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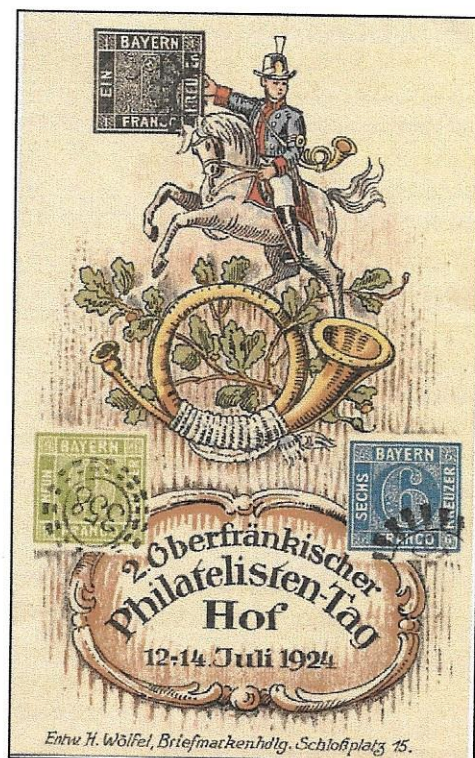
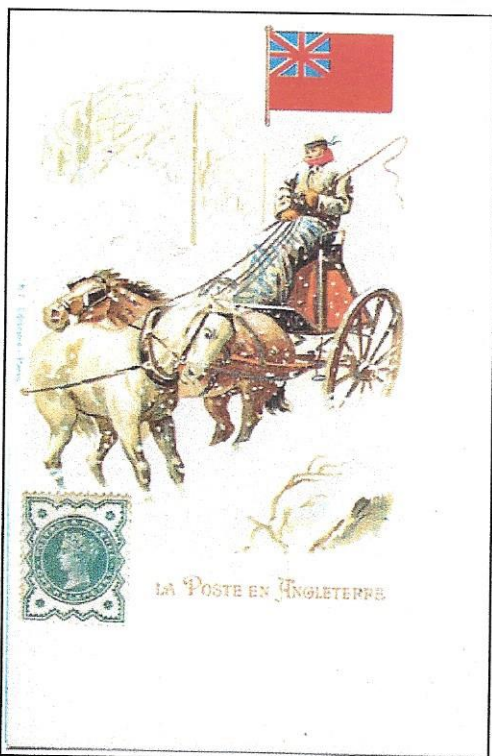
Philately and Postal History on Stamps, Postmarks and Covers by Boris Politziner

Another Record Set

• 17,836 stamp issues set a record for 2000. The face value of these stamps was \$8,877. Liberia issued a record 771 stamps and souvenir sheets, the most stamps ever released by one country in a single year. Read the complete story in the April 29, 2002 issue of *Linn's Stamp News*.

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The items shown in this article on pages 1-4 are from the private collection of the author. The theme of this collection is "stamps about stamps and stamp collecting", an interesting sideline.

An Evolutionary Event at SOSCC by Bill Critzer

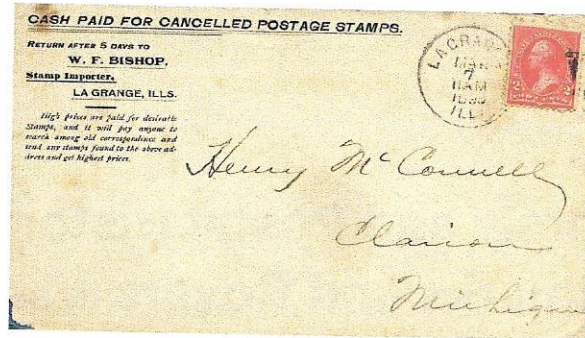
Celebrate! This is issue number 20 under my editorship, but what we are celebrating is the evolution to color; isn't it absolutely gorgeously stunning?

