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Chippendale Chair
American Design series
January 2
In 2014, the U.S. Postal Service reissued the Chippendale Chair, the fourth stamp in the American Design series. First issued in 2004, this 4-cent definitive stamp features a stylized Chippendale chair made in Philadelphia between 1760 and 1765. The design is based on a Chippendale side chair — a chair without arms. The colors used for the wood and seat cover give the stamp design a contemporary feel.

Year of the Horse
Lunar New Year series
January 15
The Year of the Horse is the seventh in the Celebrating Lunar New Year series. Around the world, a new year is welcomed with noise. Chinese drums, with drumsticks painted red for luck, highlight this year's stamp. The horse is symbolic of energy — people born during the Year of the Horse are said to be very active, ambitious, fond of exercise, intelligent, and friendly.

Cut Paper Heart
Love series
January 21
The Cut Paper Heart stamp becomes a romantic addition to the Love stamp series — a popular series of stamps since initiated in 1973.

The stamp reminds us of liebesbriefe — ornately cut and painted love letters that are a form of the papercutting tradition brought to America. These early letters carried declarations of love and sometimes proposals of marriage.

Like the liesesbriefe, the Cut Paper Heart stamps are not just for use on Valentine's Day, but say “love” all year round.

Star-Spangled Banner
January 28
The Star-Spangled Banner stamp features a treasured American icon ever since Francis Scott Key celebrated the sight of an American flag flying over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812.

This stamp commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner with a photograph of the flag that flies over Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore. This flag is a replica of the one that inspired Key to write “The Star-Spangled Banner” after Fort McHenry withstood the British attack of September 13-14, 1814.

Shirley Chisholm
Black Heritage series
January 31
“Unbought and Unbossed.” That was the slogan of politician Shirley Chisholm who shattered barriers, spoke her mind, stood up for the disadvantaged, and in 1968 became the first black woman ever elected to Congress. After her election, Chisholm scored another historic first in 1972 when she declared her candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President.

The Shirley Chisholm Stamp is the 37th stamp in the Black Heritage series.

Ferns
January 27
A favorite with gardeners and florists, ferns range from tiny moss-like plants to giants as tall as trees. The ferns featured on the stamps are five of the approximately 380 different species found in North America.

Each of the five stamps depicts a close-up photograph of a different species of fern — autumn fern, Goldie’s wood fern, soft shield fern, Fortune’s holly fern, and painted fern.

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Hummingbird
February 7
The new postcard stamp celebrates the beauty and grace of the hummingbird.
Hummingbirds are among the smallest birds in the world. Some weigh less than a penny. Special wings allow hummingbirds to fly forward, backward, and upside down, as well as to hover in one spot. The “humming” sound they produce is made by their rapid wing movements — the wings of some species beat up to 80 times per second!

Great Spangled Fritillary
Butterfly series
February 10
The fourth in the Butterfly series, the great spangled fritillary is named for the silvery spots found on the undersides of its wings. This large butterfly varies in color from orange to shades of brown. Although their markings may vary, all great spangled fritillaries have one thing in common: a very close relationship with violets.
This stamp is designed to be used on one-ounce greeting cards that are irregular in shape requiring the nonmachinable surcharge. The stamp is also good for mailing First-Class letters and cards weighing up to two ounces.

Abraham Lincoln
February 12
The stamp features a black-and-white photograph of a close-up view of the statue of Abraham Lincoln (1809–1865) housed inside the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
This statue of the sixteenth President is as he looked during the Civil War. Composed of 28 blocks of white Georgia marble, the statue is an immense 19-foot tall figure.

Winter Flowers
February 14
With the Winter Flowers stamps, the U.S. Postal Service continues its tradition of issuing stamps that present beautiful, floral-themed art.
Each of these four stamps depicts a close-up view of one plant — amaryllis, paperwhite, cyclamen, and Christmas cactus — with detailed and colorful renderings of its blossom and foliage.
These winter-blooming flowers are popular potted plants, especially during the holidays when people enjoy them as gifts or as festive decorations. Just as these flowers brighten our dark winter days, these stamps will add a decorative and cheerful note to all your correspondence.

Ralph Ellison
Literary Arts series
February 18
Ralph Ellison’s (1913–1994) novel, Invisible Man, is a masterpiece of 20th-century fiction. It relates to what an African-American experienced in New York City during the 1930s.
His nonfiction writing, especially the 1964 collection Shadow and Act, has also been praised for providing a standard for black artists who loved America.
The Ralph Ellison stamp is the 29th in the Literary Arts series.

