



Poway Stamp Club

Newsletter

San Diego County's Best Stamp Collecting Club

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Poway Stamp Club

The Club goals are "to promote a closer social relationship among stamp collectors of Poway, San Diego and vicinity, and to assist in spreading the knowledge of stamps and the pleasures derived from stamp collecting to those interested in philately."

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<https://powaystampclub.com/bid-board>

Club Happenings:

Club meetings - **All future club meetings are postponed**, again, our next Poway Stamp Club meeting will be scheduled when our Club President and/or Board have reason to believe that the current uncertain times have passed in regards to the Covid-19 Pandemic. As a club we are hoping that in the spring of 2021 we will be able to meet as a group again (everyone keep your fingers crossed).

The PSC Newsletter - is still being produced and sent electronically to our club members. We will continue to utilize this Newsletter and emails to communicate with our membership the status of our clubs activity. Please contact the club Secretary at PSCPhilately@gmail.com with any information that you would like to have disseminated to the entire club during these uncertain times.

October Board Meeting – The PSC Board met on October 21st, The following Issues were discussed ;**Club Financial status** – Very good, **Membership** - 65 and still growing, **Elections** - Scheduled January, **Meetings**– Still postponed and looking for alternatives, **Bid Board** - Successful, **Consignment Sales** – Successful and almost Completed, **Membership & Health** - discussed, **Roster Issues** – A PI resolution was discussed, **Membership Applications** – Resolved to be printed. **Next Board Meeting** – January, **SANDIPEX Schedule** – Unchanged, **Library** – Lease renewed and in general "doing well".

Membership health and Wellbeing - Thankfully, our Club membership still does not have any "confirmed" cases of Covid-19.(knock on wood) Everyone please stay safe....



2020 PSC Club Officers:

President: Art Berg
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Stamp on Page 1

The stamp featured on Page one of this Newsletter is the U.S. #132TC4k 90¢ 1869 ATLANTA TRIAL COLOR PLATE PROOF ON CARD.

The "Atlanta" trial color plate proofs on card were prepared for display at the 1881 International Cotton Exhibition in Atlanta. Only one sheet of 100 in each color was printed. Very few have been kept together as intact sets

Club Meeting Presentations

The following is this year's proposed meeting schedule; all events are proposed and subject to change as necessary to accommodate other events such as Auctions etc.

2020 (Proposed) PSC Meeting Schedule

----- All future Meetings are Postponed for Now -----

October Oct 28, 2019 **Postponed/Cancelled**

November Nov 11, 2019 **Postponed/Cancelled**

December --- TBD --- *Holiday Party*



Sometimes you feel like a Nut!
Proof that our 2020 Bingo Card is "Blacked Out"
Alamogordo, NM 9/2020



POWAY STAMP CLUB APS #1137-112097

Club meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday of each month except November & December at:

Philatelic Library
12675 Danielson Ct #413,
Poway, CA 92064

More info at:
www.powaystampclub.com

Participation

All Stamp Club members are strongly encouraged to provide input for the bi-monthly Club newsletter. Your knowledge and expertise should really be shared. Please submit items to the Club Secretary at:

PSCphilately@gmail.com

Club Website

Try our new website at:

PowayStampClub.com

You will find our activities and affiliations, interesting links, contact information including the current and previous versions of this Newsletter! Give it a try! You can use the Web Presence to introduce others to our Club.

Club Notes:

- Current Bid Board** - The PSC Bid Board (8) ended on October 17 with over 100 items listed. Session 9 begins on October 24th at Noon. Please support this effort as 10% of all sales go to support the club. Attention: The PSC lots go 100% to the Club. Each session you will continue to find a growing number of items listed at attractive prices at <https://powaystampclub.com/bid-board>
- Philatelic Library Opens** - We have been notified that the San Diego Philatelic Library is open but will **require an appointment** if you need to come to the library. Because of social distancing no more than eight people at a time are allowed in the library. Face covering is required and a questionnaire regarding your health will also have to be answered before entry. **Contact the Library for details.**
- SWAPEX – SWAPEX is cancelled until further notice.**
- SANDIPEX 2020 – All future shows are still on hold.**

San Diego Philatelic Expo SANDIPEX Stamp Show
Free Admission! – Free Parking!
Doors Open from 10am – 4pm

The show in its 17th year is located just 4 blocks to the north of the Philatelic Library on Poway Road. The show is held at the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #2543, 13219 Poway Road Poway, CA 92064 .

