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Luxembourg—100 years of Universal Voting



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To mark 100 years of universal voting rights, Luxembourg Post released a special stamp.

On the 28th September 1919, the people of Luxembourg could vote on the country's economic and political orientation in a double referendum. The political issues involved the introduction of a republic or the maintenance of the monarchy, and more specifically the continuation of the dynasty under Grand Duchess Charlotte. A total of 77.8% of Luxembourgers advocated that Grand Duchess Charlotte should rule as a monarch, thereby confirming the country's constitutional monarchy.

On the 26th October 1919, women were allowed to vote for the first time in Luxembourg in the parliamentary elections. However, universal suffrage

which was voted on the 8th May referred not only to women; it also included a very large number of lower-income male citizens that had previously been excluded based on the right-to-vote census. To mark 100 years of universal voting rights, Luxembourg Post released a special stamp.

In 1917 all men were entitled to electoral rights. Two years later in 1919, all women also had electoral rights. Universal Suffrage was a fact. Democracy was reenergized because as of that moment the amount of people whose opinion was given a voice was quadrupled.

Universal suffrage was not only an active right, which is to say the right to vote; it was also passive in the sense that it opened up the possibility of candidacy. In the parliamentary elections in 1919 only one single woman was elected. From 1931 to 1965, there were no women representatives of the people in the Luxembourg parliament. The social laws of Luxembourg are an example of

how a right of co-determination for all social classes can act as an impetus for changed measures.

Luxembourg Post

Issued September 17, 2019

Price of the stamp: 0,80 €

Drawing and layout:

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Printing: Multicolored Offset-

Lithography by Cartor Security

Printing, Meaucé La Loupe (F)

Dimensions: 63,5 x 31,75 mm,
10 stamps per sheet



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Notable People on Stamps:



Sir Elton John Fresh from the success of his biopic *Rocketman*, Sir Elton's illustrious music career has been commemorated with a set of 12 stamps. Eight of the stamps feature the covers of his most popular albums, including *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road* and his 1972 breakthrough *Honky Chateau*.

Caribou, which included 'The Bitch Is Back' and 'Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me', also appears, as well as the Gianni Versace-designed cover for *Captain Fantastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy*.

The remaining four stamps celebrate Elton's live shows, from his 1973 mini-residency at

London's Hammersmith Odeon to the 2018 Madison Square Garden stop of his *Farewell Yellow Brick Road* tour.

Sir Elton John 'honoured' by stamp set.

Sir Elton follows in the footsteps of David Bowie, who became the first solo artist to be given his own set of stamps in 2017.

"To say I was surprised when Royal Mail got in touch is an understatement," Sir Elton said. "Never did I think I'd appear on a stamp...! It's wonderful, a great honour."

Club News

Good turnout at the September 8th meeting. WILKPEX 2020 plans were discussed. **NOW** is the time to get started on your exhibit for 2020, don't wait until the last minute to try to put this together, it takes some time. Please submit your idea/ideas for a new satirical souvenir sheet for 2020 based on one of the 2019 stamp issues...

Another good showing of the membership at the September 22nd meeting.

Bill Brierton had a show and tell on Edith Louisa Cavell a nurse that treated soldiers on both sides of the battle and was subsequently executed by German firing squad, despite international pressure for mercy. Bill shared his extensive collection of postal cards and stamps depicting her life and death.

THE AUCTION!

Gene Bujdos and Mike Moticha were able to acquire one of the rarer 1961 souvenir sheet. Variety #3 It was auctioned at the September 22nd meeting. Leonard L. was the winner, and fun was had by all.



#3 variety of 1961 SS

There are a number of the #2 variety still available. These will be sold first come based on postal mark, at the price of \$8.00

each. These won't last long, as there is a waiting list for these past issues. If you need the 1961 Souvenir sheet with the three lines and want to add it to your collection send your payment to "

Wilksburg Stamp Club
C/o Gene Bujdos
Department W
P.O. Box 5649,
Pittsburgh, PA 15207.



#2 Variety of the 1961 SS

All proceeds go to the club!

