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VATICAN CITY ISSUES REPLACEMENT STAMP FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

From Linn's Stamp News and Catholic World Report

Vatican City issued a new stamp July 6 for the World Youth Day 2023 August 1-6 in Lisbon, Portugal. This stamp replaces a previous commemorative released May 16 for the event and withdrawn two days later.



July 6 Vatican City stamp featuring the World Youth Day Logo.

The original stamp (depicted on page 3) was withdrawn after criticism over its use of a mid-20th-century monument that is controversial in some Portuguese circles. The stamp shows Pope Francis leading a group of children up the *Monument to Discoveries*, a Lisbon monument built in 1960 for the 500th anniversary of the death of the Portuguese explorer Henry the Navigator.

In the stamp's design, Pope Francis takes the place of Henry the Navigator on the prow of the ship.

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OSIRIS-REX: RETURN TO EARTH COMMEMORATED BY US STAMP

From Linn's Stamp News, NASA and USPS Newsroom

NASA's OSIRIS-REx (Origins, Spectral Interpretation,



Robotic arm of OSIRIS-REx picks up a sample from the asteroid Bennu.

Resource Identification, and Security-Regolith¹ Explorer), the first U.S. mission to collect a sample from an asteroid, will return to Earth on Sept. 24, 2023, with material from the asteroid Bennu. When it arrives, the OSIRIS-REx spacecraft will release the sample

capsule for a safe landing in the Utah desert. The pristine material from Bennu – rocks and dust collected from the asteroid's surface in 2020 – will offer generations of

scientists a window into the time when the Sun and planets were forming about 4.5 billion years ago.

The OSIRIS-REx spacecraft, which is the size of a large passenger van, left Earth aboard a rocket launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on September 8, 2016. Once released from the rocket, it orbited the Sun for

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1. **Regolith** is a blanket of unconsolidated, loose, heterogeneous superficial deposits covering the solid rock surface of the asteroid.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DPCPS meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays January through October and on the second Wednesday in November and December, at the Edgemere Retirement Community, 8523 Thackery Street in Dallas, Texas. Call to order is 7:30 p.m., but most members arrive by 7:00 p.m. for socializing and trading.

- August 9** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Show and Tell with a Sports Theme*: Member participation
- August 10-13** **GREAT AMERICAN STAMP SHOW**, Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland - Hall C, 300 Lakeside Avenue • Cleveland, OH 44113. (Thursday-Saturday 10-6, Sunday 10-4).
- August 23** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *German Empire and Colors* by Joe Baker
- August 25-26** **DALLAS TSDA**, DoubleTree Hotel, 1981 North Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080. (Friday 10-5, Saturday 9-4).
- Sep. 13** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *Postal History of Cuba* by Rick Hosler (postponed from July 26th).
- Sep. 15-17** **GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW**, Houston Philatelic Society, Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble TX 77388. (Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-6, Sunday to 4).
- Sep. 27** **DPCPS MEETING**, Program: *TBD*
- May 23-30, 2026** **Boston 2026 World Expo**, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BILL LAUPUS

Hello to all!

Thanks to Tim Wallaert for presenting "The Philatelic Adventures of Indiana Jones" on June 14th. Thanks to Al Dhly for presenting a scavenger hunt to find worldwide stamps showing The Statue of Liberty on June 28th. Thanks to Al Dhly Rick Hosler, my wife Susan and all who participated in our very successful quarterly auction on July 12th.

We need your help NOW to present a program. It is very unfair to expect the same members to present our programs. Stan would also greatly appreciate members submitting articles for future newsletters.

Did you Know: The stamp collection of the Late Queen Elizabeth II has an estimated worth to be £100 Million or about \$124 million. The queen's stamp collection, or the Royal Philatelic Collection as it is known, has been passed down through generations in the British royal family. Initially started by Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh in 1864, King George V picked up the hobby and grew the collection followed by King George VI and to Queen Elizabeth.

I repeat the following message in every newsletter because I feel it is that important.

Helping lead a volunteer organization can be tough and I never take our members who give their time on our behalf lightly. I'm thankful for all our members, no matter what your role is. Whether it is big or small, you matter, and we are proud to have you here and sincerely appreciate your membership. Dedicated, active club members are the essential element in the success of any club. We are blessed to have many outstanding stamp collectors in our club.

