

Winter Holidays Celebrated Around the World

Winter months contain several holidays. Countries and people all over the world have unique holidays customs and traditions, even if some are not as well known.

Diwali

Diwali (pronounced duh-vaa-lee) is the Hindu festival of lights. It symbolizes triumphs of light over darkness and good over evil. This holiday celebrates Rama's defeat of the demon king from Hindu myths, Ravana, and the rescue of Sita, Rama's wife. Rama is a manifestation of Vishnu the preserver, the second of the three major Hindu gods. Diwali is the festival climax on third day of celebration. Dhanteras, Chhoti Diwali, Diwali, Govardhan Puja and Bhai Dooj are the five days, but they have varying names. Day one of Diwali, Dhanteras, is when jewelry and utensils are bought because metal brings good luck. Gifts of sweets are given to wish family and friends prosperity. During Chhoti Diwali, Diwali and Govardhan Puja, gods are worshipped and oil lamps made of clay called diyas are lit. The festival concludes with Bhai Dooj, which recognizes love between brothers and sisters.

To prepare for Diwali, houses

are cleaned and decorated with flowers, lights, diyas and rangolis. Rangolis are designs arranged on the floor or ground with colored rice. According to the traditions of India, "... the entire city and people are decorated with diyas (earthen lamps) to welcome their king."

Hanukkah

Time to light the menorah and spin the dreidel for the eight-day Jewish festival of lights, Hanukkah! One candle of the menorah is lit each night to remember the menorah that burned one pot of oil for eight days in the Holy Temple. The shamash, one of the nine candles, is used to light the other eight while prayers and blessings are chanted. Custom is to light candles and say prayers and then exchange gifts with each other. The Hebrew word Hanukkah means "dedication," and the holiday is named because the Jews rededicated the Holy Temple to God after defeating the Greeks.

Fried foods are eaten to symbolize the jar of oil that lasted the Jews eight days. Part of Hanukkah is eating all the different foods like donuts and latkes. The common Hanukkah game is played with a



India 2017, 25 Rs, #2811.



US 2022, Forever, #5739.

Meetings / Activities

Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Mondays (adjusted for holidays) at Christ Church 3440 Shroyer Rd Kettering OH 45429

For the Zoom invitation and link, please email daytonstampclub@gmail.com

Member's Socializing and Silent Auctions begin at 7:00 PM - Club Meeting & Programs begin at 7:30 PM Board Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

NOVEMBER

11/1 WOOPEX. Wooster Stamp Club 2025 Annual Stamp Show. Exhibits, Multiple dealers, USPS Reps, Silent Auction & FREE admission. Ida Sue School, 266 Oldman Rd, Wooster OH. HRS: 9am-5pm.

11/3 *****SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:20PM***** Round-Table Discussions on Buying & Selling via APS, eBay, & HipStamp

11/10 DSC Board Meeting Set 2025 calendar & budget review

11/17 Club Election for 2025 & How to Evaluate (or Research) a US Cover DSC Member Speakers - Dennis Callison & Doug Fies

DECEMBER

12/1 DSC HolidayPEX Party Starts at 6:30 pm at Church Dinner Party at Church

12/8** 2nd Monday **AUCTION #7 - Auction** - Type TBD

12/15** 3rd Monday Board Meeting
Revised: 11/1/2025

LOOK TO 2026

DSC MEMBERS —

- ♦ Have fun collecting stamps
- ♦ Ideas for club programs
- ♦ Encourage new members
- ♦ Participate in meetings
- ♦ Recruit youth collectors
- ♦ Visit stamp shows

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November Dayton Stamp Club Meeting

November 3 — Silent Auction 7:00-7:20pm

7:30 pm —Round-Table Discussion on Buying & Selling via APS, ebay, & HipStamp

November 10 — 7:00 pm -- Board Meeting All are WELCOME

Establish 2026 Calendar & Budget Review

November 17— 7:30 pm Club Meeting and Program—In person & Zoom

Club Election for 2026

How to Evaluate (or research) a US Cover, DSC Members Dennis Callison & Doug Files

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spinning top called a dreidel, and based on what symbol the dreidel lands on, money or candy is won or lost. A Hebrew letter marks each side of the four-faced dreidel, and the letters form an acronym that stands for “a great miracle happened there.” It is also traditional to give children Hanukkah gelt, or monetary gifts.