This important leap forward has been realized through the knowledge and effort of Alf Jordan, M.D. (retired) of Yarmouth Maine. Alf is a new member of SOSCC. His second question was "Have you ever considered issuing the *SOS Sig-*

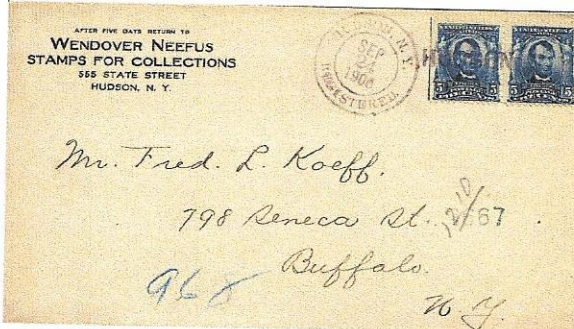
nal in color?" My response was "Yes, but economics preclude it". He then outlined his plan to produce it with an industrial grade HP color inkjet printer, volunteering to do not only the printing, but also the stuffing and mailing. He estimated the cost for color to be about the same as our present cost for black and white.

The reason this result obtains is because Alf
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Dealer Advertising Covers/ Meter/ Stamp Day/ Exposition by Boris Politziner



1950 METER SLOGAN USING 1948 CHRISTMAS SEAL AS PART OF THE METER DESIGN.



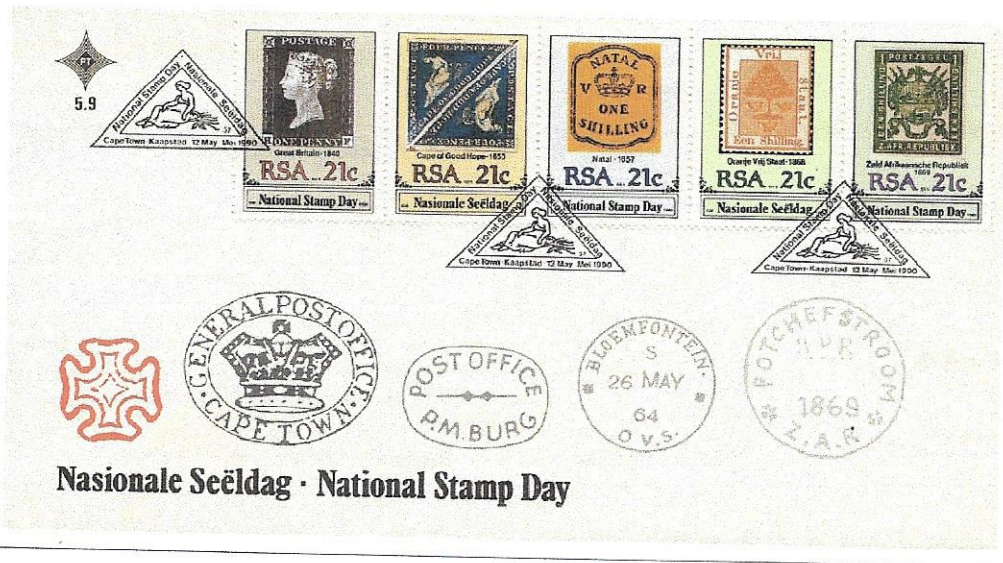
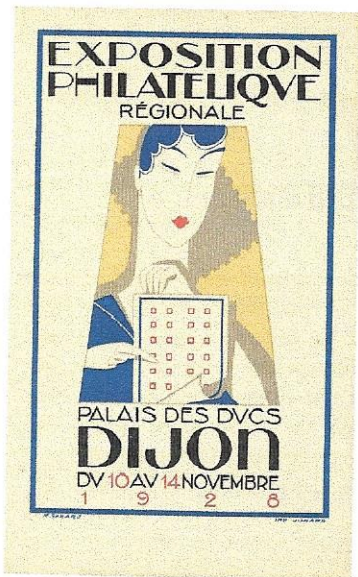
The International Federation of Philately authorized International Stamp Day to start in January 1937. Several countries had special cancels and stationery before that day, but the first stamp issued under this authorization was by Belgium on 01/10/37 (Sc B188). It shows Prince Baudouin and the surtax went to philatelic and health venues. A predecessor of stamp day was Philatelist's Day. The Austrian example at far right is dated December 1935 and the design on the postcard shows a 1934 stamp.

Dealer advertising covers from Bishop 1895 (top) and Neefus 1906. "High prices are paid for desirable Stamps, and it will pay anyone to search among old correspondence and send any stamps found to the above address and get higher prices".

A stamps on postcards theme from a November 1928 exhibition in Dijon is shown below.

