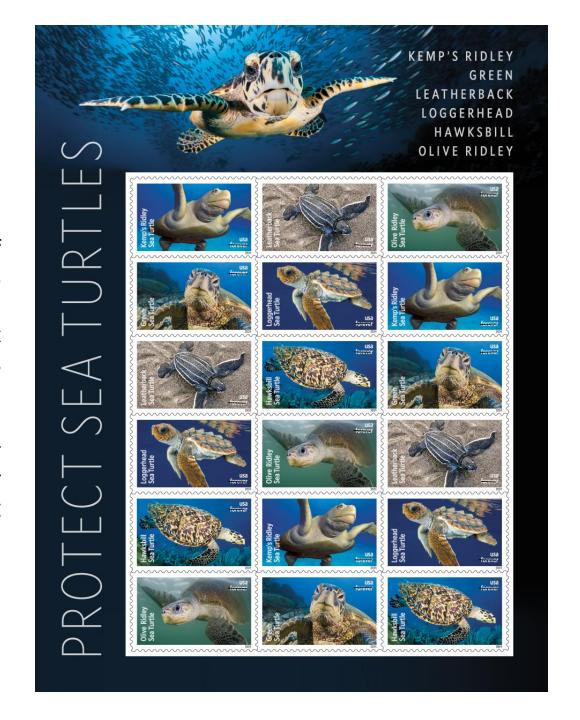
NEW ISSUES U.S. & INTERNATIONAL STAMPS

JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2024

Protect Sea Turtles Forever Stamps (6 designs)

June 11 | Corpus Christi, TX | PSA pane of 18

This issuance encourages the protection of sea turtles, one of the oldest groups of animals on Earth. These ancient mariners can migrate long distances, sometimes crossing entire oceans. The pane of 18 stamps features close-up photographs of six species — the loggerhead, leatherback, hawksbill, Kemp's ridley, olive ridley and green — sea turtle — that depend on U.S. coastal waters for foraging and migratory habitats durin — various stages of their life. All six are listed and protected under the Endangered Species Act. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps and stamp pane using existing images.





U. S. Flags Forever Stamps (4 designs)

June 14 | Keystone, SD | PSA booklet of 20, Coils of 100, 3,000 and 10,000

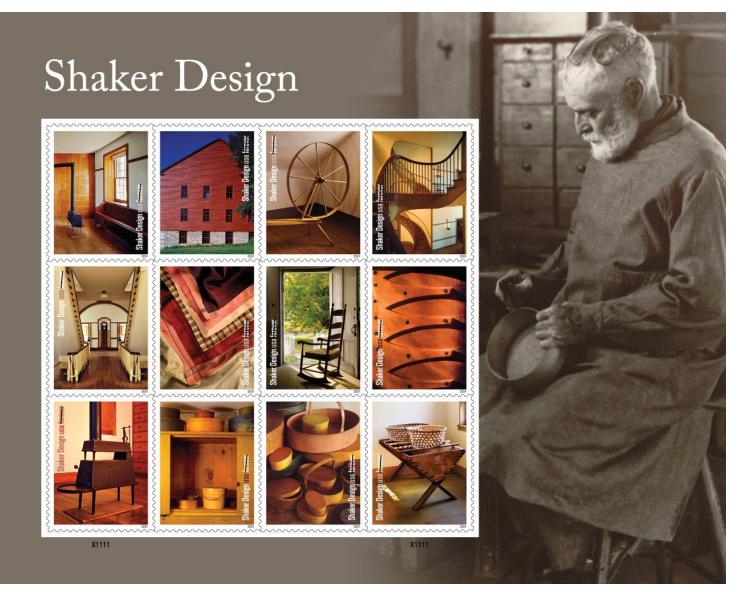
The Postal Service continues its tradition of celebrating the U.S. flag with these stamps, available in booklets of 20 and in coils of 100, 3,000 and 10,000. Four stamps feature the flag majestically waving at different times of the day. While the shapes and colors of the clouds change, the sun is always shining on Old Glory. Shown from a low-angle perspective, the flags draw attention upward, toward the magic of the sky. Illustrator Laura Stutzman painted the designs using gouache on illustration board. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps.

