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December 2025
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United States Parcel Post







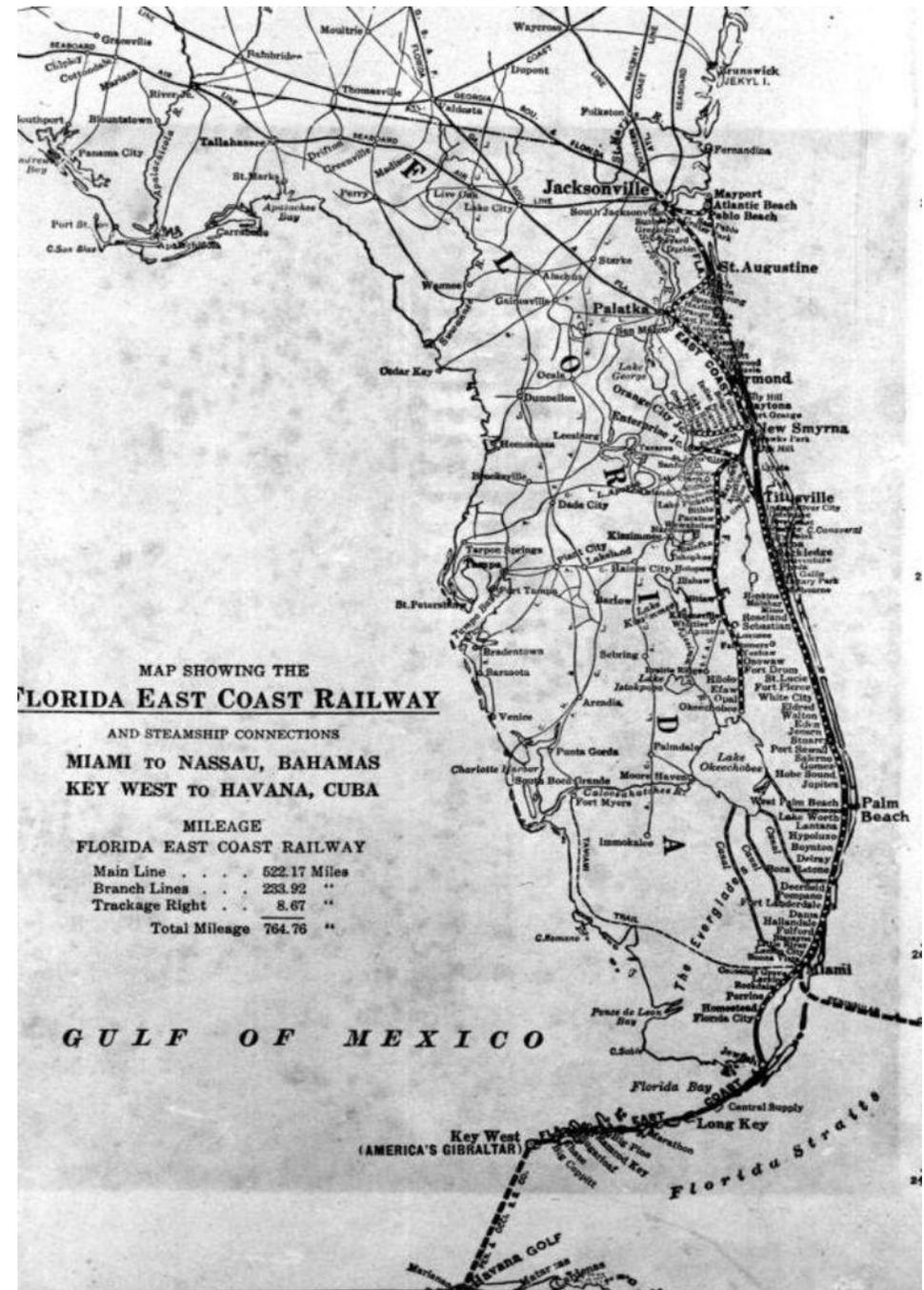






FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY COVERS FROM 1933

STEVE PATRICK
DECEMBER 2025
CENTRAL FLORIDA STAMP CLUB





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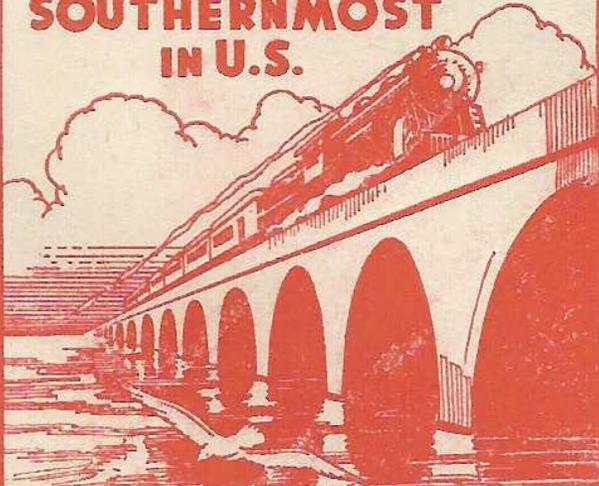
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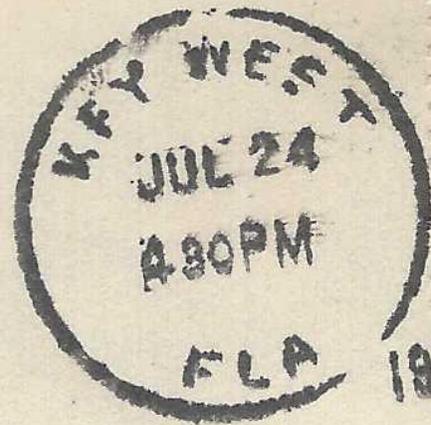
*Respectfully,
H. S. Edwards
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**20TH ANNIVERSARY
OVER-SEA RAILWAY
TO KEY WEST
SOUTHERNMOST
IN U.S.**



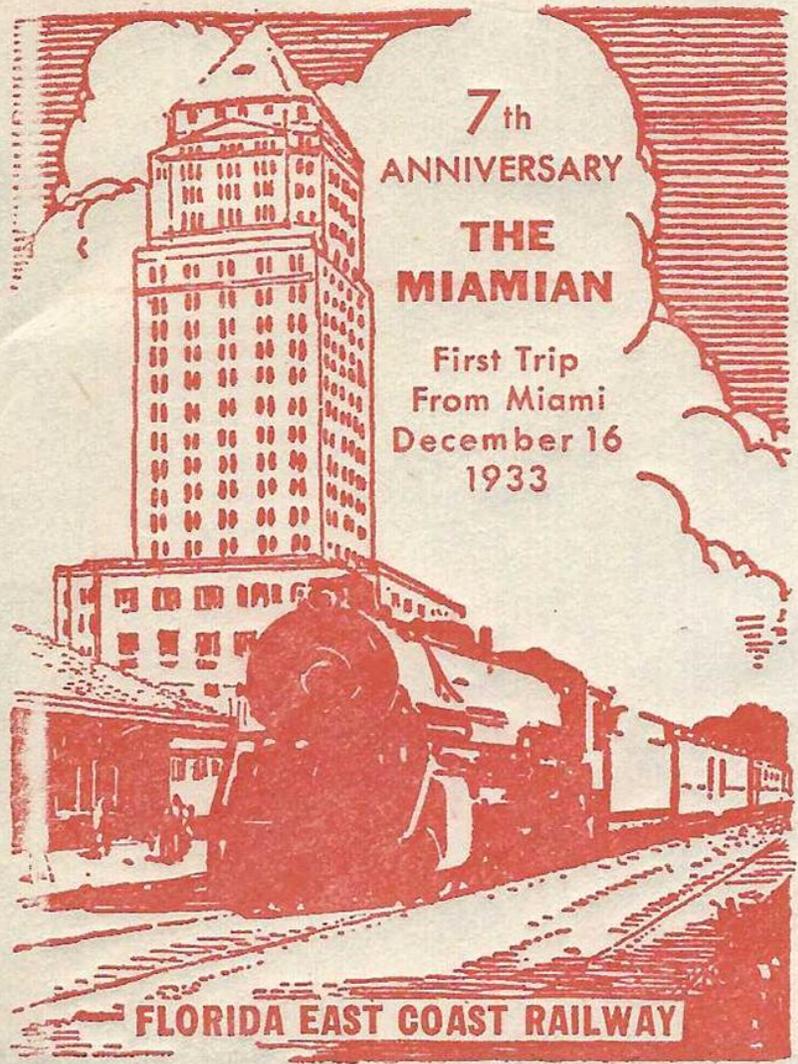
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RAILWAY**

THE ST. AUGUSTINE ROUTE



1932

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ANNIVERSARY
THE MIAMIAN

First Trip
From Miami
December 16
1933

FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY



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A Rare Scott 5A Type Ib, Can it Be?

