

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to all,

With tulips and daffodils preparing to bloom, leaf buds swelling, and spring showing a rebirth of many things it seems that we get a new lease on life, a brighter outlook, more energy, making it a delightful time of year and good to be alive.

I have 2 subjects to bring up one being the web site. We are using it to try to save money. Our membership (as with most stamp collecting society) has been dwindling, new members not keeping up with those who drop out. We went below the 200 US mailings that we needed for bulk mail, yearly fee goes up with each postal raise. So the only way we could use it was to print more copies of each issue and mail to prospective members. We only got a few new members this way. I know some of you have no access or interest in computers, but those who can I urge you to try [www/biophilately.org](http://www/biophilately.org) where you can check out information and see the older issues that are there. Do consider using the web if possible. The site is improving all of the time and Chris will do whatever he can with your complaints and suggestions. Send him your email address and say yes to the web [chris-dahle@fastermac.net](mailto:chris-dahle@fastermac.net).

The second subject is dues. Many of you have not paid dues for this coming year. Those using the web site may well have skipped the dues and ballot notice in #3 issue. We need you and hope you need us. With our dwindling membership a greater percentage are life members, most of whom joined in the early 80's so they've been getting almost 25 years of information from us. They got a great bargain and are our long time friends that we love. If you haven't paid your dues for the coming year and can't find your notice, please send \$20.00 to Laurie Ryan, 3332 Woodside Dr., Fairfield OH 45014 with your name, address and e-mail.

Happy stamping,  
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