St. Lucia Day

With December comes the promise of the Scandinavian festival of lights, St. Lucia Day. Killed by Romans for her religious views, St. Lucia is honored in December in Sweden, Norway and Finland. St. Lucia Day symbolizes the coming of the Christmas season and how there is light even in the darkest part of the year.

Norse people added St. Lucia to their winter solstice celebrations after converting to Christianity. Every town selects someone to be St. Lucia, and that person leads a parade of boys and girls dressed in white. The girls also wear lite wreaths in their hair. Eldest daughters serve their family coffee and baked goods.



St. Lucia 1968, Mi# 229-232.

Traditional baked goods are saffron bread and ginger biscuits.

Las Posadas

Las Posadas is a nine-day religious festival celebrated primarily in Mexico and other Latin American countries. Translating to “The Inns,” Las Posadas commemorates the journey made by Joseph and Mary in search of somewhere for Mary to give birth to Jesus.

A procession of dressed-up children and musicians stop at houses in their town every night to ask for shelter like Mary. They are refused lodgings, read parts of the Bible and sing carols. Mass is held every day and pinatas are broken open that are shaped like the star that led the Three Wise Men to Jesus. Tamales, bunuelos (Mexican fried dough), pozole (stew) and pambazo (Mexican white bread) are eaten.

Día de Los Reyes is a holiday similar to Las Posadas on January. It is also known as Epiphany or Three Kings’ Day. Honoring the Three Wise Men whom Jesus received gifts from, gifts are given and King’s Cake decorated like a crown is served.



US 2023, Pinatas, #5812-15.

Children leave out shoes and a wish list, then the Three Kings come in the night to fill them with presents.



US Kwanzaa 2006, # 4119

Kwanzaa

Meaning “first” is a seven-day African-American festival at the end of the year that was created by a professor named Maulana Karenga to celebrate African culture and morals. Families participate in activities relating to the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. One of the seven candles in the Kinara is lit each night. The candles represent the Seven Principles.

Tet Nguyen Dan

At the closing of winter is Tet Nguyen Dan, or Tet, the Vietnamese New Year, Thanksgiving, Christmas and birthday celebration all in one holiday. Tet Nguyen Dan means the “Feast of the First Morning of the First Day.” Lucky decorations include pictures of your ancestors, incense candles and lucky fruits like mango, coconut, papaya,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 Sept. 15, 2025



USPS Operation Santa Now Accepting Letters From Kids and Families Across the Country

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service today kicked off the 2025 season of [USPS Operation Santa](https://www.usps.com/operation-santa), inviting children and families across the country to begin writing and sending letters to Santa Claus. The beloved program, now in its 113th year, connects letter writers with generous individuals and organizations who help fulfill their holiday wishes.

Beginning today, individuals and families can submit letters following program guidelines available at [USPSOperationSanta.com](https://www.usps.com/operation-santa). Letters must be postmarked by Dec. 6 to be eligible for adoption and fulfillment. This year, participants now have the option to fulfill wishes from multiple people within a single household by adopting a family letter.

"For more than a century, USPS Operation Santa has brought communities together to make the holidays brighter," said Sheila Holman, USPS marketing vice president. "Each year, we receive far more letters than we have adopters, and this year we want to change that - especially by encouraging participants to adopt family letters, which makes it possible to fulfill the wishes of an entire household at once."

The Postal Service is also making it easier than ever for participants to fulfill holiday wishes. The USPS Operation Santa online gift catalog — introduced last year to streamline the fulfillment and shipping experience — will feature a significantly expanded selection with thousands of items. When letter adoption opens on Nov. 17, adopters will be able to shop and ship conveniently and directly from the online catalog.

For more information and full program guidelines, including important dates and details on how to write a letter or participate by fulfilling a letter, visit [USPSOperationSanta.com](https://www.usps.com/operation-santa).