The first South Africa Stamp Day issue was on May 12, 1990. This FDC has the Penny Black and first stamps of the Cape Colony, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal along with some lovely cancels from each of the countries represented on the stamps.

1934 Austrian stamp on 1935 Stamp Day postcard.



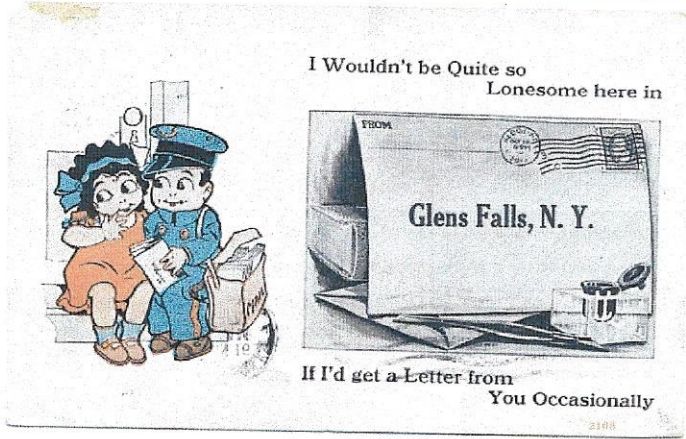
Nasionale Seëldag · National Stamp Day

Philatelists' Day/Dealer Tab Advertising by Boris Politziner



A 33rd German Philatelic Day (Berlin May 19-23, 1927) card sent by the collector pictured, Franz Kalckoff, to a collector living in France is shown at far left. Many of these private cards were printed in small quantities and are hard to find. There is a German series of private post cards for all philatelic events which is noted in the Higgins & Gage *Postal Stationery Catalogue* (1976 edition).

French and German dealer advertising tabs are shown on the next two items.



"I wouldn't be quite so lonesome here in Glen Falls, N. Y. if I'd get a letter from you occasionally"



Philatelic Week in Japan in 1948 was celebrated November 29 to December 5. The 5⁰⁰ yen stamp depicting "Beauty Looking Back", a print by Moronobu, was issued in sheets of five on November 29, 1948 as a commemoration. Note the special cancellation in red. This design appears again in 1996 in the Postal History Series (Sc 2418-9).

Following on December 3, 1948 was an imperforate souvenir sheet with no gum issued for the Kanazawa and Takaoka Stamp Exhibitions. Added in the margin of this sheet are GB #1, Japan #1 and British Guiana #1.

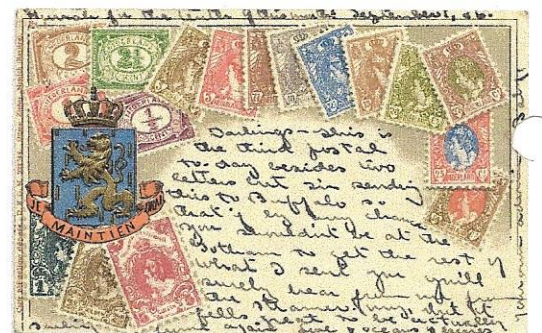
Stamps in Cancels by Boris Politziner



Salon Do Filatelia, Barcelona, 1946 showing the 6 cuartos of 1850. This is an enlargement of the cancel on a registered airmail cover to New York backstamped Barcelona 15 Oct 46. The stamp is for Stamp Day, October 12 1946. To its right are two special cancels for the Salon De La Philatélie, Paris, from May 25-June 10, 1946 depicting early French stamps.

Ottmar Zieher of Munich Postcards

The outstanding publisher of embossed coin and stamp postcards was Ottmar Zieher. In the early 1900's his firm produced cards illustrating stamps of a great many countries. These cards are actively sold today and mint copies bring \$10- \$15 or more at retail.



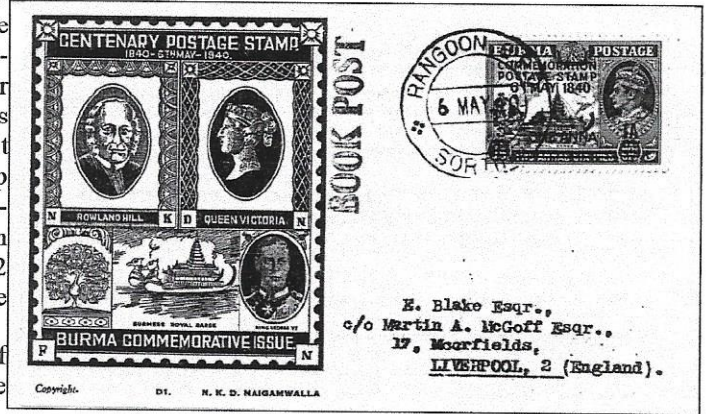
The Penny Black Centenary by Richard B. Howard

“Burma was the only one, other than Britain, to issue a commemorative stamp for the Penny Black Centenary”.