Stephen McKenzie

December 2025

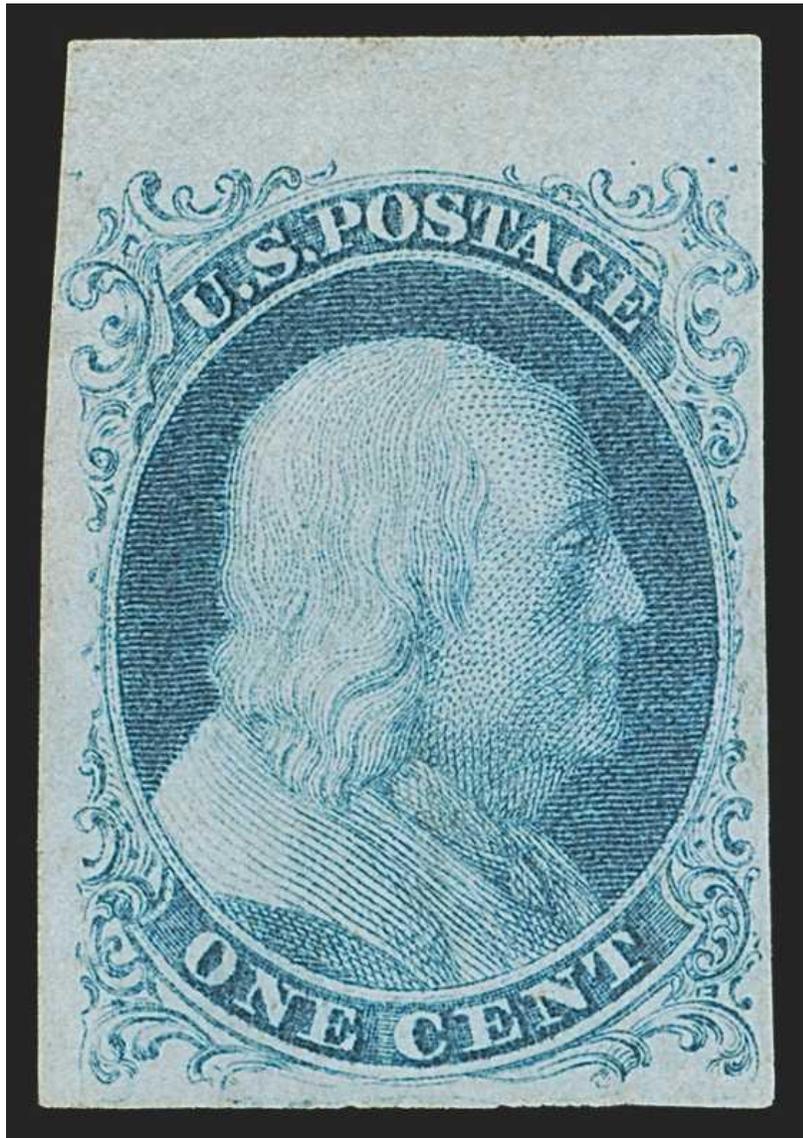
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What is the Type Ib?



Scott# 5A, Type Ib was produced only as an imperforate stamp. Six(6) positions on Plate 1 Early furnished stamps qualifying as Type Ib--Positions 3-6R1E and 8-9R1E, all from the top row, distinguished by the complete design at top and very nearly complete design at bottom. When first entered on the plate, these six positions (as well as 7R1E – Scott# 5) had the complete design at top and bottom. However, unlike 7R1E, small portions of the bottoms were burnished away. Positions 6R1E and 8R1E had less of the bottom erased than the other Type Ib positions, and for this reason they are more desirable examples of the type.





Scott# 5A, Type 1b, Position 6R1E
Certified genuine by the PF & PSE
Courtesy of R. A. Siegel Auctions, Inc.



Scott# 5A, Type 1b, Position ?? (TBD)
My Stamp, from my father's collection
(pending certification)



New Issues
U.S. & International stamps

U.S. – May through September 2025
International – January through August 2025

U.S. – May 2025

250th Anniversary - U.S. Army Forever Stamp, U.S. Navy Forever Stamp, U.S. Marine Corps Forever Stamp

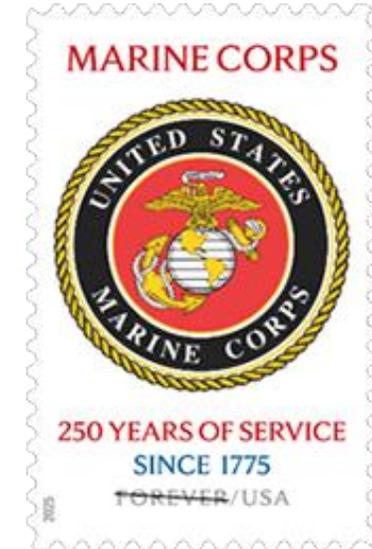
May 16 | Washington, DC | PSA pane of 20



This stamp celebrates the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Army. Established by the Continental Congress in 1775, the Army is now a global force with a clear purpose: to fight and win America's wars. Featuring the military service mark of the U.S. Army against a white background, the stamp was designed by Antonio Alcalá, an art director for the USPS



First established during the Revolutionary War as the American colonies fought for independence, the U.S. Navy is now at the forefront of cutting-edge technology that safeguards the maritime interests of the United States, ensuring economic prosperity and the freedom of the seas. Featuring the emblem of the Navy against a white background, this stamp celebrates the U.S. Navy's 250th anniversary. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp.



The familiar symbolism of a Marine Corps emblem appears on this stamp to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. First established during the Revolutionary War as the American colonies fought for independence, the Marine Corps is respected worldwide as an elite fighting force, prepared to face any challenge and prevail in the conflicts of the 21st century. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp.

U.S. – May 2025

Baby Wild Animals Forever Stamp

May 23 | Aurora, CO | PSA pane of 20

Offering whimsical, eye-catching designs for letters and cards, these 10 stamps show baby wild animals from across the United States, with visual elements suggesting the habitat or behavior of each one. Tracy Walker designed and created the artwork by digitally layering colored shapes on solid backgrounds. Greg Breeding provided art direction.



U.S. – June 2025

U. S. Flag Forever Stamp

June 7 | Three Oaks, MI | PSA pane of 20, double-sided booklet of 20, coil rolls of Qty. 100, 3,000 and 10,000



Conveniently available in many formats, this stamp continues a long tradition of honoring the Stars and Stripes. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp with a photograph by Doug Haight.

U.S. – June 2025

Barbara Bush Forever Stamp

June 10 | Kennebunkport, ME | PSA pane of 20



On May 8 at the White House just a few days before Mother’s Day on May 11, the Postal People announced that they will issue a commemorative stamp to celebrate the centennial year of former first lady Barbara Bush’s June 8th birthday.

Barbara Pierce Bush (1925-2018), wife of George H. W. Bush, the 41st president, was first lady of the United States from 1989 to 1993, and mother of George W. Bush, the 43rd president. Born in New York City, the future first lady grew up in Rye, NY, and attended boarding school in South Carolina. At 16, she met her future husband, George H.W. Bush, at a Christmas dance in Connecticut, where he was on holiday break from a Massachusetts boarding school.

The start of her 54 years of campaigning for her family and allies came in 1962 when Mr. Bush ran for chairman of the Harris County, Tex., Republican Party. In the following decades the Bushes moved around 30 times as the family followed Mr. Bush’s military, business and political pursuits, with Mrs. Bush always steadfast in support of her husband and children.

Motivated by her son Neil’s dyslexia, she championed literacy issues. In 1984, Mrs. Bush wrote her first children’s book, “C. Fred’s Story,” told from the perspective of her cocker spaniel, with proceeds going to two national literacy programs.

The Barbara Bush stamp is based on detail from the official 2005 White House portrait.

U.S. – June 2025

\$25 Wildlife Service Hunting Permit “Duck” Stamp

June 27 | Stuttgart, Arkansas | 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 \$1.2 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, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

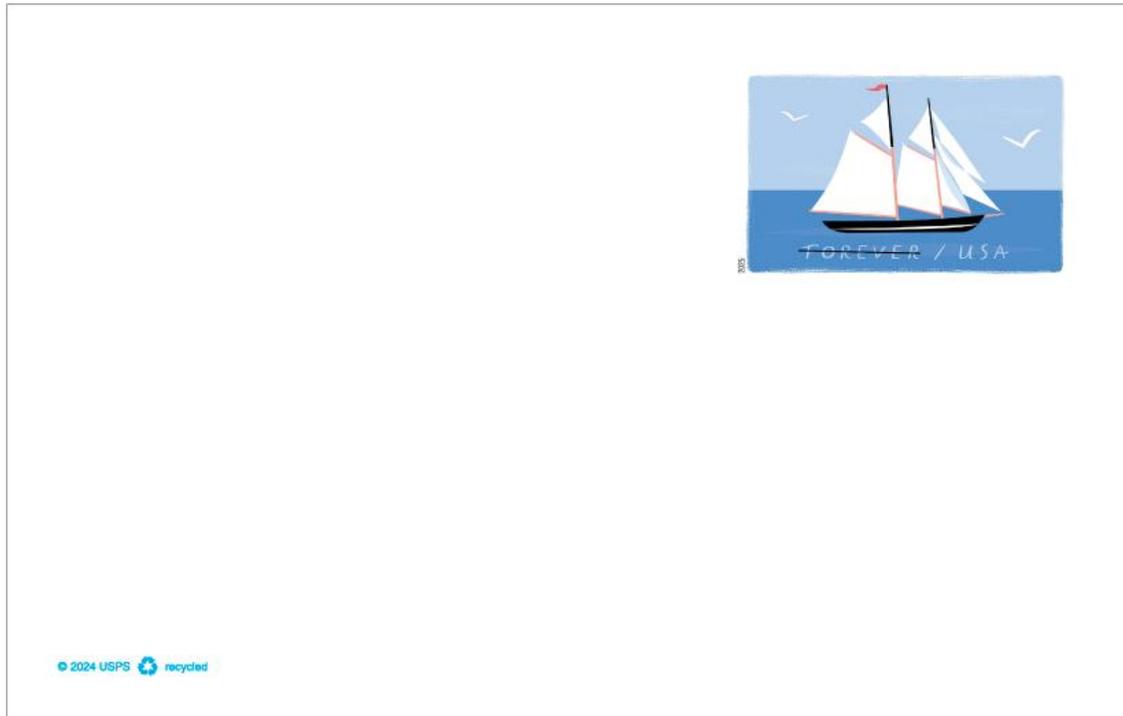
Duck stamp designs are the result of an annual design competition, and are particularly popular with stamp collectors, as a result of their colorful designs. South Dakota artist Adam Grimm was the winner of the Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest for the 2025 issue, with a painting of a pair of Spectacled Eiders.