JANUARY 19		JULY 12
FEBRUARY 9	2020	AUGUST 9
MARCH 8	OUR 17TH	SEPTEMBER 20
APRIL 5	YEAR	OCTOBER 11
MAY 3		NOVEMBER 8
JUNE 14		DECEMBER 13

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- Support Our Stamp Club** – With 65 members, the Poway Club is San Diego County's most active Stamp Club. Feel free to forward this Newsletter to anyone you think may find it interesting. You may also support the club by joining the APS. The club will receive a finder's fee for each member who joins the society. Let the stamp community know that we are an alive, vibrant and thriving club!

San Diego Philatelic Library

For Now
Access
by
Appointment Only

The San Diego County Philatelic Library is a not-for-profit philatelic library in Poway, San Diego County, California. Operated by friendly volunteers. Your stamp library consists of approximately 16,000 volumes of books, monographs, catalogs, and periodicals.


Library Hours:

The Library hours vary based upon who can take a shift, hours by appointment only.

6. **Robert Lackner Honored** - The following article was published in the October Fellowship Feature 2020, the item was recognition by The Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship at APS. (In case you missed the last Newsletter)

Donate to Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship

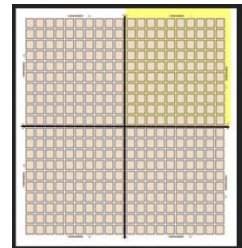
Support of YPLF In Honor of Robert John Lackner



"Bob at age 10 became interested in collecting and trading postage stamps. He kept this passion for our hobby all is life... Age did not seem to slow Bob down. His over 70 years as a member of the APS, membership in the Poway Stamp Club, and an active volunteer with the San Diego Philatelic Library, all kept Bob young and active to his final days. His knowledge of Canadian stamps was incredible, his passion for Lady Diana philatelic items was legend, and his strength and kindness held no bounds. He supported the wounded veterans organization, helped with the cataloging of untold collections, and was always most generous with his time and expertise."

- Tribute for Bob, conducted , Sunday, January 26, 2020, PSC Journal

7. **WANTED** – Members or guests to tell a stamp story. The Poway Stamp Club invites you to share your philatelic passion by giving a presentation at one of our meetings or by writing a short article for our newsletter. If you are interested, or want to find out more, e-mail pscphilately@gmail.com or talk to one of our Club's officers.
8. **Guide Lines** – For the flat plate printing process, the BEP engraved straight lines across the plate, between the stamps sometimes a single horizontal or vertical line, but usually two lines crossing at the center of the plate. They were used as guides for cutting the sheet into panes.



9. **Panama-Pacific Exposition Issue** - Is a set of U.S. commemorative postage stamps issued to promote the Pan-Pacific Exposition of 1915 in San Francisco, California. The set was first issued in 1913 to provide advance promotion for the 1915 event.



10. **Navo-philatelist** – A person interested or a collector of ship cancellations, American or foreign, specifically relating to Naval vessels.

11. **Many Thanks** – The Editor would like to thank all those who have participated in the new Bid Board. As a result, our Club membership continues to grow and our membership participation has been amazing. Several members have paid dues in order to participate. Keep it up and don't miss out on the fun. Thanks Again!

12. **Bid Board** – Frequently Asked Questions(FAQs) :

- You must be a paid member of PSC to buy or sell
- You may join the PSC, contact PSCPhilately@gmail.com
- 10% of the sale price will go to support our club
- Sellers may list 5-10 items each session (exceptions may be made on request)
- All unsold lots will automatically be relisted next session
- Sellers must notify us to remove or change a listing price
- Minimum prices of items must contain the cost to ship the item listed locally (i.e. San Diego County)
- Buyers outside of SD County will be responsible for additional shipping charges
- The Minimum prices listed on the Site are not updated, a list of the current bids will be posted “**periodically**” for buyers, this is not Ebay
- At the end of each session, Buyer-Sellers will be contacted and introduced via E-mail to allow the coordination of the payment and shipping.

13. **Catalogs** - Did you know that you can purchase digital copies of the Scott Catalogs at a significant discount over the traditional printed versions at : <https://www.scottonline.com/>

Member Spotlight!

By: Jon Schrag



The Poway Stamp Club Newsletter highlights one of its members each issue. Today's spotlight is on **1 New Member.**

We have one new member since our last newsletter. During Covid-19, our President Art Berg has set aside the need to be formally voted in. Request for membership has been granted to the following:

#495 Leo Valley, of Scripps Ranch, San Diego CA. requested membership through the Club and was presented for membership by Art berg. He collects U.S. and Territories.

