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NATIONAL STAMP COLLECTING MONTH

National Stamp Collecting Month in October is a holiday for one of the most popular hobbies in the world —

STAMP COLLECTING.

Stamps were invented in 1837 as a means for people to pay for their mail, and it wasn't long after that that people started collecting them!

In those days, stamp collectors were also called philatelists. A term that has stuck for some of the more die hard stamp collectors. Since the 1800's, stamps have undergone many changes. They've been perforated, coiled, and printed, and have become more and more colorful. Looking at a long timeline of stamps can actually be very beautiful!

Today, many people collect stamps as families and pass them along to their children. Believe it or not, it's been so popular that some have called it "the world's most popular hobby" and "the hobby of a lifetime."

Join the U.S. Postal Service in Celebrating Our Country's 250th Birthday



Our Founding Fathers knew that a robust, reliable, and secure means of exchanging information was critical to unify the distant parts of our nation—and to maintain unity once we achieved independence.

Women postmasters were the first women managers in the federal government. Mary Katherine Goddard was the first known woman postmaster in the United Colonies, the precursor of the United States.

In addition to serving as postmaster, she was a printer and ran a book shop and book bindery. She was also the first person to print the Declaration of Independence with the names of the signers.

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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.

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OCTOBER

Oct 5, Club Meeting & Program—In Person & Zoom [AUCTION #6—Regular Member Auction](#)

Oct 12, 7:00 pm Board Meeting

Oct 19, Club Meeting & Program— In Person & Zoom — Member Bourse & Club Open House—[Buy. Sell. Trade](#)

NOVEMBER

Nov 2, >>Club CASH Auction Preview 7:00-7:25 pm<< Club Meeting & Program— In Person & Zoom — Santa Claus on Stamps and Seals, DSC Member—Susan Kolze

Nov 7, Dutch Study Group in The Netherlands, for more info contact Mike Molle (mickeymolle@hotmail.com)

Nov 6-7, AAPEX 2026 Stamp Show, Ann Arbor Stamp Club sponsors over 20 dealers from 10 states selling US and Worldwide Stamps, Covers, Postal History and Supplies. Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Hutton River Dr., Ann Arbor, MI. Hrs: Fri 10-5 and Sat-10-4. Free admission and parking.

Nov 9, 7:00 pm Board Meeting - Set 2026 Calendar & Budget Review

Nov 16, Club Meeting & Program— In Person & Zoom -Club Election for 2026

DECEMBER

Dec 7, HolidayPEX Party Starts at 6:30pm at Church, Dinner Party at Church

Dec 14, Board Meeting

Dec 21, NO MEETING.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

Enjoy Collecting Stamps

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Newspaper Wrappers

By Doug Files

Many other items are gathered under the term "stamp collecting" besides postage stamps. Some of these side areas include revenue tax stamps, Christmas seals and stampless covers. Another branch of philately is postal stationery where the stamp is preprinted on the envelope. And one sub-area of stationery is newspaper wrappers. In the general stamp community not much is known about wrappers so let's delve into them.

Wrappers are sheets of paper which are wrapped around a rolled newspaper, magazine

or brochure to mail them.

When the wrapper was sold by the post office a stamp was already imprinted on the paper to pay the postage. In some countries these were called postal bands, because the original format was a narrow band with a



1901 British Queen Victoria one penny wrapper addressed to Bavaria Image by Royal Mail - Scan of original by Maidonian, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=47097696>

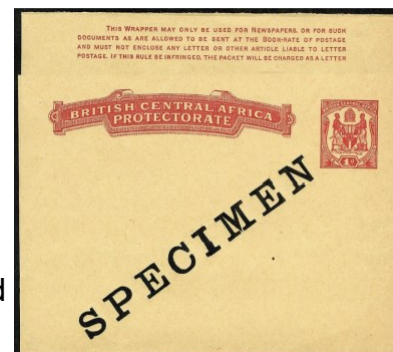
stamp imprinted on it which only wrapped around the middle of the newspaper. For the post office the band had the advantage of making sure both ends of the newspaper could be seen. Postal employees could thus ascertain

whether the item being sent met the standards for newspaper mailing. This was useful to postal authorities because printed matter rates were cheaper than first class mail rates. Mailing items inside of wrappers other than printed matter was a particular problem in the United Kingdom; text on British wrappers warned customers of added fees if they misused them.