Burma 1940. Throughout the entire British Empire, then at it greatest dimensions, with upwards of one hundred stamp issuing territories, Burma was the only one, other than Britain, to issue a commemorative stamp for the Penny Black Centenary. This consisted of an overprint ‘Commemorative Postage Stamp 6th May 1940’ together with a surcharge below on one of the then definitive postage stamps, the 2 annas 6 pies value featuring the Royal Barge.

Subsequently, Burma was one of the few territories not to join the modern Commonwealth and remains, probably uniquely, the only one in the modern world ranking as a one stamp country in SOS terms. The writer discovered two pioneer collections over the years which he has used to base his one album collection as now possibly

the most comprehensive of its kind. The Rangoon dealer named on the cover was



responsible for the production of at least six special covers of which the writer possesses upwards of twenty examples used throughout the towns and cities of Burma, all with splendid May 6, 1940 postmarks.

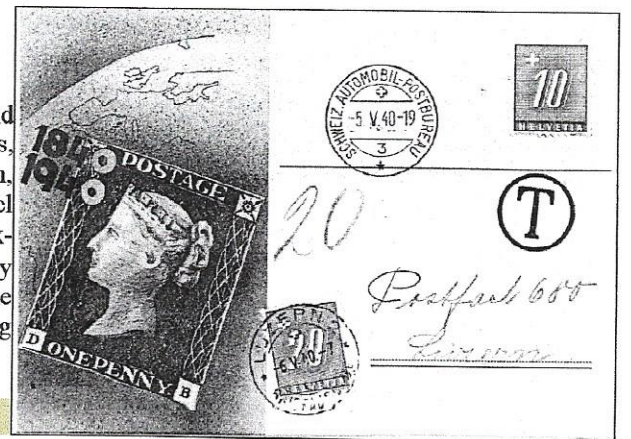
Portugal 1940. A set of eight values in the common design of a portrait of Rowland Hill was officially issued 8/12/40, although this cover was cancelled on the previous day.



Bulgaria 1940. Bulgaria, then neutral, produced an attractive commemorative pair in designs reproducing its own first stamp, though the Penny Black appears on the cover. These were used throughout the cities of Bulgaria together with special cancels in a common design, the illustrated example serviced at Novo. The double dates illustrate the use of both the Julian and Gregorian calendars.



Switzerland 1940. Special covers and cards were produced in different colors, but with a common Penny Black design, and are to be found with a Post Bus cancel of May 5, 1940, though the illustrated example appears to have been deliberately understamped, in order for it to receive the Lucerne ‘6-v-40’ strike on the following day.