Wedding Cake
February 22
Sure to add a touch of beauty and romance to wedding correspondence, the Wedding Cake stamp, first introduced in 2009, is a timeless addition to the Weddings series. Often the centerpiece of a wedding reception, the cake has been a wedding tradition for many generations.
This stamp features a photograph of a three-tiered wedding cake topped with white flowers, their green stems and leaves a delightful contrast to the cake’s cream-colored frosting.
Wedding Cake is a perfect addition to a wedding invitation.
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Verrazano-Narrows Bridge  
March 4
Majestic, graceful, powerful — the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge spans the Narrows, the strait dividing Upper and Lower New York Bay — connecting Brooklyn and Staten Island. The bridge's two massive towers support four cables that weigh more than 9,000 tons each. From each cable hang 262 suspender ropes that hold up the double-decker roadway. Each deck carries six lanes of traffic.
The bridge's center span is 4,260 feet long — so long that its two monumental towers, soaring 690 feet into the sky, are spaced one-and-five-eighths inches farther apart at their tops than at their bases to compensate for the curvature of the earth.

C. Alfred “Chief” Anderson  
Distinguished Americans series  
March 13
Aviator C. Alfred “Chief” Anderson (1907–1996) was the first African American in the United States to qualify as a flight instructor and to fly commercially.
He broke flight records, inspiring other blacks to become pilots. During World War II, Anderson served as the chief flight instructor of a flying school at Tuskegee Institute, where he was affectionately known as “Chief.”

Jimi Hendrix  
Music Icons series  
March 13
Jimi Hendrix (1942–1970) pushed the boundaries of what a guitar could do. He was able to manipulate the various devices to produce sounds that could be loud, or melodic and gentle. A master at the controlled use of distortion and feedback, he expanded the instrument's vocabulary in a way that had never been heard before — or since.
Rolling Stone ranked Hendrix No. 1 on its list of the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time. He has his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and was awarded a Grammy for lifetime achievement.

USS Arizona Memorial  
March 13
Every year, more than a million people visit the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii's Pearl Harbor and remember the events of December 7, 1941. This tranquil shrine to the 1,177 sailors aboard the Arizona who lost their lives that day also marks the entry of the United States into World War II.
Nearly half of the Americans killed in the attack died aboard the Arizona when a bomb struck an ammunitions store, causing it to detonate. The remains of the ship now rest at the bottom of Pearl Harbor.

A Flag For All Seasons  
March 17
From the heights of the sunny summer to the snowy depths of winter, Old Glory proudly waves. Each of these four A Flag For All Seasons stamps shows an American flag, viewed from below, flying from a pole at full staff. The trees in the background display the four seasons of the year — spring, summer, fall, or winter.
A Flag for All Seasons was first introduced in 2013. This new issue is sold in a pressure-sensitive adhesive booklet of 20 stamps.

Yes, I Do  
Wedding Series  
March 21
The U.S. Postal Service's most recent addition to the popular Weddings series, the Yes, I Do stamp, was first issued in 2013. The Yes, I Do accommodates the heavier weight of an invitation, as well as other mailings such as oversized cards or small gifts that require extra postage. The stamp highlights the words “Yes, I Do” among a bouquet of flowers in the shape of a heart on a white background.
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Tree Postal Card
March 28

From the ancient sequoias to the majestic oaks, trees evoke a sense of beauty and wonder, making them a favorite subject for many artists and writers. The Tree Stamped Card depicts a fanciful tree, illustrated in greens and browns, sitting among tall grass.

Song Birds
April 5

Why do songbirds make such a glorious racket every morning? In a word, love. Males sing to attract females, and to keep rivals out of their territory.

The U.S. Postal Service celebrated ten melodic voices with the Songbirds stamps: the western meadowlark, the mountain bluebird, the western tanager, the painted bunting, the Baltimore oriole, the evening grosbeak, the scarlet tanager, the rose-breasted grosbeak, the American goldfinch, and the white-throated sparrow. The bird in each image is perching on a fence post or branch embellished with vines, pinecones, leaves, or flowers.