Wrappers were purchased from the post office in flat sheets. One end of the sheet was gummed so the customer could moisten the gum, wrap the paper around the item, then write the address on it and mail it.

History

The first country to issue postal stationery newspaper wrappers was the United States in October 1861. Within five years several other countries also issued stationery in this format. Overall 110 nations issued wrappers at some point. British publisher Charles Knight (1791-1873) is celebrated as the developer of newspaper wrappers. He proposed his idea to the Chancellor of the United Kingdom in 1834 and four years later he patented an idea for "improvements in the process and in the apparatus used in the production of coloured impres-



1899 Wrapper overprinted SPECIMEN. Image by JPKos at en.wikipedia - Transferred from en.wikipedia by SreeBot, Public domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=16665164>

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USPS Exciting Holiday New Issues for Season



Sep. 12, U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Single (82c) forever commemorative stamp; pane of 20.



Sep. 18, Winter Wreath. Single (\$1.75) global forever stamp; pane of 10.



Sep. 25. Squirrels & Chipmunks in Winter. Four (82c) forever stamps; double-sided pane of 20.



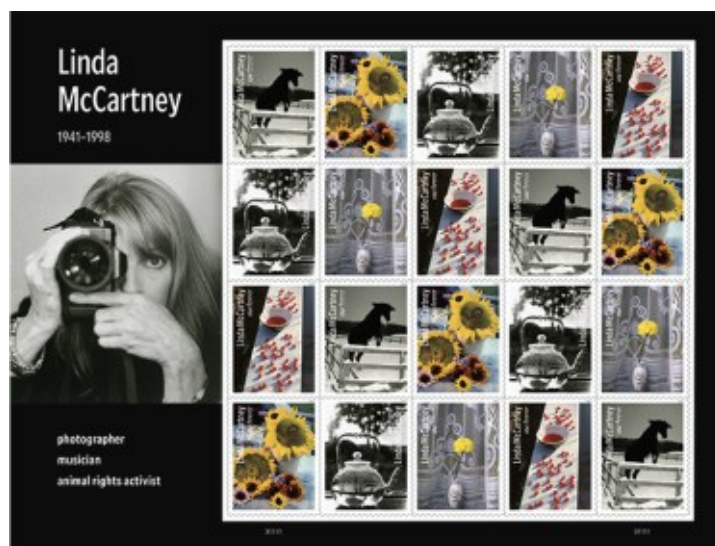
Sep. 19. Christmas Cookies. Four (82c) special forever stamps; double-sided pane of 20.



Sep. 23, Kwanzaa. Single (8 (82c) forever stamp; pane of 20.



Sep. 29 Hanukkah. Single (82c) forever stamp; pane of 20.

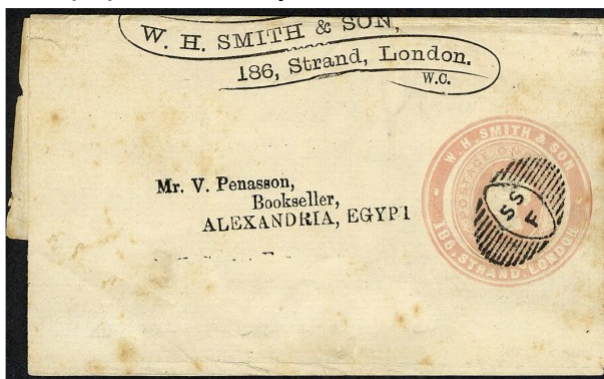


Sep 25; Linda McCartney, forever (82c) commemorative stamps, pane of 20

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sions on paper, vellum, parchment and paste-board by surface printing". The idea was not acted upon for decades, but once begun wrappers were popular for 75 years. Most countries stopped



1882 Great Britain wrapper for W H Smith & Son, addressed to Alexandria Egypt Image by General Post Office - Scanned item from uploader's collection, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=13819932>

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wrappers in the first half of the 20th century. The ones who persisted still stopped producing them in the late 20th century. The last country known to issue wrappers was Cyprus in 1991. In the United States wrappers were produced from 1861 to 1934. Once production ceased



