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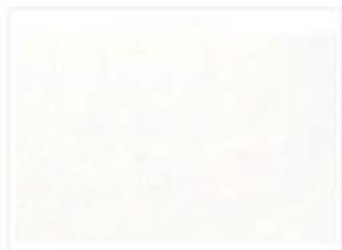
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Members of Congress exhibit their stamps

A three-day public exhibition in Washington, D.C., gives exposure to lawmakers' collecting interests.

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Nature of America artist explains process

As the Nature of America series comes to an end, John Dawson describes how he created the 12 panoramic scenes.

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Hawaiian Rain Forest stamps, cards Sept. 1; final installment in Nature of America series

By Jay Byrnie

The long-running Nature of America stamp series is coming to an end.

The Hawaiian Rain Forest is featured on a pair of 10-cent stamps and 10 44c picture postal cards that will be issued Sept. 1 by the United States Postal Service.

The 11 am, first-day ceremony will take place at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park in Hawaii National Park, Hawaii.

The Hawaiian Rain Forest stamps and postal cards go on sale 11 a.m. on the same day.

The Hawaiian Rain Forest issue is the 12th and final stamp pair in the Nature of America series featuring major plant and animal communities in the United States. The matching Hawaiian Rain Forest picture postal cards are the fourth set in the series.

A single stamp from the pair is pictured here. The full pair of 10 is shown on page 28.

John Dawson, of Hilo, Hawaii.



Single United States 10c Scarlet Hawaiian Honeycreeper stamp from the Hawaiian Rain Forest pair to be issued Sept. 1, created at the design in the series, working under the left direction of Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Md.

Dawson discusses the new stamp pair and the future of America series in a Linn's interview on page 29 of this issue.

Like the previous stamps in the series, the self-adhesive Hawaiian Rain Forest stamps are arranged within a large panoramic scene. Three of the stamps are formatted horizontally and seven are vertical.

A diagram on the pair's back-

ing paper identifies 24 different plants and animals in the scene, 23 of which are shown on stamps. The other two are pictured primarily in the selvage.

The stamps on the next page are roughly positioned in three horizontal rows.

The first row of three 44c stamps, from left to right, are the Hawaii Aukau and Hawaii Eucalyptus stamp showing two birds, a Akaka bird and Hawaiian Honey Eater stamp, and the Hawaiian Honeycreeper stamp.

In the second row are the United King stamp, the One flower stamp, and the Kamehameha Butterfly stamp.

The third row contains four stamps: a Koolau Mountain Centaury stamp, an Akapaka bird stamp, a Jewel Orchid stamp, and a Hoopoe Spider stamp.

The backing paper also includes three paragraphs of information about the rain forest scene.

Photo by John P.

Canadian stamp to commemorate home children

By Rick Miller

On Sept. 1, Canada Post will issue a stamp to commemorate the more than 100,000 British children who were sent to Canada from 1900 to 1957.

The 57c Home Children stamp, which will be issued in pairs of 10, is shown here as a Canada Post publicity image.

The stamp was designed by Debbie Adams based on photographs supplied by Action for Children formerly the National Children's Home and the Library and Archives of Canada.

This very busy stamp design features, at left, a photograph of a newly arrived boy standing beside his suitcase en route to the destination home in Hamilton, Ontario. At right is the photo of a child playing a ball on a Canadian farm.



Canada Post will issue a single 57c Home Children stamp in pairs of 10 on Sept. 1. The stamp commemorates the more than 100,000 British children sent to Canada from 1900 to 1957.

The SS Saramon, a ship that carried home children from Liverpool, England, to Quebec, is featured on page 12.

Collins and James Irwin to sign other space stamps.

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, a senior member of the House armed services committee, uses his foreign travels to pick up stamps from the countries he has visited. He showed off some North Korean stamps with anti-American themes, and others showing the Koreans' affinity for China.

Rep. Robert B. Aderhold, R-Ala., collects covers and postmarks from his state. He exhibited an autographed cover signed

by football coaching legend Paul "Bear" Bryant, along with some pages from his childhood stamp album. One page graphically showed, he told visitors, how "not to collect stamps." Stamps in his pages had been placed in the album with tape.

Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Texas, an Eagle Scout and a promoter of the just-issued 44¢ Scouting stamp, had his frame filled with a first-day program and stories about the new stamp.

Ian Gibson-Smith, shown



Figure 3. Ian Gibson-Smith, the stamp collector who came up with the idea of the members of Congress exhibition.

near the exhibits in the photograph in Figure 3, is a stamp collector from Martinsburg, W.Va., who came up with the idea for the exhibit. He said it all proves "there is no right way or wrong way to collect stamps. You just collect what you like."

The exhibit drew a steady stream of visitors, he said. Among the guests were five members of Congress who asked, "Why didn't you ask me?"

All were stamp collectors and might get their chance next year, Gibson-Smith says.

A volunteer at the National Postal Museum, Gibson-Smith said he is hoping the display will become an annual event. It was sponsored by the museum and Stamp Camp USA, a two-day event for young collectors, and the American Philatelic Society.