New Issues by Lou Guadagno

(new on list= *)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Values</u>	<u>Stamp Reproduced</u>	<u>Reason for Issue</u>	<u>Scott #</u>
✓ 02 04 15	Barbados	* .10-2.00\$	Barbados #1	150th Anniv., Barbados Inland Post (4v-1sos)	To come
✓ 02 01 20	Czech Repub-	5.40 kc	Czechoslovakia #253	Traditions of Czech stamp Production	To come
✓ 01 10 00	Dominican	* 5\$P	Dominican Republic #193	Stamp Day (this is also a SUG)	To come
✓ 01 09 04	Estonia	4.40m	Estonia #200	10th Anniv. Stamp Restoration	422
✓ 02 02 06	Great Britain	* 1st, 2nd	(B) Queen Type of 1952	Golden Jubilee QE II—1st red, 2nd green	2022-23
✓ 02 02 06	Great Britain	* 4x1st/5x2nd	G.B. #294 in margin of pane	Golden Jubilee QE II—Booklet Pane/2022-23	2023a
✓ 01 10 16	G.B.-Isle of	29-50p	GB #MH1, 300, Isle of Man #3, 8	HAFNIA 2001 (Overprint on 900)	To come
✓ 01 08 25	Hong Kong	1.80-3.10\$	HK #66, China #tbi, 893	160th Anniv., Hong Kong Post (Bklt pane 4v)	To come
✓ 01 00 00	Hungary	150ft	Hungary #1	150th Anniversary State Printers	3778
✓ 01 10 09	Hungary	* 10ft	SY—Portions of unidentifiable stamps	World's Largest Stamp Mosaic Attempt	To come
✓ 02 01 26	Italy	* 41 Ç	Italy—Parma #1	150th Anniv., Stamps of Parma	To come
✓ 01 10 02	Mauritius	15R	Mauritius #361	Centenary, Visit of M. Gandhi	✓ 943
✓ 01 10 31	Moldova	30b	1885 Russian Local	130th Anniv., Zemstvo Post of Orhei-	To come
✓ 01 05 14	Monaco	2.70fr	Monaco #1952	50th Anniv., Prince Rainier III	To come
✓ 01 10 12	Netherlands	2x39c	Netherlands #1 in margin	Publicity, AMPHILEX 2002	1084a-b
✓ 01 00 00	Panama	5b	Panama #4 (or 7)	18th UPAEP Congress	To come
✓ 01 10 19	Surinam	3750-5250sf	Surinam #648, Curacao #29	Stamp Day (S/S-2v)	To come
✓ 02 01 01	Tristan/Cunha	15-60p	Tristan da Cunha #1 -12	50th Stamp Anniversary (4v + S/S)	701-5
✓ 02 03 01	Ukraine	* 15k	Ukraine #100	10th Anniv., Modern Stamps of Ukraine	To come
✓ 01 10 01	United States	10x34	US #3392b	Looney Tunes, Porky Pig Booklet Panes	3534-5
✓ 01 10 01	United States	21c	US #3392b	Looney Tunes, Porky Pig imprinted postcard	UX376
✓ 01 10 24	Yugoslavia	15d	Yugoslavia #2494 partial, others tbi	75th Anniv., Int'l Federation of Philately (FIP)	To come



150th Anniversary, Barbados Inland Post



Netherlands 1084a-b, 150th Anniversary of Stamps in the Netherlands and publicity for AMPHILEX 2002; Netherlands #1 in background and margin

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SOSCC News by Bill Critzer

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is donating his printer and a considerable amount of personal time thereby removing from the delivered cost two expensive elements of production. SOSCC is paying for the color ink, archival paper, postage and envelopes. This was an offer I found impossible to refuse, since it would bring to reality one of the dreams I have had for the *SOS Signal* since I began as editor in 1997.

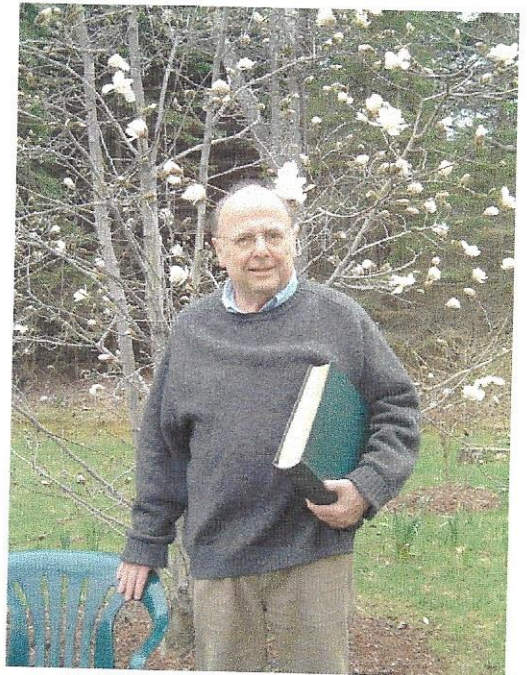
Thank you Alf Jordan for bringing to fruition the first ever total color issue of the *SOS Signal*.

Born in New York City and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, I trained in plastic surgery and settled in Northwestern Iowa as the first plastic and reconstructive surgeon in the region. I retired from active practice in 1985 and moved to Maine where I was involved in the founding and establishment of the Osher Map Library of the University of Southern Maine (please see the site at www.usm.maine.edu/~maps). I retired last year after fifteen years as Secretary-treasurer of that organization.