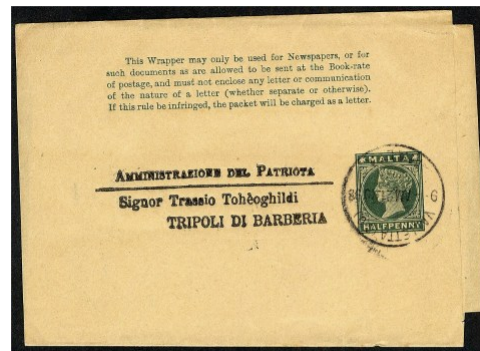
1887 Heligoland 1887 3 farthings / 5 pfennig newspaper wrapper Image by Post Office of Heligoland, a British colony - Heligoland 1887 3 farthings 5 pfennig newspaper wrapper, scanned November 2009 by JPKos, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=81459002>

American post offices still sold wrappers for several more years until their stocks were depleted. But by World War II there was no longer a need. Magazines were mailed in a different way, and the mailer paid bulk mail rates.

Collecting wrappers

In the 1800s collectors often cut off the indicium (the imprinted stamp on a postal stationery item) and saved only that part of the wrapper. If you see early cut-outs in an old album they might look like an imperforate stamp. But for the past 50 years most collectors have saved the entire

wrapper intact. Postal stationery which is whole is commonly called an "entire", and the term can



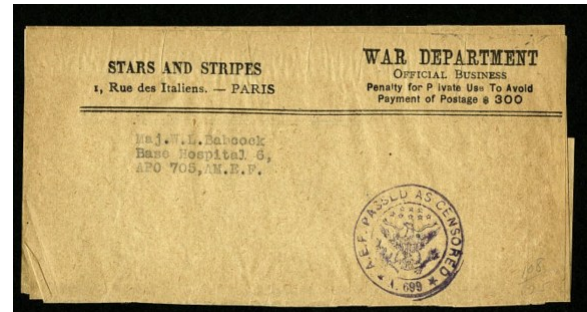
Malta newspaper wrapper used for Tripoli in 1898 Image by Post Office of Malta; original uploader was JPKos at en.wikipedia, scanned November 2009 by User:JPKos - Scan of original, Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=11027681>

refer to a postal card, an envelope or a wrapper.

Some people collect mint wrappers in unfolded condition, in which format they are often worth two to three times as

much as a folded wrapper. But as always it is up to the individual how they want to collect items.

Not every newspaper wrapper counts as postal stationery because not all of them have an indicium (a stamp) imprinted on them. Some people just wrapped a piece of paper round a rolled newspaper, addressed it and affixed a normal stamp to it. Also some nations such as the U.S. printed official government wrappers with no indicium imprinted on them, but they bore a penalty message. In the example pictured the warning



World War I official War Department newspaper wrapper image from the National Postal Museum website, https://postalmuseum.si.edu/object/npm_0.260305.16.59.1

reads: "War Department Official Business Penalty for private use to avoid payment of postage \$300.00". The penalty set by Congress was enormous: In the year 1900 three hundred dollars could purchase a suburban home in the American Midwest.

Wrappers can be collected mint or used, or both, depending on the goals of the collector. If one wishes to immerse oneself in philatelic details, wrappers bear different watermarks, ink shades and paper types. The Scott catalogue does not list these postal stationery subtypes, but specialty catalogues list many more. The Michel com-

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Know the Facts About Fentanyl (semipostal)



This morning the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced an additional 10 issues to be released later this year, representing a total of 16 more stamps. Notably absent are

any stamps dealing with historical subjects or any other topic of substance, with one exception — the Facts About Fentanyl issue, which will become our nation's seventh face-different semi-postal stamp and the first new charity represented since 2019

There's no question fentanyl has become one of the biggest threats to our civilization in recent years. This drug is so powerful (50-100 times that of heroin) that as little as 2 milligrams can kill a person. For comparison, a teaspoon of salt contains roughly 5,600 milligrams. So, when meth, heroin, cocaine or other drugs are laced with fentanyl, they can become deadly quickly. The substance has also become a major threat to law enforcement and health care professionals who become exposed to the substance through contact with victims of the drug.