We look forward to getting together at PSC meetings with our new members after the Covid pandemic is over.

Definitions

The following definition of EFO and other terms are here in support of the ongoing Editors Corner series on Varieties, EFO's and Counterfeits.

EFO is the shorthand for "Error, Freak, or Oddity". It's a term applied to philatelic items that were formed unintentionally abnormal.

Errors: Are usually "major" errors having catalog status where something in the process has gone entirely wrong. Examples of "errors" are consistent, unintentional deviations from the normal. Typically errors are stamps that are wrongly perforated, both between or completely imperforated, Full incorrect, shifted or omitted color(s), inverted centers or frames, multiple impressions, missing/inverted surcharges, missing or wrong watermarks or tagging and FULL stamps on either side of an interpane gutter, factually wrong or misspelled information etc.

Freaks: Also called "varieties", are generally defined as a lesser degree of production problem. Typically freaks have flaws that are not consistent or do not have catalog status. Examples of freaks include ink smudges, off center perforation shifts, partially missing colors or partial/random color shifts, pre-printing paper folds, paper creases, over or under inked stamps, and so forth. Freaks often sell for less than their "error" counterparts. Printing plate cracks, wear and other flaws such as repairs or re-entries are freaks and not typically considered to be errors.

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Editors Corner

By D. Klauber

Varieties & EFOs Part XXV

Officially the Happiest Stamps Ever

Recently I received a correspondence from PSC member Jack Wadlington,. In the message, he stated that he had been looking at his official issues from the 1870's and was attempting to verify that everything in his album was correctly identified. Jack related the following observations about his Official stamps which the Editor found most interesting;

"As you may already know, not all the 1¢ values are exactly like the 1¢ Franklin banknote issues: only three of them, amongst other things, have the three small "bubble" ornaments on each side of the upper serifs of "1." The "bubbles" on the Agriculture and Executive Dept issues are actually little smiley faces sans eyes."

Jack accurately points out several important details including the existence of Officials that have bubbles but only 2 of the 3 have the smiling faces (Agriculture and Executive). Incidentally this also includes all of the corresponding Specimen and Proof counterparts. He notes that the stamps with smiling faces have no eyes. So what do we take from this? After a deeper dive into the design of the Officials it became apparent that all the other Officials were either a different design (without the bubbles) or have bubbles like the 1c Dept, of the Interior but are missing the smiles.



Official Executive (Scott O10) "Smiley Bubbles"

The Administrators at Continental wanted a way to easily distinguish the stamps they produced from the ones National had manufactured. This is possibly because there had been complaints about stamp quality in the past. So "secret marks" were introduced on the 1¢ through 15¢ stamps.

Oddities: The catch-all category for anything that is left. Oddities can be subtle problems that do not have catalog status. Examples can be cancel and plate varieties, inverted USPS cancels, very minor perforation shifts, minor color shifts, etc. Most oddities are a curiosity and have lower EFO values.

There continues to be a debate about the definition of freaks vs oddities. This is one area where a classification can be a matter of personal opinion. Frequently the debate is over pre-printing paper folds and centers on how minor (oddy) or how major (freak) a fold is. As it turns out, one mans freak, is a another mans oddity.

Counterfeit, Forgery, or Fake.

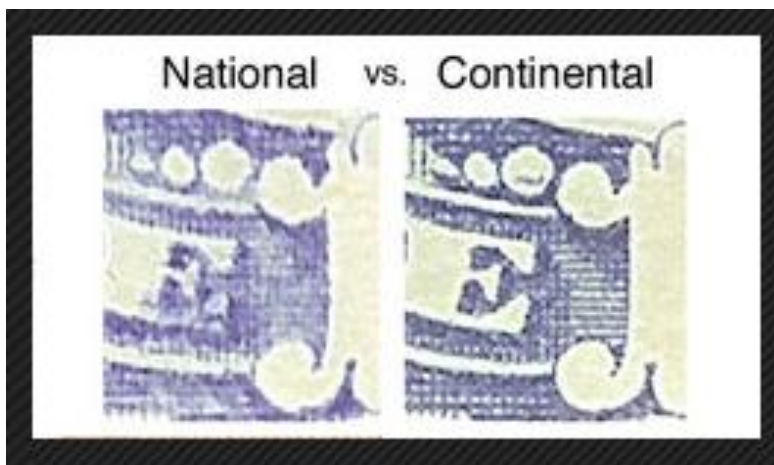
Counterfeit: Fraudulent reproduction of a stamp meant to defraud the issuing authority. (Typically used as postage)

Forgery: Fraudulent reproduction or alteration of a stamp meant to defraud (not the issuing authority), In philately, forged stamps are altered to defraud the buyer.

