

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although it is May, this week feels more like March. The garden is blooming now with iris, bleeding hearts, and pansies. The peonies will be opening shortly. Birds are swarming the feeders and gathering nesting material. Can't wait to see the little ones appear. May is Zoo Babies month here in Cincinnati. Some were born months ago and some are very recent, but all are so cute!

August and the National Topical Stamp Show are fast approaching. The ATA has special plans this year for its 70th Anniversary. Join us in the celebrations. There will be a First Day Ceremony for the Military Working Dogs stamps.

The Biology Unit will be involved with the ATA booth again this year. If you are coming to the show, please stop by the booth. Our Study Unit meeting will again be on Saturday, but please note the time will be at 11:00 AM, which is an hour later than usual.

Omaha, Nebraska, offers a number of sites for the Biological Studies. I plan on arriving early and visiting the Henry Doorly Zoo. The zoo covers greater than 130 acres with more than 960 animal species. Can't wait to see the Cat Complex, Kingdoms of the Night, and the Aquarium. The Aviary exhibit is extraordinary, with more than 500 birds under one roof.

Lauritzen Gardens Botanical Center is the place for the botanists and all flower lovers to explore. With over a dozen different gardens, it is a must see. For ornithologists, they have a special bird sanctuary to visit. There is even a Model Train Garden, a tie in with this year's Show Theme.

Hope to see you this coming August in Omaha, Nebraska.