WSC Meetings

ALL Visitors are welcome!
We meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays
No Holidays
Next meetings

October 13th
October 27th
November 10
November 24
December 8
HOLIDAY PARTY
December 22
No meeting

Summers Meetings
June thru August
2nd Sundays only

Doors Open 12:30
Meeting starts at 2PM

Churchill Borough Building,
2300 William Penn Hwy
Churchill, PA 15235.

Free light lunch available

USPS' Stamp Price Increase Halted

A federal appeals court threw out 5-cent 'Forever Stamp' price hike. **along with other adjustments made in January to the price of first-class mail.**

Will prices now drop?

The postal service, which reported a \$2.3 billion third-quarter loss, chose a 5-cent increase to 55 cents partly because it made calculating the cost of buying multiple stamps easier than a 2-cent jump to 52 cents. A non-practicing lawyer Douglas Carlson, who says he is a lifelong postal enthusiast, filed an objection in December and pursued the case on his own. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled Friday September 13, 2019 that a postal commission failed to provide an adequate explanation for the increase from 50 to 55 cents and failed to respond to public comments challenging the increase.

A U.S. Postal Service spokesman says the service is reviewing the decision and considering its legal options. Spokesman

David Partenheimer confirmed in an email that at this time customers will still be charged the new January rates for first-class mail, including 55 cents for a Forever Stamp.

"Although the 5-cent stamp price hike may have gone unnoticed by many, the American Revolution was fomented in part by ordinary people who objected to taxation through stamps," U.S. Circuit Judge Neomi Rao wrote in a unanimous 26-page rebuke to an increase adopted in January. The court ruled that the increase was arbitrary and capricious. The immediate fallout of the decision was not immediately clear, as the Postal Service said it is "considering our legal options." By the court's own admission, an "invalid rate increase can result in overpayment to the Postal Service without any means of recovery."

Slobbo Gazette

An unlikely alliance of the rulers of Upper and Lower Slobbovia, came about when they realized they were running short of funds for their elaborate way of life. So they schemed to solve the problem and Slobbovia announced a rate increase for mail delivery for 2019. This is the second time in 12 months the rate has been changed. The poor and destitute are now demanded to give all but the skin off their backs.

But wait, ... the people are fighting back and the great dishonest court of Lower/Upper Slobbovia has said it is unjust, and too high an increase and would cause extreme hardship for the people, in the frozen wasteland...

Makes no difference, the cost already expended and it can't be retrieved, and the king of Lower Slobbovia, King Stubbornovsky, and the king of Upper Slobbovia, Good King Nogoodnik got their funds in the end...

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Up Coming Stamp Shows

Chambersburg Stamp Expo **Oct 5th, 2019**

Eugene Clarke Jr. Comm. Center
235 S. 3rd. St
Chambersburg, PA 17201
Contact: Richard Sprinkle
Phone: 717-263-4457

Fairview Park Universal Coin, Currency & Stamp Show **Oct 6th, 2019**

American Legion Post # 42
22001 Brookpark Rd.
Fairview Park, OH 44126
Contact: John Coteleur
Phone: 440-864-7473
Hours: Sun 10-3

GETTYPEX 2019

October 19, 2019
Gettysburg Fire Company
35 North Stratton Street
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17350
Contact: Dwight L. Monn
Email: dmonn@pa.net
Phone: 717-624-4864

Cuy-LorPex

Oct 26th - 27th, 2019
Rocky River Memorial Hall
21016 Hilliard Blvd.
Rocky River, OH 44116
Contact: Stan Fairchild
Phone: 440-333-2536
Hours: Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4

Greenhills Classic Stamp and Coin Show

October 27th, 2019

American Legion
11100 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45218
Contact: Xenia Coin
Phone: 937-376-2807
Hours: Sun 10-4

Lancaster Stamp Show **Oct 27th, 2019**

Farm & Home Center
1383 Arcadia Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601
Contact: Kevin Kellman
Phone: 301-524-9562
Hours: Sun 10-4

Tri-State Monthly Coin & Stamp Show

Oct 27th, 2019
Sheraton Bucks County
400 Oxford Valley
Langhorne, PA 19047
Contact: Allen Brock
Phone: 305-852-7678
Hours: Sun 10-4