Bill Laupus

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Membership in the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society is available to all persons of good character who are interested in philately. Dues are \$12 per year (higher for mailed newsletters). For more information, contact Fernando Torres (214) 663-7304 or fernando.torres@sbcglobal.net. For a membership application write to: Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, c/o Fernando Torres, 6191 Preston Haven Dr., Dallas, TX 75203.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

BY STAN BARTNIKOWSKI

Well, the proposed postage rate increase described in the last newsletter issue took place on July 9. As you know, "Forever" stamps retain their value as 1 ounce first class postage forever. Thus, the Liberty Bell forever stamp purchased in 2007 for 41 cents is now worth 66 cents in postage. This is an increase of 61 %, or ignoring compounding, an annual rate of 3.8% - not bad these days for a certificate of deposit rate. But then, one cannot achieve that investment rate for forever stamps, since one cannot sell a forever stamp back to the post office, or anyone else for that matter, at the current first class one ounce rate. The best one can do with an old forever stamp is send a letter, but hardly anyone these days writes letters,

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VATICAN CITY REPLACES WORLD YOUTH DAY STAMP

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Withdrawn Vatican City stamp for World Youth Day 2023

It aimed to present “a ship that guides young people and the Church towards the future.”

The Governorate of the Vatican City State withdrew it after the design drew negative comments because it “recalls a colonial past very distant from Pope Francis’ message of universal fraternity,” according to Vatican News.

Other critics faulted the design for seeming to resemble the propaganda of the Salazar dictatorship. The monument was built at a time when the dictatorship sought to strengthen nationalist sentiment and support Portugal’s colonial expansion in Africa, per the Associated Press.

Portuguese Bishop Carlos Moreira Azevedo, who is now a delegate to the Pontifical Committee for Historical Sciences, said that the stamp was “in bad taste.”

The new stamp features a World Youth Day logo in the green, red and yellow colors of Portugal’s flag. It is inspired by the World Youth Day theme “Mary arose and went in haste” and shows a cross, Mary, rosary beads and a representation of the Holy Spirit.

Like the original commemorative, the replacement was printed by Belgium’s bPost.

World Youth Day is an event for young people that was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1985. It occurs internationally every two or three years.

Show 'n Tell for August 9th Meeting

Theme: Sports

Members are invited to share a brief (5 minute) presentation of sports on stamps.

OSIRIS-REX: RETURN TO EARTH STAMP

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a year until it passed by Earth again. At that point, our planet’s gravity helped propel the spacecraft toward Bennu, which also orbits the Sun but at a different angle from that of Earth. Our planet and the asteroid come closest to each other every six years. After OSIRIS-REx arrived in the asteroid’s orbit, in December 2018, it got to work. With its special cameras and spectrometers, it began photographing and mapping Bennu’s surface to determine the best site from which to collect samples. Scientists were surprised to learn, from the photographs the spacecraft sent back, that the asteroid’s surface was much different from what they had expected. Instead of being relatively smooth, it was rocky and cratered, so finding a sample-collection site posed challenges. Eventually they chose a site about the size of a tennis court, located in a crater.

The time for the rendezvous arrived in October 2020. To carry out its task, the spacecraft did not actually land on the asteroid but instead slowly descended toward the surface and extended a robotic arm. A collection device at the hand-end of the arm then released a sudden puff of nitrogen gas that sent up a cloud of dust and rocks from Bennu’s surface. More than two ounces of these materials were captured in a special container in the collection device, which then closed and retracted into the spacecraft. Even though this seems like a miniscule amount considering the effort involved, it’s the largest sample ever collected from an asteroid, and the first asteroid sample by the United States.

On May 10, 2021, OSIRIS-REx began its flight back toward Earth. Its container of asteroid dust and rocks, enclosed in a special capsule, is expected to parachute down to the Utah desert on Sept. 24, 2023.

Two days prior to the landing, USPS will celebrate the landing with a Forever



(66c) stamp which illustrates the parachuted return to earth of OSIRIS-REx. The stamps will be issued in a pane of 20 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hopefully there will be an opportunity to obtain commemorative postmarks of the landing.

