

POSTCARD COLLECTOR

What's in the Mail: Postage, pizza and politics (excerpt)

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Lifetime deltiologist, web designer, and suburbanite Neil Jan Gale opened the Chicago Postcard Museum on Nov. 1, 2007. Constructed with lobbies, galleries, rooms and exhibit halls, his virtual museum can be toured at www.ChicagoPostcardMuseum.org. Neil plans to share his collection of nearly 3,500 Chicago postcards by scanning both sides of each and putting them on his website. By the end of March, he had posted online about 14 percent of his collection. The variety of postcard displays includes such topics as the Art Institute, the Museum of Science and Industry, the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition (look for the rare set released before the fair opened), the Century of Progress (four jam-packed rooms), the "I Will" series, panoramic views and Greetings from Chicago. For May and June, the museum is

introducing Marshall Field's postcards. I really like the inclusion of cards from all decades; thus, those who refuse to collect postcards after 1950 and those who love moderns can find something that will appeal. Stepping into the physical world, the museum issued this continental-sized postcard of the John Hancock Building in a limited run of 300. It costs \$2.50 postage paid via PayPal from the site's store. Although no bricks-and-mortar museum exists, you can send a postcard which will added to the Correspondence Corner. Write Chicago Postcard Museum, c/o Neil Jan Gale, 780 W. Army Trail Rd. #208, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

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