PITTPLEX 2019

November 2 - 3, 2019
South Fayette Fire Hall
661 Millers Run Rd.
Bridgeville, Pennsylvania 15031
Contact: Bryan Gross
Email: maxaugust@aol.com

In Memoriam

Ranger Tim Manka of Regent Square, passed away September 4, 2019. Born in Pittsburgh on December 12, 1945. He was a National Park Ranger Naturalist in many National Parks all over the US. He was an excellent Science Teacher in the Shaler area. He was an Eagle Scout and a beloved Scout who received the Silver Beaver Award. He was an active member of many science and nature groups. Tim is survived by his three brothers, Paul, John, and Dan, and their wives. He was loved by his nephews, nieces and grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tim's name to Edgewood Boy Scout Troop # 23 or Etna Scout Troop # 173

It's your newsletter!

Help Make it special

Con and I are planning to move sometime in 2020,... Anyone wanting to take over as editor of the newsletter, please contact me, I will work with you, to try to make the transition an easy one.

Original articles for the newsletter may be submitted by any of the membership to Deb Foltyn at a meeting or emailed to Quest4moos@msn.com

Regular mail:
Deb Foltyn
1023 Brintell Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15201-1637

Ideas or content suggestions are welcome.

Note articles submitted may be edited for content or to fit the Format.*

Club members get a free black and white hard copy of the newsletter.

New Member

Welcome to
Rose Marie Black
Rose Marie, collects stamps and postal cards.
She lives in Murrysville,
and is a member of the APS

New from the USPS for October



The Postal Service™ continues to honor the sacrifices of the men and women who serve in the U.S. military issuing a new Purple Heart Medal 2019 stamp, which depicts the medal suspended from its ribbon.

Purple Heart

Issue Date: October 4
Place of Issue:
Noblesville, Indiana (Indypex)
Format: sheet of 20
Denomination: 55¢ forever



Halloween has long been a holiday that lets us delight in the things that scare us. With the approach of autumn, **Spooky Silhouettes** stamps will offer fun, frightful scenes that symbolize this annual celebration. The images include a cat with an arched back beneath a raven perched on a bare tree branch, against a yellowish-green background; two ghosts against an orange background; a spider and a web against a red background; and three bats against a purple background.

To be issued Friday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. EDT at the Milford Pumpkin Festival Milford, NH 03055
Available in sheet of \$20 (five of each design) for \$11.00

The Postal Service will release a **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder**

PTSD Semi-postal

(PTSD) semi-postal stamp in 2019.

Semi-postal stamps are issued and sold by the Postal Service at a price above the First-Class Mail single-piece 1-ounce rate to raise funds for designated causes. The image and additional details of the stamp has yet to be announced.

Since semi-postal stamps are sold for no more than two years, And the Alzheimer's semi-postal stamp was issued November 30, 2017, Could it be possible the PTSD stamp will be issued in November 2019, when the Alzheimer stamp is no longer available or will they wait until December?

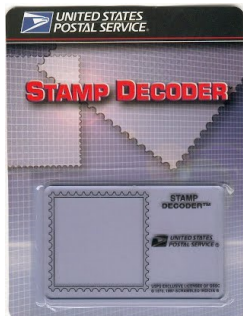
Junior Corner

The Tools of the Philatelists or Stamp Collector;

The Stamp Decoder is an optical lens manufactured for reading hidden images and symbols on selected US Stamp issues. Each decoder lens comprises thousands of tiny elongated lenses called lenticules.

On most of the stamps issues, the decoder needs to be placed horizontally (with the printed wording on the decoder facing up) to view the images while other stamps may require turning the decoder to a 15 degree angle to view them.

During the years 1997 to 2004 the United States Post Office produced nearly 1.75 billion postage stamps that contain a "hidden image". These covert



designs are only visible with a "Stamp Decoder".

The first US Stamp decoder was issued in 1997, reissued in 1998 in a different packing and finally in 2005 in the packaging above. **NO Longer Available!**

This was an attempt by the USPS to prevent counterfeiting.

