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The Viking Bulletin

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Events

April 11, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center
3030 West River Pkwy S
Minneapolis, MN 55406

April 14, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

May 9, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Spring Auction
Danish American Center

June 9, 10am-4pm
Second Sunday Show
Maplewood Comm. Ctr.

June 13, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

July 19-21
Minnesota Stamp Expo
Crystal Community Center

September 12, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

October 10, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

November 14, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

November 22-24
Chicagopex
Itasca, IL

December 12, 7pm
Chapter 14 meeting
Danish American Center

Chapter 14 Membership dues:
\$25/year for sponsorship
\$10/year for regular
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Internet Auctions Continued



At the March 14 monthly meeting technical difficulties limited the completion of the program on Internet Auctions presented by Garrett Sainio, Viggo Warmboe and Jay Sandeen.

The **April 11, 7pm**, monthly meeting at **Danish American Center** will recap what was introduced in March and complete the presentation and discussion, The "Five Minutes" program originally scheduled for April has been rescheduled for June.

Pictured above are items listed by Chapter 14 members on eBay and range from \$2.00 to \$595.00. HipStamp, an alternate sales website, will also be discussed by Viggo at the April meeting.

Upcoming Programs

May 9 -- Spring Auction (already 20 donation lots have been consigned)

June 13 – Five Minutes

No meeting in July or August

Decline in Sales of Norwegian Stamps

In *Norsk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift 2/2024* it is reported that in 2009 the Norwegian Post sold 114 million stamps. In 2014 that figure fell to 84 million and in 2023 to only 13 million stamps, a whopping decrease of 80% of addressed mail since the turn of the century! Only Denmark and Netherlands have experienced a greater loss.

This is according to an interview with retiring Posten Bring Executive, Tone Wille. Posten Bring AS is a nordic postal and logistics group that develops and delivers comprehensive solutions within post and logistics according to their website. Beginning in 2016 Saturday delivery was eliminated and in 2020 postal deliveries were reduced to every other day.

With the drastic decline in postal usage the prospect of future stamp production is questionable. However, sales of 13 million stamps in 2023 was profitable and the Norway Philatelic Service has 15,000 collecting customers purchasing stamps according to Wille.

Members are invited to arrive beginning at 5pm at neighboring Longfellow Grill and migrate to DAC at 6:30pm. The program will begin at 7pm as traditional. The meeting will adjourn at 8:30pm.