

# Linn's Stamp NEWS

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## USPS will recognize Scouting centennial with single 44¢ stamp; July release planned

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An illustration of a hiking Scout, superimposed upon a much larger silhouette of a Scout peering through binoculars, will appear on the United States 44¢ Scouting stamp to be issued in 2010.

The stamp bears no inscription that specifically honors the Boy Scouts of America, even though the organization celebrates its centennial next year.

The single word "Scouting" is inscribed in yellow stencil lettering along the bottom of the design. The two red numbers for the denomination are created in a similar stencil design.

The unveiling of the Scouting stamp design took place Nov. 12 at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.

The Postal Service will issue the stamp in July, in association with



Two different images of a Scout create the design of the forthcoming U.S. 44¢ Scouting stamp. Tentative plans call for the stamp to be issued in July 2010.

the centennial jamboree for the Boy Scouts of America, scheduled for late July in Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

The illustration on the stamp was created by Craig Frazier of Mill Valley, Calif. The stamp design shows a single Scout standing with one foot upon a rock formation, holding binoculars and wearing a backpack.

The larger silhouette of another Scout takes up the top portion of the stamp design. This Scout is looking through the binoculars and is wearing a larger hat and neckerchief.

This stamp is Frazier's fourth design for the Postal Service. His first project was the 37¢ Nurturing Love stamped envelope (Scott U651) issued in 2003. He also illustrated the 37¢ Child Health stamp (3938) of 2005, and the Love: Two Bluebirds stamp issued in 2006 (3976, 4029).

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## Go-go boots in Finland's 2010 stamp program

Finland's 2010 stamp program will explore a variety of topics, including popular Finnish folk art, country scenes, and things that are unique.

The program will begin Jan. 25, 2010, with a souvenir sheet of six stamps featuring some of the top names of Finnish rock and pop music, a Valentine's Day souvenir

sheet with five stamps showing lanes, and a single stamp showing cat's-foot whiskers.

The artists to be honored on the Nordic '09 Pop souvenir sheet include Eino Nummali, Pasi Vainio, Marjaana, Dingy and Masi L.

Two Easter stamps are planned for release March 5. One stamp, called Easter Time, shows two decorative roosters. The other stamp is part of the My Easter series and shows an egg-shaped box created by Kirsti Oksanen.

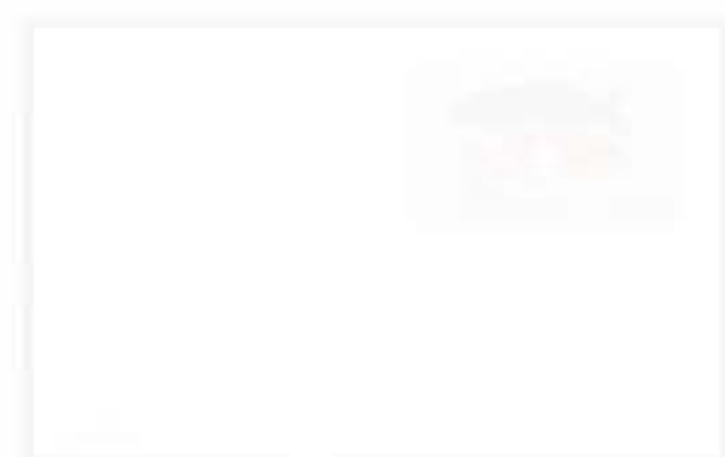
Three folk arts to be issued March 11 are called Country Romance, Funny Vegetables and Outward-Ed Wallen. The artwork to be honored will be an outdoor hot spring according to Matti Oksanen, Finland's postal service



The 2010 stamp in Finland's stamp program will showcase pop art pieces of the 1960s, including a pair of go-go boots.

The Country Romance stamps recall simple times, showing a farmer on a tractor, an accordion being played at a dance table, and children fishing, swinging, and milking a cow. The stamps will end a children's tradition.

The Funny Vegetables booklet includes stamps showing vegetable-themed hats with farms, such as



### U.S. postal stationery to get a new imprint

The U.S. Postal Service plans to add a new imprint to postal cards and stamped envelopes in 2010.

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### Canadiana group chooses French stamp

Collectors of Canadiana on stamps select a French issue as their favorite stamp of 2008.

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### Florida state stamp show, Dec. 4-8

The Florida show, taking place Dec. 4-8 in Orlando, will host a 22-stamp bureau and a public auction.

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