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DECORATIVE STAMPS

Awards of Ukraine. Order of Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred

TECHNICAL INFORMATION OF THE STAM

Issue date: February 2021 p.
Printing run – 130 000 copies. **Size of the stamp** – 40.5x30 mm.
Number of stamps per sheet – 10.
Face value of the stamp – L.
Designed by V. Taran.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Order of Heroes of the Heavenly Hundred was established by the President of Ukraine on November 3, 2014, to celebrate individuals for civic courage, patriotism, upholding the constitutional principles of democracy, human rights and freedoms, active charitable, humanistic, public activities in Ukraine, selfless service to Ukrainian people, discovered during the Revolution of dignity, other events related to the protection of the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Place of cancellation:
Kyiv

Approved original drafts of the stamp, stamp sheet, envelope "First Day" and postmark of special cancellation "First Day"

DECORATIVE STAMPS

T.Shevchenko. Odaliska. 1840

TECHNICAL INFORMATION OF THE STAM

Issue date: March 2021 p.
Printing run – 130 000 copies.
Size of the stamp – 41,76x29,58 mm.
Number of stamps per sheet – 9.
Face value of the stamp – V.
Artist – T. Shevchenko.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The drawing was made in 1840 in St. Petersburg. Size 16.3x20.5. Stored in the National Museum of Taras Shevchenko.

Place of cancellation:
Kyiv

Approved original drafts of the stamp, stamp sheet, envelope "First Day" and postmark of special cancellation "First Day"

DECORATIVE STAMPS

A.Chebykin. Energy II. 1991

TECHNICAL INFORMATION OF THE STAM

Issue date: March 2021 p.
Printing run – 130 000 copies.
Size of the stamp – 30x40,5 mm.
Number of stamps per sheet – 9.
Face value of the stamp – V.
Artist – A. Chebykin.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Andriy Chebykin (April 14, 1946) - graphic artist, teacher. Laureate of the Taras Shevchenko National Prize of Ukraine.
Naked female nature strikes with a subtle sense of harmony, beauty and chastity at the same time.

Place of cancellation:
Kyiv

Approved original drafts of the stamp, stamp sheet, envelope "First Day" and postmark of special cancellation "First Day"

POSTAGE BLOCK

Cherkasy Region

TECHNICAL INFORMATION OF THE BLOCK

Approximate issue date: the date is not determined yet
Printing run – 20 000 copies.
Size of the block – 115x91 mm.
Face value of each stamp – 9,00 UAH.
Designed by O.Kalmykov.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Cherkasy region is an administrative-territorial unit of Ukraine, located in the central forest-steppe part of the country on both banks of the middle reaches of the Dnieper and Southern Bug. The geographical center of Ukraine is located on the territory of the region on the northern outskirts of the village of Maryanivka not far from the district center - the town of Shpola.

Approved original drafts of the block

SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS IN THE I QUARTER OF 2021

No.	Estimated date	Theme	Venue
1	January	500 years since construction of Epiphany Cathedral in Ostrog	Ostrog, Rivne Region
2	February	25 years since the founding of the Ukrainian Antarctic Station Academician Vernadsky	Kyiv
3	February	February To the Day of the Crimean resistance Russian occupation	Kyiv
4	February	50th anniversary of the death of Amet-Khan Sultan	Kyiv

PHILATELY NEWS

Solemn presentation of postage stamps of the series: "Armed formations of the Ukrainian revolution of 1917-1921"

On the eve of the Day of the Defender of Ukraine, Ukrposhta, in cooperation with the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory, put into circulation postage stamps of the "Armed Forces of the Ukrainian Revolution of 1917-1921" series.

Presentation of postage stamps "Cossack of the 1st Ukrainian Regiment named after Bohdan Khmelnytsky", "Cossack of the 1st Ukrainian (Blue-jacket) Division" and "Cossack of the Separate Detachment of Sich Riflemen" took place on October 13 in Kyiv on Khreshchatyk, as part of the exhibition "Will of Ukraine or death. "

The Minister of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine Oleksandr Tkachenko and the Chairman of the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory Anton Drobovych took part in the special cancellation ceremony.

Author of the series "Armed formations of the Ukrainian revolution of 1917-1921" - Valery Rudenko.

Circulation of each stamp - 130 thousand copies, face value - 9 UAH.

Series "Armed formations of the Ukrainian revolution of 1917-1921" launched by Ukrposhta together with the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory in 2019 and dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the events of the Ukrainian Revolution of 1917-1921. ».

You can buy stamps in the official philatelic online store of Ukrposhta http://pm.ukrposhta.ua/nishop.php.

