

## What Do You Collect?

If you have looked over the Program Schedule on Pg 2 you may have noticed an item for the April meeting called, somewhat cryptically, 'What Do You Collect'. This will decode that for you.

Several from the membership have suggested that it would be useful, if not beneficial, if we had a better idea of what our fellow member collect – not just as individuals, but also as a club. In other words, if we look at a cross section of the membership what would we see as collecting preferences.

You may wonder how this might benefit. Here are just a few reasons that have been given for seeking this information: To better share experiences at gatherings; to assist the Program Committee in lining up features of interest; and to provide members submitting items for auction information on what buyers want..... And that is just some. You probably know of more.

This is the PLAN. At the April meeting we will conduct a short survey. We will seek answers to questions that will provide not only a snapshot of your individual collecting interests but these survey responses will be amalgamated to provide a Club picture. Information on individual responses will be confidential and limited to club members.

Here are some of the questions you might see:

- How would you define yourself as a collector? <e.g., general, worldwide, specialist, US....>
- Name the five most important areas of your collection to you. <e.g., plate blocks, FDCs, Germany, Ducks....>
- If you could name a sixth what would it be? A Seventh?
- How 'picky' are you? Check all that apply.
  - I'll add a 'space filler' if the price is right
  - I don't want any 'naked eye' visible damage, but minor faults ok, if priced right
  - If I can find a fault, I don't want it.
  - Every item I have valued at more that \$\_\_\_\_\_ is sent for certification. Fakes, & faults are unacceptable. I don't want to take a chance with my best stuff.
  - Any centering is acceptable for the right item at the right price.
  - Only XF & better centering for me
  - Other\_\_\_\_\_

That's a sample. Other information will be sought, maybe in a different form, but this will give you a idea. So plan now to be at the April meeting for sure, not only for this survey, but for the other program features that abound!

The winter will be short, the summer long,  
The autumn amber-hued, sunny and hot,  
Tasting of cider and scuppernong;  
All seasons sweet, but autumn best of all.  
The squirrels in their silver fur will fall  
Like falling leaves, like fruit, before your shot.

*From Wild Peaches by Elinor Wylie*