Horses Forever Stamps (5 designs)

June 17 | St. Joseph, MO | PSA pane of 20

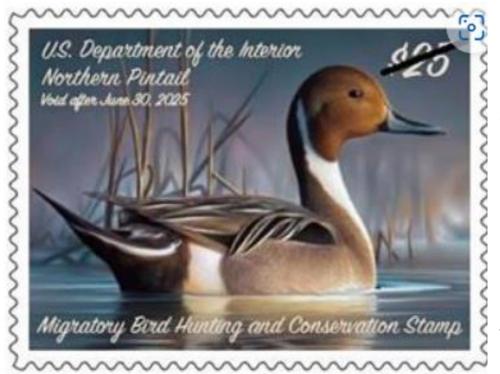
This stamp issuance celebrates America's love of horses. Once instrumental in the early economic development of the United States, horses are now valued athletes and loyal companions, and are important in law enforcement, forestry, entertainment, equine therapy and cattle ranching. This pane of 20 stamps features five photographs of beautiful equines, each in profile. The selvage showcases a sixth horse. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed these stamps with existing photographs by Stephanie Moon and Karen Wegehenkel.





Shaker Design Forever Stamps (12 designs)
June 20 | Pittsfield, MA | Pane of 12

The year 2024 will mark the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the first Shakers in the United States. Shaker communities made much of what they needed for daily life themselves, including furniture, fabrics, communal buildings and houses. These 12 stamps feature beautiful photographs of items that highlight the core elements of Shaker design: simplicity and utility. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with existing photographs by Michael Freeman.



\$25 Wildlife Service Hunting Permit "Duck" Stamp

June 28 | Hanover MS | PSA pane of 20 & PSA pane of 1

Duck stamps are not postage stamps. The Fish and Wildlife Service produces the Federal Duck Stamp, which sells for \$25. Waterfowl hunters age 16 and older are required to purchase and carry the current Federal Duck Stamp. Many non-hunters, including birdwatchers, conservationists, stamp collectors and others, also purchase the stamp in support of habitat conservation. Additionally, a current Federal Duck Stamp can be used for free admission to any national wildlife refuge that charges an entry fee.

Since 1934, sales of this stamp have raised more than \$1.1 billion to protect over

6 million acres of wetlands habitat in the National Wildlife Refuge System, managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The new stamp is valid as a Hunting Permit from

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Duck stamp designs are the result of an annual design competition, and are particularly popular with stamp collectors, as a result of their colorful designs. Chuck Black of Belgrade, Montana, emerged as the winner of the Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest for the 2024 issue, with an oil painting of a northern pintail.

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Low Denomination Flower Stamps (5 designs - 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10 cents)

July 18 | Berkeley, CA | PSA pane of 20 and coil of 10,000

A new series of low denomination stamps will debut in 2024. Each stamp will showcase a different flower design: 1-cent fringed tulip, 2-cent daffodils, 3-cent peonies, 5-cent red tulips and 10-cent poppies and coneflowers. Photographer Harold Davis combines innovative technology with digital painting and photographic techniques to arrive at his unique floral designs. These stamps will be available in panes of 20 and coils of 10,000. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps.

U.S. – July 2024

Alex Trebek Forever Stamp

July 22 | Culver City, CA | PSA pane of 20

The Alex Trebek stamp commemorates Alex Trebek, who, as host of the popular television quiz show Jeopardy! for 37 seasons, became a respected and beloved presence in millions of homes. The innovative pane design features a grid of 20 identical stamps resembling the array of video monitors that form the Jeopardy! playing board. On the stamp is written the prompt, "This naturalized U.S. citizen hosted the quiz show 'Jeopardy!' for 37 seasons" and underneath, upside down, is the correct response: "Who is Alex Trebek?" Above the stamps are category headers at the top of each column, and to the left is a photograph of Trebek with a portion of the Jeopardy! set behind him. Antonio Alcalá was the art director and designer for this stamp project, using photography provided by Sony Pictures Entertainment and hand lettering by Marti Davila.