USPS Stamp honoring OSIRIS-Rex and its return to Earth.

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

BY FERNANDO TORRES

May 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Laupus.

There were 24 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports:

Program VP—Presentation next meeting:

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — None

Old Business — None

New Business — None

Announcements — None

Show and Tell — None

Program: 25 questions of US Stamp History by Rick Hosler.

Meeting was adjourned after 8:30 p.m.

June 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Laupus

There were 20 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports - 2 new guests present and wanting information on how to disposed the stamp collection of their relative. They were directed to the stamp show on 6/23 and 6/24 in Richardson.

Program VP— Presentation next meeting: Scavenger hunt. The participants will provide no more of 2 statue of liberty stamps per country. The participant with the most stamps, will be the winner. The 1st prize will be a \$25 credit for Jack's albums, the second and third will draw a stamp from a box with "mystery stamps"

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — Please the treasurer, Rod Gable for the financial report

Old Business — none*

New Business — Market place: Jack bought a 100lbs collection of stamps. These are going to be brought to the club.

Announcements — no new announcements

Show and Tell — Stan Bartnikowski showed a new issue souvenir folder for a Poland stamp highlighting the city of Nowy Sacz, where 1 of his cousins reside.

Program — The Philatelic adventures of Indiana Jones. By Tim Wallaert

Meeting was adjourned after 9:00 p.m.

June 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Laupus

There were 22 members present at the Edgemere Retirement Center.

Officer Reports — 2 new guests present. One guest wanting information on how to dispose the stamp collection of their relative. They both made application to join the club and paid dues.

Program VP — Presentation next meeting: Quarterly Auction

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — None

Old Business — none

New Business — market place: Jack bought a 100lbs collection of stamps. These are going to be brought to the club and sold slowly.

Announcements — no new announcements

Show and Tell —

1. Postal cancellation of December 21, 1937 in Los Angeles, CA. This represented the opening of Snow White.
2. Statue of liberty stamp. The stamp really is the picture of the Las Vegas Statue of liberty reproduction.

Program—The Scavenger Hunt. This was a success. 1st Al Dhly brought 99 different stamps with the statue of liberty depicted in them. 2nd George Clayton came in second place with 50 different stamps 3rd Bill Downs came in third place with 12 stamps.

Meeting was adjourned after 9:00 p.m.

July 12, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Bill Laupus

Program — Presentation next meeting: "Postal History of Cuba" presented by Rick Hosler.

Secretary — Minutes of previous meeting were accepted without being read.

Treasurer — Please the treasurer, Rod Gabel for the treasurer's report.

Old Business — None

New Business — None

Announcements — No new announcements

Appraisals and Acquisitions – Geoff Owens has received a donation of stamps from a friend that he will add to today's auction.

Program: Quarterly Auction, ably conducted by Al Dhly with the help of Susan Laupus. Many lots were for sale, many of these were sold.

Jack's Albums.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BY FERNANDO TORRES

June 14, 2023

Members present:

Bill Laupus, President
Rick Hosler, VP
Rod Gable, Treasure
Fernando Torres, Secretary

Meeting call to order: 6:45 PM at the Edgemere by Bill Laupus.

- **Unpaid dues:**
 - ◇ 6 people have not paid dues.
 - ◇ 50 members have paid dues
- **Low profile who paid dues**
 - ◇ Engage them and see what hurdles are there for them to become active and participate in the club by coming to the meetings. The secretary was asked to provide a list of members with low profiles since 1/1/2023..
- **Market Place**
 - ◇ Encourage members to bring material to the auction every meeting.
- **Program:**
 - ◇ We are still looking for a speaker for the July meeting

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- **USA Stamps:**
 - ◇ We are exploring ways of having US albums for sale or to take home. One of the challenges is that most of the US collectors are only missing expensive stamps, so the way of getting them to engage on the market place or on bringing collections to the club may need to be adjusted.
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Rick Hosler explained in detail the rules of the Scavenger Hunt. These were then passed on to the club.
- **Auction Assignments**
 - ◇ Auctioneer-volunteer
 - ◇ Person to carry items to auctioneer-volunteer
 - ◇ Persons to record transactions and sort sold items –Susan and Bill

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BY RICK HOSLER

Active membership remains at 50, with 2 applications pending.