Holiday Shipping Deadlines

Cutoff Dates for December 25, 2025

If you're shipping holiday cards and gifts for Hanukkah (Dec. 14–Dec. 22), Christmas (Dec. 25), Kwanzaa (Dec. 26–Jan. 1), or other holiday traditions, find the USPS® recommended domestic, international, and military deadlines in these tables. The earlier you send, the better: Don't delay, mail

2025 Holiday Shipping Dates for Contiguous U.S. (Lower 48 States)

Domestic Mail Class	Dec 17
First-Class Mail	Dec 17
Priority Mail	Dec 18
Priority Express	Dec 20

2025 Holiday Shipping Dates for Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and U.S. Territories

- USPS Ground Advantage service: Dec. 16
- First-Class Mail: Dec. 17
- Priority Mail: Dec. 18
- Priority Mail Express: Dec. 20

2025 Holiday Shipping Dates for International Mail

Destination

<u>Africa</u>	<u>Asia/Pacific Rim</u>	<u>Australia/New Zealand</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Caribbean</u>
<u>Europe</u>	<u>Mexico</u>	<u>Middle East</u>		
<u>First-Class Package International Service®</u>		<u>Priority Mail International® Service</u>	<u>Priority Mail Express International® Service</u>	
Dec. 9		Dec. 9	Dec. 16	

Central & South America

<u>First-Class Package International Service®</u>	<u>Priority Mail International® Service</u>	<u>Priority Mail Express International® Service</u>
Dec. 2	Dec. 2	Dec. 16

2025 Holiday Shipping Dates for Military Mail

USPS Ground Advantage	First-Class Mail	Priority Mail	Priority Mail Express Military Service (PMEMS)
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Nov 4	Dec 9	Dec 16
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 93	Nov 4	Dec 9	N/A
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 94-099	Nov 4	Dec 9	Dec 16
APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 340	Nov 4	Dec 9	Dec 16
APO/FPO/DPO/ AE ZIPs 962-966	Nov 4	Dec 9	Dec16

PMEMS is available to selected military/diplomatic Post Offices™. Check with your local Post Office to determine if this service is available to an APO/FPO/DPO addresses



The World of Chemistry on Postage Stamps

with Dan Rabinovich, Ph.D.

Tuesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. Eastern via Zoom

A surprisingly large number of stamps have been issued to commemorate scientific discoveries or to honor well-known scientists. This presentation will feature postage stamps pertaining to the history of chemistry, the discovery and sources of several chemical elements, the development of the periodic table, chemical formulas and structures, laboratory equipment, biochemistry, and various aspects of the chemical industry.

[Register Here](#)



An Introduction to United Nations Philately

with Greg Galletti

Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. Eastern via Zoom

This presentation will provide collectors with a good basic foundation of what UN stamps and postal history are all about.

Greg Galletti has been a UN collector for over 50 years. He has served as President of the United Nations Philatelists for approximately 16 years and been an active board member since 1978. Greg specializes in UN forerunner postal history and Swiss League of Nations material. He has been an avid philatelic exhibitor for nearly 50 years and has created over 20 exhibits on topics related to the UN and League of Nations.

[Register Here](#)

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Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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www.garfieldperry.org

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Postal Inspectors Warn of Fake Postage Stamp Scams

The United States Postal Service is warning customers to be on alert for counterfeit postage scams that have been spreading online and through third-party sellers. In a statement released by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in late September, officials cautioned that consumers should not be enticed by offers that claim to provide stamps at deep discounts. "Don't fall for fake stamps," the agency warned in a poster distributed as part of the campaign. Postal inspectors report that these scams often advertise savings of 40 to 50 percent off the face value of stamps, an offer that should immediately raise suspicion. U.S. Postal Inspector Kelly McNulty explained, "If you see large discounts on stamps, like 40 to 50 percent off, it's probably too good to be true."

The fraudulent offers can involve counterfeit versions of forever stamps, postage labels, or even entire rolls of fake stamps. Mail bearing counterfeit postage can be intercepted or discarded, and those who unknowingly use the fraudulent stamps may face financial losses or penalties.

The Postal Service emphasized that stamps should only be purchased directly from USPS locations, through usps.com, or from approved retailers.

The Inspection Service is investigating networks that produce or distribute counterfeit postage and is encouraging the public to report suspicious sales.