Meeting of the Editorially-Artistic Board on the Issuance of Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes and Cards in Ukraine

On November 9, 19 and December 23, 2020, meetings of the Editorialy Artistic Board on the Issue of postage stamps, stamped envelopes and

cards in Ukraine (Board) took place, at which members of the Board considered appeals for additional issues of postage stamps in 2020-2021 envelopes and special cancellations.

At the meetings of the Board, sketches for stamps, envelopes, postmarks of special cancellations for 2020-2021 were approved and a number of decisions were made:

in 2020:

- to transfer from the Thematic plan of issue of postage stamps for 2020 to the Thematic plan of issue of postage stamps for 2021 issue "Modern uniforms of the Armed Forces of Ukraine";
- to hold a special cancellation dedicated to the memory of Roman Viktyuk;
- to remove from the Thematic plan of issue of postage stamps for 2020 postage stamps "Ukraine Now" and "Ecology";
- to remove from the Thematic Plan for special cancellations for 2020 special cancellations dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the UN.

in 2021:

- to hold a special cancellation dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Kharkiv Club of Philatelists;
- to hold a special cancellation dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the death of Amet-Khan Sultan;
- to hold in Kremenchuk an additional (mainly in Kyiv) special cancellation "First Day" of a definitive postage stamp dedicated to the city of Kremenchuk;
- use poems by Aleksandra Burbelo on a patriotic envelope;
- to remove from the Thematic plan of issue of postage envelopes for 2021 issue of the postage envelope devoted to the 400 anniversary from granting of the Magdeburg right to the city of Nizhyn.

Look for information posters with postage stamps in the branches!

This year, Ukrposhta introduced the practice of placing advertising and information posters in post offices with postage stamps, blocks, sheets, put into circulation in the previous quarter. Thus, visitors of branches can learn about new car editions, buy them, and in the absence of a particular branch - use the services of the official philatelic online store http://pm.ukrposhta.ua/nishop.php, whose QR code is placed on the poster.

Since the placement of posters in post offices, the volume of sales of stamps through the online store has increased 1.9 times, which indicates that more and more Ukrainians learn, are interested in and buy Ukrainian postage stamps.

One more victory of Ukrainian postage stamps!

The results of this year's prestigious competition for the best brand in the world Nexofil Award 2020 (Madrid, Spain), which is held under the patronage of the publishing house EL ECO and organized by NEXO.

The international jury consists of 50 presidents of national federations and philatelic academies from 37 countries, including leaders of major philatelic federations of America and Europe, as well as members of the prestigious European Philatelic Academy of the Royal Spanish Academy of Philately and Postal History.

Postage stamp "Glory to Ukraine!" of 2019 won gold in the category "The most original format of stamps in the world."

Font design by Olga Vermenych.

Postage stamp Shirt (fragment). Chernihiv region "of the series" Ukrainian embroidery - the code of the nation "of 2019 issue won silver in the category" The best brand in the world for offset printing technology ".

Designer - Oksana Shuklinova.

You can buy postage stamps in the official philatelic online store of Ukrposhta http://pm.ukrposhta.ua/nishop.php

The best postage stamp in the world in 2019 was the Norwegian postage stamp "Harald Sohlberg. 150 years ".

The second place in the nomination "Best Stamp of the World" was taken by the Peruvian postage stamp "Inca Culture: Citadel of Machu Picchu".

Third place - Austrian postage stamp "Crypto stamp".

Ukraine on postage stamps of Japan

On November 9, 2020, the Tokyo Post Office started selling the original stamps "Ukraine - Hino", dedicated to Ukraine's cooperation with the city of Hino, as part of the Japanese government program "Host Town" on the eve of the Olympic Games. The project was implemented through the cooperation of the Embassy of Ukraine in Japan with the administration of Hino and the Post of Japan. Photographs of Ukraine for this project were provided by the Ukrainian National News Agency Ukrinform and Ukrainian photographer Vyacheslav Prysyazhnyuk.

Winners of the competition for the best stamp of Europe 2020 on the topic "Ancient postal routes" have been determined

Gold - Turkey

Silver - Armenia

Bronze - Azerbaijan

PRINTING SHEETS OF POSTAGE STAMPS OF UKRAINE

During the XVIII National Philatelic Exhibition "UkrPhilex 2020", which took place from 10 to 13 September 2020 in Kharkiv, SC "Ukrposhta" and the Kyiv Society of Philatelists (KSPh) AsFU exhibited "New-old philatelic products". For the first time, copies of uncut printed sheets of Ukrainian postage stamps, their elements and presentation sheets were officially presented to philatelists.