U.S. – July 2025

Schooner (Forever Stamped Card)

July 18 | Crystal, MN | Format Postal Card



New stamped-card designs are issued every few years for customers who want to send postcards with postage already included. The latest features an illustration of a two-masted sea vessel based on a photo of a 2014 replica of the 1923 schooner Columbia. Libby VanderPloeg was the artist and Antonio Alcalá provided art direction.

U.S. – July 2025

250 Years of Mail Delivery - Ben Franklin, First Post Master General (PMG)

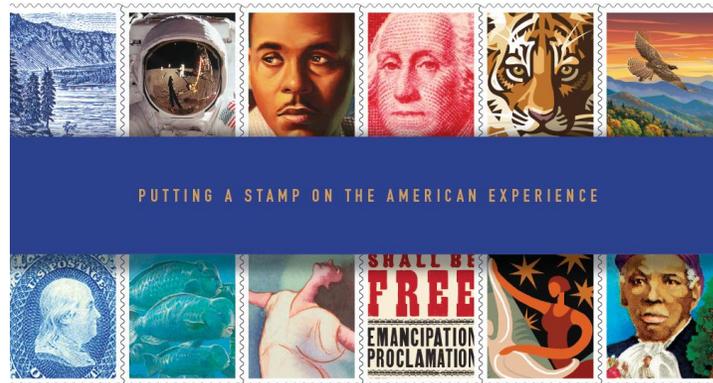
July 23 | Washington, DC | PSA pane of 10 (2 Panes of 10 in 32-Page Booklet)

With this issue, the Postal People celebrate 250 years of operation, from the many years as the Post Office Department starting on July 26, 1775, and since July 1, 1971 as the United States Postal Service.

This issue recognizes the appointment of Benjamin Franklin as the first postmaster general after the the Second Continental Congress established a postal system for the United Colonies.

The Ben Franklin stamps will only be available in a 32-page booklet, titled “Putting a Stamp on the American Experience”. There is no charge for the booklet; there will be two panes of 10 in each booklet, and the cost of the booklet is that of the then-current face value of the 20 stamps when the booklet is issued.

Per the USPS, “Highlighting the popular series and subjects that give the stamp program its range and depth, this booklet—only the fourth ever issued by the Postal Service—commemorates the 250th anniversary of our nation’s postal system and celebrates the enduring influence of stamps on our shared heritage.”



U.S. – July 2025

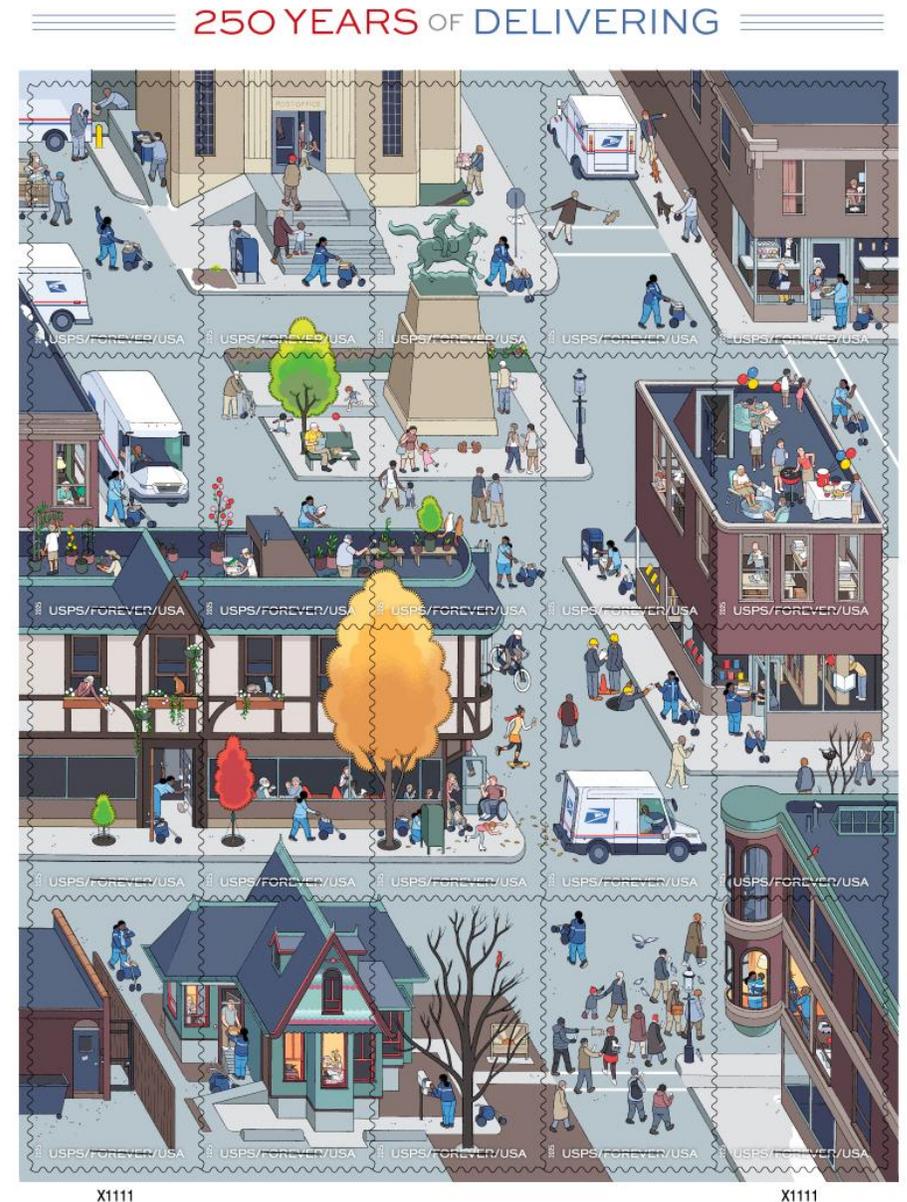
50 Years of Delivering

July 23 | Washington, DC | PSA pane of 20

With this issue, the Postal People celebrate 250 years of operation, from the many years as the Post Office Department starting on July 26, 1775, and since July 1, 1971 as the United States Postal Service.

The pane of 20 stamps by cartoonist Chris Ware invites the public to spot a fun array of familiar postal items and icons while following a mail carrier on her rounds through four seasons of the year. From top to bottom on the pane, the horizontal strips go from Spring through Summer, Fall and then Winter.

The liner, or backing, of the “Delivering” pane describes the journey of the carrier, along with ‘treasure hunt’ images on the pane.



U.S. – August 2025

SpongeBob SquarePants

August 1 | New York, NY | 4 Designs PSA pane of 16 stamps

SpongeBob SquarePants is an American animated television series created by marine science educator and animator Stephen Hillenburg for Nickelodeon. Each episode chronicles the adventures of the perpetually optimistic and generous main character SpongeBob SquarePants and his aquatic friends in the underwater city of Bikini Bottom. Only a month after its TV premiere in 1999, the show became the highest-rated and most viewed animated Saturday morning program that year, beating Poke'mon. Its popularity made it a multimedia franchise and the highest rated Nickelodeon series. SpongeBob SquarePants has won a variety of awards including six Annie Awards, eight Golden Reel Awards, four Emmy Awards, two BAFTA Children's Awards, and a record-breaking twenty-one Kids' Choice Awards. A Broadway musical based on the series opened in 2017 to critical acclaim.



U.S. – August 2025

Boston Stamp Show

August 14 | Site Schaumburg, Illinois, at the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) | 2 Designs, PSA Pane of 20



From May 23 through May 30, 2026, the world capital of stamp collecting will be Boston, host of the Boston 2026 World Expo, the 12th international philatelic exhibition of the United States. To build anticipation and commemorate this confluence of art, history and international goodwill, two intaglio-printed stamps will highlight the special role of Boston in the American Revolution as we prepare to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary. Greg Breeding, an art director for USPS, designed these stamps with digital illustrations by Dan Gretta featuring the Old North Church and a "midnight rider" on horseback in Colonial garb.

U.S. – August 2025

Luna Moth (Non-machineable Surcharge)

August 16 | Site Schaumburg, Illinois, at the Great American Stamp Show (GASS) | PSA Pane of 20

This new \$1.27 stamp for irregularly sized envelopes features a luna moth (*Actias luna*), considered one of the most beautiful moths in the United States. Artist Joseph Scheer created this composite image by using a high-resolution scanner with extended focus to capture multiple layers of a preserved moth. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp.



U.S. – September 2025

William F. Buckley, Jr. Forever Stamp

September 9 | New Haven, CT | PSA pane of 20



One of the most influential public intellectuals in modern U.S. history, William F. Buckley Jr. (1925–2008) defined the conservative movement of the mid-20th century and was one of its most recognizable spokesmen. Author of more than 50 books, Buckley founded *National Review*, one of the nation’s leading conservative publications, and hosted the Emmy Award–winning public affairs television program *Firing Line* for more than 30 years. Original art by Dale Stephanos features a portrait of Buckley, created by hand with graphite and charcoal on hot-press watercolor paper, then refined digitally. Greg Breeding, an art director for the USPS, designed the stamp.

U.S. – September 2025

Holiday Cheer Forever Stamps

September 13 | Washinton, DC | 4 Designs, Double-sided PSA booklet of 20

The contemporary Holiday issue, titled Holiday Cheer, consists of four new designs in a booklet of 20 stamps that will be issued on September 13 in Washington, D.C., to usher in the holiday season. The designs consists of a trio of amaryllis flowers, a holly wreath, an evergreen branch decorated with fruit, and cardinals perched on mistletoe.

