

STAMP & TONGS



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We welcome members with all levels of experience, from beginners to advanced membership is open to persons of good character who are interested in philately.

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Fishing for the unusual?



In September the Faroes Island Posta issued stamps with skin of cod caught in Faroese waters, supplied by fish exporter Nevið in Runavík, tanned by Atlantic Leather in Iceland and printed by Cartor in France.

The Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) is usually about one meter in length, but can grow to 2 meters and weigh up to 96 kilos. It can reach an age of 25 years and is found on both sides of the Atlantic, from Novaya Zemlya in the Barent Sea, Spitsbergen and Jan Mayen down to the Bay of Biscay, in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea to the east. It is commonly found in the waters around the Faroe Islands and Iceland, as well as Greenland - and from Labrador in the north to North Carolina in the south.

Cod is generally sandy brown, its back and sides are yellowish-green, with grey or brown spots and a white lateral stripe running along its sides. The belly is white or greyish-white. However, it can have other colour variations depending on habitat, f. ex. dark brown or maroon if it lives among kelp.

Cod is popular for its delicate flesh. This is especially true of Faroese cod, which

is fatter and not as mealy or dry as cod in other places.

Tanning of fish skin an ancient art although it has not been common in the post-war period. The quality of fish leather will of course vary from species to species, but properly treated skin of cod, salmon and lumpfish is often stronger than ordinary cowhide.



The size of fish skins have made them especially well-suited for producing smaller items, such as shoes, bags, purses and watchbands. Sewn together, they can also be used in the garment industry and to upholster furniture. Today's designers are getting more and more aware of fish skins' practicality and beauty - and use them, in addition to the items mentioned above, for a number of few articles, f. ex. jewelry, belts, book binding and photo collages.

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There is a growing tendency to make the fullest use of fish being caught which means that in the coming decades we will no doubt see an increased use of fish skin for various purposes. It will not be limited to tanning of fish skin, but will occur over a broader spectrum - in the industrial production of fish gelatine, which can be used both in the food industry, as well as in advanced technology such as electronics and optics. In addition, fish skin protein can be used in the nutrition industry and as health food.

The uses of the Faroe most abundant material, fish, can only be limited by our imagination. And right now Posta strikes a blow for the forgotten treasure found in the versatile uses of fish products by issuing unique stamps with the most fascinating cod skin patterns.

- Anker Eli Petersen

<http://www.stampboards.com/>
<http://en.stamps.fo>

The Faroe Islands are an archipelago between the Norwegian Sea and the North Atlantic approximately halfway between Norway and Iceland

Value: 50,00 DKK.
 Number: FO 834.
 Stamp size: 40 x 30 mm.
 Artist: Martin Mörck.
 Printing method: offset.
 Printer: Cartor Security Printing, France.
 Postal use: Recommended letters, 0-50 g.

Issue Date: 9/26/2016
 Item No.: PPA000834
 Value: 50,00
 DKK 50,00
 €6,69 (\$6.99 US dollars)



DUTCH CELEBRATE BEAUTY



The Netherlands Post office has released a set of stamps featuring former Victoria's Secret Angel Doutzen Kroes. The Doutzen Kroes stamps are likely the sexiest stamps in the world.

"So honoured to be asked for this project - very proud of my own set of stamps for Post NL! Thank you Anton Corbijn for the amazing pictures," the model said about her stamp series.

Dutch photographer created a series of 10 stamps showing the model in different styles including topless.

PostNL sells the set of 10 Doutzen Kroes stamps for 7.30 Euro. The stamp value is 1, which is good for letters weighing 20g within the Netherlands. The Doutzen Kroes stamps only ship within the Netherlands.

Doutzen Kroes became a Victoria's Secret Angel in 2008 and left in 2014. The 31-year-old model has just recently signed with another lingerie label.

She also has been a brand ambassador and spokesperson for L'Oréal Paris for over 5 years. The model has been in the top 5 earning super models in her successful career.

She is married since 2010 to Sunnery James Gorré. The couple have two children.

