

2025 PENPEX Stamp Show



December 6 & 7, 2025

Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061

Presented by: PENPEX and Sequoia Stamp Club members

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PENPEX Committees

PENPEX could not happen without the assistance of the many willing volunteers. The following list shows the elected and appointed positions. Also, many more people volunteer to help and we greatly appreciate them. Each volunteer gives many hours of their time to make this a great show because they enjoy the hobby and working with their fellow members. We encourage you to join us; please contact the Chair.

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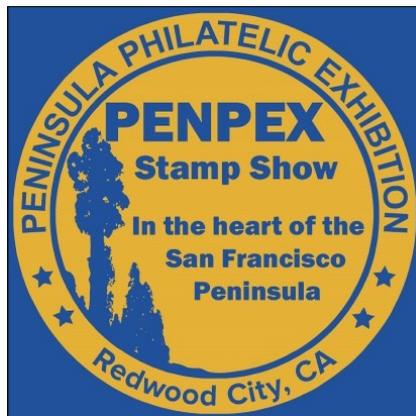




Welcome to PENPEX 2025

Welcome to the Peninsula Philatelic Exhibition (PENPEX) which is held annually the first weekend in December in Redwood City, California. This is our 52nd Stamp Show held in Redwood City and my 20th year as Show Chair. The first show took place in 1951, while the second show was in 1960. It was not until 1983, that PENPEX has been held continuously at the Community Activities Building.

The over 25 volunteers are delighted to offer our friendly, free show with a diverse variety of dealers (some brand new), exhibits, banquet party, meetings, silent auction (closes at 2 p.m. on Sunday), youth area, and show souvenirs. Please check-in at the welcome table where all your questions about the show can be answered.



PENPEX will be offering two cachet designs. The Saturday-dated cachet celebrates the 250th anniversary of the post office and will be franked with the new American Experience Forever stamp picturing Ben Franklin. The Sunday-dated cachet honors Holiday Cheer for this special time of the year; it will be franked with one of the new 2025 Christmas Forever stamps shown on the front cover. See page 14 for more info about the cachets. The handcrafted cachets and cancels are available for \$2. Current and past cachets along with other mementoes are also for sale at Table 16.

Check out the show schedule on page 5 for a complete list of activities including the U.S. Postal Service, which will be at Table 19 on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On behalf of PENPEX and the Sequoia Stamp Club members (who meet in the same venue), we thank you for attending our show. We look forward to sharing your camaraderie and furthering the stamp hobby.

Kristin Patterson
PENPEX Chair

Craig Butterworth
Vice-Chair

Eduardo Martino
Treasurer

John Corwin
Secretary

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Fun Facts . . . The US has issued many Christmas holiday stamps over the years. The first one shown here was issued in 1962. The second one shown here was the first traditional (i.e. religious) Christmas stamp issued in 1966. On the following pages, you will see US stamps celebrating holidays of other cultures.



Sequoia Stamp Club

Sequoia Stamp Club is pleased to welcome you to PENPEX 2025. Sequoia Stamp Club has been a member of American Philatelic Society for over 50 years, and its roots reach back over 78 years to 1947. Today's Sequoia Stamp Club is an engaging, active society of collectors who pursue a wide range of collecting interests. We have members who collect the world, as well as those with narrow specialties. The backgrounds and budgets of our members are diverse as well. As one of America's largest local stamp clubs, with over 135 members, we are proud of the variety of activities we offer every year.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month (excluding the fourth Tuesday in December) in this same building where you are now enjoying PENPEX. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Membership costs just \$5 for an entire year with a one-time \$1 initiation fee.

Some of our meetings are hybrid meetings, where in addition to meeting in-person, we enable virtual attendance via Zoom. If you would like to "virtually attend" a hybrid meeting, please send an email to SequoiaStampClub@yahoo.com. A few days before the next meeting, we will send you information on how to attend using your computer or cell phone.

Membership benefits include all the following:

- **Quarterly newsletter** with philatelic articles and club news.
- A variety of **philatelic education programs** including presentations, displays, quizzes, and other activities.
- **Tax-free member-to-member silent or live auction sales** at each meeting.
- **Circuit books** prepared by members and available to check out for two weeks.
- **Opportunities to purchase and trade stamps** via swap meets, cover swaps, and Kiloware Night.
- **Library of reference material** for free check-out, including recent catalogues from Scott, Brookman, Unitrade, and others.
- **Fellowship** with other members to help identify stamps, solve philatelic problems, get help with sourcing purchases and share hobby developments.
- **Website.** Visit www.penpex.org/ssc for more information.