The images were created using a collage technique with gouache and acrylic paint on background paper from a vintage gardening book. The shapes for each image were then cut out and pasted onto an archival cotton board. Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps with original artwork by Denise Fiedler.

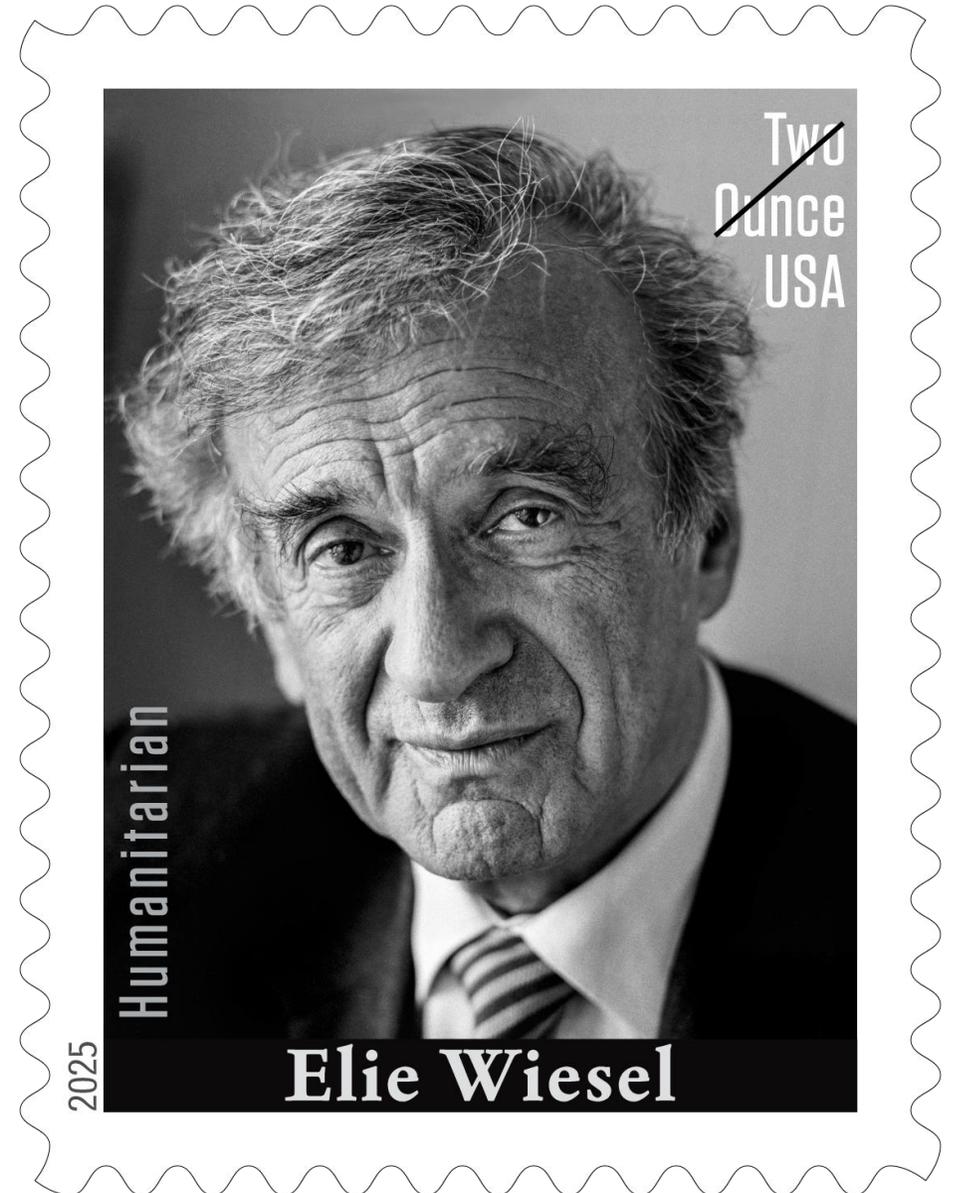


U.S. – September 2025

Elie Wiesel Great Americans Series Forever 2 Ounce Rate

September 13 | New York City | PSA pane of 20

Humanitarian Elie (1928-2016), was a survivor of Nazi concentration camps whose dozens of works bore witness to the Holocaust and whose resilience and compassion continue to be a source of inspiration. Instead of bearing a specific denomination, this issue is a Forever issue for 2-ounce mail. The design is based on a 1999 black-and-white photograph of Wiesel by Sergey Bermeniev. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp.



U.S. – September 2025

Winter Landscapes Forever Stamps

September 19 | Danville, IN | 5 Designs, PSA booklet of 20

Offered in booklets of 20, these five stamps feature photographs of iconic winter landscapes from around the country. Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps using images from various photographers.



International Issues – January Through August 2025

AUSTRIA – Monarchy on Stamps

Four denominations featuring the same portrait of the last Austrian emperor, Karl I, in uniform, were set within an oval frame surrounded by a geometric pattern, issued in 1916 after the death of Emperor Franz Joseph I. Another issue came in 1917 and a final one in 1918 after another postage rate increase in September. These were designed by artist and engraver Alfred Cossmann and remained valid for postage until October 31, 1920. A stamps on stamps issue celebrating these early stamps was released March 7. It was designed by Anita Kern and printed by Joh. Enschedé Stamps and concludes Austria's Monarchy on Stamps series.



BELGIUM – Smurfs Together for a Better World

Belgium's Smurfs are committed to a better world. A pane of 10 gummed stamps was issued January 27 to salute the "proud ambassadors of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations." The stamps combine the serious nature of the sustainability goals with the lightness and fun of the Smurfs. The goals are imprinted on each of the stamps and illustrated by one or more of the fictional, small, blue, humanoid creatures known in French as *Les Schtroumpfs*, in Dutch, *De Smurfen*, and in English, Smurfs. The Smurfs were created in 1958 by Belgian comic artist Peyo, the pen name of Pierre Culliford. Over the years the Smurfs have appeared in comics, books, movies and TV shows. Earlier U.N. connections included a 2005 UNICEF advertisement to raise money for the rehabilitation of child soldiers in Africa.

CANADA – Peonies in Bloom

Canada Post's annual flower stamp issue features peonies in bloom. Released on March 3 in a booklet of 10 Permanent self-adhesive domestic rate stamps, the images on the stamps were shot by Jeffery Ofori, a mail service courier with Canada Post. According to the Canada Post website "the elegant two hybrids ... are Cytherea and Marie-Victorin, both developed by Canadian-born horticulturists." Named after Cytherea, another name for Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love, the first flower is cherry rose in color with two or more rows of petals. Marie-Victorin, on the right of the se-tenant pair, is composed of a single row of rounded, pale pink petals and was named after the founder of the Montreal Botanical Garden.



International Issues – January Through August 2025



DENMARK – Bats

Bats flying before a full moon grace the souvenir sheet issued by Denmark on January 16. Designed by Ella Clausen and engraver Bertil Skov Jørgensen, the pair of stamps in the center of the miniature sheet feature a long-eared bat that can swirl its wings to hover like a hummingbird; a pond bat that spends 90 percent of its hunting time catching insects over water; and a big mouse ear bat that prefers to hunt in forests and open areas. There are 17 species of bats in Denmark, all of which are insectivorous and protected under national and EU laws due to their importance in ecosystems and their vulnerability to habitat loss.

GREAT BRITAIN – GARDEN WILDLIFE

Royal Mail issued two strips of five second-class stamps in celebration of the beauty and diversity of the wildlife found in Britain's gardens on March 11. They are designed from photographs by Stop, Look and Listen and lithographically printed by Cartor Security Printers. The five 2nd class stamps feature a fox, blackbird, common frog, blue tit, and a badger. Depicted on the 1st class stamps are a smooth newt, hedgehog, robin, buff-tailed bumblebee, and a garden snail. All critters are seen in their natural habitat and the stamps are available in a set, presentation pack, collector's sheet, postcards and first day covers.



International Issues – January Through August 2025



NEW ZEALAND – Animals in Service

New Zealand Post issued a set of four stamps to honor the memory of animals who served in the armed forces during war and peacetime. Issued on March 5, the stamps salute the sacrifice and unbreakable bond of four types of animals. The \$2.30 salutes dogs, depicting Major, a white bull terrier and mascot of 2 New Zealand Expeditionary Force, 19th Battalion, seen as he served in North Africa during World War II; the \$3.60 value features military messenger pigeons which safely delivered messages that often meant the difference between life and death to New Zealand soldiers; the \$4.30 stamp is dedicated to the 10,000 horses that gained a reputation for endurance in Egypt during World War I; and the \$4.90 shows one of the donkeys and mules of the New Zealand Army 1st New Zealand Mule Pack Company during World War II, stationed in Tunisia and tasked to transport ammunition, stores and water to the forward troops in isolated positions in the Tunisian hills.

NORWAY – FIS Nordic World Ski Championships

A set of four stamps was issued on February 19 featuring the Ski World Championship held from February 26 to March 9, in Trondheim, Norway and organized by the International Ski Federation. The first depicts Indira Milena Hopsdal Liseth (born 1986 in Barranquilla, Colombia), a Norwegian para cross-country skier competing in the sitting category. The second 20g stamp depicts Gyda Westvold Hansen (born 2002 in Trondheim), a prominent Norwegian Nordic combined skier. The third stamp shows Johannes Høsflot Klæbo (born 1996 in Oslo), a distinguished Norwegian cross-country skier. The fourth stamp depicts Sondre Norheim (1825-1897) who was a Norwegian skier and inventor, often called the “father of modern skiing,” who played a crucial role in the development of ski equipment and techniques that led to the sport as it is known today.