DOUTZEN STAMPS. This handout picture released by PostNL on September 10, shows a postage stamp created by Dutch photographer Anton Corbijn,

featuring model Doutzen Kroes. Kroes is known as one of L'Oréal's ambassadors. Photo by Anton Corbijn/PostNL/AFP

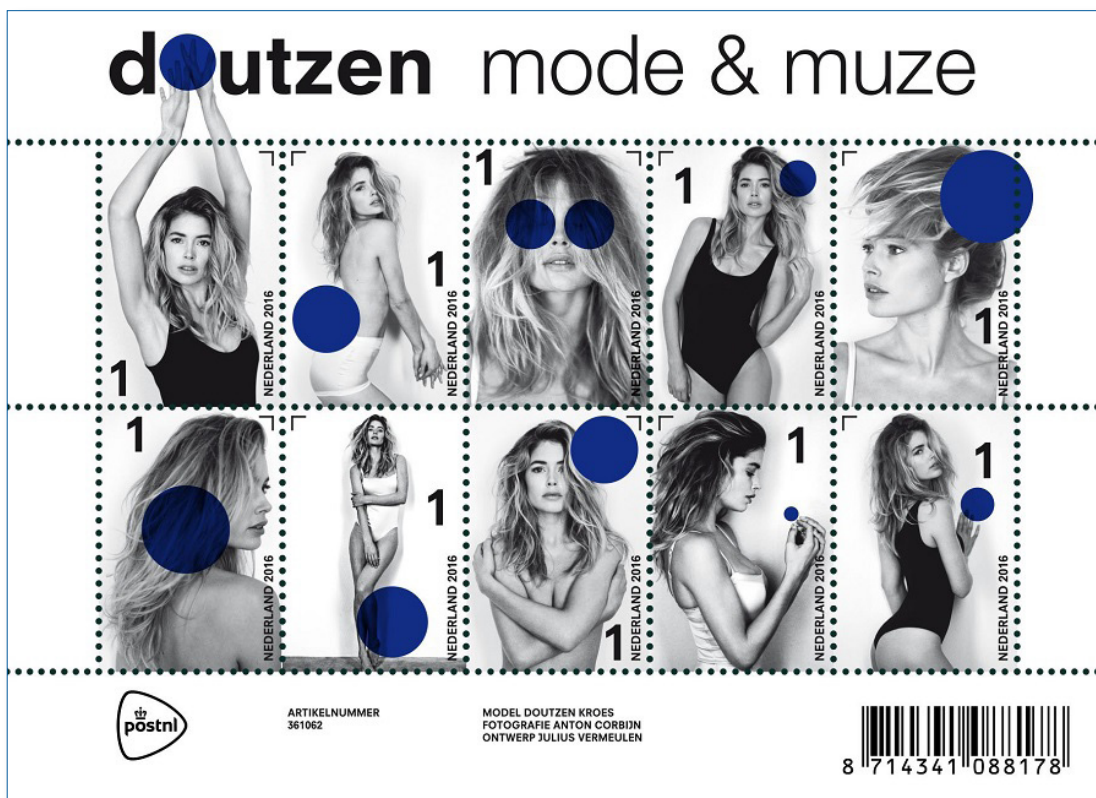
THE HAGUE, Netherlands – They're not your usual boring stamps showing bucolic scenes or national landmarks. Instead, the Dutch post office is rolling out a collection with supermodel Doutzen Kroes in a series of poses.

The black-and-white pictures featured on the 10 different stamps, which go on sale from Monday, September 12 from PostNL, have been snapped by another Dutch icon, photographer and music video director Anton Corbijn.

<http://www.rappler.com/entertainment/news/145866-doutzen-kroes-dutch-postal-stamps>

Dutch celebrate beauty

Reported at <http://www.i4u.com/galleries/115307/3>



A PHILATELIC RIDDLE WRAPPED IN A MYSTERY INSIDE AN ENIGMA

Margo's note- a recent story reported in the Czech press had a few collectors scratching their heads. Here is the story as it was reported:

An unidentified Czech investor has bought the two most expensive stamps in the world — the red and blue Mauritius. The price was not disclosed but it is estimated to have been \$4.1 million.

The anonymous owner plans to display the stamps at the Praga 2018 world stamp exhibition.

Stamp expert David Kopřiva consulted on the sale and says it is the first time the stamps are in Czech hands. The name of the seller was also not disclosed, but apparently the sale took place in the UK.

Further details, such as whether they are on a cover or separate, were also not disclosed.

The stamps are rare but not unique. A blue Mauritius sold in 2011 for \$1.7 million. Experts say that prices for rare collectibles such as these stamps go up in times of uncertainty.

The red Mauritius stamp is denominated at one penny, while the blue sold for two pence. They were printed in 1847 and feature a portrait of Queen Victoria. The stamps were issued by the British colony of Mauritius, and are the first British Empire stamps produced outside of Britain.

