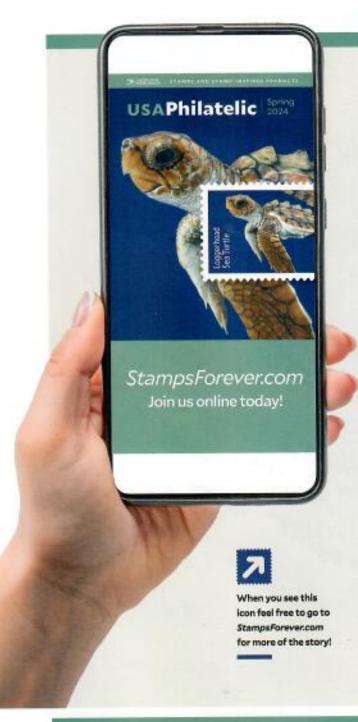


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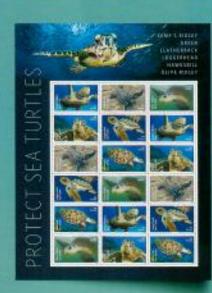


Coming Face to Face with Endangered Sea Turtles

you're an amateur snorkefer, you may panic when one swims toward

ocean itself. This meant that in addition to close-up turtle portraits like the shot of the hawksbill gliding through the frame at a diagonal.

creatures are and how they really don't deserve to be harmed."



Protect Sea Turtles

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New for Spring



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1/Horses Notecards

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485266 / 4.5" X 6.25" / \$20.95

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Learn more about horses and the challenges of photographing them. Includes a collectible cancellation card and a pane of 20 stamps.

485265 / \$23.95

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This new Horses pin (1 design) comes mounted on a cancellation card affixed with a random stamp.

485226 / \$14.95

Horses Bookmark

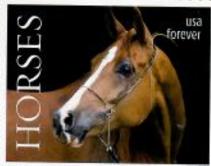
The back of the bookmark bears a random affixed Horses stamp cancelled with an official First Day of Issue Postmark.

485298 / 2" X 7" / \$5.95













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Celebrating the Bond Between Humans and Horses

Horses have been an integral part of the American story for centuries. While they used to fulfill more practical purposes, such as in agriculture or transportation, today, most horses live out their lives simply as our beloved companions. This intimate relationship was what art director Derry Noyes hoped to capture in the Horses Forever's stamps.

"We've done horses in the past [on stamps], mostly formally," she says. "I wanted this new set to be more as your pet — informal portraits out in a field or a barn. And I chose to use photography because we'd illustrated horses in the past. This was also to appeal to a different population — those who actually own horses or who, like me, went to summer camp to ride their hearts out because their parents couldn't afford a horse."

Once she'd settled on photography and portraiture, Noyes looked for variety. She created the stamp art from the existing work of two photographers: Stephanie Moon and Karen Wegehenkel. "I did not focus on breeds but on different colors," she explains, "Some looking at you, some looking sideways,"

Noyes paid attention to variety in the backgrounds too; different enough to be interesting but not jarring from stamp to stamp, with backgrounds that allowed each horse to stand out clearly.

The end result is a stamp issuance that captures the spirit and loyalty of these wondrous creatures, commemorating the special bond that people and their equine companions share.

Horses

Colobrate the timeless beauty of horses with these new stamps. 485204 / FOREVER 68¢ / FULL PANE OF 20, 5 DESIGNS / \$13.60 STAMPS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR PREORDER MAY 17, 2024



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J 484524 / 9.5" X 11.5" / \$29.95

Stamp Listings

New Issues

Ansel Adams

684 / FOREVER Date of Issue: 5/15/24 O Yosemite National Park CA 16 designs, 9 positions Plate no. in 2 corners Offset (BCA)



Betty Ford

68¢ / FOREVER Date of Issue: 4/5/24 O Rancho Mirage CA 1 design, 8 positions Plate no. in 2 corners Offset (BCA)