Of the six exhibitors, Levin's pages were the most remarkable. In addition to his Begin-Sadat-Carter cover, he also had a number of other items that would make

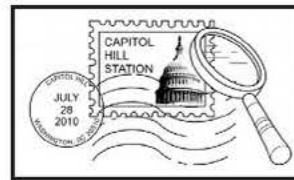


Figure 4. This Capitol Hill Station special cancellation shows an image of the Capitol dome.

any collection sparkle.

Among them: one of the famous "Stamp Collector for President" covers featuring Franklin D. Roosevelt and bearing his autograph; a full sheet of the 1935 3¢ Michigan Centenary stamps (Scott 775) signed by President Roosevelt and Harold Ickes, his Secretary of the Interior; a front page of a stamp album owned by Frank Crawford of White Plains, N.Y., and autographed by both John F. Kennedy and Harry Truman; an Overrun Nations cover bearing the 5¢ Flag of Poland stamp (909), signed by Polish labor leader, anti-communist dissident and later president, Lech Walesa; and a Jordanian cover franked with

King Hussein stamps and bearing his autograph.

There was also a cover signed simply "Edward," formerly King Edward VIII, the British monarch who gave up his throne to marry Wallis Simpson. It carried U.S. postmarks for Jan. 21, 1936, the day Edward the VIII ascended the throne, and Dec. 10, 1936, the day he abdicated; and a British June 3, 1937, postmark on the day he married Simpson.

Clearly, Levin is a collector who knows how to add value to his collection.

The exhibit featured lots of free stamps for new collectors as well as a number of young stamp campers who were creating their own displays and projects out of stamps.

For the exhibit, the Postal Service also created the Capitol Hill Station special cancellation showing an image of the Capitol dome pictured in Figure 4, and a cacheted envelope depicting the Rayburn House. The envelope was available during the show for \$2. ■

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44¢ Scouting stamp is a big hit at National Scout Jamboree

By Bill McAllister

Washington Correspondent

Anyone worried about the future of stamp collecting should have been in the pine forests south of Fredericksburg, Va., on July 27.

On that hot summer morning, the Boy Scouts and their leaders lined up by the hundreds to buy the new United States 44¢ Scouting commemorative and to get it canceled in a tiny post office manned by a handful of postal clerks.

To be sure, many of the 35,000 Scouts and their leaders at the National Scout Jamboree were enthralled by the high-tech

electronics and free Wi-Fi zones that were available during the 10-day encampment at Fort A.P. Hill. Cell phones and computers were the things to bring to the jamboree.

But the long lines at the post office and the quick disappearance of all 1,500 first-day programs showed that a lot of young people still love stamps.

"We offer the Postal Service our utmost appreciation for allowing Scouting to have a place in history with this stamp," Robert Mazzuca, the chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, said in

dedicating the new stamp. Mazzuca urged the Scouts to send military service members a letter thanking them for their service to the nation, and he made certain that the Scouts knew what an honor the stamp was.

"Stamps are part of the American culture that even predates Scouting," he said, adding, "And we know that's a good thing."

"Over the years many a Scout has used stamps to send a note home from camp. 'Mom, send money.' Or to post his laundry home.

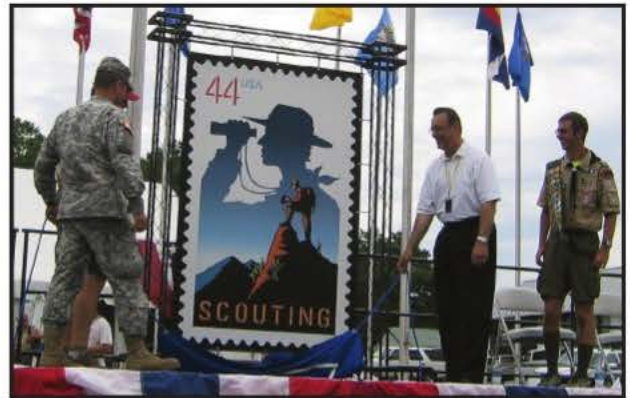


Figure 2. Postal Service vice president Sam Pulcrano helps unveil the 44¢ Scouting stamp at the National Scout Jamboree in Virginia on July 27. Looking on are Eagle Scout Jerome V. Biedny and Lt. Col. John Haefner, the garrison commander at Fort A.P. Hill.



Figure 1. The three United States stamps previously issued to commemorate the Boy Scouts of America: a 4¢ Boy Scout Giving Scout Sign stamp (Scott 1145), a 22¢ Boy Scouts stamp (2161) and, from the Celebrate the Century series, a 32¢ Boy Scouts Started in 1910, Girl Scouts Formed in 1912 stamp (3183j).

It's an honor to receive this distinction of a stamp."

Mazzuca noted that the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee receives about 50,000 stamp subject requests a year.

"And for us to have been picked out of that incredible array of good ideas, is really remarkable," he noted.

"It speaks volumes about the importance of Scouting

to our country over the last 100 years."

The fact that there was a stamp — the third commemorative to honor the Boy Scouts of America — was a testimony to the hard work and intense lobbying by the Scouts.

Randall Frank, head of the Scouts on Stamps Society International and a Scout leader from New-

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