The original text on the stamps said "Post Office," which was later changed to "Post Paid."

Despite the high value put on them now by collectors, the engraving is actually quite primitive. The engraver Joseph Osmond Barnard, who stowed away on a ship in 1838. He was thrown off the ship in Mauritius; his original destination had been Sydney, Australia.

His initials JB appear on the lower right margin of the portrait. Some 500 stamps of each denomination were printed with the Post Office text, and many were used on envelopes for invitations to the Governor's Ball. Some 27 stamps are known to exist today.

Most of the stamps are in private hands, but some can be seen in the British Library in London and in museums in Mauritius, Berlin, Stockholm and The Hague.

The mystery? There has been no reporting on this major sale outside of Czech Republic. The vendor is not disclosed, the buyer is not disclosed, the purchase price is not disclosed and the specifics of the actual stamps are not disclosed. Perhaps we will have to wait for Praga 2018 for the answers!

Caption: The famous 'Bordeaux cover'. This sale apparently involves red and blue Mauritius issues like these presumably not on cover.

Reported at <http://praguemonitor.com>



TOP 10 DPCPS POSTS

I have always found it interesting how the world views art. They say "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." This is very much the case in the philatelic community. When we started this online social venture of Twitter and Instagram, I wasn't sure how much of an impact we could make, if any. While it hasn't exactly proven to bring in more members to the club, we have accumulated a decent following on the world wide web. We currently have made 75 posts and gained 394 followers from around the world.

If your not familiar with Instagram and how it works maybe this can help explain:

Instagram is a social networking application made for sharing photos and videos from a smart phone. Everyone who creates an account has a profile and a news feed.

- When you post a photo or video on Instagram, it will be displayed on your profile.
- Other users who follow you will see your posts in their own feed. Likewise, you'll see posts from other users who you choose to follow.

Here are the most liked posts and followers comments that have been made on behalf of the club. The United States stamps seem to be the most popular amongst our followers.

-Chris Titus
Editor

www.instagram.com/dallas_stamp/



❤️ 80

krebsphil Nice!

fabio_silva_fotografia Swap!?



❤️ 79

tiresias1000 Great picture🔥

mypaperstuff Love this stamp!

krebsphil I have at least 8-10 of those sitting on the table next to me and none of them are anywhere near as clean as yours is. Damn that's nice!



❤️ 79



❤️ 77



❤️ 76

luisfran7 Beautiful

philately_laos Great stamp!!!



❤️ 74



❤️ 73



❤️ 71

thedrserge 🍌🍌🍌



❤️ 71

tiresias1000 An excellent stamp and admirable beard @dallas_stamp

rainydaystamps Agree with both assessments



❤️ 65

krebsphil Nice!

tiresias1000 Great beard! 🍌🍌🍌
stampsvs 🍌🍌🍌😊

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Happy New Year to you, the members of DPCPS!

2016 was a remarkable year in a number of ways, some good, some bad, and some surprising. But from a parochial viewpoint it was a good year for our club, also in a number of ways.

We began the year with the roll-out of our new website: www.stamps.org/Dallas. As the year progressed it seems that search engines began to find it as I received an increasing number of emails through the site. Still not many, but noticeably more.

Mid-year we moved our regular meetings into the new Edgemere auditorium and I trust you'll agree it is probably one of the nicest venues any stamp club has the good fortune to enjoy.

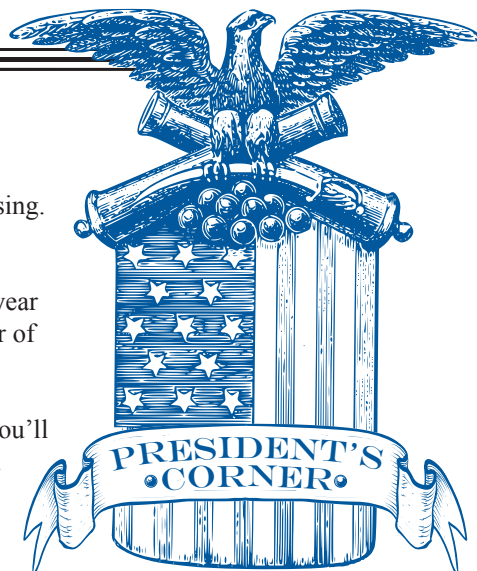
In August several of our members, myself included, attended the APS Stampshow in Portland, Oregon. Among the many dealers there were a number of familiar faces of national dealers who regularly attend TEXPEX and Mid-Cities Stamp EXPO. It was a reminder to me of how fortunate we are to live in an area with those two shows every year, plus four TSDA shows.