CLOSED ALBUM

Janet R. Klug, who died June 16 at the age of 72, was an accomplished exhibitor and the 2014 recipient of the Luff award for outstanding service to the American Philatelic Society, which she joined in 1978. She was also a judge at TEXPEX.



Anthony S. "Tony" Wawrukiewicz, whose vast knowledge of U.S. postal rates and postal history spawned essential reference works and an online repository of key USPS publications, died July 11 at the age of 79.



2023 U.S. NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

This is a list of U.S. new issues expected to debut in the next few weeks. Forever stamps or other non-denominated stamps are listed with the current or anticipated value in parenthesis, unless otherwise noted.

- Aug. 10** **Life Magnified.** Twenty (63c) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; red blood cells, Macaw parrot feather, human hair, moss leaves, arranged diatoms, freshwater protozoans, acorn barnacle, moth antenna, diving beetle front foot, mouse brain neurons, starling bone tissue, moth wing scales, zebrafish, mushroom gills, freshwater snail tongue, blue button organism, mold spores, barnacle legs, flame lily pollen, and oak leaf surface; Cleveland, OH 44101.
- Aug. 11** **Thinking of You.** Five (63c) forever commemorative stamps, pane of 20; Cleveland, OH 44101.
- Aug. 24** **Bridges.** Four (25c) presorted first-class definitive stamps, coils of 3,000 and 10,000; Arrigoni Bridge, Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, Skydance Bridge, Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge; Portland, CT 06480.
- Sept. 8** **Pinatas.** Four (66c) forever definitive stamps, double-sided pane of 20; AP; Roswell, NM 88203.
- Sept. 19** **Snow Globes.** Four (66c) forever special stamps, double-sided pane of 20; snowman, Santa, deer, tree; Breckenridge, CO 80424.
- Sept. 22** **OSIRIS-REx: Return to Earth.** Single (66c) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Salt Lake City, UT 84199.
- Oct. 2** **Ruth Bader Ginsburg.** Single (66c) forever commemorative stamp, pane of 20; Washington, DC 20066.
- Oct. 10** **Winter Woodland Animals.** Four (66c) forever special stamps, double-sided pane of 20; deer, rabbit, owl and fox; Woodland, MI 48897.

Marketplace!

Please be aware of member items placed for sale on the stage at each meeting. Feel free to bring your own priced items for sale.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

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considering the availability of cheap phone calls or eMails. Or, pay a bill, but it is much easier, safer and reliable to pay bills online. Or send Christmas cards, but I've just about given up on this practice. So, buying forever stamps as an investment isn't one.

Perhaps you've noticed that there are only 5 pages in this issue. There's only so much philatelic news of general or local interest out there for this editor to grab. We really need articles that illustrate our club member philatelic interests. For that we need submissions of articles from our members. I understand that Rick is also actively seeking presentations for the club meetings. Perhaps you can develop a meeting presentation and afterwards build on it to write an article. I am hoping for a member article or two for the next issue on October 1 (or a later issue). Please provide an article in word, rtf, txt or even the body of an eMail, including digital pictures, at least one week before the first of October (or December).

I admit I haven't provided an original article in this issue, but I hope to do so in the next issue.

Stan Bartnikowski
Editor

CLASSIFIED ADS

One classified ad of up to 50 words, not counting name and address information, is available to members per issue on a space available basis. Submissions should arrive no later than the twentieth of the month preceding the issue date. Ads run for four consecutive issues, unless canceled before then. Submissions can be emailed to stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com or mailed to 1413 Elizabeth Dr., Carrollton, TX 75007-2828.

FOR SALE

US 2023 Coils. Sailboats (postcard rate): Pair \$1.00, PNC5 \$5.00; Patriotic Block (non-profit rate): Single \$0.05, Pair \$0.10, PNC5 \$0.50; Freedom Flag (Forever rate) coil of 3000: Single \$0.65, Pair \$1.30, PNC \$6.50. 2022 coils also available. See Stan Bartnikowski at club meetings or contact stan.bartnikowski@gmail.com.