

# The Lilac Hinge

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**Meetings:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays (except July & December),  
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## Cancelled Meetings

We are all getting tired of spending time at home and not being able to enjoy activities such as stamp club meetings. I hope that we can have meetings again soon! In the meantime, here is a list of cancelled meetings and events:

- April 28, regular meeting
- May 2, Weekend in Wallace
- May 12, Board meeting and stamp mixtures

## Free Things to Read While Stuck at Home

Most of us have more time on our hands now that we must stay at home and avoid contact with others. We hope that keeping our distance from others will keep us and our friends and families safe from the COVID-19 virus. But what can we do to avoid cabin fever and fill those extra hours with interesting activities?

While it can be great spending more time on stamps, there are also many interesting philatelic articles and resources that can be read for free online.

Here are just a few that I found, and that you might enjoy:

### US Philatelic Classics Society (<https://www.uspcs.org/>)

Contains a wealth of information about US stamps from 1847-93, including most issues of the society publication, *Chronicle of US Classic Postal Issues* beginning in 1948. (This is free, but membership is required to view the most recent 20 issues.) Other free resources include stamp exhibits, detailed information on 1847-93 stamps, essays and proofs, cancellations, etc.

### Linn's Stamp News (<https://www.linns.com/>)

- US Stamp Issues, 1997-2020 (<https://www.linns.com/insights/stamp-programs/united-states>)
- Glossary of Philatelic Terms (<https://www.linns.com/news/postal-updates-page/glossary-terms-disabled.html>)
- Stamp Issuing Entities of the World (<https://www.linns.com/insights/stamp-issuing-entities-of-the-world.html>)
- Postal Administrations of the World (<https://www.linns.com/insights/postal-administrations-of-the-world.html>)

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## Stamp Collecting World (<https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/>)

Focuses on European and North American philately. Stamps are illustrated in color, briefly described, with catalogue numbers for the major types. Some country listings include multiple catalogues—for example, Scott and Yvert & Tellier numbers are listed for France, and Scott and Michel numbers are listed for Germany. Here are links to a few of the countries:

- **Canada** (<https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/canadastamps.html>) 1851-1956 issues
- **France** (<https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/frenchstamps.html>) 1849—1945 issues
- **Germany** (<https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/republicofgermany.html>) 1951-60 West German issues with links to pages on German Empire, Third Reich, German States, DDR, etc.
- **United States Classic Stamps** (<https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/usclassicstamps.html>) 1847-98 issues
- **United States Modern Issues** (<https://www.stamp-collecting-world.com/usstamps.html>) 1902-70 issues

## British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS) (<http://www.bnaps.org/index.php>)

Contains many free resources for Canadian and British North America philately. Here are a few:

- **Canadian Philately — An Outline** (<http://www.bnaps.org/ore/Burnett-CanadianPhilatelyOutline/Burnett-CanadianPhilatelyOutline.htm>) This 96-page introduction to Canadian philately can be downloaded as PDF files.
- **Online books, articles, and exhibits about BNA philately** (<http://www.bnaps.org/ore/ore-index.htm>) Includes many specialized articles on Canadian stamps and postal history.
- **Horace W. Harrison Online Library** (<http://www.bnaps.org/hhl/hhl-index.php>) Free access to the BNAPS publication, *BNA Topics*, except for the most recent 5-6 years that require a membership to access. Also includes access to *Maple Leaves* (Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain) and *PHSC Journal* (Postal History Society of Canada).

## France & Colonies Philatelic Society (<https://www.franceandcolonies.org/index.php>)


Contains many free resources for philately of France and French colonies. Here are a few:

- **The Philatelist** (<https://www.franceandcolonies.org/philatelist.php>) Free access to 1941-2015 issues of the society's publication. The past 5 years require a membership.
- **Presentations and exhibits** (<https://www.franceandcolonies.org/presentations.php>)

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