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Hello Stamp Collectors.

Rumour has it that spring has arrived! While this may be true it does not under any circumstances mean that any activity is more important than tending to your stamp collection and your stamp collecting friends! This is very important to remember. Luckily, you have an opportunity to put that thought into action and attend the May meeting of the Asheville Stamp Club which will occur this coming Sunday, May 19 at Deerfield Community Center at 2:00 p.m. While the meeting officially starts at 2:00 members are encouraged to come early to socialize, view our members' wares for sale and generally hob nob as stamp collectors do so well. We also appreciate help with setup for those who would lend a bit of time to making the room ready for the meeting. Please come as early as 12:30 or so to help with that if you are feeling helpful.

Along with our 50/50 draw, door prizes, Scott catalogs, famous five cent stamps and our free table we will be having BOTH a presentation and an auction. Frank Wheeler our (ahem) president and a member of both collector and dealer persuasions will give a short talk titled 'From the other side of the Counter'. As collectors we interact with and buy and sell with dealers most of our collecting lives and it might be useful to understand what it is like to be a dealer, what kind of issues and considerations dealers go through in order to serve collectors well and also to stay in business. There will be room for questions and discussions. Still to be confirmed, Randall Chet (both a collector and dealer among many other virtues) will join Frank in the presentation. Hopefully this will help in your future dealings with the professional side of the hobby when it becomes time to sell or to buy even more stamps. (Let's be honest, that's really the fun part!)

Our AUCTION will be a continuation of our successful April auction with many interesting international lots. Also, this month members are invited to bring their lots to auction as we do in our regular auctions. A spreadsheet with scans of the club lots will be sent out shortly to follow up this Gazette. We will have our usual dual capability of live in-person and Zoom options.

We will have a Show and Tell this month (finally) so please upload your worthy items to:

https://stampsmarter.org/AuctionSQL/ASC_ShowTell.php?operation=insert

The Zoom link for the auction is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86983897620>

Our club website is:

<http://ashevillestampclub.org>

And make sure you visit Stampsmarter, Don Denman's amazing site which we are thrilled to report will live on under arrangements made by Don which continue to be refined to insure that this wonderful resource can continue to serve collectors for years to come.

<https://stampsmarter.org>

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. Always the highlight of the month!

Pres Frank