International Issues – January Through August 2025



ROMANIA – Hoopoes

Four souvenir sheets were issued by Romania on March 12 themed Pupeze, for birds of the order *Bucerotiformes*, suborder *Upupi*, best known as hoopoes or puppets. Each sheet features three of the same stamp design and a label; the chicks are seen in the top or side selvage. The 5-lei stamp depicts a Madagascar species, *Upupa marginata*; on the 6.50 is shown *Upupa Africana*; the 9 lei a species one from Europe and Asia, *Upupa epops*; and on the 25 lei is the species known as the green forest hoopoe, *Phoeniculus purpureus*. The bird best known in Romania is the one shown on the 9 lei, which is migratory, inhabits lowland and hilly areas and is protected by law. The hoopoe was named the symbol bird of Israel, on the 60th anniversary of the founding of that state.

ST. PIERRE ET MIQUELON – Sanderling

A sanderling is shown on this 1,39 € stamp standing in shallow water on a beach, preparing to dig its thick bill into the sand, possibly in search of its next meal. Designed by Patrick Hacala, the bird displays its winter plumage, which turns to the bird's breeding plumage of a reddish hue. Printed in France and issued on January 10 in sheets of 25, this stamp is valid only from St. Pierre et Miquelon.

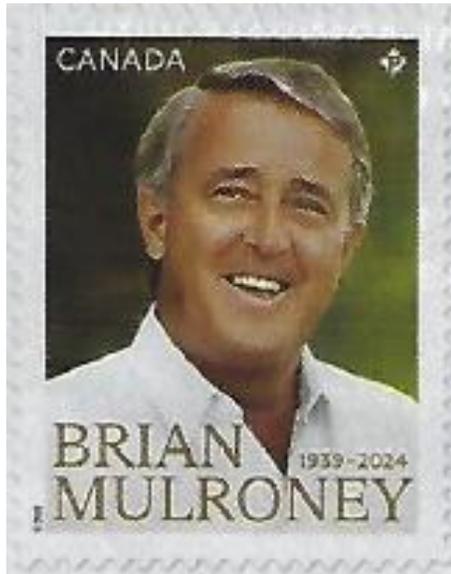


SPAIN – Roberto Michel

Roberto Michel (1720-1786) was a prominent neoclassical sculptor whose work can be found throughout Madrid. His marble lion – depicted on the 3€ self-adhesive stamp issued on January 31 in sheets of 16 – stands at the main staircase of the Royal Palace and reflects Michel's skill and elegance. As an artist in the court of King Charles III, he left his mark on several monuments, including the Cibeles Fountain, where his lions can be seen pulling the chariot of the goddess, and the triumphal arch known as Puerta de Alcalá. Combining neoclassical style with late Baroque, he worked on numerous reliefs and altars in contemporary churches.



International Issues – January Through August 2025



CANADA – Brian Mulroney

The latest prime minister to whom Canada Post pays tribute is Brian Mulroney (1939-2024). Mulroney was born in Baie-Comeau, Quebec and served as prime minister from 1984 to 1993. According to Canada Post's website he "believed that Canadian democracy is advanced by the collision of great ideas and the articulation of competing visions of the country." He spent his tenure pursuing "a vision and championing ideas that were transformative." As a statesman he was instrumental in the reunification of Germany, opposed and helped dismantle South Africa's apartheid, and facilitated the 1991 Air Quality Agreement between Canada and the U.S. He died February 29, 2024, at the age of 84. The Permanent stamp shows "a relaxed and smiling prime minister" designed by Paprika from a photograph by Bill McCarthy and printed by Colour Innovations.

FAROE ISLANDS – Landscape – Vikar

Vikar is on the northern side of Vágur, one of the 18 islands in the archipelago of the Faroe Islands and the most westerly of the large islands. Designed by Thomas Vikre and issued on February 24, the stamp features a portion of the shoreline; nearby, a small abandoned town sits, settled in 1833 by Jákup Jógvansson and his wife, Sára Sofía Ábramsdóttir. The population peaked at 16 in 1855 as more people arrived and established three houses on a flat plain, each with its own field and stone walls to keep the sheep in. They sustained themselves by selling woolen sweaters, fishing, farming and bird catching. Due to the harsh life the village's population slowly decreased until it was abandoned at the end of 1910. Today it is primarily a summer tourist destination.



International Issues – January Through August 2025



FRANCE – Spring Philatelic Exhibition

The Spring Philatelic Exhibition was held in the Place De La République in Paris and commemorated by an intaglio printed 1,39 € stamp issued on March 31. The design by Ségolène Derudder was engraved by Line Filhon after a photograph by Alamy/Hemis featuring a statue of Marianne, the official face of the Republic of France. Though known in various representations depending on the era, this particular rendering was the result of a competition organized to provide the Place with a monument dedicated to the greatness of the republic. Won by the Morice brothers, Léopold for the statuary (9.50 meters in height) and Charles for the stone base (15 meters high), the colossal bronze statue with stone allegories of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity was inaugurated on July 14, 1883.

GREAT BRITAIN – Myths and Legends

With the issuance of this set Royal Mail announced that effective March 2025 “all Special Stamps will exclusively feature 1st and/or 2nd class values.” Previously included international and alternative values will no longer be incorporated. The first Special Stamps issue under this program were available from March 27 and were designed by Godfrey Design and illustrated by Adam Simpson. The eight square 1st Class stamps feature folktales, myths and legends of the United Kingdom, beginning with: Beowulf and Grendel (from the Anglo-Saxon epic poem); Blodeuwedd (a poem from Welsh mythology); Loch Ness Monster (a Scottish mythical creature whose sightings date back 1,500 years); Cornish Piskies (tricksters who delight in leading travelers astray); Fionn mac Cumhaill (an Irish hero with a magical thumb who also appeared in Scottish and Manx folklore); Black Shuck (a large ghostly black dog that roams the countryside of East Anglia); GrindyLOW (diminutive humanoids dwelling in ponds and marshes awaiting unsuspecting children) and Selkie (shapeshifting creatures who change from humans to seals, primarily in Celtic and Norse cultures).



ROMANIA – History of the Automobile

The second in a series featuring the history of the automobile was issued by Romfilatelia on April 11 and includes the four stamps, four miniature sheets, a first day cover and four maxicards. The images on the stamps were taken from period engravings and designed by George Ursachi. Each stamp was issued in miniature sheet format with three stamps and a label. Shown is the 5.50 lei depicting a 1903 Mercedes 12/16 CP, the result of the collaboration between Karl Benz and Gottlieb Daimler. Shown on the 6.50 lei is the Peugeot Four-Seater Type 7, winner of the 1895 Paris-Bordeaux-Paris rally. On the 9.00 lei is a Peugeot Two-Seater, a model from the French company of the same name, founded in 1810. Lastly, the 11.00 lei features the Panhard et Levassor made by the French company founded by Emile Levassor and René Panhard in 1867.



International Issues – January Through August 2025

SLOVENIA – International Day of Sport for Development and Peace

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace was proclaimed in 2013 by the United Nations General Assembly to commemorate the first Olympic Games of the modern era, taking place on April 6, 1896, in Athens. The Pošta Slovenije website stated that the miniature sheet was issued symbolizing the “importance of exercise, health and connecting people through sport, with the aim of promoting an active and healthy lifestyle and raising awareness of the importance of sport for the physical and mental health.” Designed by Tija Šadl Praprotnik and issued on March 28, the 1,79 € sheet depicts a collage of athletes in shades of blue and red.



SPAIN – Numismatics

A 25-peseta banknote of 1874 is depicted on the latest in Spain’s series of philatelic coin and banknote issues. Released on March 21, the 6€ miniature sheet reproduces a banknote whose plate proof is preserved in the Museum of the Casa de la Moneda in Madrid. Depicted on the note are two children, representing agriculture and fishing, as indicated by the baskets they carry on their heads. Until this banknote issue, other provincial banks could issue notes, but as of this issuance in 1874, the Bank of Spain was granted exclusive rights to issue banknotes. The signatures on the note were those of the governor and the auditor of the plate, leaving a space for the signature of the cashier of the branch.



International Issues – January Through August 2025

CANADA – Community Foundation

Canada Post's latest semipostal stamp, sold in a booklet of 10, features a colorful family of giraffes designed by Paprika and denominated with the Permanent domestic rate plus 10 cents for the Community Foundation. Illustrated by Anne-Julie Dudemaine and issued on April 30, the new fundraising stamp "stands tall for Canada's children and youth with 100 percent of funds" providing grants for community organizations, schools and charities across Canada. According to the Canada Post website, the image "features a charming illustration of giraffes caring for their young, highlighting the importance of giving every child the opportunity to thrive in a supportive and enriching environment." The design was selected by Canada Post employees and signifies what the foundation wants childhood to be for every child: lighthearted and carefree.



CROATIA – Campaign Against Climate Change

A plain-looking stamp called Campaign Against Climate Change 2025 was issued May 22 in a 10-stamp sheetlet by Croatia. Designed by University of Zagreb student Mia Štimac, the €1,70 stamp focuses on global drought. It features a single blue drop of water on a human palm as a symbol of frequent global droughts caused by climate change. Croatia Post notes that "climate change will, in some way, affect every person in every country on every continent. Therefore, it is essential to raise awareness of these facts in a timely manner and actively engage in the fight against this challenge of the modern age."