To join us, visit the PENPEX Welcome Table for an application or visit a future meeting and speak to any officer. You'll be glad you did!

Sequoia Stamp Club, a California nonprofit organization, is independent of Peninsula Philatelic Exhibition, which is the operator of PENPEX, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

PENPEX Schedule

Saturday, December 6, 2025

10 a.m. PENPEX Stamp Show opens

10:15 a.m. Snack Bar opens – Main Hall

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. USPS open – Table 19

11 a.m. Silent Auction Lots viewing opens – Room 1

2 p.m. Why Would Anyone Want to Exhibit? – Frame 1

3 p.m. Snack Bar closes – Main Hall

3:30 p.m. Judge's Feedback – at the frames in Main Hall

4:30 p.m. Silent Auction Lots viewing closes – Room 1

5 p.m. PENPEX closes for the day

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. PENPEX Banquet Party – social gathering at Harry's Hofbrau*
*Harry's Hofbrau, 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City (1 mile from the show.)

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10 a.m. PENPEX Stamp Show opens

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Silent Auction Lots viewing – Room 1

10:15 a.m. Snack Bar opens – Main Hall

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. USPS open – Table 19

1:45 p.m. Snack Bar closes – Main Hall

2 p.m. Silent Auction closes – Room 1

2 p.m. House of Zion Auction starts – Room 5

3 p.m. Raffle Drawing – Welcome Table

3:15 p.m. Silent Auction Lot winners pickup – Room 1

3:30 p.m. PENPEX ends – See you next year!

Fun Fact . . . Starting in 1992, the US began issuing stamps celebrating holidays from other cultures. The first such stamp honored the Chinese New Year. Ever since then, the US has issued 29 Chinese New Year stamps in three different series.



PENPEX 2025 Snack Bar Menu

OPEN Saturday from 10:15 to 3 pm and
Sunday from 10:15 to 1:45 pm.

Sandwiches (\$5)

Turkey

Tuna Salad

Hot Dog (\$3)



Salads (\$5)

Chicken Caesar

Assorted Flavors



Included with above items:

tomatoes, lettuce, mayo, mustard, ketchup, and/or relish.

Drinks (\$1.50 each)

Soda

Bottled Water

Coffee (free refills)

Tea



Sides (\$1.50 each)

Chip - assorted

(buy any chip and get a free Doritos
or Cheetos bag)

Cookie - assorted

Danish - assorted

Breakfast Claw,

Raisin Snails, Berry,

Cinnamon Pastry, or

Cheese Horn



Fruit (\$1)



******* Lunch Meal Deals *******

Sandwich or Salad + 1 Side + 1 Drink = \$7

Hot Dog + 1 Side + 1 Drink = \$5

Silent Auction

Once again the PENPEX show features a great silent auction with over 540 lots from all corners of the world. Lots vary from stamps to covers to collections to catalogues. Bidding takes place from Saturday at 11 a.m. until **close on Sunday at 2 p.m.**

Winning bidders can pick up their lots at 3:15 p.m. in Room 1. Bidders unable to pick up lots after the auction will be contacted. A list of lots is posted on the PENPEX site. No phone or e-mail bids please. Since many lots start at \$5, there is something for everyone. Come and give us a look. It is worth it! Auction lots are located in **Room 1** behind the welcome table.

Flea Market

Make sure to visit the Sequoia Stamp Club Flea Market where great deals can be had by all. There are many country collections, US and worldwide stamps, and FDCs for bargain prices. The Flea Market can be found in Room 5 at the end of the hall near the USPS table.



