

SOS Signal

Stamps On Stamps Collectors Club

Hidden Stamp On Stamps

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Every so often, in going thru a dealer's stock (or now, more frequently, searching on line), I find a stamp on stamp design that got by the new issue dealers and catalog editors. Usually, this is because the issue was not for an obvious anniversary or other related themes, but more often, it is due to the stamp on stamp being quite small or secondary to the design. With all the common large reproductions created, It was exciting to discover these over-looked designs.

One of my favorites is a semi-postal stamp issued in 1989 by Germany to support the Foundation For Promotion of Philately and Postal History, and to publicize the IPHILA '89 Exhibition (SC # B667).

The exhibition featured philatelic literature, and the good looking stamp was a simple design of a post horn and an upright book with

open pages showing portions of what one philatelic magazine called "perforated symbolic stamps".

When I found the stamp in a dealer box almost twenty years ago, I pulled it out, lamenting on another lost opportunity for a real stamp on stamp issue.—until I gave it a closer look. The "symbolic" stamps were actually portions of three of the world's rarest stamps!

The designer, Antonia Grashberger, had filled her "book" with representations of three of the most widely studied stamp issues: the Two Pence "Post Office" Mauritius (Sc # 2), the Tre Skilling Banco color error from Sweden (Sc # 1a) and the British Guiana One Penny Magenta (Sc # 13).

These three stamps have graced many SOS issues, but this is the

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most unusual, and probably the least known.

Since the three stamps would easily sell for over four million dollars when they come onto the philatelic market again, I've have to be content with showing scans of them on my album page.

Another happy discovery was on one of the Liechtenstein Industries and Occupation series issued in 1984. The 1.50 Fr value (Sc # 798) honored postal and communications workers with an illustration of a clerk hand canceling stamped envelopes—and again, the stamp on stamp in the design was not noted.

I had seen an illustration in a philatelic magazine and assumed the tiny stamps were just blobs, but when I came across a set at a stamp show I examined the stamp closely and saw it could be an actual issue. I borrowed a Scott's catalog and after a few minutes back tracking from 1984, I found that the stamp was indeed real. Altho upside down and very small, I identified the dark blue and red stamp as the 80rp Princely Crown design of the two stamps issued to commemorate the 1971 50th Anniversary of the Liechtenstein Constitution (Sc# 490) Several years after acquiring the two issues, I found a set of the twelve designs affixed to photo cards of the stamps with first day cancels, and added that to my album page so that the tiny reproduction could be better seen for what it is. Recently, I found a first day cover of the 1971 issue and added that



to show what the stamp would look like with the cancel applied.

A more recent find was from Indonesia, issued in 1997 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Family Welfare Movement (Sc # 1746). The design features a hand written letter (which if I could read Indonesian, might tell whom the letter was to and from, and what it had to do with family welfare), and a GNOTA imprint and emblem, but I also found two postage stamps in the upper left corner of the design, which changed this from an obscure locally known commemoration to an unusual SOS issue.

The two stamps are from an Indonesia issue of 1996 to commemorate Foster Parenting, and have the same GNOTA imprint and emblem; one vertical design shows children in a playground, and the horizontal design shows children and a hand holding a photo of a young girl (Sc # 1686-87).

The two reproduced stamps were very cheap, but very hard to acquire—Indonesian stamps, except for very new issues are not readily found in a dealer's stock. I bought these on eBay direct from the mother country with some other stamps and covers.

I have many other SOS issues like these that you may not be aware of, and I will be writing them up in future articles for the *Signal*, as I either scan the needed images or download them from the internet. If *you* have an unlisted SOS, let us know about it too.

The Largest Stamp on Stamp Ever? By Dana A. Middleton

On August 11, 2000, Singapore issued what I believe to be the largest stamp on stamp item ever created. It may also contain the most fully reproduced stamps of any stamp on stamp emission. This "collector's sheet" measures 8-1/4 by 11-5/8 inches, or 210 x 300 mm (larger than this page !!); it reproduces forty stamps issued by Singapore from 1991 to 1999, and also contains the perfed and imperf versions of the 2000 set.

Scott assigned catalog # 947f to the sheet, which celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Care For Nature stamp series, a co-opera-

tion between the Singapore Philatelic Bureau and the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp., Ltd. Starting in 1991, Singapore had issued a yearly set of nature or conservation oriented stamps, and all proceeds from the sale of specially produced covers and prints were donated to the HSBC Care For Nature Trust Fund, that then sponsored environmental conservationism and nature awareness projects.