Fakes An imitation stamp, or reprint. There are many fakes on the market, typically sold as fakes they are rarely sold as genuine. In philately, fakes are an expression of art are not offered as genuine to defraud. (reprints may be considered fakes)

I have been looking into this Mystery and trying to determine what might have been the reason for the smiley face modifications. Here is what I have been able to determine up to this point. During the 1870's the Post office was working to eliminate the lost revenue and corruption that was resulting from the use of "Franked" postage. As a remedy for Franking, the Post Office designed and created new prepaid Official postage stamps whose designs were based on the existing common postage of the day i.e. Banknotes.

On May 1, 1873, the Continental Bank Note Company received the government contract to produce U.S. stamps. Continental took over some of the materials the former stamp printer the National Bank Note Company, used to produce the stamp issue of 1870-71. These goods included the existing dies and plates. So, with the exception of inks and paper, Continental was producing the same stamps. Soon the officials at Continental wanted a way to easily distinguish the stamps they produced from the ones that National had manufactured – possibly because there had been complaints about stamp quality in the past.¹ In order to establish whether certain stamps had been printed by National or Continental, "secret" marks were added, typically the 1-15 cent issues, if not all of the plates used to produce the Continental Bank Note stamps.² For the secret mark on the 1c Banknote issue, Continental added a Crescent mark (a smile without eyes) into the first (Pearl/bubble) to the left of the 1 cent denomination.



Continental Secret Mark on 1c Banknote at Right

All of the Official (Banknote type) stamps were produced by Continental and/or by the American Banknote companies. But why some of the modified dies have the multiple pearls/bubbles with smiles has not been explained in any of the documentation this Editor has examined. It would appear that the Official stamps were created by modification to many of the original Banknote dies. It may be possible that the 2 with smiles were taken from the Continental dies and the Interior official perhaps derived from a "National" die? Or perhaps from an essay stamp with multiple "secret marks" was utilized?

More Important Definitions

Reissues

(a reprint of a currently available stamp)

Reprints

(copies of the obsolete originals)

Special Printings

(original plate stamps for non-postal use, while originals are still valid for postage)

Government issued

Reproductions

(Not printed from the original plates, not valid postage, considered likenesses.)

Examples US Scott 3-4

For more information on definitions of and values for many EFOs. See the S.R. Dazt book, "*Catalogues of Errors on US Postage Stamps.*"

The following are the 3 examples with bubbles and you will notice only 2 have smiles.



Agriculture (Scott O1) and the 1c Executive (Scott O10)
Both Happy stamps



1c Department of the Interior (Scott O1) No smiles

If any reader or PSC member has or knows why they were added to the Official issues please let us know so that we can follow up this article with our readers.

Again, Varieties & EFO's make an exciting and educational addition to any stamp collection for they speak to us about how stamps are produced and how mistakes can be made during the production of stamps.

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Local Interest

By Bill O'Connor

Postmarks & Picture Post Cards



Escondido

The following is another in the series of articles depicting communities in San Diego county; Post marks, Post Cards, and Covers,

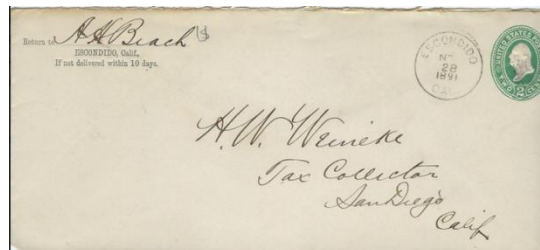
Escondido is a major city in the northern part of San Diego. Its name in Spanish means Hidden. The community was carved out of the old land grant, Rincon del Diablo (the Devil's corner), in 1885. The first post office in the area was called Apex, 24 April, 1884.

Escondido was incorporated in 1888, and celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1988. I was a resident of Escondido in 1988 and served on the committee to celebrate its centennial. I am partly to blame for the cancelation that emerged for the 1988 event. A number of images and post marks are presented for this "hidden" city.



Escondido 100th Year Centennial (Courtesy Bill O'Connor)

The oldest post mark in my collection with an Escondido post mark is November 28, 1891. The envelope is addressed to the Tax Collector, San Diego. These sort of envelopes come available from time to time, which I believe is an indication that the records were kept for some time.