Customers who suspect they have received or purchased counterfeit stamps are advised by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to report them directly through official USPS channels. The best way is to submit a report online at www.uspis.gov/report. There, consumers can provide details about where and how the stamps were purchased, upload photos if possible, and file a fraud complaint.

Alternatively, reports can be made by calling the Postal Inspection Service at 877-876-2455 and selecting option 2. Customers can also bring suspicious stamps to their local post office for review, but the official complaint still needs to be filed through the inspection service.

The warning is part of a broader



U.S. Postal Inspection Service warning poster urges consumers, "Don't fall for fake Stamps."

USPS effort to protect both consumers and the mail system. Through Project Safe Delivery, postal officials are working to prevent fraud and safeguard the integrity of the nation's mail. Consumers are urged to stay alert, avoid offers that appear too good to be true, and report questionable postage to the authorities.

By Linn's Stamp News



BOSTON 2026 WORLD EXPO

For Immediate Release

Mail Art Entries Welcomed

The “Rebellion! International Mail Art Show” taking place during Boston 2026 will highlight “mail as art” produced by young and old from around the world. Here is an opportunity to display your artistic talents!

Mail art has a long history and includes drawing, printmaking, photography, collage and more, decorating mail pieces in a myriad of ways. See examples at zmagmailartistgroup.com.

The premise is simple. Use an envelope (any size up to 9x12 inches or an A4 sheet) or post card as a canvas and create a design related to the theme of rebellion, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Any art medium may be used. Be creative and colorful! Additional design work on the reverse is allowed. When completed, address the envelope to the coordinators, add postage, use an optional cardboard stiffener and mail the envelope. Do not include a note or other enclosure. All entries will be displayed in the joint Youth/Beginner’s area on the exhibition show floor as well as online at rebellion2026.blogspot.com, where full project details can be found. For privacy concerns, entrants may consider writing their return address on the reverse rather than the front, which will not be shown.

Entries must be received by May 1 and cannot be returned. Send your mail art to:

Rebellion! mail art
144 Moody St.
Building 18
Waltham, MA 02453
USA

Boston 2026 World Expo takes place May 23-30, 2026, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Full show details may be found at Boston2026.org and on X and Facebook. Sign up to be added to the Boston 2026 email list and receive updates when available.



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watermelon and soursop. Soursop is a green, prickly fruit that tastes like pineapple or strawberry. Bananas are never brought into the house. Families display vibrant lanterns and participate going to flower parades.

Tet Nguyen Dan, commonly referred to as Tet, is Vietnam’s most significant and traditional celebration, marking the arrival of the Lunar New Year. It is a time for family reunions, paying respects to ancestors, and welcoming a new beginning filled with hopes for prosperity and good fortune. Ao dai, or traditional long dresses, are worn, and sticky rice is eaten. Money is received from the elders in red envelopes called li xi.

A favorite part of Tet in Vietnamese culture is when children get small amounts of money in the beginning of the year, it is supposed to bring good fortune.” Bau cua tom ca (gourd-crab-shrimp-fish), is a gambling game played during Tet with three dice. Each face on the dice has a different animal on it, and players bet on which animals will show up when the dice are rolled.

These winter holidays are not be as well known to all, but they are special and deserve to be celebrated and recognized.



Vietnam 2000, 15,000, #3012

First United States First Christmas Postage Stamp

By Douglas Files



On November 1, 1962, the US Post Office issued its first-ever Christmas stamp, starting a popular tradition that continues to this day.

There's some debate as to which country issued the first-ever Christmas stamp. Canada often gets the honor for its 1898 issue

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At the dedication ceremony, Postmaster General Day said this stamp would be the first in a new series of Christmas stamps. The Post Office expected there would be a great demand for the issue, so they printed 350 million stamps – the largest print run for a special stamp up to that time. Those 350 million stamps sold out quickly, leading the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to produce more stamps – reaching one billion by the end of the year

that pictured a map and had the inscription "XMAS 1898." In the coming years, other nations issued stamps with similar holiday inscriptions, and eventually with religious or holiday-themed designs.