The first six year's sets of four stamps showed various songbirds, crabs, butterflies, heron, rare fish and trees, 1997 saw a set of four

oblong stamps with motifs promoting a clean environment, and the eight stamps in 1998 showed various flowers. In 1999, a return to four stamps showed a turtle, lizards and frog.

Does any member know of a larger item? How have you mounted this unwieldy sheet? I placed it in a plastic sheet holder with an added stiffener and keep it loose with my albums.

Luckily, no other postal administration took up this issue to start a contest to see who would



My Love affair With SUGs: Stamps On Stamps Under Magnifying Glasses By Judy Hornaday

Those of you who are long standing members of the SOSCC will recognize this subject as a *déjà vu* experience. In 1994, my first SUG article for the *Signal* was published: *Stamps on Stamps Under Magnifying Glasses*, and in 1999, I was asked to provide an update, which has resided on our Club website since then. Our editor, following in the perseverant shoes of his predecessors, Bob Graves and Bill Critzer, has again induced me to provide an update.

(If you are at all new to the SOSCC, and wish to get up to speed on this esoteric SOS mini-topic, the original articles are still available on request with a SASE).

In 1994, I had only identified 71 stamps in this topic subcategory; five years later, with the help of several Club members including our current editor, my list (not counting varieties, such as souvenir sheets with the same stamp), grew to 114. Now, seven years later, the checklist now totals 152 issues

Of the 28 new issues among the 38 updates to this list, three—Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Spain—commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the International Federation of Stamp Dealers Association (IFSDA) in 2002 [if you are interested in seeing all the IFSDA commemorative stamps, which are another SOS mini topic in themselves, their website is: <http://www.ifsd.org/ifsdastamps.htm>]. Several of the new SUGs honor stamp exhibitions: Chile (Themática 2004) and Monaco (World Stamp Expo, USA); others celebrate varied philatelic anniversaries: Brunei (National Philatelic Society), Egypt (75th Anniv., Egyptian Philatelic Society), Georgia (50th Anniv., EUROPA Stamps)—to my eye, the most attractive addition—Macedonia (50th Anniv., Macedonia Philatelic Society), Slovenia (50th Anniv., Slovenian Phila-

telic Society), Slovenia (50th Anniv. EUROPA Stamps) and Vietnam (40th Anniv., Vietnam Philatelic Association). Some of the others have publicized Stamp Day or School Philately; a few have even celebrated two occasions with a single issue. Many new additions have unidentifiable “blob” stamps and are thus Type U.

Several SUG postal cards have been added to the listing and my collection, thanks to several generous Club members—two So. Korea issues for Philakorea '84 with imprinted stamp as # 1390, Netherlands in 1984 for the Centenary of Organized Philately, with imprinted stamps as # B604, Poland in 1997 for the 30th Anniv. Of Filitalista magazine and Switzerland in 1990 to publicize the PTT Museum.

There are also two new additions to the SUG in cancellation on cover category: Chicago, Illinois, USA for the 1992 World Columbian Stamp Expo and Butler, Pennsylvania, USA in 2004.

In a SUG-related category, two stamps from Cuba celebrating Stamp Day 1973 by illustrating classic cancellations under the magnifying glass have been added. I have dubbed these PUGs—postmarks under glass! Am I getting too silly?

As before, I eagerly welcome any additions which readers may identify for the checklist. Even though this is a relatively small sub topic, acquiring all the stamps on the list still eludes me—the challenge that motivates all collectors!

Please take some time to review your own collection and to consider SOS sub topics that interest you. I know our editor encourages and welcomes other contributions for the *Signal*.