U.S. – July 2024



Hank Aaron Forever Stamp

July 31 | Atlanta, GA | PSA pane of 20



On April 8th—the 50th Anniversary of his record-breaking home run—the U.S. Postal Service announced there will be a new issue commemorating his breaking Babe Ruth's career home run record. The stamp celebrates the life and career of Hank Aaron, a giant both on and off the field, who rose from humble beginnings to rewrite the record books while prevailing in the face of racism. The stamp art features a digital painting of Aaron as a member of the Atlanta Braves, showing his famous right-handed batting stance. The selvage showcases a digital painting of Aaron watching the ball he had just hit for his record-breaking 715th home run on April 8, 1974.

In an oddity of scheduling, the First day of Issue ceremony will be held in Atlanta while the Braves are in Milwaukee, playing the Brewers. A USPS spokesperson stated, "This was the date MLB, the Atlanta Braves, and the Aaron family agreed upon and made available." The connection may be that Aaron finished his career with the Brewers and described Milwaukee as his baseball home.

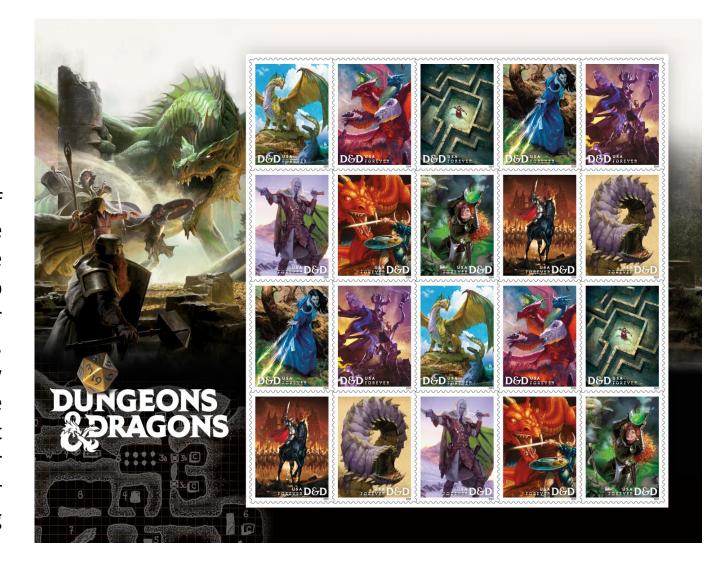
U.S. – August 2024

Dungeons & Dragons Forever Stamps (10 designs)

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August 1 | Indianapolis, IN | PSA Pane of 20

This stamp release marks the 50th anniversary of Dungeons & Dragons, described by its owners as "the World's Greatest Role-playing Game," that has become a cultural phenomenon. By inviting participants to imagine themselves as wizards, warriors and other adventurers in exciting and treacherous fantasy worlds, Dungeons & Dragons opened doors to whole new universes of creativity for generations of players. The pane of 20 stamps features 10 different designs that highlight characters, creatures and encounters familiar to players of the game. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps and pane with existing illustrations.



U.S. – August 2024



Pinback Buttons Forever Stamp (10 designs)

August 15 | Hartford, CT (at Great American Stamp Show) | PSA pane of 20

These vibrant stamps will add cheer and whimsical flair to cards and envelopes. The pane of 20 stamps features 10 typographic designs by 10 different artists in their unique styles, each with a single word as the prominent element smile (Don Clark), hello! (Tré Seals), peace (Jay Fletcher), love (Juan Carlos Pagan), fun (Gia Graham), sweet (Jeff Rogers), yes! (Ryan Feerer), cheers! (Lisa Congdon), kudos! (DKNG Studios) and happy (Gina Triplett). The round shape of the stamps, as well as shadowing and reflection effects, give the appearance of three-dimensional pinback buttons. The pane verso features an illustration of a round silver button back with pin fastener repeated 20 times, one for each pinback button stamp shown on the front of the pane. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps.