According to the press release, with this semi-postal stamp, "USPS will raise funds to advance research and promote awareness to combat this ongoing epidemic while providing a message that encourages hope, healing and recovery. Net proceeds will be distributed to the National Institute on Drug Abuse." This is all well and fine, but, other than the Breast Cancer Awareness stamp, sales of semipostals have raised relatively little for the charities they have named.

The current breakdown is as follows:

Active Semipostal Stamps:

- **Breast Cancer Research Stamp (1998-Present): \$99.7 million.** This is the first and most successful United States semipostal stamp, selling more than 1.1 billion stamps

over 28 years to benefit the National Institutes of Health and the Medical Research Program of the U.S. Department of Defense (War).

- **Save Vanishing Species Stamp (2011-Present): \$8.8 million.** Sales of these stamps Benefit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support the Multinational Species Conservation Funds.
- **Healing PTSD Stamp (2019-Present): \$2.3 million.** Funds the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to assist those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.
- **Alzheimer's Research Stamp (2017-Present): \$1.7 million.** Benefits the National Institutes of Health to fund Alzheimer's research and caregiving efforts.

Retired Semipostal Stamps

- **Heroes of 2001 Stamp (2002-2004): \$10.6 million.** Benefited the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to support the families of emergency personnel killed or disabled in the September 11 terrorist attacks.
- **Stop Family Violence Stamp (2003-2006): \$1.8 million.** Benefited the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fund domestic violence prevention programs.

Make no mistake, raising societal awareness of this nasty substance is vital, and any funding will help, but the couple of million or so this stamp will likely raise is just a drop in the bucket.

The United States federal government currently allocates **more than \$46 billion annually** toward its National Drug Control Budget, a substantial portion of which directly targets the fentanyl and synthetic opioid crisis. When factoring in local law enforcement, state healthcare initiatives and the broader economic damage caused by the epidemic, the actual societal "cost" of the crisis is exponentially higher, recently estimated at **\$2.7 trillion in a single year**. This information

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comes from various White House reports of 2025 and 2026.

I decided to ask artificial intelligence to help out, using my highly detailed prompt. Here is what came up with: (review the comments on the next pages),

Wayne Youngblood is a seasoned and well respected stamp collector and philatelic writer for numerous years. The staff at USPS works diligently to meet the needs of the public, stamp collectors and professional designers. Fentanyl, as well, as other dangerous drugs, can become deadly.. Health care and law enforcement professionals understand the problems.

USPS is concerned and aware of the dangers. Issuing semipostal stamps are another method to expose the public to the dangers of life-threatening behaviors. Active semipostal research stamps provide funds for charities post-

age stamps

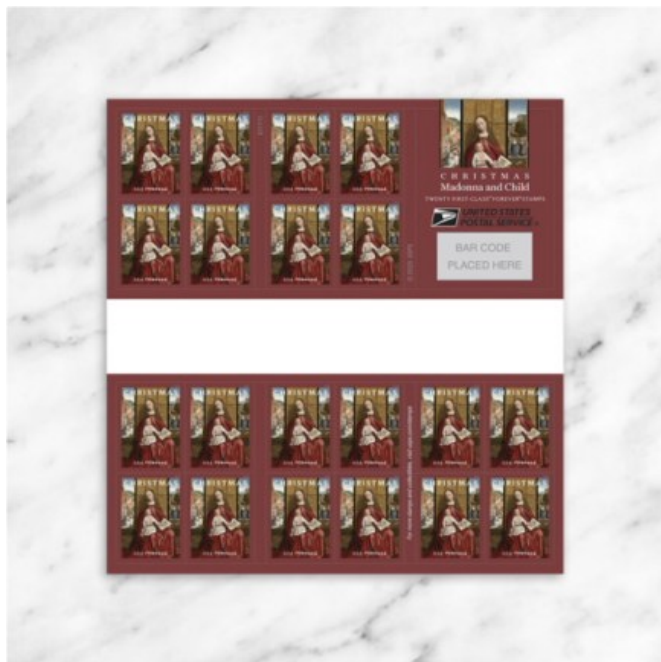
The designs on postage stamps and numerous USPS advertisements assist in keeping healthcare and safety on the front of public awareness.