Youth Area

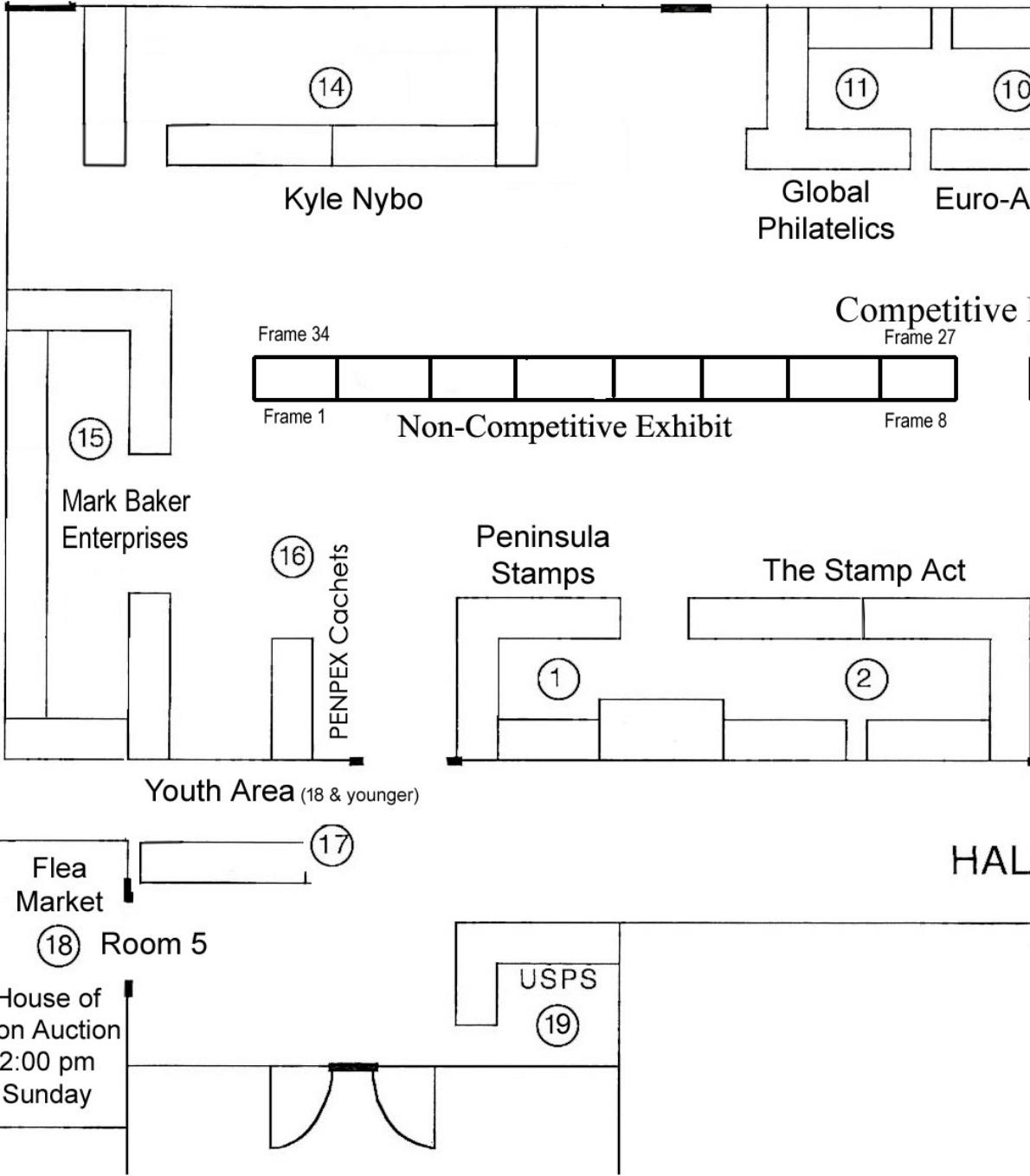
FREE stamps, brochures and FUN projects for youth!
Parents, please bring your kids (18 years or younger) to our hallway table near Room 5 and learn about the fun of stamp collecting.

