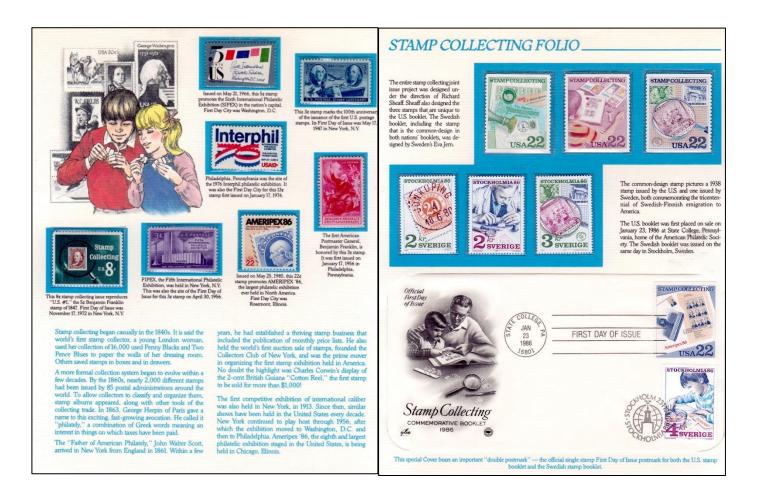
## **Bonus Raffle Prize** by Howard Grenzebach

At the meeting of April 10<sup>th</sup>, I was fortunate enough to have won two items from the raffle table and, since I now had two yellow numbers for the final drawing, I won that too. What a day, huh?

The prize was wrapped in plain brown wrapper so I thought maybe I should wait until I got home to open it. I opened it at the clubhouse anyway. Inside was a Pacific Coast Rain Forest sheet with First Day cancels. I'll put that one on the table at the next meeting. The other was a "Stamp Collecting Folio" from the Postal Commemorative Society.

The first thing I noticed was my favorite issue of a U.S. set, the stamp collector's issue, #2198-2201. What I didn't known about the set is that it was issued in conjunction with a similar set printed by the Swedes, #1585-1588. Both sets are included in this folio along with a first day of issue (ArtCraft cachet) cover using the high values from each country. The other page has several stamps from different years showing various aspects of collecting like stamp shows, post offices and, of course, Benjamin Franklin our first postmaster.



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