Below are two designs that may be an awareness and understanding of Fentanyl and numerous other dangerous health concerns and other problems.

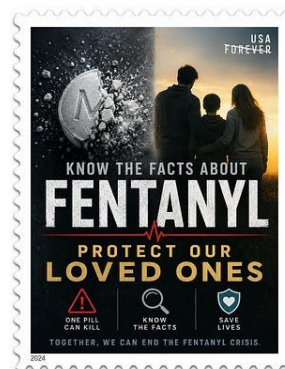
The current USPS semipostal stamps design offered for public exposure is colorful, community gathering and friendly.

The rather ineffective image of a caring group of multicultural people hugging each other does nothing to either communicate the seriousness, nor the urgency, of dealing with this ongoing threat. Since [Wayne Youngblood] I have an extremely clear idea of what I feel this stamp should communicate, I decided to dry up a stream or two and ask artificial intelligence to help out, using my highly detailed prompt.

USPS Announces October Holiday Stamps



Oct 2, Christmas Madonna and Child. Single stamp (82c) Forever commemorative stamp, double-sided booklet pane of 20.



This AI-generated image, I felt, conveyed the necessary message of a fentanyl awareness stamp far more effectively than the new design.



Oct 6, Know the Facts About Fentanyl. Single semipostal stamp, non-denominated First-Class Mail rate plus a mandated fundraising stamp priced at \$1.00

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pany out of Germany publishes stationery catalogues for European nations and the United Postal Stationery Society publishes catalogues for many countries. In June 2019 a worldwide, 3-volume newspaper wrapper catalogue was published by Jan Kościński after 20 myears of research. Volume 3 covers Great Britain and volumes 1 and 2 cover the remainder of the world.

Stamped-to-order

In many countries one type of newspaper wrapper is those which are stamped-to-order. Instead of a company purchasing pre-stamped newspaper wrappers from the post office and then imprinting them with their business name, the postal service in some countries allowed companies to print their business name and address ahead of time and then submit the preprinted papers to the post office to have an indicium (that is the "stamp") imprinted on them later. This service is called stamped-to-order.

The United States Post Office Department never allowed stamped-to-order services, but many European and Australian systems did. In the United Kingdom for instance stamped-to-order service was begun in 1855 and only ceased in 1973. An 1882 precancelled stamped-to-order wrapper for W. H. Smith & Son is pictured with this article.

Summary

Wrappers are an engaging side category for collectors seeking a new interest. You can choose to investigate various subtypes of each wrapper, including different dies, paper types and watermarks. Or you can confine yourself to collecting one of each Scott number and ignore the details. Catalogues and other resources are available for collectors and the United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS) offers copious further information. If you wish to join the UPSS, a few of our club members belong to it. Contact the author for details. Happy wrapper hunting.

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Hawaiian Stamps Add Another Dimension to My Collection

By Steven Solomon

When I am traveling I like to purchase postage stamps if it's possible. So now I have a modest collection of stamps from the United Kingdom, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Taiwan, Ecuador, Israel, Canada and Mexico. Of course I have U.S. stamps too, but the last time we were in Hawaii it occurred to me that perhaps I could purchase some Hawaiian stamps issued from way back before it was a U.S. state. I admit that I had to look it up on Wikipedia for the timeline:



It was governed by the Kingdom of Hawaii until 1893, Provisional Government of Hawaii through 1894, and Republic of Hawaii until 1898. It became the Territory of Hawaii in 1898 and then U.S. State of Hawaii in 1959.

I browsed through listings on MapQuest and it turned out that not too far from where we were staying was the Hawaiian Islands Stamp and

Coin store on Bishop Street in Honolulu.

(They've since relocated to Ala Moana Boulevard in Honolulu.) We found it easily, parked, and went inside a wonderful old-fashioned stamp and coin store filled to the brim with treasures and packed with customers. Stamp collecting is apparently live and doing well in Hawaii!