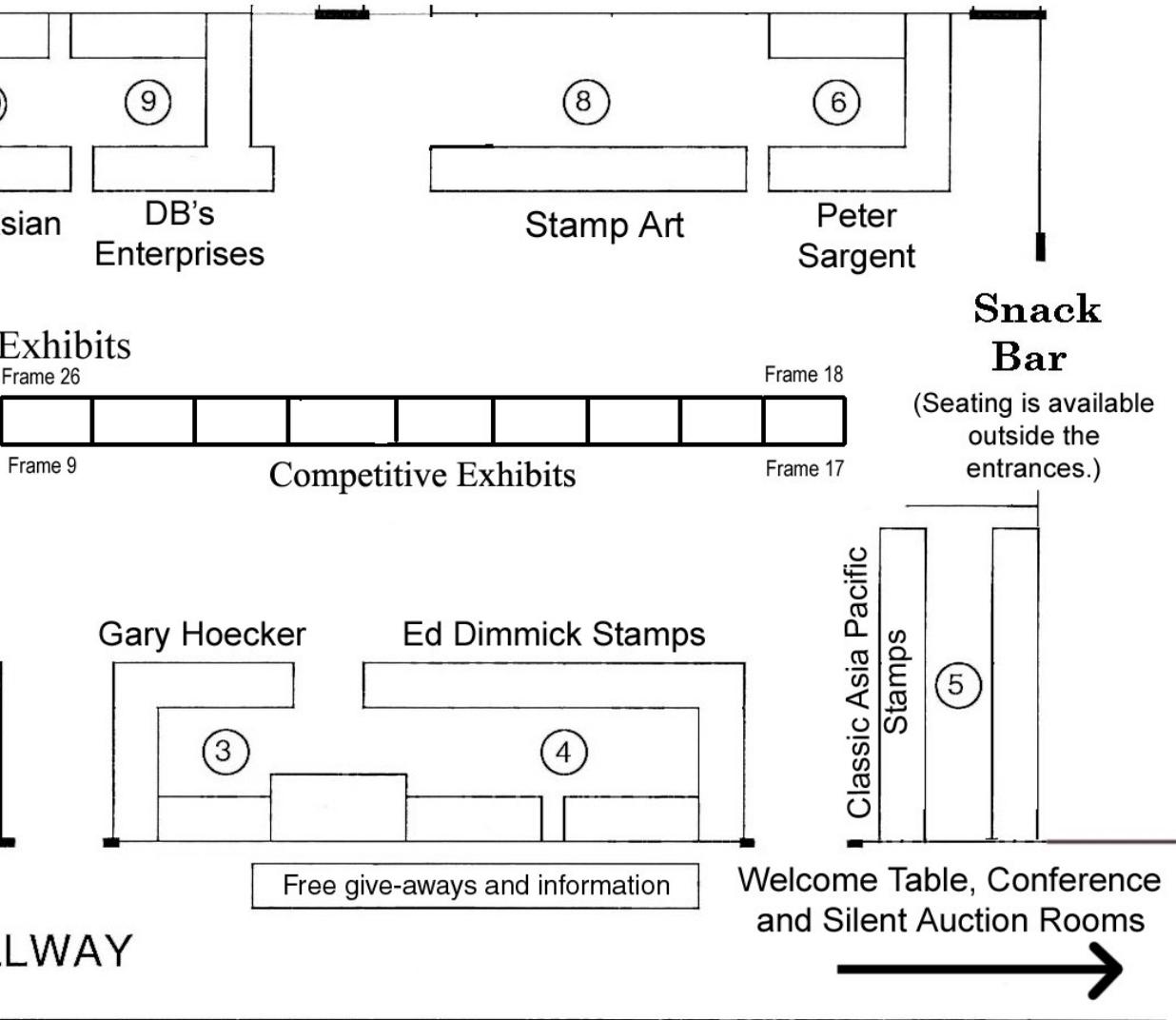
Banquet Party

The PENPEX 2025 Banquet Party will be held Saturday, December 6, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Harry's Hofbrau, 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City. PENPEX will provide the dessert and attendees just pay for the meal and drinks they purchase. PENPEX will announce the Grand and Reserve exhibit winners after everyone has eaten. If you'd like to attend, call or text Raul Menjivar at 650-898-5233.

House of Zion Auction

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, in room 5, Ed Rosen will be presenting a live auction of stamps and covers from Palestine and Israel. The auction items can be previewed during the show at Table 1. The auction will be broadcast using Zoom, bidding can be done in person or online using Zoom. For detailed information, see <https://stampauctionnetwork.com/ZH/ZH117.cfm>





PENPEX 2025 Floor Plan

Dealer List

PENPEX has been a huge success thanks to its dealers. Some have been participating for over 30 years. We hope you find many stamp treasures. At www.penpex.org/show/penpex-dealers are dealer emails and websites.

1 Peninsula Stamps / House of Zion Auctions

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Foreign Covers, Collections,
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18 SSC Flea Market

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is December 5 & 6, 2026.
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Fun Fact . . . Starting in 1996, the US began issuing stamps celebrating Hanukkah. Over the years, 16 Hanukkah stamps have been issued. Three of the designs are shown here.