By the early 1960s, the US Post Office was receiving 1,000 letters a year (for several years) asking for a Christmas-themed stamp to frank their holiday mail. The Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee supported the idea and recommended a Christmas stamp, which was officially announced in May 1962. In his announcement, Postmaster General J. Edward Day stated that there were two subjects he knew were popular with the public – the US flag and Christmas. He went on to say, "This coming Christmas season, there will be a special stamp especially appropriate for use on Christmas cards."

America's first Christmas stamp was then issued on November 1, 1962, at a special ceremony in



The issuing of a stamp honoring a religious holiday drew controversy, as some people felt it was a conflict involving separation of church and state. There were some legal actions taken to block the release of the stamp, but they all failed.

True to the postmaster general's word, this was the first stamp in an annual series that continues to this day. The series is now known as Contemporary Christmas, with images and topics relating to our modern Christmas celebrations. On November 1, 1966, the Post Office introduced a new series, Traditional Christmas, which features classic artwork with religious images of the Madonna and Child, Angel Gabriel, the Nativity, and more.



In recent decades, the USPS expanded its holiday themed stamps even further. In 1996, they introduced the Hanukkah Series. They followed this up the next year with the Kwanzaa Series. The first Eid stamp was issued in 2001 and a Diwali stamp in 2016.

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Nondenominated Christmas stamps; 'Wrong Way' Corrigan airmail souvenir by John Hotchner

As the Christmas season approaches, I go to the drawer that contains my old Christmas stamps to use on my cards. Though most of the stamps have stated face values or are the more recent forever stamps that are always valid for the current first-class rate, the face value of others is not as clear.

These stamps were issued in years in which the postage rate was scheduled to change and what the new rate would be was not known when the stamps had to go to press. Because of this, the stamps were issued without a value stated on them and are known as nondenominated issues.

And because of the lack of a face value, these stamps have caused no end of trouble to users and to post office personnel ever since.

I have even had postal clerks tell me that they were just pretty labels for the holiday — not valid postage stamps at all.

The stamps under discussion are shown with the chart in Figure 1. This chart is presented as a service to Linn's readers. You can even use it to prove to postal clerks that these are really U.S. postage stamps.



Figure 2. This airmail stamped envelope bears a cachet commemorating the transatlantic flight of pilot Douglas Corrigan, known as "Wrong Way" Corrigan. The cover is canceled Aug. 30, 1938, in Norfolk, Va.

'WRONG WAY' CORRIGAN

An audacious and illegal trip to Ireland by pilot Douglas Corrigan in 1938 landed him in the record books, but it also required that he concoct what turns out to be a flimsy excuse for heading across the Atlantic when his filed flight plan had him returning to California from New York.

This was the stunt that resulted in his being known forevermore as "Wrong Way" Corrigan. The airmail cover in Figure 2 canceled in Norfolk, Va., on Aug. 30, 1938, salutes his journey.

After flying to New York from California on July 9, 1938, Corrigan filed a flight plan for return to Long Beach, Calif., on July 17. He left at 5:15 a.m. to the

east, and instead of circling back toward California, he just kept going. He landed at Baldonnell Aerodrome, County Dublin, Ireland, on July 18, after a hour, 13-minute flight.

The fake flight plan had made necessary by the repeated official denial of his applications to fly over the Atlantic to Ireland. The reason given for the denials was that his plane was not air-worthy enough to make the flight.

When questioned after the flight, Corrigan claimed that his mistake was because of a navigational error caused by heavy cloud cover that obscured landmarks and low-light conditions that caused him to misread his compass.

He never acknowledged that he set out that morning intending to fly to Ireland, but the weight of the evidence makes it all but certain that his actions were not a mistake at all, but a deliberate effort to accomplish his dream.

After the flight, aviation officials from the Bureau of Air Commerce sent a 600-word telegram to Corrigan listing the regulations broken by his flight. But the punishment ultimately handed down was a slap on the wrist: His pilot's certificate was suspended for only 14 days.

Corrigan and his plane returned to New York on the steamship Manhattan, arriving on Aug. 4, the last day of his suspension. He received a hero's welcome and a New York ticker tape parade.