The store was opened in 1973 by Don Metcalf and it turns out that, according to their website:

In 1984 Don was appointed Chairman of the Exporting Committee of the Hawaiian Philatelic Society which performs world-wide certifications for Hawaiian Philatelic material. He is a frequent guest speaker at the University of Hawaii, Local High Schools, Coin Clubs and Business Organizations, as well as the prestigious Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. In 1989 he was elected President of the Stamp and Coin Dealers Associations of Hawaii. Then (in) 1978 he released "*Hawaiian Money*" the only book available on Hawaiian Coins, Tokens, Medals, Royal Orders and Script which is used by dealers, auction houses and collectors alike. 1991 Don Medcalf released his second book and Second edition of "*Hawaiian Money*."

Wow. Very impressive. The store remains family owned and operated.

The oldest stamp I was able to purchase is an 1894 stamp depicting Sanford B. Dole, President of the Republic of Hawaii.



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Photographer Michael Holland

On October 1, 1890, Yosemite National Park was officially established.

The first humans to visit the Yosemite area arrived about 10,000 years ago, and it was first settled around 3,000 years ago. By 1200 AD, the area's main inhabitants were the Sierra Miwoks, though other Miwok, Monos, and Shoshone tribes visited often to trade.

Among the early white visitors was Jim Savage, who ran a mining camp on the Merced River, about 10 miles west of the Yosemite Valley. In December 1850, Native Americans raided his camp and several others, then retreated back to the mountains. The following year, the California governor organized the 200-man Mariposa Battalion to stop the raids. Jim Savage was placed in charge of the battalion and entered the west

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US #740 Yosemite Valley

Eventually, the battalion captured Tenaya's tribe, and they were escorted to a reservation. Accompanying the battalion was Doctor Lafayette Bunnell, who named several of Yosemite Valley's features, including the valley itself. He chose to name the valley after a local tribe the Sierra Miwoks feared, the Yooh'meti. Bunnell and Savage pronounced it "Yosemite" and translated it as "full-grown grizzly bear." Later,

more accurate translations found it meant, "they are killers," referring to the violent tribe who called themselves the Ahwahneechee.

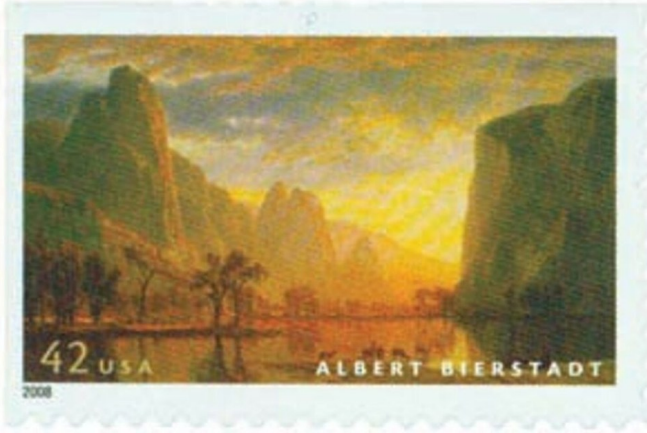
In 1855, entrepreneur James Mason Hutchings and artist Thomas Ayres toured the area with

two Native American guides. Hutchings wanted to see the valley after hearing stories from the Mariposa Battalion about a waterfall

"nearly a thousand feet tall." Upon reaching Inspiration Point, Hutchings wrote in his journal, "We came upon a high point clear of trees from whence we had our first view of the singular and romantic valley; and as the scene opened in full view before us, we were almost speechless with wondering admiration at its wild and sublime grandeur."

Upon their return, Hutchings wrote several articles and books and Ayres' sketches were the first accurate drawings of several park features. Hutchings returned to the valley several times, writing more articles and books. He began publishing *Hutchings' Illustrated California Magazine*, hoping to establish himself as the voice of the Yosemite Valley.

In the mid-1850s, Galen Clark became one of the first Americans to live in the valley. He discovered the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoia in Wawona, a Native camp in the Yosemite Valley, and spent the rest of his life trying to protect it. Although Clark was not the first to see the trees, he was likely the first to count and measure them.