CZECH REPUBLIC – Hana Podolská

Hana Podolská (1880-1972), owner of a popular Prague fashion salon, became a "symbol of interwar entrepreneurship and sophistication in the field of fashion design." Salon Podolská excelled in elegant fashion designs as well as the creation of film and theater costumes. The image on the domestic rated stamp is an evening dress known as a Charleston dress from 1927. Designed by Klára Melichová and issued on May 7, the stamp showcases the rich embroidery, and was issued tête-bêche in sheets of 50 and a booklet of eight. The dress is described as one of "a shortened length and embellished with rows of beaded fringe. The waist is accentuated by an elaborately decorated embroidery featuring a central fan motif made of beads and sequins."



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GERMANY – Hans Rosenthal

Quizmaster and director Hans Rosenthal (1925-1987), one of Germany's most popular radio and television presenters, is honored on a stamp issued April 3. The stamp image, designed by Iris Utikal and Michael Gais, of Cologne, features Rosenthal's famous jump and exclamation "That was ... Great!" (*Das war ... Spitzel!*) from the quiz show *Dalli*, which ran from 1971 to 1986. The show featured eight prominent candidates in teams of two playing against each other. The gummed 0,95€ stamp was issued in sheets of 10 on the 100th birthday anniversary of Rosenthal, who was a German Jew who managed to survive - despite losing family members - Nazi persecution during the Holocaust while hiding in Berlin.

GREAT BRITAIN – Valour and Victory

Royal Mail states "These 10 Special Stamps celebrate extraordinary individuals whose actions saved lives, changed history and shaped Britain's effort in the Second World War." The stamps feature authentic photographs of lesser-known heroes, with the theatre of war they served in as a background. As inscribed on the stamps: George Arthur Roberts, Firefighting during the Blitz; Mary Morris, Nursing at home and on the front line; Tommy Macpherson, Fighting behind enemy lines; Violette Szabó GC, Working undercover in occupied France; John Harrison, Serving at sea on HMS *Belfast*; Bhanbhagta Gurung VC, Serving with the Gurkhas in Burma; Thomas Peirson Frank, Protecting London from flooding during the Blitz; Mahinder Singh Pujji, Serving as a firefighter in three theatres of war; William Tutte, Codebreaking the Lorenz cipher machine at Bletchley Park; and Lilian Bader, Repairing aircraft instruments. The set is complemented with a four-stamp miniature sheet depicting "Forces Sweetheart" Dame Vera Lynn alongside a photograph taken in 2009 and designed by Together Design London.



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GUERNSEY – Europa: Archaeological Discoveries

An archaeological discovery on the island of Alderney could become known as the Pompeii of the Channel Islands. Accidentally discovered in 2017 while an electricity trench was being dug, the site has revealed an exceptionally preserved Iron Age cemetery and Roman settlement beneath the sands of Longis Common. Designed by Andrew Robinson for the annual Europa series of stamps and issued on May 1, the six-stamp set includes images and values of 69 pence – Sark coin; 92p – Gran' Mere; €1.37 – Intaglio; €1.47 – Rouen jug shard; €1.81 – Venus figurine; and €1.90 – Bellarmine jug. The stamps were printed by offset lithography in sheets of 10.

HUNGARY – Indigenous Poultry Breeds, Part IV

In 2022, Hungary started a series of stamps depicting different indigenous Hungarian poultry breeds. The series concludes in 2025 with four stamps depicting a drake and a duck, designed by graphic designer Ágnes Berta and produced by the Pénczjegynyomda Zrt. printing company. The birds are shown against a background of their habitat and a rainbow in the colors of the Hungarian flag. The birds shown are: the white Hungarian duck, spotted Hungarian duck, Hungarian goose and the frizzle-feathered Hungarian goose. The accompanying first day cover, released May 30, features a frizzle-feathered Hungarian goose with her goslings.



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MONACO – Legendary Race Cars

On March 10 Monaco issued a pair of new stamps in its Legendary Race Cars series, this time featuring the McLaren M19A and the Ligier JS11/15. The M19A made its debut at the South African Grand Prix in 1967, where it was driven by Denny Hulme. The M19A, and its later iteration the M19C, competed from 1971 to 1973 in the Formula 1 competition. The Ligier JS11 (shown), competing in Formula 1 in 1979 and 1980, was a ground effect car designed by Gérard Ducarouge with an aerodynamic system that increased downforce, giving cars greater grip and allowing them to take corners at very high speeds.

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NEW ZEALAND – Rocky Horror Show

New Zealand has postally honored its connection to the *Rocky Horror Show* (1973) a rock 'n' roll stage musical with music, book and lyrics written by British-New Zealander Richard O'Brien. The four stamps were designed by Chris Jones, and issued May 7 in a se-tenant block, and "feature fan-favorite characters and quotes from the mischievous cult musical." The stamps depict: the song, "Let's Do the Time Warp Again"; Dr. Frank-N-Furter, the unmistakably camp antagonist; pure and innocent fiancées Brad and Janet; and the title character, Rocky, a Frankenstein-style monster in the form of an artificially made muscle man, complete with blond hair and a tan. The stamps bleed into each other. A 1975 film adaptation was renamed as *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and helped to launch it into cult status. Most New Zealanders saw the show for the first time in July 1978. "Aotearoa," seen at the top of each stamp, is the country's Indigenous Maori name.



SWITZERLAND – Funny Fruits

Diecut on sheets of 10, these self-adhesive stamps, designed by Jessica Studer, Bern, were issued May 8. The smiling faces on the summer stamps are reminiscent of emojis and depict a pear and an apple on the 100 CHF values and a strawberry and a pair of cherries on the 120 CHF values. According to the Swiss Post website, "This fruit-stamped mail also smells a treat because the stamps give off a special scent when scratched. This means the sweet motifs give off their full aroma when you scratch them with your finger, whether fresh strawberries or juicy cherries."



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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – Myths and Flora

Bosnia and Herzegovina on May 22 issued a commemorative on a souvenir sheet featuring a weeping willow and a kitten clinging to a branch designed by Zoran Vlašić. According to Chinese legend, a cat sat crying on a riverbank after her kittens fell into the water while chasing butterflies. Nearby willows sympathetically lowered “their long branches into the water, which the kittens clung to, allowing them to climb to safety.” Thereafter, willow branches have remained bent toward the water, forming a canopy and in the places “where the kittens had held onto the branches with their little paws, small furry buds grew, which the people named “cica – mace” (kittens).”



GREAT BRITAIN – Sea Clocks, Observatory

Royal Mail calls its newest miniature sheet, “a fascinating collectible honoring prize-winning clockmaker John Harrison’s perseverance, determination and ingenuity.” Issued on June 12, the sheet includes four stamps that show “Harrison’s marine timekeeper prototypes for measuring longitude at sea, including H4 with its convention-defying watch design.” The sheet also shows Thomas King’s 1767 portrait of Harrison now found at the Science and Society Picture Library in London. In time, Harrison’s ideas were adopted by clockmakers and revolutionized celestial navigation in the 18th century. The sheet accompanies a set of six stamps honoring the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.

GREENLAND – National Archaeological Discoveries

The annual Europa issue from Greenland has the theme National Archeological Discoveries, and was issued on May 26 in two values. The 25 DKK shows a child wrapped in animal skins, one of eight mummies found in Qilakitsoq in 1972 by two local hunters. The two gravesites also contained the mummified bodies of six women and another male child. They are estimated to be 500 years old. The 28 DKK stamp depicts the Kingittorsuaq Runestone, which was discovered in 1824 by a man investigating a triangular formation of cairns dated from the Middle Ages. Now displayed in the National Museum in Copenhagen, it is conclusive proof that Norwegians lived as far north as the fishing town of Upernavik, which is at latitude 72°47’ North, considered the third most northern settlement in the world.



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GUERNSEY – Royal Visit

To commemorate the first visit of King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla to Guernsey since his coronation, Guernsey Post issued a special set of commemorative stamps released on the king's official birthday, June 14. The various denominations and stamps showing island locations are: 65p – Their majesties at the end of the Crown Pier, St. Peter Port; 88p – Their majesties, with King Charles III addressing invited guests at Les Cotils, St. Peter Port; £1.20 – The king planting a tree in the grounds of the Governor's House; £1.36 – Their majesties sign Les Cotils' visitors' book; £1.68 – King Charles III samples a local brew named "Charles" brewed in honor of his coronation by a local producer; £1.74 – Their majesties on a walk about, Crown Pier, St. Peter Port. The set is accompanied by a miniature sheet of two £2 stamps depicting the royal couple on the formal stage, where the king presided over a short special sitting of the States of Deliberation.



MONACO – Méditerranée 2050

The 2025 exhibition known as "Méditerranée 2050" was held at the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco. A commemorative stamp, showing an advertising poster featuring a whale and a deep sea background designed by the museum, was issued May 9 and valued at €2,78 to draw attention to the fact that "the Mediterranean Sea is threatened by pollution, global warming and excessive exploitation of its resources." Visitors were guided on a spatio-temporal exploration of the Mediterranean by "large marine mammals, emblematic species of the Mediterranean."



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MONTENEGRO – Nature Protection, Mediterranean Monk Seal

Montenegro Post issued a single €1.00 commemorative postage stamp and a first day cover on May 29 to draw attention to nature protection, especially of the Mediterranean monk seal. Designed by Mia Bulatović and printed by Blicdruck, of Sarajevo, the stamp depicts a Mediterranean monk seal swimming in its natural habitat. According to the postal website the average seal can reach lengths of nearly up to 8 feet. “Their bodies are covered in short, dark fur, which in males is typically black, and in females is brown to dark-gray, with a lighter patch on the belly.” Preferring shallow coastal water, the seals have been driven into inaccessible sea caves in the Adriatic and Ionian seas probably mainly due to human activity, making it one of the most endangered mammals in the world. It is protected by international and national legislation.