Escondido Cover 1891 (Courtesy Bill O'Connor)



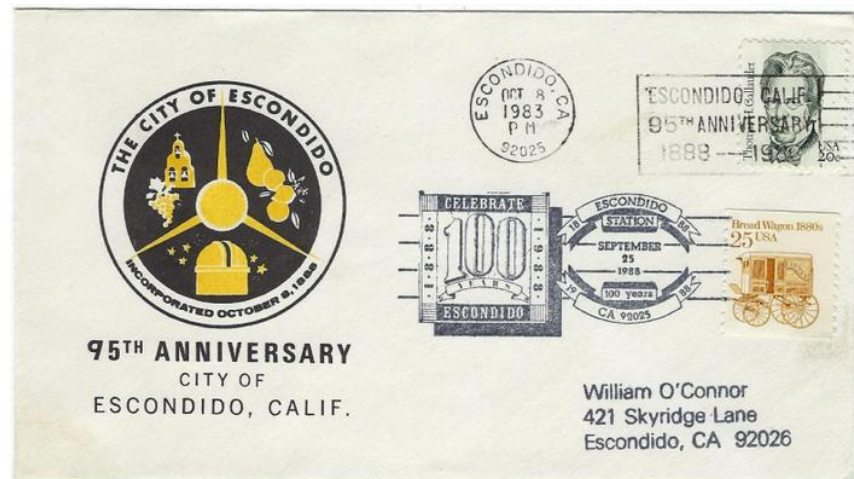
Escondido Hotel Post Card (Courtesy Bill O'Connor)

The picture post card shows the old Escondido Hotel circa 1910.



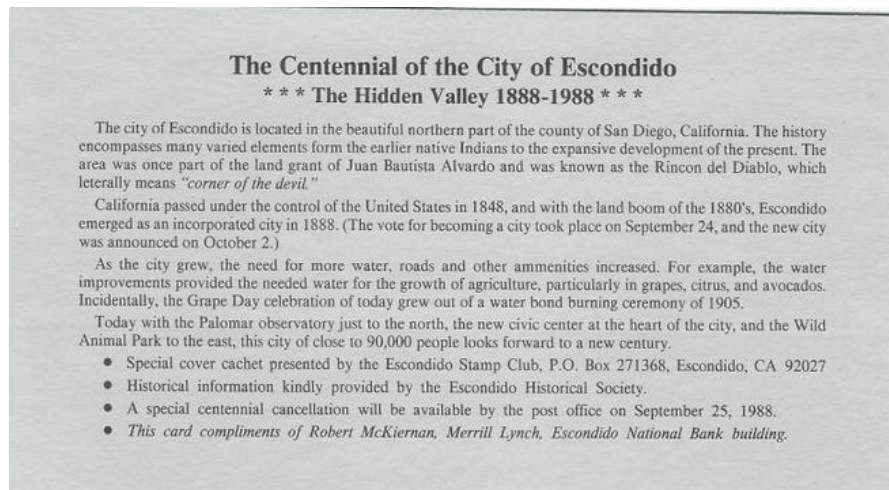
Escondido Hand Cancel (Courtesy Bill O'Connor)

The hand cancellation on this card is December 18, 1914. The reference to the San Diego Exposition is the Panama California International Exposition, San Diego. We hope to show more of this event in future articles.



Escondido 95th anniversary (Courtesy Bill O'Connor)

A cancellation was provided for the city's 95th anniversary, and as you can see the 100th cancellation was affixed to the same cover. The 100th anniversary proved an important mile stone for Escondido. The book, *Hidden Valley Heritage* by Alan B. McGrew gives a grand history of the city.



Centennial Notes (Courtesy Bill O'Connor)

A special cachet cover and notes were produced by yours truly for this event. Homage to the then new city hall indicating 100 years formed the basis of the design. A good friend of ours, a former Marine colonel, kindly paid for the production of the envelopes and inserts. The additional cover and post card are more whimsical remembrances.



Escondido Cover (Courtesy Bill O'Connor)

Above are four stamps showing aspects of our great state adorn the post card. The Palomar Mountain Observatory stamp of 1948 shows the observatory, which is located a number of miles northeast of Escondido.



**35th Ireland Philately & 100th Cancel
(Courtesy Bill O'Connor)**

The next cover showing the 35th. Anniversary of the EPA, and the 100th anniversary of the city, reminds me when I was the treasurer of the Eire Philatelic Association way back in the 1980s.