As you know, the Board increased the discount off catalog prices for Jack's Albums from 15% to 18%. After several months of results it appears that the albums are about breaking even at the current rate, whereas they were losing at the previous rate. So after a bit of experimentation we seem to have found a happy medium that still represents good value for you.

Thanks to Jack's postcard mailings to new APS members and Joe's emails to prospective members who contact Tom Cunningham or pick up one of our flyers at a TSDA show, we added new members and end the year at a membership high, at least in recent years.

I expect that our club will continue to prosper in 2017. Happy collecting!

Geoff Owens
President



STAMP CLUB SHOOT-OUT

Club Frame – TexPex 2017

The D.P.C.P.S. (Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society) will mount a single "Club Frame" at the TexPex 2017 stamp show on February 24-26, to participate in the third annual Stamp Club Shoot-Out. Stamp clubs across Texas have been invited by the Texas Philatelic Association to provide a glimpse of their members' interests, with each member taking only a page or two to share their stamps. With the title page, each Club Frame will have just sixteen pages.

This years line-up from D.P.C.P.S. will include:

1. Joe Baker - German Postcard from Constantinople
- 2./3. Stuart Barzune - Baseball Commissioner's Letter (1936)
4. Stan Bartnikowski - Cancells of Upper Silesia
5. Jon Cagley - Spanish Civil War – Republic Issues
6. George Clayton - U.S. Presidents : Bush and Gore
7. Perry Denton - Railroads on Stamps
8. Rod Gabel - Bhutan's First Revenues and Postage
9. Bill Laupus - Olympics on Stamps of the World
10. Geoff Owens - Annigoni Portrait of Queen Elizabeth II
11. Mark Solomon - Methodist Philately
12. Chris Titus - U.S. Revenues – Private Die Matches
13. Jack Urish - Melitopol Overprints: Hungary/Russia
14. Paul Witthoeft - Warrior Poets (in Military Uniform)

CLUB MEETINGS SCHEDULE.

Meetings are held second and fourth
Wednesday of each month. 7:30 pm
Edgemere Retirement Center 8523
Thackery Dallas, TX
(Subject to change.)

THE MINUTES

December 14, 2015
The meeting was called to order
at 6:20 p.m.,
Geoff Owens presiding

New Business

- No nominations for officers or directors
were received from the floor
- The slate of nominated officers was
unanimously elected
- All current officers continue in their
present roles
- No directors have served for three years,
thus they continue by default
- The formal portion of the meeting was
adjourned at 6:30.

Program

- The annual Holiday Dinner was served
and enjoyed by all

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't already, It is time once
again to renew your club membership.
Annual dues for membership are \$12.00
and due by January 30. Members
considered to be not in good standing will
be deprived of benefits after 60 days from
January 1, and dropped from the rolls.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

February 4-5

SAN ANTONIO TSDA, Norris
Conference Center, 618 Northwest
Freeway Loop 410, Suite 207 (across San
Pedro from NorthStar Mall), San Antonio,
TX 78216 (Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3)

February 10-11

HOUSTON TSDA, Crowne Plaza
Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (IH-10 West),
Houston, TX 77024. (Friday 10-5,
Saturday 9-4)

February 24-26

TEXPEX 2017; Hilton DFW Lakes
Executive Conference Center, 1800
Highway 26 East, Grapevine, TX 76051

April 7-8

DALLAS TSDA, Richardson Civic
Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd, Richardson,
TX 75080-4551 (Friday 11-5, Saturday
9-4)

April 21-22

HOUSTON TSDA, Crowne Plaza
Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (IH-10 West),
Houston, TX 77024. (Friday 10-5,
Saturday 9-4)

May 6-7

SAN ANTONIO TSDA, Norris
Conference Center, 618 Northwest
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Pedro from NorthStar Mall), San Antonio,
TX 78216 (Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-3)

SPECIAL THANKS TO

George and Janet Clayton

For arranging and hosting
the 2016 holiday dinner

Paul Witthoeft

For all his work and dedication
to the club throughout the years.

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Geoff Owens

Vice President:

Stan Bartnikowski

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Joe Baker

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Jack Urish

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Jon Cagley
Chris Titus
Perry Denton