U.S. – August 2024

Autumn Colors Forever Stamps (10 designs)

August 16 | Hartford, CT (at Great American Stamp Show) | PSA pane of 20

The radiant beauty of fall will be celebrated with 10 new stamps in a pane of 20, featuring a portfolio of brilliant photographs taken in a variety of locations around the United States. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with existing photographs by renowned nature and garden photographer Allen Rokach (1941–2021).

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Christmas Madonna and Child and Holiday Joy commemorative Forever stamp (4 designs)

First day of issue dedication ceremonies held on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, DC.

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Hanukkah commemorative Forever stamp

First day of issue dedication ceremonies held on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, DC.

AUSTRIA - Beautiful Austria

Austria Post continues its Beautiful Austria series with a miniature sheet of four featuring traditions. The sheet issued June 21 in four denominations has stamps previously released as dispenser stamps. The stamps bleed over their perforations into the selvage and depict a button accordion characteristic of Alpine folk music (95 $\ensuremath{\in}$); a piece of cake with whipped cream and a cup of coffee from a typical coffee house (120 $\ensuremath{\in}$); Austria's annual Daffodil Festival in Ausseerland with intricately formed star daffodils (150 $\ensuremath{\in}$); and a traditional local autumn drink known as the Sturm made from grapes that have just started to ferment (300 $\ensuremath{\in}$).



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CANADA - Indigenous Leaders

The latest in a series of stamps commemorating indigenous peoples of Canada was released June 21 by Canada Post. Available as a souvenir sheet of three different images or a booklet of six of the same, the first of these Permanent domestic issue stamps depict award winning songwriter, producer, activist Elisapie Isaac, who wrote and directed the prize-winning documentary Sila piquippat (If the Weather Permits) and won a JUNO Award as part of the musical duo, Taima. The second stamp shows Métis environmentalist and visual artist, Christi Belcourt, who is well known for her intricate paintings that emulate Métis floral beadwork seen in the background of the design. The third stamp features world-renowned water-rights activist, Anishinaabe Elder Josephine Mandamin who trekked around all five Great Lakes (more than 15,500 miles) to raise awareness for the need to preserve water, which earned her the nickname Grandmother Water Walker.

CROATIA - EUROMED - Sports in the Mediterranean

Beginning in September 1998, the first Ladja Marathon became a traditional event held annually on the Neretva River. The 1,80 € stamp issued on July 8 was designed by Dean Roksandić of Zagreb and shows the amateur sports competition with several of the traditional indigenous vessels, called ladjas, racing in what has become a significant cultural, sports and tourist event in Croatia. Eighteen teams from the Neretva region competed in the first marathon, rowing from under the bridge in Metković to the finish line in Ploče, passing through three towns of the Neretva Valley. In the following years, the date of the race was changed to the second Saturday in August as it became one of the largest competitions in Croatia.





FRANCE - 50th Anniversary of the Discovery of Lucy

Our knowledge of the origins of the human species was changed immensely 50 years ago with the discovery on the banks of Ethiopia's Awash River of the partial skeleton, named Lucy. To commemorate the event, France issued a single 1,96 € stamp on June 24 showing a recreation of a female of the new species discovered by the International Afar Research Expedition. Estimated to be 3.18 million years old, the skeletal remains include 40 percent of the female's skeleton, enough to demonstrate the evolutionary progress shown at the bottom of the stamp. The story goes that the discoverers were listening to Beatles song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" on the excavation site which inspired them to name the partial skeleton Lucy.