Regards, Bill



Member Classifieds

*If you would like to have a **Free** advertisement in the PSC Newsletter, please email: PSCphilately@gmail.com*

For Sale: I have an extensive collection of US mint plate blocks, sheets, panes, etc. The years range primarily from 1940-2002. If you are looking for specific blocks, I may be able to help. Please send an email, waoconnor@aol.com, or call/leave a message, 760-723-7372. Want lists can also be sent to Bill O'Connor, 3803 Foxglove Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028-8764

For Sale: Want lists serviced for stamps of Puerto Rico. Fill holes in your collection with mostly lower catalog value stamps. See Bob at a PSC meeting or call 858-278-7873

Bob Schappelle

For Sale: Worldwide sets, Singles and Souvenir sheets. 60% off Catalog to all Club Members. Offer valid anywhere you see me. Phone: 714-476-3698 Email: CBCSTAMP@AOL.com.

Chuck Bigler.

For Sale: \$525. Cat of worldwide souvenir sheets, some high Cat machins. \$100. Call **Duane** at 858-735-3800

Duane Pryhoda

For Sale: Stamps at Bargain Prices, Come and see my Stock. By appointment so please call to set up a time. Home Phone: 858-271-0262 Mobile Phone: 858-449-3047 **Al Kish**

Wanted: Topicals on the following subjects: spiders, trilobites, Shih Tzu dogs, lunar new year [year of, etc.], paintings by Manet, Delacroix, Gericault, David, Brueghel. U.S. 1893 Columbian issue errors, freaks and oddities. Top dollar paid for Columbian plate varieties especially double transfers. **For Sale:** large selection of used and mint Australia, Great Britain, and Japan including single stamps and souvenir sheets at a fraction of catalog value. Email your want list to Bob McArthur (rmcarthur@cox.net) or bring to a PSC meeting." **Bob McArthur**

Wanted: Puerto Rico Town cancels. Bring to meeting. Will trade or buy. See member **M. Marti** PSC # 410.

Wanted: Imperial China, PRC, Manchukuo, Mongolia, U.S. Double Transfers/Re-entries, U.S. 19th Century Proofs and Essays. U.S. 19th Century. See D & T Klauber or contact us at Indysmama@gmail.com.

Stamp News:



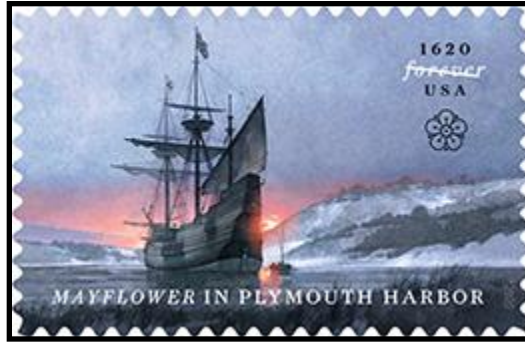
New Stamps 2020 United States Postal Service Stamps

The following Issue dates, stamp subjects and formats are tentative and subject to change. They are based on Linn's listing of projected 2020 releases.



Holiday Delights Forever Stamp

September 24 | Frankenmuth, MI | PSA booklet of 20
Inspired by folk art but with a modern graphic vibe, these stamps are intended to add a touch of whimsy to your holiday mailings. With a traditional palette of red, green and white, illustrator Kirsten Ulve channeled her love of Christmas, vintage ornaments and Scandinavian folk art to create unique digital illustrations of four holiday icons: a prancing reindeer with antlers; an ornament tied with a bow and ready to hang; a tree topped with a star; and a stocking holding a teddy bear and a sprig of holly. Art director Antonio Alcalá designed the stamps.



Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor Forever Stamp

September 17 | Plymouth, MA | PSA pane of 20

On Dec. 16, 1620, a ship that carried 102 English passengers completed a perilous voyage across the Atlantic Ocean from Plymouth, England, and anchored offshore of today's Plymouth, Mass. The Pilgrims' story is intertwined with the story of the Wampanoag Native Americans, who made an alliance with the Pilgrims and forged a treaty with them that maintained relative peace for more than 50 years. The Pilgrims might not have survived their first year without the help and advice of the Wampanoag, with whom they celebrated their first harvest in the fall of 1621. The stamp also features a stylized hawthorn flower printed in intaglio. In England, the hawthorn, a member of the rose family, is sometimes called a mayflower, as it blooms in May.

New Stamp - Stamp images provided by the United States Postal Service

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