Between 4,000 and 4,500 different types of songbirds can be found around the world. Songbirds have highly developed vocal organs, although some, like the crow, have harsh voices, and others sing rarely, or not at all. All songbirds are classified as perching birds. With three toes that point forward and one that points backward, they can grip branches, grasses, or telephone wires with ease.
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Charlton Heston
Legends of Hollywood series
April 11
With his strong jaw and muscular physique, Charlton Heston (1923–2008) seemed perfectly at home leading a cast of thousands. The 18th stamp in the Legends of Hollywood series salutes an actor who was known for tackling heroic roles. Heston made more than 70 films in a career that spanned seven decades. Some of Heston’s best known roles were Judah Ben-Hur in the movie Ben-Hur, Moses in The Ten Commandments, Michelangelo in The Agony and the Ecstasy, and John the Baptist in The Greatest Story Ever Told.

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Sea Surfaces Temperatures
April 22
This stamp features a visual representation of our planet’s sea surface temperatures, with North America at the center, surrounded by vivid bands of color throughout the oceans. The image is one frame from the output of a computer model of Earth’s climate by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory. It also combines the depiction of sea-surface temperatures with visible vegetation on the land masses, an element derived from a satellite composite created by NASA.

Where Dreams Blossom
May 2
Symbols of love and happiness, flowers are often the centerpiece of our most sacred ceremonies and cheerful occasions. With a stylized bouquet of flowers similar to the design of the two-ounce Yes, I Do wedding stamp first issued in 2013, Where Dreams Blossom is perfect for any occasion or use.

Red, White and Blue
April 25
The Postal Service celebrates America with the Red, White, and Blue issue. Each of the four stamps features a modern interpretation of a flying flag, complete with six red and white wavy stripes and a handful of five-pointed stars. This stamp, designed for business use, is only available in large coils of 10,000.

Harvey Milk
May 22
In 1977, Harvey Milk (1930–1978) was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. He was an excellent speaker with a winning sense of humor. Milk believed that government should represent all citizens, insuring equality and providing needed services. One of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States, his career was tragically cut short nearly a year after he took office, when he and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were assassinated.

Nevada Statehood
May 29
Known by several nicknames — the Silver State, the Battle Born State, the Sagebrush State — Nevada became the 36th state on October 31, 1864. This stamp depicts a close-up view of an area in Fire Canyon, part of Valley of Fire, Nevada’s oldest state park. The sandstone formations glow in shades of brilliant reds and yellows — a result of various quantities of iron in the rock — highlighted by deep purple and blue shadows.
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Vintage Circus Posters
May 5
A century ago, the circuses would travel from town to town by rail car. The timing allowed for only two performances at most stops, so promotion was critical to their success. Beginning several weeks before their scheduled arrival, posters announcing the circus would be placed in windows and on buildings across the town. These posters, showing images of lions and elephants, clowns and performers, and more, would let the towns people know the circus was on its way. Eight of these posters can be found on the Vintage Circus Posters stamps.

Hot Rods
June 6
The U.S. Postal Service brought cars into the post office with stamps depicting with fast, powerful hot rods. One stamp shows a black ’32 Ford roadster with orange flames running down the car’s body; the other shows a red ’32 Ford roadster.

Hot rodding became popular in the 1920s, when young men began modifying their cars. The Ford Model T and the Ford Model A were popular among early hot rodders, but the 1932 Ford roadster was considered the hottest of them all. The roadster’s graceful body shape and other stylistic features, including the distinctive grille, made it appealing to the hot rod enthusiasts.
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Medal of Honor: Korean War
July 26
The U.S. Postal Service honors veterans of the Korean War with these stamps — one featuring a photograph of the Navy version of the Medal of Honor; the other featuring a photograph of the Army version of the Medal of Honor. More than 6.8 million people served with the U.S. armed forces during the Korean War, but only 145 received the Medal of Honor. The road to receiving this medal is a long one. After being recommended, honorees are reviewed by a lengthy chain of command, starting with their superiors and ending with the Secretary of Defense and the President.

The Civil War: 1864
July 30
The American Civil War (1861-1865), a horrible chapter in U.S. history, claimed the lives of more than 620,000 soldiers and brought many changes to the country. The U.S. Postal Service continues its commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the war by issuing a souvenir sheet of two stamp designs. One stamp shows the 22nd United States Colored Troops engaged in the June 15-18, 1864, assault on Petersburg, Virginia, at the beginning of the Petersburg Campaign. The other stamp depicts Admiral David G. Farragut's fleet at the Battle of Mobile Bay (Alabama) on August 5, 1864.