Carnival Nights

684 / FOREVER Date of Issue: 6/6/24 0 Biloxi MS 10 designs, 9 positions Plate no. in 2 corners Offset (BCA)



Horses

68¢/FOREVER Date of Issue: 6/17/24 O St. Joseph MO 5 designs, 6 positions Plate no. in 2 corners Offset (BCA)



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485006	0	Press Sheet with die cuts	97.92
485008	0	Press Sheet without die cuts	97.92
485016		First Day Covers (set of 16)	19.68
485021		Digital Color Postmark First Day Covers (set of 16)	33.28
485034	0	Stamp Ceremony Memento (Ceremony Invitation and Program.	
		a set of 16 DCP First Day Covers, and a Pane of 16 stamps)	59.95
485024	0	Framed Stamps (11.5" x 14.5")	39.95
485098	Į.	FIELD NOTES® (set of 4 random stamps)	19.95
485099	2	FIELD NOTES® (set of 16)	76.95
484804	0	Pane of 20 with plate no. and header	\$13.60
484806	0	Press Sheet with die cuts	108.80
484808	0	Press Sheet without die cuts	108.80
484816		First Day Cover	1.23
484821		Digital Color Postmark First Day Cover	2.08
484834	0	Stamp Ceremony Memento (Ceremony Invitation and Program,	
		a DCP First Day Cover, and a Pane of 20 stamps)	30.95
484824	0	Framed Stamp (9.5" x 11.5")	29.95
485104	0	Full pane of 20 with plate no. and header	\$13.60
485106	_	Press Sheet with die outs	122.40
485108	0	Press Sheet without die cuts	122.40
485116		First Day Covers (set of 10)	12.30
485121		Digital Color Postmark First Day Covers (Set of 10)	20.80
485134	0	Stamp Ceremony Memento (Ceremony Invitation and Program,	
		a set of 10 DCP First Day Covers, and a Pane of 20 stamps)	49.95
485124	0		39.95
485161		Matted Stamps: Strip of 5 (10" x 13")	2195
485199		FIELD NOTES® (set of 5, 2 rendom stamps on each)	27.95
485204	0	Full pane of 20 with plate no, and header	\$13.60
485206	0	Press Sheet with die cuts	81.60
485208	0	Press Sheet without die cuts	81.60
485216		First Day Covers (set of 5)	6.15
485221		Digital Color Postmark First Day Coviers (set of 5)	10,40
485226		Stamp Pin with Cancellation Card (random stamp)	14.95
485224	0	Framed Stamps: Pinto (14.5" x 11.5")	39.95
485225	0	Framed Stamps: Chestnut (14.5" x 11.5")	39,95
485227	0	Framed Stamps: Gray (14.5" x 11.5")	39.95
485228	0	Framed Stamps: Chestnut in Halter (14.5" x 11.5")	39,95
485229	0	Framed Stamps: Palomino (14.5" x 11.5")	39.95
485233		Commemorative Panel	12.95
185234	0	Stamp Ceremony Memento (Ceremony Invitation and Program,	-
		a set of 5 DCP First Day Covers, and a Pane of 20 stamps)	38.95
185260		Matted Stamps: Strip of 5 (8.5" x 13")	18.95
185265		Stamp Portfolio	23.95
185266		Notecards (set of 10, 5 designs)	20.95
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185298		Bookmark (random stamp)	5.95

Stamp Listings / New Issues

Protect Sea Turtles

694 / FOREVER Date of Issue: 6/11/24 O Corpus Christi TX 6 designs, 6 positions Offset (APU)



581304	0	Full pane of 18 with plate no. and selvage	\$12.24
581306	0	Press Sheet with die cuts	73.44
581308	0	Press Sheet w die cuts	73.44
581316		First Day Covers (set of 6)	7.38
581321		Digital Color Postmark First Day Covers (set of 6)	12.48
581334	0	Stamp Ceremony Memento (Ceremony Invitation and Program,	
		a set of 6 DCP First Day Covers, and a Pane of 18 stamps)	39.95
581325	1 8	Stamp Portfolio	21.95
581324	0	Framed Stamps: Leatherback Turtle (14.5" x 11.5")	39.95
581327	0	Framed Stamps: Loggerhead Turtle (14.5" x 11.5")	39.95
581326		Stamp Pin with Cancellation Card (random stamp)	14.95
581360		Matted Stamps: Strip of 6 (8.5" X 13")	18.95