NEW ZEALAND – Dark Sky Net

A sheetlet of six gummed stamps was released on June 19 to acknowledge Matariki, the Māori New Year, with an image from Aoraki Mackenzie International Dark Sky Reserve. The miniature sheets features stamps against a night sky being observed by three silhouetted figures. Among the images on the stamps are Māhutonga, the Southern Cross constellation, a national symbol of Aotearoa New Zealand; Tautoru and Te Kakau, Orion’s belt and sword and another row of stars extending at an angle; and the Winter Triangle, which includes Betelgeuse, Procyon, and Sirius (Takurua), one of the brightest stars in the sky.



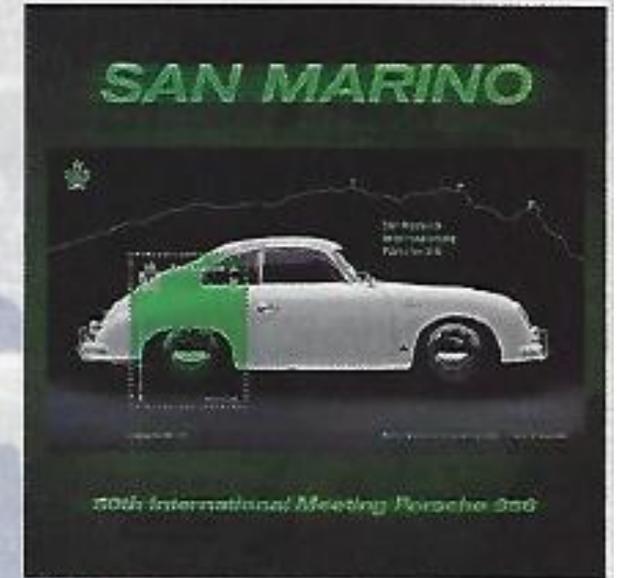
ROMANIA – Mountainous Banat Day

Mountainous Banat Day was established to be celebrated annually on June 15, a date chosen in 1848 when the Lugoj Assembly elected Eftimie Murgu, a militant known for defending the rights of the Banat Romanians, as “supreme captain of Banat.” The historical region of Banat comprises five counties in Romania and territories from Serbia and Hungary. Shown are the Cascada Bigar (big waterfall), a protected reserve; Clisura Dunarii, a mountainous area on the border with Serbia; the Statue of Hercules in Băile Herculane; and Muntele Mic, a high, south-facing resort on the slopes of the mountains of the same name, in the Meridionali Carpathians.

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SAN MARINO – 50th International Meeting Porsche 356

Poste San Marino celebrates the legendary Porsche 356 as well as the 50th International Meeting with a single € 4,20 stamp miniature sheet on May 22. Designed by Luca Terraneo and printed by Cartor Security Printing in offset, with a Pantone and yellow-fluorescent invisible ink, the stamp depicts a detail of the rear wheel of a white Porsche 356 Carrera. Among the arrivals on May 23 at the Historic Centre, a UNESCO heritage site, were some 260 examples of the Porsche 356 (produced between 1948 and 1956). In addition, more than 400 devotees from around the world were expected to attend the event promoted by the Federation of Worldwide Porsche Clubs and Porsche AG. A well-conditioned model sells for upward of \$100,000.



UNITED NATIONS – International Year of Glaciers' Preservation

The United Nations Postal Authority on June 6 issued a sheet of 10 €1,20 stamps with tabs designed by Rorie Katz to highlight the importance of glacier preservation. The year 2025 was proclaimed by the U.N. General Assembly as “the International Year of Glaciers’ Preservation” to raise awareness on the vital role glaciers, snow and ice play in the climate system and water cycle, as well as the far-reaching impacts of rapid glacial melt.” The background of the sheet features Ilulissat glaciers in Disko Bay, Greenland. The designs on the stamps include a scenic view of Alaska glaciers from Prince William Sound Bay, U.S.; icy waters and Lambert Glacier, Antarctica; Aletsch Glacier, Switzerland; and towering great icebergs in the Ilulissat Icefjord, Greenland.

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CANADA - Indigenous Leaders

Canada Post in 2022 launched the Indigenous Leaders series, which “highlights the contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit leaders who dedicated their lives to preserving their culture and improving the quality of life of Indigenous Peoples in Canada.” The 2025 stamps were issued on separate dates in self-adhesive domestic rate booklets of six, as well as a souvenir sheet that features all three stamps. On June 13, a stamp honoring Julia Haogak Ogina, an Inuit drum dance teacher, was celebrated in Ulukhaktok, Northwest Territories; on June 17, a second stamp commemorating Sophie McDougall, Métis elder, and Michif language keeper was celebrated in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; and on June 19 a third stamp was issued in Tsūut’ina Nation near Calgary, Alberta, and features First Nations elder and Knowledge Keeper Bruce Starlight, or *Dit’ōni Didlishi* (Spotted Eagle).



FRANCE – United Nations Ocean Conference

La Poste issued a single 2,10 € stamp on June 10 to commemorate the United Nations Ocean Conference, which took place June 9 to 13 in Nice. The collaboration of the international community is becoming increasingly urgent in regard to plastic pollution, overfishing, and seabed mining, the U.N. said. Nice presented an ideal setting for such a conference as seen on the stamp that shows an ocean scene, seabirds perched on a rail beside deckchairs, frolicking orcas, and a lighthouse in the background perched on a promontory, suggesting sustainable tourism in a multitude of blue shades. “The Nice Ocean Action Plan, consisting of a political declaration and a list of voluntary commitments by the parties, will be adopted at the end of the international discussions at the conference,” the U.N. said.



GERMANY – Superman

The latest in Deutsche Post’s superhero collection, Superman made his debut on April 18, 1938, in Action Comics #1. Conceived by the artistic duo Jerome “Jerry” Siegel (1914-1996) and Joseph “Joe” Shuster (1914-1992), the image shows a full color Superman hovering before a black and white comic panel on a 0.95 € stamp designed by Jan-Niklas Kröger for issuance on July 3. The issue is particularly timely as “one of the most famous and popular superheroes ever” reappears on the silver screen in 2025, marking a future series of superhero films.



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HONG KONG – Paper Crafting

Hongkong Post on June 26 issued six stamps in various formats in a set called Intangible Cultural Heritage – Paper Crafting Technique. Four low values are printed in separate sheets of 25 while the high values (\$10 and \$20) are on individual souvenir sheets with an overall design. Paper crafting is a folk art with a long history. It utilizes materials such as bamboo, bamboo splints, iron wires, rice paper strips and fabric, paper craft masters to create a variety of products through four major steps. The stamps were issued to enhance the public's knowledge of this traditional craft.

MONACO – Mareterra Monaco

The combination of sea and land inspired the name Mareterra for a transformational project in Monaco that is the heart of the principality's Monaco's future growth. Reclaimed from the sea, the six hectares of land, 40 percent of which is covered in vegetation, was opened by Prince Albert in December 2024 as a new eco-district. "The area fits seamlessly and harmoniously into the Monegasque coastline and the city." The souvenir sheet was designed by Stéphane Humbert-Basset and issued on June 24. It features three stamps with images of the Monaco coast on the 1,39€; Le Renzo, a series of residences that rise above a small port and retail plaza on the 2,10 €; and the stunning aquatic center Piscine Princesse Charlene on the 2.78 €.



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NETHERLANDS – 100th Anniversary of the TT Assen

The first Tourist Trophy (TT) race in the Netherlands was held on country roads through the villages of Rolde, Borger, Schoonloo and Grolloo, with the original Assen track first used in 1926. A souvenir sheet was designed by Jan van Mechelen and Iwo Tuleya and issued on June 5 by PostNL to commemorate the event. The sheet consists of 10 domestic rate stamps featuring black-and-white photos of motorcyclists who have achieved at least one victory during the Assen TT. Those shown are: Piet van Wijngaarden, Geoff Duke, Mike Hailwood, Jim Redman, Giacomo Agostini, Ángel Nieto, Wil Hartog, Jack Middelburg, the team of Egbert Streuer and Bernard Schnieders, and Hans Spaan.

NEW ZEALAND – Native Frogs

Being separate from all other frog species for more than 200 million years, the native Leiopelma frogs of New Zealand are the most ancient group of frogs in the world. Before the arrival of humans, the North and South islands provided homes for six species, but due to introduced predators and habitat loss, three have become extinct. The three remaining frog species, illustrated for the stamp set by Sarah Greig, highlight modern conservation efforts to protect the unique creatures. Leiopelma frogs include the smallest native frog, Archey's Frog, which is shown on the \$2.90 value; the largest and most critically endangered, Hamilton's Frog, on the \$4.20; and the most widespread species, Hochstetter's Frog, on the \$4.70 stamp. The trio is shown on the \$5.50 value.



NORWAY – Europa 2025 – Archaeological Discoveries

The theme for 2025's Europa series is Archaeological Discoveries and Norway's fast melting glaciers are revealing finds from as far back as the Bronze Age. The first of the stamp designs for the Europa stamps is a 16th century dog skeleton based on a 2019 find in a glacier between Lom and Skjåk that now resides in the Norwegian Mountain Centre in Lom. A second stamp features a nearly complete ski found at Digervarden in Reinheimen National Park in 2014, dated from the 700s and coupled with a second ski found in 2021, thus completing the best preserved historical set of skis in the world. The designs were by Kristin Slotterøy from photos by Sulheim and Kirsten Helgeland, issued in sheets of 50 self-adhesive stamps.