Farmers’ Markets
August 7
Farmers markets can be found in every U.S. state and territory. Some have permanent locations that operate year round; others are open only once or twice a week during the harvest season. Markets may sell produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, and more. These four colorful, se-tenant stamps depict a table laden with products found at a typical farmers market. The stamp on the far left has among its products various baked goods, artisan cheeses, and eggs. The produce on the second stamp includes vegetables and fruits. Cut flowers adorn the third stamp. The stamp on the far right features live plants. Most items bear handwritten labels that identify the product and its price.

Hudson River School
American Treasurer series
August 21
Inspired by the stunning natural beauty of New York state, the Hudson River School of painters gave America its first major school of art. The 12th in the American Treasures series features paintings by four recognized Hudson River School artists. The paintings shown on these stamps are: Distant View of Niagara Falls (1830) by Thomas Cole (now in the collection of the Art Institute of Chicago;) Summer Afternoon (1865) by Asher B. Durand (now in the collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art;) Sunset (1856) by Frederic Edwin Church (now in the collection of the Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute;) and Grand Canyon (1912) by Thomas Moran (now in the collection of the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.)

Janis Joplin
Music Icon series
August 8
Janis Joplin (1943–1970,) “The Queen of Psychedelic Soul,” was considered one of the most important musicians of the 20th century. At the stamp's dedication ceremony, Joplin's sister, Laura, commented “I am happy for Janis that her image [on the stamp] stands strong, representing the power, artistry and independence of women. As a rock and roll icon of the turbulent 1960’s era, Janis's inclusion [in the Music Icon series] helps remind us of the positive strength of an era devoted to peace, love and — as Janis said — 'Be True to Yourself.'”

Poinsettia
August 21
America's favorite holiday flower, the poinsettia, adds a decorative touch to cards and letters during the holidays. While considered by the ancient Aztecs to be a symbol of purity, the poinsettia today symbolizes good cheer. The gift of a poinsettia is said to bring with it wishes of laughter and celebration. The stamp depicts the rich red and vibrant green leaves surrounding the center flower. The red “petals” that we think of as the flower are actually modified leaves called bracts. This stamp is a reprint of the poinsettia stamp issued in 2013.
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**War of 1812: Ft. McHenry**
*September 13*

The War of 1812 (fought from 1812–1815) was between Great Britain and the United States. On September 13, 1814, Britain began firing at Fort McHenry, an attack that lasted a full 25 hours. Frances Scott Key witnessed this massive display of firepower from the deck of an American flag-of-truce vessel. On the morning of September 14, Key realized the bombardment had been a failure when he saw the British squadron withdrawing downriver and the garrison flag being raised over Fort McHenry. He was moved to write “The Defence of Fort McHenry,” and it quickly gained wider recognition under the title “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

**Glade Creek Grist Mill**
*September 29*

The Glade Creek Grist Mill is one of West Virginia’s most photographed landmarks. The historic, aged beauty of the mill in its pristine setting along Glade Creek is shown on this stamp, with the water flowing by the mill and around boulders and rock formations along the creek bed. Surrounding the mill are trees in early autumn colors.

Mills were once the center of local farming communities, offering the necessary service of grinding wheat, corn, and other grains, a backbreaking task when done by hand. The mill stands as a monument to the all gristmills that were in operation at the turn of the 20th century.

**Breast Cancer Research**
*September 30*

The Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamp, originally issued in 1998, was reissued in 2014. Mandated by Congress in 1997 and signed into law by President Bill Clinton, the 1998 Breast Cancer Research stamp was the first semipostal issued by the U.S. Postal Service. Semipostals are stamps sold at a surcharge to raise money for a particular cause. Purchase of this stamp supports the breast cancer research work of the National Institutes of Health and the Medical Research Program of the Department of Defense.

**Celebrity Chefs**
*September 26*

Five chefs who revolutionized our understanding of food are featured on these stamps.

Teacher and author James Beard (1903–1985) was a passionate advocate of local ingredients and markets, and his popular books covered everything from seafood to bread.

Through cookbooks, a trailblazing television show, and her landmark restaurants in the Boston area, Joyce Chen (1917–1994) became one of America’s greatest popularizers of Chinese food.