Exhibits

Frames	Exhibitor and Title					
1-7	Greg Balagian: Hand-Painted, Hand-Colored, and Hand-Drawn Covers with Animal Name Postmarks — Court of Honor					
8	Betsy Vallejo: The Natural Appeal of the Fox					
9	Dennis Solheim: Machin Stamps in Booklets and Sheetlets					
10	Stewart Chang: Station Agent Postmarks					
11-14	Peter Adams: Organology in Philately					
15	Kristin Patterson: Sin or Slight Transgression Tax					
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17	Council of Northern California Stamp Societies: Council Map (Non-Competitive)					
18-20	Greg Balagian: In the Name of the Lion					
21	Robert Brilliant: The Pan American Airmail Speed Test of 1946					
22-23	Tom Hayes: Captain Robert Falcon Scott's British Antarctic Expedition					
24-25	Greg Balagian: The History of the Poodles					
26	Betsy Vallejo: Legendary Artists of American Music					
27	Peter Adams: Philatelic Material Related to the Opening of the National Postal Museum, Washington, DC, July 1993					
28-30	John Kofranek: All Together Now, The First Swiss Federal Issued Stamps 1850-1854					
31-32	Bobby Liao: Hilton Hotel's International Development and Tourism on Stamps					
33	Miriam Thurston: History of Art on Postal Stamps					
34	Joanne Murphy: Canadian Tobacco Revenue					

Show Jury

PENPEX 2025 is excited to have the following judges on our show jury:

- ◆ **Akthem Al-Manaseer**, San Jose
- ◆ **Behruz Nassre-Esfahani**, San Francisco
- ◆ **Khosrow Ghadiri**, San Jose (Apprentice)

They will offer exhibit feedback at the frames at 3:30 pm on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Awards

- ◆ PENPEX Grand - Best Exhibit in Show
- ◆ PENPEX Reserve Grand Awards for best Single and Multi-frame exhibits
- ◆ PENPEX Certificates: Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze

Special Awards

Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award

This award goes to any exhibitor earning a Silver award or lower showing “merit in philatelic knowledge, subject knowledge, material or treatment”.

American Philatelic Society (APS)

Best exhibit by an APS Member

American Topical Association (ATA) Awards:

Best multi-frame exhibit

Best single-frame exhibit

Ed Bierman Memorial Best Postcard Exhibit Award

This award honors the memory of Ed Bierman, who was an avid postcard collector and long-time member of Sequoia Stamp Club.

Most Popular Exhibit - voted by show attendees

Fun Facts . . . The US has also issued 16 stamps celebrating Kwanzaa beginning in 1997, nine for Eid in starting in 2001, and one for Diwali in 2016.



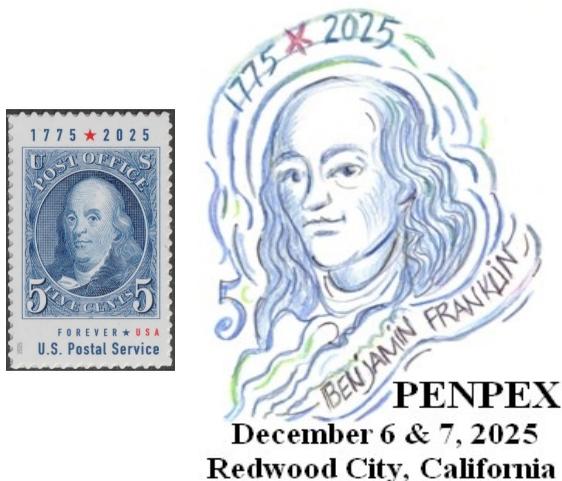
About Our Show Cachets and Special Cancels

PENPEX will be offering for sale the special cachets and show cancellations shown below. Please visit Table 16 to purchase the cachets for \$2.00 each. You will want to collect both of them!

Miriam Thurston provided the original artwork for the Ben Franklin cachet, and Kristin Patterson created the actual cachet from the artwork. Kristin also created the Holiday Cheer cachet. And then Ann Marie Stratton adapted the concepts into the special show cancellations.

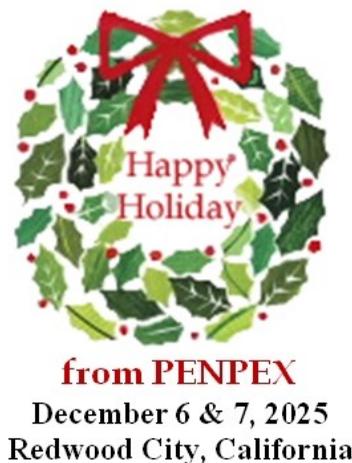
American Experience

The US Post Office was established 250 years ago, and this stamp pictures Ben Franklin, the first postmaster general. The stamp was issued on July 23, 2025.



Holiday Cheers

On September 12, 2025, the US Postal Service issued the four stamps shown on the front cover. The stamps show scenes of the holiday season.



Saturday cancellation



Sunday cancellation



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