

**S**TEVE'S QUALITY STAMP SHOW this month will be held on May 29, 2011 at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel, 1700 South Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA 92802. Hours are 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Parking is free.

## LONG BEACH EXPO

**L**OBEX will be held the weekend of June 2-4, 2011 at the Long Beach Convention Center located at 300 Pine Street, Long Beach, CA. Hours are Thursday and Friday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm – and Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$6 for all three days.

## A LITTLE U.S. HISTORY

**P**ORTLAND, MAINE – was originally called Machigonne (Great Neck) by the Native Americans who first lived there.

It was settled by the trading settlement and renamed Casco. In 1658 its name was changed again, this time to Falmouth.

Following the American Revolutionary War, Falmouth developed as a commercial port and began to grow rapidly as a shipping center. In 1786, the citizens renamed it to Portland.

On July 4, 1866 a fire ignited during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and destroyed most of the city, and leaving 10,000 people homeless. The city was rebuilt, this time with brick, and took on a Victorian appearance.

Portland stands as one of the most beautiful cities in New England. The Victorian style has been preserved very well by the city's strong emphasis on preservation.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

Harry Futoran                      Joanne Sheppard  
Bert Hazelwood

## STAMP OF THE MONTH

**U**NITED STATES – In 1999, the U.S. Postal Service began its series of popular and beautiful Scenic American Landscapes airmail stamps.

On May 16, 2008, a 94¢ Trunk Bay, St. John, Virgin Islands, airmail stamp (C145) was issued. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler based on a photograph by George H. H. Huey.

The stamp paid the airmail rate for postcards and letters weighing up to 1 ounce sent to destinations outside of the United States (other than Mexico and Canada).



Although the printing order for this issue was 100 million stamps, it was only on sale for about a year before being withdrawn.

The *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers* values the mint self-adhesive stamp at \$1.90 (basically double face value), and a mint pane of 20 at \$38.

While dealer stocks are adequate for the current demand, they are not deep. Prices for this stamp will probably rise over time.

## ANSWERS TO APRIL'S STAMP QUIZ

- a. 1789                      b. 2                      c. 3  
d. 11                      e. February 22, 1732

## U.S. OFFICIALS TO END

**T**HE last U.S. Official stamp issued was the self-adhesive 1¢ official mail stamp (Scott 0163) issued February 24, 2009.

Official mail stamps were first issued in the United States in 1873 as a way to indicate postage paid on mail sent from government offices. Use of the first Official stamps lasted a little more than a decade.

It wasn't until 1983 that U.S. Official stamps returned, 110 years after the first U.S. Official stamp.

Postal Service spokesman Roy Betts announced that existing Official stamp inventories will remain available for government agencies until those inventories are depleted.

## STAMP QUIZ FOR MAY

**H**ERE is a puzzle in which you are to identify five six-letter words (Word numbers 1, 4, 7, 10 & 13) that should be familiar to stamp collectors. After each six letter word will be a word containing five of the six letters of the first word. Once you determine these two words, place the unused letter in the first space at the bottom. Next, determine a word using four of the five remaining letters, again placing the unused letter in the second space at the bottom. All fifteen words have clues provided. *Example: STAMPS-SPATS-TAPS.* In this example, the first two spaces at the bottom would show the letters "M" and "S".

Solve each row in this manner. When completed, the unused letters, in order, will spell out the name of a famous Caribbean export.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Mediterranean Nation   | 2. Pancake topper       |
| 3. Agile                  | 4. Collection keepers   |
| 5. Heavy hammers          | 6. Squalid neighborhood |
| 7. Mediterranean Nation   | 8. Comical proceeding   |
| 9. Dread                  | 10. Blue stamp shade    |
| 11. Aussie critter        | 12. Fred's "dog"        |
| 13. Spanish stamp subject | 14. Play production     |
| 15. Spanish lady          | 16. _ _ _ _ _           |

## HINGING

**A**PPLYING a hinge to a stamp in order to affix it to an album page reduces its value. In this situation, some seem to make things more complicated than they are. If a plate block has a very light hinge mark or a hinge remnant (part of the hinge attached to the gum) it is still hinged and makes no difference in the value. However, there is one more consideration to take into account.

If the plate block is hinged only in the margin, one still has four NEVER HINGED SINGLE STAMPS. In cases where the singles themselves are valuable one should consider that carefully in evaluating the value of the plate block. For example, Scott 619 has a never hinged single value of \$35.00 (six stamps \$210.00), a never hinged plate block \$300.00, and a hinged plate block, even though it might be hinged only in the margin \$200.00.

The following is a quote from the *Scott Specialized Catalogue*. "Values given for never-hinged plate blocks are for blocks in which all stamps had original gum that has never been hinged, and has no disturbances; and, all selvages whether gummed or not gummed, has never been hinged."