Julia Child (1912–2004) demystified French cuisine in the United States. Her extremely popular television shows and cookbooks made her synonymous with American cooking for more than 40 years. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2003.

By bringing classic dishes such as shrimp, grits, and roast chicken to the plates of trendy restaurants, Edna Lewis (1916–2006) showed her fellow Americans the vitality of Southern cooking.

Felipe Rojas-Lombardi (1946–1991) drew upon the varied kitchens of his youth in Peru to raise the profile of South American cuisine in the United States.

**Purple Heart**
*October 11*

The Purple Heart stamp honors the sacrifices of those who serve in the U.S. military. It is awarded in the name of the president of the United States to members of the U.S. military who have been wounded or killed in action. From 1942 to 1997, civilians serving or closely affiliated with the armed forces — Red Cross workers, war correspondents and the like— were eligible to receive the Purple Heart.

In 1997, Congress passed legislation prohibiting future awards of the Purple Heart to civilians. Today, the Purple Heart is only for those men and women in uniform.

**Global Silver Bells Wreath**
*Global Holiday series*  
*October 23*

The Global Holiday: Silver Bells Wreath is the second in the Global Holiday series. Wreaths express the festive spirit of the holidays. Silver bells grace this round holiday stamp. The circle of densely packed bells is arranged against a deep green background, with a rich red bow anchored at the top of the wreath.
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Batman
October 9

For 75 years, Batman has protected Gotham City from the forces of evil — becoming one of the most iconic super heroes in history.

The first row of stamps features Batman with his fists clenched. This muscular, determined Caped Crusader has spent the Modern Age of Comics defending Gotham City from its most notorious villains.

The next row of stamps shows Batman staring up at the Bat-Signal. During the Bronze Age of Comics, Batman's black bat emblem was set in a yellow oval — the crime fighter's trademark.

The third row of stamps shows Batman with his cape flying behind him. The image, from the Silver Age of Comics, highlights the super hero's glowing white eyes and utility belt.

The bottom row of stamps highlights Batman during the Golden Age of Comics. The super hero could easily be identified by his black cape and gray suit.

On the left side of the sheet are four different circular stamps. Each shows a different Bat-Signal, the spotlight Gotham City Police Commissioner James Gordon sent into the night sky to summon Batman.

Christmas Magi
November 19

This stamp shows the Magi, who came bearing gifts for Jesus. The three regal figures sit atop camels — the animals almost at the summit of a small hill. Guiding them is a large, brilliant white star shining in the sky. The colors in the sky range from a rose near the horizon, darkening to a rich purple at the top, suggesting that the travelers are moving through the desert at dawn. The figures are silhouetted against the background, with the details of their headdresses and the camels' saddles just visible in the brightening light.
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Winter Fun 
October 23
Winter days can be a wonderful time to appreciate the great outdoors with friends and loved ones. Winter Fun celebrates some of the season's most enjoyable activities: ice-skating, making snow angels, building snowmen, and bird-watching. Each stamp is sure to add a welcome splash of warmth to letters and cards during the year’s coldest months as these stamps can be used not only to convey the joyful spirit of the holiday season and the new year, but also to send cheerful greetings for any occasion all winter long.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer 
November 6
On the evening of December 6, 1964, families sat down to watch a new TV show for the first time: an animated special called Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. It featured the voice of Burl Ives as Sam, a singing snowman, who narrates the tale of a misfit reindeer who finds his own special way to shine. The hour-long show went on to become not only the longest-running and highest-rated Christmas special in TV history, but also a beloved holiday tradition.

Rudolph and his friends now bring their own brand of joy and nostalgia to four holiday stamps depicting Rudolph, Santa, the Abominable Snow Monster, and Hermey, the elf who dreams of becoming a dentist, touching Rudolph's glowing red nose.

And as for Rudolph, the star of the show? As the millions of fans of the classic animated special know, he went down in history!
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Wilt Chamberlain
December 5

This year, the U.S. Postal Service® celebrates the life of basketball superstar Wilt Chamberlain (1936-1999). On the court, he was a force of nature. The 7-foot-1-inch center dominated the National Basketball Association for more than a decade, setting a number of individual records. As a pro, he led his teams to two NBA championships, and in 1962 he scored an NBA record 100 points in a single game.

One stamp shows Chamberlain in a Philadelphia Warriors uniform, while the other shows him in a Los Angeles Lakers uniform.
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Wilt Chamberlain
December 5
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