Shaker Design

68¢/FOREVER Date of Issue: 6/20/24 O Pittsfield MA 12 designs, 9 positions Plate no. in 2 corners Offset (APU)



581404	0	Full pane of 12 with plate no. and selvage	\$8.16
581406	0	Press Sheet with die cuts	73,44
581408	0	Press Sheet without die cuts	73.44
581416		First Day Covers (set of 12)	14.76
581421		Digital Color Postmark First Day Covers (set of 12)	24.96
581434	0	Stamp Ceremony Memento (Ceremony Invitation and Progr	ram, a set
		of 12 DCP First Day Covers, and a Pane of 12 stamps)	48.95
581424	0	Framed Stamps: Gray Design (11.5" x 9.5")	29.95
581425	0	Framed Stamps: Bentwood Box (9.5" x 11.5")	29.95

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U.S. Flags

68¢/FOREVER Date of Issue: 6/14/24 O Keystone SD 4 designs Offset



Offset (APU)

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Date of Issue: 6/14/24 O	740804	Coll of 100 (APU)		\$68.00
Keystone SD 4 designs	740802	Coil of 100 (BCA)		\$68.00
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Date of Issue: 6/14/24 O	762004	Coll of 10,000		\$6,800.00
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4 designs plate no. every 27 🙃	762003	Strip of 25 with plate no.		17.00
Offset (APU)				
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Keystone SD	751815	Strip of 500		340.00
4 designs plate no. every 27 6	751803	Strip of 25 with plate no.		17.00

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Booklet of 20 (2-sided) (APU)

Booklet of 20 (2-sided) (BCA)

Digital Color Postmark First Day Cover (set of 4)

First Day Cover (set of 4)

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EXAMPLE:

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From Idea to Mailbox

The process of creating stamps, part 1

Every year, new stamps celebrate uniquely American subjects. But why are some subjects chosen and others not? And what does that process look like?

Some 15,000 stamp suggestions pour in annually from the public, via the U.S. mail, using a stamp. (That is one of several requirements for recommending a stamp subject.) Each receives a response. A published list of general criteria winnows down that number considerably.

For example, "A lot of people write in about very important people who are doing important things, and they want to honor them," says Claudia Daniels, copywriter and researcher in USPS Stamp Development. "The person may absolutely deserve the honor. Yet selection criteria require that a person be deceased for at least three years before appearing on a stamp. That's often what people miss."

After that first cut, the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC) weighs in at quarterly meetings on a smaller set of suggested subjects. Noteworthy are the specialties of CSAC members — from art, design, and history to sports, technology, and Americana — that now come into play.

As the committee prepares its final 20-25 recommended stamp subjects for approval by the Postmaster General, they're looking to mark anniversaries and to find balance between topics such as science, arts, history, and culture. "CSAC is the voice of the American public," Daniels says. "And their different backgrounds and expertise are reflected in the diversity offered in each year's stamp program."

CSAC meetings rely on confidentiality and a democratic process. Not only are final votes anonymous, but each suggested topic also comes to the committee without bias. "CSAC does not know whether there are 10,000 letters supporting a subject, or just one," Daniels says — "or whether a congressman recommended a subject or my grandmother. That way, all subjects have equal consideration."

"We want to highlight what's great about America," says Joe Kelley, current chair of CSAC and an avid stamp collector. "The hope is to not only draw more people to the hobby of stamp collecting, but also encourage people to simply use stamps. With so much emphasis today on the popularity of all things 'retro," Kelley says, "why not be retro yourself and write a letter?"

Find out how to submit your stamp idea at about.usps.com/who/csac/#process.



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