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ROMANIA – 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Queen Maria

Romfilatelia celebrated Postage Stamp Day on July 15 in commemoration of Romania's first postage stamp, Capul de bour (the Bull's Head), which was printed July 15, 1858, in Iași. That stamp is not shown on the current commemorative, which is dedicated to the only crowned queen of Greater Romania 150 years after her birth. According to Romfilatelia, "Maria Alexandra Victoria of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, princess of Great Britain and Ireland, was born October 29, 1875 at Eastwell Park, Kent, United Kingdom." Alfred, duke of Edinburgh, was her father, and Grand Duchess Maria Romanova, her mother. The stamp has a value of 14.00 lei, and an imperforate souvenir sheet with a single stamp carries a value of 30.00 lei. To the right on the souvenir sheet is a royal portrait, Queen Maria's monogram, and her signature. By scanning the QR code on the minisheet, collectors will find the story behind Romanian Postage Stamp Day and Queen Marie of Romania.



SLOVAKIA – Nature Protection: Butterflies

Slovakia on June 6 issued a single stamp with images of three butterflies in its latest release in an ongoing Nature Protection series. A souvenir sheet showcases drawings based on a significant butterfly collection and honors the work of Slovak entomologist and ethnologist Jan Patočka (1925-2009). The collection is held at the Central Slovak Museum in Banská Bystrica, which received its first 120 butterflies and chrysalis from Patočka in 1957. Since then, the collection has grown to about 30,000 specimens, the museum's most extensive and scientifically valuable natural history collection. The sheet includes a stamp, a perforated label and selvage below, all with different illustrations of butterflies.

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ARMENIA – Centenary of Films

On April 22, Armenia issued a single commemorative dedicated to the theme “Armenian Films, 100th Anniversary,” with a focus on the country’s first feature film, *Namus* (“Honor”). The stamp depicts the poster for the film, for which Hamo Beknazaryan was director and scriptwriter. Susan, the film’s main character, is murdered by her husband who suspects her of unfaithfulness. The film was based on the novel of the same title by Armenian author Alexander Shirvanzade.



AUSTRIA – 100th Anniversary of the Austrian Schilling

The schilling was introduced on March 1, 1925, in Austria during a currency reform to combat hyperinflation following the end of the World War I, which also saw the collapse of the monarchy and devaluation of the krone. The launch of the schilling was a success, bringing about economic stability. Often referred to as the “Alpine dollar,” it became one of Europe’s most stable currencies. The uniquely round postage stamp features an image of a schilling coin from 1925, with a 20-schilling banknote in the background. Austria adopted the euro in 1999 for electronic transactions and introduced euro banknotes and coins in 2002. The stamp was issued March 15.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA – World Autism Awareness Day

Croatian Post Ltd. Mostar issued a commemorative in a sheet of nine to draw attention to the lifelong congenital condition known as autism. Issued on March 2, the stamp was designed by Vlado Kraljević. The image depicts a child with complicated shapes and colors. The cause of the condition is unknown and can range from severe to mild, characterized by “poor or no communication and social interaction,” according to a news release. The United Nations General Assembly declared April 2 World Autism Awareness Day.



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CANADA – Internment Camps

Canada Post issued this stamp in a booklet pane of six domestic Permanent rate stamps “to raise awareness about this history and the resilience of the people and communities whose lives were profoundly affected by this forced displacement, confinement and hardship” in internment camps during both world wars. The design by Underline Studio features bilingual vertical text in red against a gray background, with black barbed wire seeming to imprison the words. The stamp issued July 17 explores the history of unjust civilian internment of more than 8,500 men, women and children during the World War I and the armistice years and thousands more during World War II.



GERMANY – Returned Wild Animals

A set of three semipostal (charity) stamps was issued by Deutsche Post in sheets of 10 on August 7 for the series called “For the Youth.” Designed by Thomas Steinacker and printed by Royal Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem (Netherlands) the stamps show a white-tailed eagle, a testament to the success of conservation efforts, on the 0.95 + 0.40 €; a beaver, whose return clears the way for the renaturation of waterways, is depicted on the 1.10 + 0.45 €; and a wolf, which has found its way back to the country from Eastern Europe, is shown on the 1.80 + 0.55 € all against a background of their habitat. An EAN code is placed on all four edge pieces of the narrow stamp sheet side.

GREAT BRITAIN – Peanuts 75th Anniversary

Britain’s Royal Mail commemorates the 75th anniversary of the *Peanuts* comic strip devised by Charles Schulz on eight 1st class stamps featuring iconic illustrations of the popular characters. The comic began its run on October 2, 1950, in seven U.S. newspapers and continued daily, appearing in some 2,600 papers in 75 countries and 21 languages. Over nearly 50 years, Schulz drew 17,897 published *Peanuts* strips. The stamps all have a British touch to them, such as Snoopy and Woodstock with a British postbox; Lucy and Linus building a sand castle at the beach; Snoopy and Woodstock on guard duty wearing bearskins; Charlie Brown and Franklin playing soccer (football); and Charlie Brown holding an umbrella over Snoopy as he eats. The final *Peanuts* strip was published the day after Schulz’s passing, on February 12, 2000.



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GREENLAND – 100th Birth Anniversary of Jens Christian Rosing

Artist and author Jens Christian Rosing (1925-2008), born in Ilulissat, Greenland and educated in Denmark, is known as the Grand Old Man of Greenlandic stamps. He created more stamps for Greenland than anyone else. His first stamp, issued in 1957, depicts the Mother of the Sea. A 100th anniversary of his birth stamp, issued on July 28, was designed by Norwegian artist Martin Mörck, the creator of the second-most number of Greenlandic stamps. Tusass Greenland states that Rosing's "stamp designs reflect deep respect for Inuit traditions, wildlife, mythology, and the Arctic landscape." A special issue was released that includes the commemorative stamp, a miniature sheet, a black print, a souvenir folder, and a prestige booklet.

GUERNSEY – SEPAC – Architecture

The Church of St. James the Less is the subject of Guernsey's SEPAC (Small European Postal Administrations Cooperation) contribution for 2025. Issued on July 23 and designed by Anni Bisson, the four-value set shows the church from different angles against a variety of backgrounds and colors. In 1815, Admiral Sir James Saumarez proposed the idea of an English-speaking church for the British garrison on Guernsey and John Wison (1781-1866) was selected for the job. The church was completed in 1818 becoming "an integral part of St. Peter Port's landscape" due in part to its Greek Revival architecture and position of prominence as a landmark and cultural hub, attracting islanders and tourists alike.



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ISLE OF MAN – Coins of Isle of Man

A perfect marriage of philately and numismatics, the images show the obverse and reverse of rare coins selected from the historic Orrysdale Collection. Mostly of low denominations, these coins on stamps were issued August 14 in a six-stamp set. “Each stamp captures the detail and heritage of a coin that shaped, circulated, or symbolised life on the Isle of Man,” the postal service said. The 90p features a 1732 copper alloy 1 pence; the £1 shows a copper alloy 1p Sinkers’ Proof; £1.90 depicts a 1798 1p restrike; £2.15 shows 1723 Poole & McGuire’s copper alloy half-penny token; a second £2.15 features a 1334 Hiberno-Norse 1 penny and the £3.75 depicts an 1836 Hiberno-Norse 1 penny.

KYRGYZSTAN – Asian Paradise Flycatcher

The Kyrgyz Express Post postage stamp for the Bird of the Year – the Asian paradise flycatcher – was issued July 21 in minisheets of five semipostal stamps with one label. Designed by Daria Maier and printed by Nova Imprim (Chişinău, Moldova), the Asian paradise flycatcher was chosen in 2025 as the Bird of the Year by the Kyrgyz Wildlife Conservation Society. The flycatcher is shown on the stamp with its distinctive pointed crest, a broad, strong beak, and a long, graduated tail that makes it seem larger than its actual sparrow size.



MALTA – SEPAC - Architecture

Malta’s contribution to the annual SEPAC series was issued July 29. Designed by Maria Christina Bugeja and Mariah Grech, a set of three stamps feature notable architectural buildings in Malta and Gozo. Malta’s rich diversity is reflected in its primarily Baroque architecture from Phoenician to British periods. The Church of Saint Catherine of Italy on the €0.45 is located in Valletta and was originally constructed to serve the Italian knights of the Order of St. John in the 16th century. Shown on the €1.50 is a magnificent baroque building in Mdina constructed in the early 18th century as a seminary. The €1.91 (shown) depicts a view of the parish church of Ghajnsielem in Gozo, dedicated to Our Lady of Loreto, the construction of which spanned several decades in the 20th century. All three stamps display the SEPAC logo.

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NETHERLANDS – Flora of St. Eustatius

The 10-stamp sheet for the ongoing multi-year series, Experience Nature, features 10 designs on stamps denominated “1” for mail up to 20 grams. Designed by Frank Janse, Gouda, from existing photography, the sheet shows flora of Sint Eustatius in the Caribbean Netherlands and was issued August 11. The vegetation is all shown in its natural environment on each stamp. Depicted are a flamboyant tree, kapok tree, tourist tree, columnar cactus, giant air plant, eyelash orchid, cocoa tree, coral vine, and strangler fig. All photos are placed in a graphic layer with circular shapes that are also visible on the sheet border. Other plants and animals are also included, such as sea grape (top left), green-throated carib (top right), and coral vine (middle and bottom right).



NEW ZEALAND – Black Ferns

New Zealand's Black Ferns is one of the most dominant teams in the history of rugby. On August 6, a set of four gummed stamps was issued featuring members of the team in action within a stylized purple-and-teal-colored stadium, against international teams, including Canada, England, Australia and the United States, from 2018 to 2023. According to New Zealand Aotearoa Post, the \$2.90 features Katelyn Vahaakolo, Amy du Plessisand, and Layla Sae; the \$4.20 depicts Hannah King, Kennedy Tukuafu, and Kaipō Olsen-Baker; the \$4.70 shows Maia Joseph, Maiakawanakaulani Roos, and Tanya Kalounivale; and the \$5.50 features Ruby Tui, Ruahei Demant, and Mererangi Paul.





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