US #4346 – The 8th issue in the American Treasures Series, this stamp pictures Albert Bierstadt's *Valley of the Yosemite*

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Within his first few years in the valley, Clark built a log cabin, constructed roads, and put up a bridge over the Merced River for visitors entering Yosemite. At his cabin (known as Clark's Station) he offered visitors shelter, meals, and a place to graze their horses.



US #C141 is the 9th issue in the *Scenic American Landscapes Series*.

Around 1860, Unitarian minister Thomas Starr King visited Yosemite and was amazed at the negative impact of settlement and commercial ventures on the land. He published several articles in the *Boston Evening Transcript* promoting the establishment of Yosemite as a National Park. He was likely the first person to spread this idea to a large audience. Oliver Wendell Holmes and John Greenleaf Whittier were among his supporters. Frederick Law Olmsted was so interested by his writing that he visited the valley in 1863 to see the damage for himself.

Others concerned about the valley's safety included Galen Clark and Senator John Conness. The work of these men, plus Olmsted, photos from Carleton Watkins, and geologic reports from an 1863 survey forced legislators to take action. On June 30, 1864 President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill creating the Yosemite Grant. This was the first time a park had been set aside specifically for preservation and public use by the federal government. However, the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoia Trees were made a California state park.



US #5298i – from the 2018 *O Beautiful* issue

John Muir arrived in the Yosemite Valley in 1868 and was so taken with its natural beauty that he lived there for several years. Growing concerned over the area's protection, he frequently invited people to camp there with him to share his ideas on preservation. One of these visitors was Robert Underwood Johnson, editor of *The Century Magazine*. Johnson gave Muir a national audience for his writing. Together, they lobbied Congress to establish Yosemite as a National Park. On October 1, 1890, their efforts paid off, and President Benjamin Harrison officially declared Yosemite a National Park. The Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Grove were added to the park in 1906.



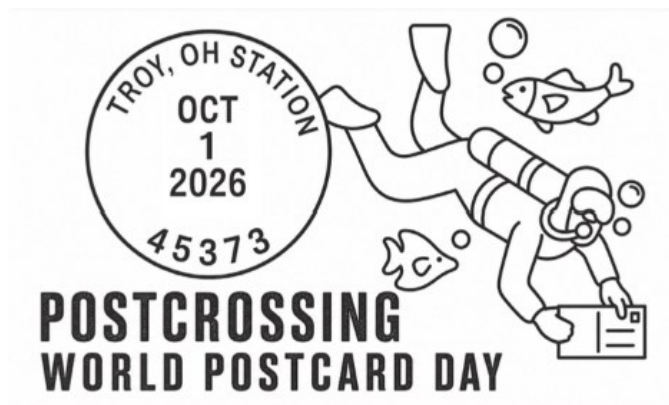
US #2280 pictures the US flag over Yosemite's 4,850-foot high granite Half Dome.



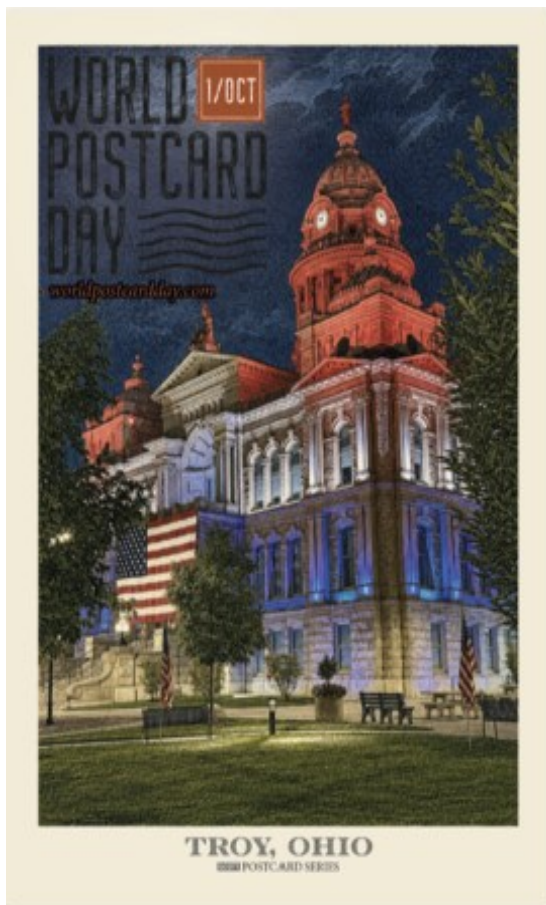
US #1245 John Muir hiking in a redwood forest

— reprint from Hip Stamp, Yosemite National Park

Scott Stamp LLC plans World Postcard Day meetup in Troy, OH with postmark



A special World Postcard Day pictorial postmark will be unveiled Oct. 1 at Scott Stamp LLC in Troy, Ohio, and will be available for mail canceled in Troy that day.