SOS SUG Checklist —2006 Update

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<i>COUNTRY</i>	<i>SCOTT #</i>	<i>ISSUED</i>	<i>COMMEMORATED EVENT</i>
Bangladesh	246a	1984	1 st Bangladesh Nat'l Phil. Exhibition
Bangladesh	246c	1996	<i>Above O/P</i> : Silver Jubilee Bangladesh Post. Stamps
Belgium	1779(t)	1999	The 20 th Century
Brunei	582	2004	National Philatelic Society
Chile	1438	2004	THEMATICA 2004 National Philatelic Exhibition
Costa Rica	RA120a-d	2001	Children's Village [postal tax stamp]
Egypt	1892	2004	Egyptian Philatelic Society 75 th Anniversary
Georgia (single + S/S)		2006	50 th Anniversary of EUROPA
Grenada	3323	2002	IFSDA
Italy	2306	1999	Stamp Day
Italy	2369	2000	School Philately
Italy	2525	2002	Stamp Day
Kazakhstan	273	1999	UPU 125 th Anniversary
Korea (N.)	2857	1989	150 th Anniversary of Penny Black
Korea (S.) 1390 postal card		1984	Philakorea [4 SOS's, incl. #1389-90 on reverse]
Korea (S.) 1390 postal card		1999	15 th Postal Service Anniversary
.Moldova	139	1994	Stamp Day
Monaco	2173	2003	25 th Anniversary Windhoek Phil. Soc.
Netherlands	B604	1984	100 Years of Organized Philately
Netherlands postal card		1984	100 Years of Organized Philately
Poland postal card		1997	30 th Anniversary "Filatelista" Magazine
St. Vincent Gren.	3007	2002	IFSDA
Serbia- Montenegro 196		2003	Stamp Collecting
Serbia-Montenegro 266		2004	Stamp Day
Slovakia	419	2002	Stamp Day
Slovenia	346	1999	Slovenian Philatelic Assoc. 50 th Anniversary
Slovenia	602-5 + S/S	2005	EUROPA
Spain	3016(k)	1999	Letter Writing
Spain	3157	2002	Stamp Day & IFSDA
Switzerland postal card		1990	PTT Museum
<u>SUG Cancellations on Covers</u>			
Illinois, USA		1992	World Colombian Stamp Expo '92 Station
Pennsylvania, USA		2004	Butlerpex Station
<u>PUG's [Postmarks under glass]</u>			
Cuba	1796-7	1973	Stamp Day

