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Hello again everyone! I am reflecting on an added blessing of the wonderful time of year called 'Easter'. This year because we had to delay our April meeting to accommodate that celebration we only had to wait THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE NEXT CLUB MEETING. BONUS! So, as a result we will be meeting this coming Sunday, May 15 keeping us on our usual rhythm of the third Sunday of every month.

Last month's meeting featured our new dual auction featuring lots uploaded for everyone to bid on and floor lots for those physically present. Great fun was had and thousands of stamps and collections found happy new homes. Thanks for all who participated!

This month Randall Chet will be giving a presentation on:

"Columbia, a uniquely American goddess:

Just about every American citizen is familiar with Lady Liberty. Most though are probably unaware that the allegorical figure of Liberty traces her roots through early nineteenth century to Columbia, who encompassed all the values of our new nation. This presentation illustrates her evolution from 1800 till the present through her earliest appearances on fiscal paper, revenue, newspaper and postage stamps."

I look forward to this presentation on a subject important to the understanding of America. It will be a fascinating event!

You are receiving this issue of this Gazette in the usual emailed way and it will also be posted on the website. The website address is: <a href="http://ashevillestampclub.org/">http://ashevillestampclub.org/</a>

Not that the internet is imperfect or anything but we have found that some search engines find us easily and others bring up old websites with obsolete or just plain wrong information. If you need to find the website by typing in 'Asheville Stamp Club' in your browser here are the following recommendations: Bing, DuckDuckGo and Yahoo search engines find us easily however Google and Safari both bring up the obsolete websites. So, the easiest solution is to bookmark our site for easy instant access. Hope that helps!

So, as always there will be oodles of new 5 cent stamps, our Scott catalogs and a newly stocked 'free' table. Door prizes and the 50/50 draw and the most important thing: our friends, visitors and members to trade with, sell to, buy from, talk and laugh with and generally have a great time with.

.Deerfield's Covid policy remains unchanged. Masks are NOT required for the fully vaccinated however unvaccinated folks MUST wear a mask to enter the building. Thank you all for your continuing respect for this policy.

We encourage folks to bring any unneeded supplies, books etc for the free table as well as contributions for the door prizes. There will be many to choose from for the lucky winners!

As always we will have time at the end for a few 'Show and Tells' so by all means bring out and upload your secret treasures to share.

For those attending on Zoom please go to the website and click on 'Meeting Info' at the top and click on the 'join' link posted there.

See you all on Sunday. Looking forward to a fun meeting!

Pres Frank