Once finally finding a little free personal time, I have turned back to stamp collecting which had been put on hold upon embarking on marriage and family in 1963 (four children, five grandchildren and one wife so far).

My grandmother was an active stamp collector, and I had inherited her collection in 1948. She concentrated on US and was diligent in acquiring commemorative mint sheets during the late thirties and early forties. My return to collecting was just as described by Bunny Kaplan: I was dismayed to find that the expensive issues of my youth were now even more expensive and that all those carefully saved mint sheets were barely worth face value.

I toyed with a variety of collecting possibilities, including cartographic philately. But I have enough trouble reading a full-sized map, let alone one shrunk down to stamp size; however, as I paged through a copy of Scott from the library trying to find out what happened to all those stamp-issuing countries of my youth, I was struck by the number of issues bearing reproductions of old stamps –



particularly those of Queen Victoria. I looked into them, and soon I was bit, and it was just as Ms. Kaplan described: the only logical choice.

So I tracked down the SOSCC, sent my nine bucks to Bill (cheap at twice the price), received my black and white April issue of the *SOS Signal*, and the rest is history!

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Yes! Back Issues In Color

Yes, back issues of the *SOS Signal* in living color from January 2001 through April 2002 (#14 -19) are now available for \$3 a copy postpaid (add 50¢ per copy if you live outside North America). US currency or a check made out to SOSCC and drawn on a US bank is acceptable. Mail your request and remittance to Bill Critzer, Secretary-Treasurer, at his address on page 8.

Signal 19 has fewer pages in color as the illustrations for three articles were reproduced from black and white photocopies sent by the author. Additional back issues may be made available by the end of the year.

The SOSCC was founded in 1954. It is a non-profit philatelic organization serving a worldwide membership and is open to persons interested in stamp on stamp designs, stamp anniversaries and related topics. Dues are \$9 per year for members residing in North America and \$12 elsewhere.

Officers serve without compensation and are reimbursed only for expenses incurred on behalf of the club. You are cordially invited to associate with us. Please contact the Secretary Treasurer or use our website for more information or to become a member.

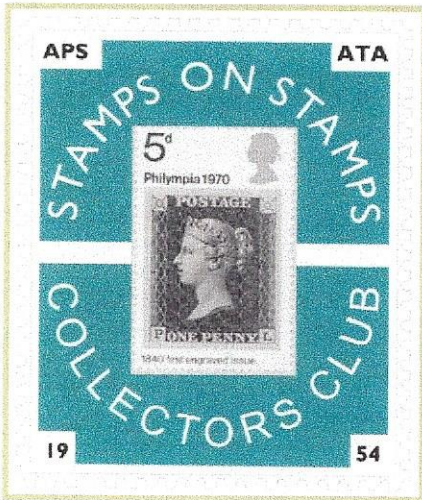
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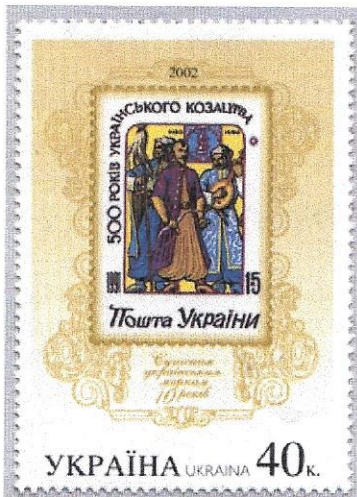
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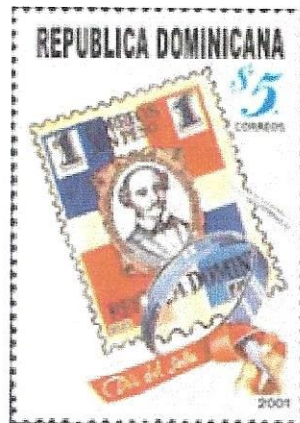
More New Issues by Lou Guadagno



10th Anniversary, Modern Stamps of Ukraine



150th Anniversary, Stamps of Parma



Stamp Day (SUG)



In the October 2002 issue you will have the significant experience of benefiting from the imagination and activities of our very own, notorious, and now 50 years old, "Self-Importer"

Please send me your favorite stamp or cover now, along with your comments, so I can run it in a future issue.
 Bill