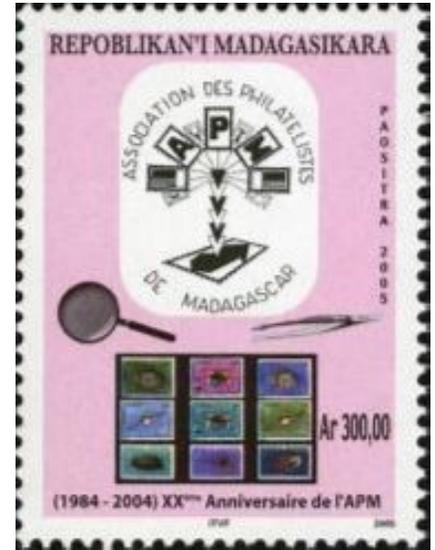


ADDITIONS TO PREVIOUS 1999 LIST

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>
06 05 29	Antigua-Barbuda	* 4 x \$ 3.00	USA # 1	300th Ann'y Birth, B. Franklin (s/s-4v-1 sos)	Pending
06 05 00	Gambia	* 8 x D17	USA # E14, C3, Q2, 294, E2, 894, 114, 1120	120th Ann'y American Phil.Soc. (s/s—8v)	Pending
06 04 07	Greece	* € 0,20-2,00	Greece # 187, 191, 188, 192	Centenary, Olympic Games 1906 (s/s-4v)	Pending
06 04 07	Greece	* € 0,50-1,00	Greece # 189,194, 197, 190	Centenary, Olympic Games 1906 (s/s-4v)	Pending
06 05 02	Isle of Man	* 42, 84p	I.O.M. # 100, 418-19, + in margin	50th Ann'y Europa Stamps (s/s-2 v)	Pending
06 05 18	Macao	* 10.00P	Macao # 1 + in margin	Communications Museum (s/s-1 v)	Pending
06 03 01	Madagascar	* 300 ar	Madagascar # 481-86, 447-49	20th Ann'y (in 2004) Philatelist Assoc. (1v)	Pending
06 00 00	Maldives	* Rf 7-12	Norway # B52, Germany # B79	White Olympics/Torino (4v-2 sos)	Pending
06 00 00	Maldives	* 4 x Rf 7-12	As above	As above, (sheetlets 4v x 4-2 sos)	Pending
06 05 08	Romania	* 30b-2.50L	Romania # 29, 248, 377, 513	140th Ann'y Royal Dynasty (4 v)	Pending
06 05 08	Romania	* 30b-2.50L	As above	140th Ann'y Royal Dynasty (s/s-4 v)	Pending
06 05 08	Romania	* 4.70L	Romania # 180	140th Ann'y Royal Dynasty (s/s-1 v)	Pending
06 00 00	St.Thom.-Prince	* Db 40,000	Portugal Europa issues tbi- margin	50th Ann'y Europa Stamps (s/s-1 v)	Pending
06 05 27	Sierra Leone	* Le 6000	USA # 300	300th Ann'y Birth, B. Franklin (s/s—1 v)	Pending
06 06 01	Tristan da Cunha	* 3 x 30, 50 p	Tristan Penguin essay 1946, # 5	500th Ann'y Celebration, Pt 3 (s/s-6v-2 sos)	Pending
05 10 10	Antigua-Barbuda	3 x \$ 3.00	Italy # 1372	100th Anny Rotary Int'l (s/s-3 v—1 sos)	2839,c
06 03 22	Belize	\$.25-5.00	Belize # 1111-14	50th Ann'y Europa Stamps (4v)	1199-1202
06 03 22	Belize	4 x above	As above	50th Ann'y Europa Stamps (s/s-4v)	1202a
05 10 09	Bolivia	3 x 2b, 4b	Bolivia essays, stamps, GB, Brazil # 1	Stamp Day (s/s-6 v)	1254a-f
06 01 30	Monaco	€ 0,53	Monaco # C81 artwork	10th Ann'y Stamp and Coin Museum (1 v)	2406
05 11 04	Romania	2 x 50 b	Romania-Moldavia # 1	160th Birth Ann'y D. Butculescu (2 v-1 sos)	4762, a
05 10 24	Serbia	€ 0,25	Yugoslavia # 265-7 (on cover)	Stamp Day (1 v)	318
05 05 16	Solomon Islands	2 x \$1-	12 Europa stamps—tbi	50th Ann'y Europa Stamps (12 v—6 se-tenant pairs)	1001-6a-b
05 05 16	Solomon Islands	2 x \$1-	12 Europa stamps— as above	As above (6 S/S—12v —6 se-tenant pairs)	1001c-6c
05 10 20	Spain	€ 2,21	Cuba # 1	150th Ann'y Stamps of Cuba, Puerto Rico (1 v)	3378
05 01 04	Surinam	1, 2, 9 srd	Netherlands # 379,369, 375	50th Ann'y Europa Stamps (3 v)	1334-36
05 01 04	Surinam	1, 2, 9 srd	Netherlands # 379,369, 375	50th Ann'y Europa Stamps (s/s—3 v)	1336a
05 12 15	Turkey	10-70k	Turkey # 1520, 1800, 1553, 1775	50th Ann'y Europa (perf s/s—4 v)	2985
05 12 15	Turkey	10-70k	Turkey # 1493, 1936, 1602, 1876	50th Ann'y Europa (imperf s/s—4 v)	2986