A special World Postcard Day postcard produced for the Oct. 1. Postcrossing meetup at Scott Stamp LLC features a patriotic view of the historic Miami County Courthouse in Troy, Ohio.

Scott Stamp LLC will celebrate World Postcard Day with a Postcrossing meetup Oct. 1 at the company's offices in Troy, Ohio.

The meetup, scheduled for 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., will bring postcard collectors and Postcrossing participants together for an afternoon of writing, exchanging and mailing postcards.

The event will begin at 1 p.m. with the unveiling of a special World Postcard Day pictorial postmark available in Troy that day. The postmaster of Troy will participate in the unveiling.

A special Troy, Ohio, World Postcard Day postcard also will be offered during the meetup. The card features a patriotic view of the historic Miami County Courthouse in downtown Troy and was produced especially for the occasion.

Scott Stamp LLC also plans to make a special postcard-related announcement during the Oct. 1 gathering, with additional details to be revealed on World Postcard Day.

The Oct. 1 gathering coincides with World Postcard Day and the beginning of National Stamp Collecting Month.

The celebration also comes as Scott Stamp LLC marks its first anniversary as an independent company. The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Scott Stamp LLC offices to recognize the milestone.

Scott Stamp LLC began operations in October 2025 following its acquisition of the Scott catalogs, Linn's Stamp News and *Scott Stamp Monthly*.

The World Postcard Day Postcrossing meetup will take place Oct. 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Scott Stamp LLC, 66 Industry Court, Suite A, Troy, OH 45373.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP through Postcrossing.com. Visit the Postcrossing forum and look for the meetup discussions to find the Troy, Ohio, World Postcard Day meetup and indicate that you plan to attend.

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U.S. Postal Service Announces Temporary Price Change for 2026 Holiday Shipping Season

The seasonal Holiday affected prices are on the following retail

and commercial domestic competitive parcels: **Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), USPS**

Ground Advantage, and Parcel Select. Temporary rates will

go into effect at 12 a.m. CT on October 4, 2026 and remain in place until 12 a.m. CT on January 17, 2027. The complete filings with prices for all products can be found on the PRC website under the Daily Listings section at prc.gov/dockets/daily.



previous day, October 31, became known as All Hallows' Eve, then later, Halloween. Despite the best efforts of the church, people still continued to celebrate Halloween with traditional bonfires, costumes, treats, and a focus on spirits of the dead.

Halloween originated in Europe, the holiday became the celebration we recognize today when it was brought to America by the early settlers. People originally carved out turnips and placed candles inside to ward off evil spirits, but Americans switched from turnips to pumpkins.

In 1820, Washington Irving's short story, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow", became one of the first distinctly American ghost stories

Halloween

All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween as it is commonly referred, is a global celebration on October 31. It developed from the ancient Celtic ritual of Samhain, which was, in the simplest terms, a festival celebrating the changing of the seasons from light to dark (summer to winter). This would usually take place around Nov. .

Traditionally, a bonfire would be lit, sweets would be prepared, and costumes would be worn to ward off evil spirits as the ancient Celts believed that, at this time of year, the veil separating the worlds of the living and the dead was at its thinnest.

Early Christian officials tried to impose their own holiday in an effort to stop their converts from practicing non-Christian festivals. Pope Gregory III deemed November 1, All Saints' Day, a celebration of Christian martyrs and saints, and November 2 became All Souls Day, a day for remembering the souls of the dead. All Saints' Day later became known as All Hallows' Day, and the

centered around the holiday. Halloween received its biggest transformation within the last 50 or so years, thanks to the creation of big candy corporations, and, of course, Hollywood.