GIBRALTAR - Red Arrows 60th Anniversary

The iconic aerial displays of the Royal Air Force's Red Arrows squadron represent the epitome of aerial excellence, teamwork, and national pride. Gibraltar issued a set of six stamps on June 25 designed by Stephen Perera and illustrated by Claire Hartley in six values that show the aircraft performing various maneuvers singly, in pairs and in formation of eight. Formed in 1965, the Red Arrows have come to stand "as a beacon of excellence and precision in the world of aerobatic display teams." Their impeccable formations, red, white and blue con trails and dazzling maneuvers epitomize the talented pilots' aerial skills and teamwork.





GREAT BRITAIN - Dungeons & Dragons 50th Anniversary

Created by game designers Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson, Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) wa first published in 1974 by Tactical Studies Rules. The revolutionary role-playing game celebrate its 50th anniversary with a salute by Royal Mail that includes two se-tenant strips of four and a miniature sheet. Issued on July 25, the stamps feature heroes and villains illustrated by comiartist Wayne Reynolds. According to Royal Mail, "Each stamp is printed with hidden ink which reveals a mystical surprise when illuminated with a UV light." The four 1st Class stamps depic a red dragon, an owl bear, a Veena and a gelatinous cube. On the £2.50 stamps are a mind flayer a mimic, a displacer beast and a beholder. For those looking to start a new mini-topical collection, the U.S. also issued a D&D commemorative pane of 20 (10 different stamps) on August 1

HUNGARY - Hunting Dog Breeds

Hungary issued a For Youth miniature sheet titled Hungarian Hunting Dog Breeds. Two of the four stamps have an additional surcharge that Magyar Posta devotes to support youth stamp collecting. Issued on June 20 and designed by Glória Hefelle, the miniature sheet depicts the smooth-haired Hungarian vizsla, wire-haired Hungarian vizsla, the Transylvanian hound and the Hungarian greyhound in profile on the left of the stamps and the dog on the hunt in the bottom right. In the frame around the dogs are species of game hunted with the assistance of these dogs, including waterfowl, wild boars and rabbits.





LITHUANIA - My Pet

A 10-year-old girl named K. Čaiko created a design for a postage stamp as part of a competition held in the fall of 2022. This competition invited children ages 3 to 16 to design their own stamps with the theme "My Pet." The competition aimed to encourage creativity and artistic expression among young participants, allowing them to showcase their love and appreciation for their pets through their artwork. Such initiatives often help in nurturing the artistic talents of children and giving them a platform to present their work to a broader audience. Issued on May 31, the 1.55 € stamp shows a caricature of a mouse, a bit of cheese, an inscribed mug and a clock.

ROMANIA - Ladybirds

Ladybirds, more commonly known as ladybugs in North America, are among the world's most beloved and well-known insects, primarily due to their colorfulness and voracious appetites for insects harmful to human agriculture. Romania issued a set of stamps featuring only four of the 6,000 species of ladybirds found around the world. Issued on June 11 and designed by George Ursachi, the stamps were released in singles, miniature sheets, and maxicards. The insects shown are outstanding in color and shape and include the six-spotted zigzag ladybird; 22-spot ladybird; Sospita vigintiguttata, which is black with yellow and white spots and is the rarest ladybird; and harlequin ladybird.





SLOVAKIA - XXXIII Olympiad Paris 2024

When Peter Augustovič designed an Olympic stamp for Slovakia he chose as his model recurve archer Alexandra Longova, 23, competing at her first Olympic Games in 2016 in Brazil. Two years later she represented the Slovak Olympic Committee as a Young Change-Maker (formerly Young Ambassadors) at the Youth Olympic Games in Argentina. The 1.50 € single stamp was issued June 28 and shows the archer, half of the Eiffel Tower, and the arms of the Slovakian Olympic team on a red and white background. The first female archers competed in the third modern Olympiad in 1904 in St. Louis, but archery was removed from the games after 1920 and remained absent until the XX Olympiad held in 1972 in Munich.