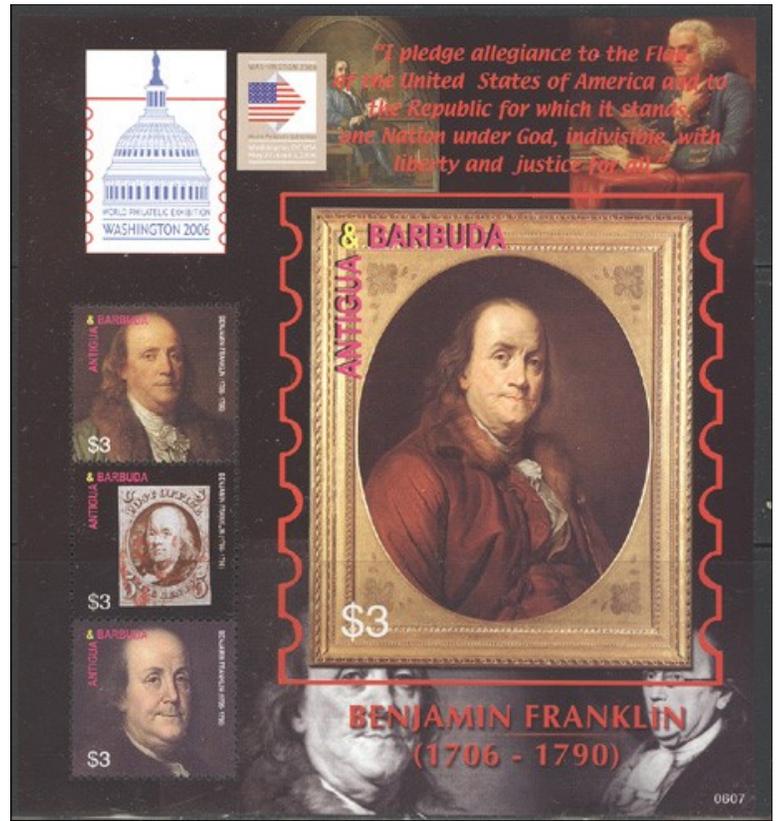
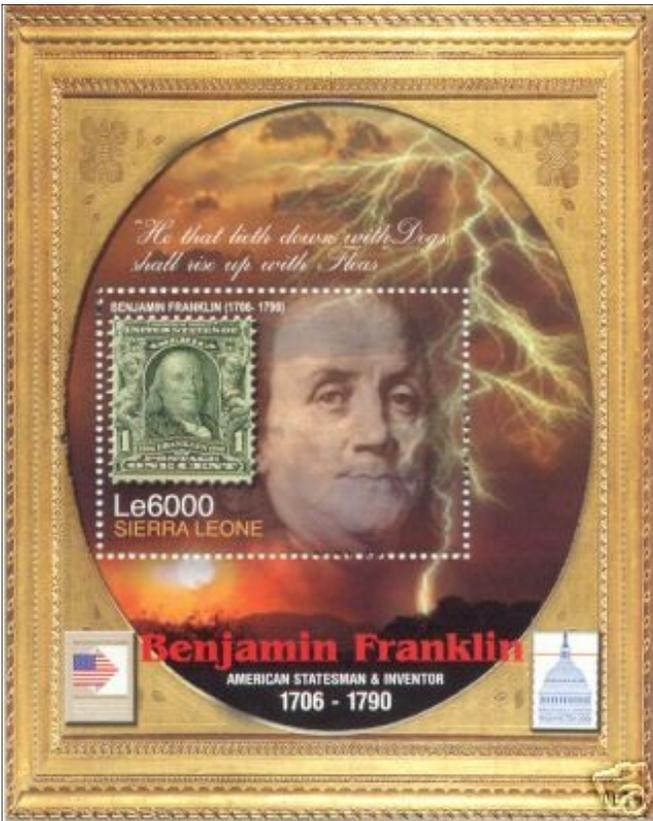
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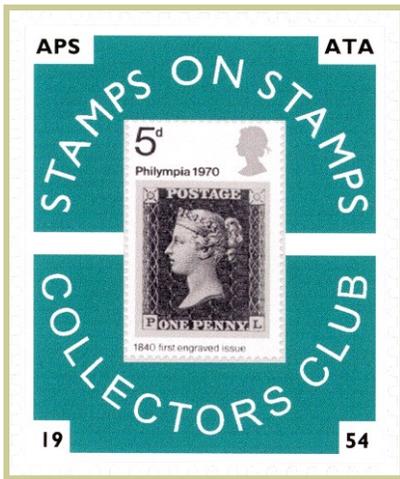
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SOSCC was founded in 1954. It is a non-profit philatelic organization serving a worldwide membership and is open to persons interested in stamp on stamp designs, stamp anniversaries and related topics. Dues are \$15 per year for members residing in North America and \$18 elsewhere.

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Member Want List: I received a letter from Club member, Robert Adams asking for our help in completing his special collection of Penny Blacks and Mulready Envelopes On Stamps On Stamps—an interesting idea, isn't it? I was able to help him with one of his needs, but the other two are quite elusive, I only recently got one, and I'm still looking for the other one!

If anyone can supply the perf and imperf provisional souvenir sheets issued by Umm al Qiwayn in early 1967 with new currency overprints, (Michel Blocks 9A-9b) and the second LONDON 90 overprinted souvenir sheet issued by Barbuda in

1991 (Sc # 1158 [overprint on Antigua and Barbuda # 1312]), please write to Robert Adams, 4059 Grand Blvd, Montreal, Quebec H4B2X4.

If any other members have a special want or a special item to offer, please contact me and I'll put them together in a future column.

Editor's Update: Much to my regret, some health problems and an unexpected and very unwanted increase in my job work load this year, have prevented me from getting the *Signal* back on schedule.

Please bear with me for a little while longer, as I'm hoping to be on track again by the New Year.