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YEAR	SCOTT CATALOG NO.	STAMP DESIGN	FACE VALUE
1975	1579	Madonna and Child by Domenico Ghirlandaio	10c
1975	1580, 1580B	Christmas card by Louis Prang, 1878	10c
1981	1939	Madonna and Child by Botticelli	20c
1981	1940	Teddy bear on sleigh	20c
1991	2578	Madonna and Child by Antoniazio Romano	25c
1991	2579-2585	Five different designs with Santa Claus, in chimney, checking list, with present, at fireplace, and sleigh	25c

Figure 1. This chart and the illustrated stamps present the nondenominated Christmas issues of 1975, 1984 and 1991. Because the stamps lack a face value, they have often confused both users and post office personnel.

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The Christmas series has seen several interesting “firsts” over the years, including the first self-adhesive stamp (#1552), the first non-denominated stamps (#1579 and 1580), and the first self-adhesive coil stamps with a plate number (2799-2802).



World Wide Religion

Reflected on Postage Stamps

The first United States postage stamp that pictured traditional Christmas items of candles and a wreath was produced in 1962.

In following decades other religious images and artistic works were displayed on U.S. postage stamps. The holiday themed stamps became a regularly issued postage stamp for consumers.



Hanukkah

1996, 32c, #3118



Kwanzaa

1997, 32c, #3175



Eid

2001 34c #3532



Diwali

2016, Forever #5142



1974 dove weather vane self adhesive precanceled (10c)



1975 Madonna AND Child,, (10c) #1579 nondenominated



1975 Christmas Card (10c) #1580 nondenominated



Christmas 29c Self adhesive coil #2799-2802



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A new era for Scott and Linn's

By Jay Bigalke

This acquisition places these cornerstone publications of the stamp hobby — the Scott catalogs, *Linn's Stamp News* and *Scott Stamp Monthly* — back into the hands of passionate collectors dedicated to strengthening and modernizing philately for future generations.

That's the heart of what happened earlier this month when Scott Stamp LLC, the company that fellow collector and entrepreneur David Fritz and I formed, officially acquired these iconic brands from Amos Media Co.

[In the official announcement](#), I said, “It's incredibly meaningful to see these trusted names in philately return to collector ownership.”

Dayton Stamp Club: Program Minerals and Gems



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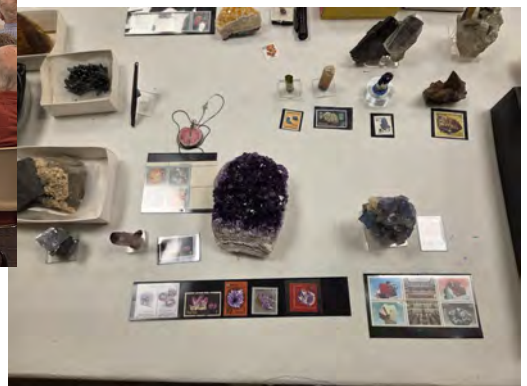


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Why We Collect Stamps

Soliloquy of a Postage Stamp

I am the world's greatest traveler. I've journeyed from pole to pole, and all the climes between . . . by dogsled, camel and horseback, by every land, sea and air conveyance; even by submarine, dirigible and rocket.

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I am the world's greatest picture chronicle and miniature encyclopedia. I map communities, countries and continents, and reveal views from every strange remote corner of the earth. I depict mountains, and valleys; oceans, rivers, lakes, waterfalls, geysers, harbors, bridges and dams; native canoes, sailing ships and modern ocean liners; monuments and statues; castles, cathedrals, churches, missions, mosques, temples and ruins of temples; and every type of locomotion, from automobiles to zeppelins and steamboats to space ships. I delineate all manner of sports, handicrafts, customs, sacred rites and ceremonies; and nearly every variety of bird, animal, fish, fruit and flower.

I frame the horrors of war, the blessings of peace, the hardships of emigration, the plight of indigence and the blight of famine. I illustrate the adventures of Don Quixote, the fairy tales of childhood and the legends of all civilizations. I reflect the symbols of art and culture, of natural resources and industry, of trade and commerce, of agriculture and architecture, and of all human endeavor. I commemorate the expeditions and voyages, and the inventions, discoveries and creations that make life worth living.

Millions of men, women and children are fascinated by me. Through my infinite variety they find boundless pleasure, relaxation and enchantment.

Yet . . . I am only a postage stamp!

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