List of US stamps with hidden images by

Scott #	Date	Stamp Name	Hidden Image/ Images
3036	1998	Red Fox, Fox	
3167	1997	Air Force Thunderbirds, "USAF", Star in circle, View at 15 degrees	
3168	1997	Lon Chaney as the Phantom of the Opera, 2 Opera masks	
3169	1997	Bella Lugosi as Dracula, 3 Bats	
3170	1997	Boris Karloff as Frankenstein, 3 Lightning bolts	
3171	1997	Boris Karloff as the Mummy, 2 Egyptian deities	
3172	1997	Lon Chaney, Jr. as the Wolfman, 2 Howling wolves	
3178	1997	Mars Pathfinder, "MARS PATHFINDER•JULY 4,1997", "•USPS"	
3206	1998	Wisconsin, Badger	

3230	1998	Bright Eyes Dog, Dog bone and dog house
3231	1998	Bright Eyes Fish, 8 Bubbles
3232	1998	Bright Eyes Cat, Paw print and mouse
3233	1998	Bright Eyes Parakeet, Bird cage
3234	1998	Bright Eyes Hamster, Exercise wheel
3238	1998	Space City, Large & small spacecraft, figure
3239	1998	Spaceship landing, Small spacecraft
3240	1998	Person in space suit, Small spacecraft
3241	1998	Space ship taking off, Small spacecraft
3242	1998	Large domed structure, Large & small spacecraft
3261	1998	Shuttle Landing, Enterprise, Columbia, Challenger, Atlantis, Endeavor, Discovery
3262	1998	Shuttle Piggyback, Enterprise, Columbia, Challenger, Atlantis, Endeavor, Discovery
3321	1999	Skateboarding, "GNARLY"
3322	1999	BMX biking, "RAD"
3323	1999	Snowboarding, "SWEET"
3324	1999	Inline skating, "PHAT"
3472	2001	US Capitol, "PRIORITY MAIL"
3473	2001	Washington Monument, "EXPRESS MAIL"
3647	2002	Jefferson Memorial, Jefferson's Signature
3648	2002	U.S. Capitol Dome, U.S. Flag
3651	2002	Harry Houdini, 4 Chains wrapped around Houdini's body
3771	2003	Special Olympics Special Olympics logo, View at 90 degrees
3787	2003	Old Cape Henry, VA, Date: 1792
3788	2003	Cape Lookout, NC, Date: 1859
3789	2003	Morris Island, SC, Date: 1876
3790	2003	Tybee Island, GA, Date: 1867
3791	2003	Hillsboro Inlet, FL, Date: 1907
3808	2003	Bronko Nagurski, Football Player
3809	2003	Ernie Nevers, Football Player
3810	2003	Walter Camp, Football Player
3811	2003	37¢ Harold "Red" Grange, Football Player
3838	2004	37¢ U.S. Air Force Academy, Peregrine falcon, View at 90°
3862	2004	37¢ National WWII Memorial, U.S. Flag

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50 Years ago - September 1968



The United Nations is the only non-postal organization in the world that is permitted to issue

postage stamps. The United Nations Postal Administration is also the only organization to issue stamps in three different currencies, namely US dollars, Swiss francs and euro (until 2002 in Austrian schillings).

The idea of the United Nations issuing its own stamps was first proposed by the Argentinean UN ambassador José Arce, himself a keen philatelist, in 1947. An agreement with the United States postal authorities was reached in 1951 and it stipulated that the stamps be denominated in United States currency, and used only at UN Headquarters.

The first United Nations

stamps were issued in U.S. dollar denominations on United Nations Day, 24 October, in 1951. The stamps were an immediate success and sold out within days. Similar postal agreements were reached with the Swiss and Austrian postal authorities. On 11 December 1968, an agreement between the United Nations and the Swiss Postal Telephone and Telegraph Enterprise enabled the Geneva office of UN-PA to issue the first UN stamps in Swiss francs on 4 October 1969. Country: UNO Geneva Series: UN-Symbols Themes: Architecture | Buildings | Cartography | Government Buildings | Maps | Offices

Issued on: October 4, 1969
 Size: 27 x 36 mm
 Colors: Multicolor
 Format: Stamp
 Emission: Definitive
 Perforation: comb 13 x 13½
 Printing: Photogravure
 Face value: 0.05 Fr. Swiss franc
 Print run: 3,300,000