Printed sheets of postage stamps and blocks have always aroused interest among philatelists. If we turn to their history, it turns out that the release of the first printed sheets coincides with the issue of the world's first postage stamp - "Black Penny" on May 6, 1840. Then the printed sheets consisted of one stamp sheet, and the understanding of the printing sheet and the stamp sheet coincided. Modern printed sheets consist of several branded sheets or blocks. Post offices in many countries of the world issue and freely sell uncut printed sheets of postage stamps (Fig. 1).

Since 2001, Ukraine has started producing and selling such printed sheets. Postage stamps of the fifth standard were the first in the country. Then there were issues of the postage block № 31 "Ukrainian folk costumes", postage stamp № 422 "Hetman Pavlo Teterya" from the series "Hetmans of Ukraine", couplings from 2 stamps №№ 502, 503 "Poster Art" issue under the program "Europe" , stamps № 597

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

"Games of the XXVIII Olympic Games in Athens 2004" and other postage stamps (Fig.2-5). Issues of printed sheets lasted until 2009. Subsequently, such issues were suspended.

Fig. 3

Fig. 4

Fig. 5

In 2018, after a long break, at the initiative of the philatelists of KSPh AsFU, Ukrposhta resumed the issue of uncut printed sheets of individual postage stamps, changing the approaches to their distribution. For the purpose of transparent process of acceptance of preliminary orders for printed sheets and their sale, Ukrposhta established the basic rules of realization of such issues. You can get acquainted with them in the magazine "Philately of Ukraine" № 24 in the article "NEW-OLD philatelic products from Ukrposhta". Recently printed sheets went on sale:

- postage stamp of the ninth standard issue № 1568 (Order 18-3373. 15.06.2018) "Yalta, Crimea "in the amount of 100 pieces;

- postage stamp № 1779 "1000 years since the beginning of the reign of Yaroslav the Wise" in the amount of 140 pieces;

- postage stamp № 1805 "Ludwig van Beethoven. 1770-1827 "in the amount of 280 pieces;

- postage stamp № 1819 "Iron Cross Award" in the amount of 110 pieces;

- a se-tenant of three stamps №№ 1868-1870 "Knights of the Spirit" in the amount of 110 pieces;

- postage block № 180 series "Lighthouses of Ukraine" in the amount of 110 pieces.

Ukrposhta produces printed sheets of various configurations and layouts. Depending on the physical size of a particular stamp sheet and the number of stamps in it, the printed sheet may include from 4 to 12 stamp sheets.

Fig. 6

Fig. 7

Fig. 8

Fig. 9

It is necessary to remind about separate philatelic terms which define elements of a printing sheet, various combinations of postage stamps with tracks (strips) and their value.

Printing sheet - a unit of measurement of polygraphic (philatelic) products, uncut unperforated or perforated paper sheet with two or more stamped sheets printed on it, separated by strips (gutters) and applied on the reverse side with glue.

Stamp sheet - a part of a printed sheet formed during its cutting into strips in the printing house for issuance to the National Postal Operator for further introduction of a printed postage stamp and its sale to the public and legal entities in post offices and through the trade network of the post office departments.

Sheet of blocks - a printing sheet that contains several postage blocks and came from the printing house for sale in uncut form (Fig. 10, 11).

Gutter strip (from the English. Gutter - gutter), stream (ditch) - a common philatelic term, which denotes a distribution path or a blank strip between postage stamps, which separates the stamped sheets of the printing sheet. Also known as the "dividing path" , in fact, means the same thing.

Fig. 10

Fig. 11

Over time, these blank strips within the printed sheet began to fill with artistic elements - on the gutters began to print logos, emblems, advertising and informational inscriptions or drawings with ornaments. A striking example of this is the printing sheet "Distinction of the Iron Cross".

Philatelists distinguish between gutter strips, dividing them into small ones, which are present within a postal sheet, and large ones - between two stamped sheets in one printed sheet. The first, the most common, look very impressive, the second is usually very rare and is the pride of any collector.

When artificially cutting a printed sheet along the strips-gutters and in the center of the sheet, various combinations of stamps and tracks (strips) are created, namely:

- gutter pair - two postage stamps in the form of vertical or horizontal couplings, which are separated by a gutter (track) and located in two parallel postage stamped sheets (Fig.12,13);

Fig. 12

Fig. 13

- gutter-quarter - a quarter block with a track, when either vertical or horizontal pairs are distributed by the track (Fig. 14);

- gutter-cross - a quarter block of postage stamps, also known as a large core, in which each stamp is located in a separate stamp sheet of the printing sheet and is divided by internal vertical and horizontal stripes (Fig. 15, 16).

In addition to these combinations, when cutting a sheet, it is possible to create many other unusual combinations of hooks of single postage stamps with gutters or undivided edges of the stamp and printing sheets (Fig. 17).

Fig. 14

Fig. 15

Fig. 16

Fig. 17

Thus, gutter hooks become for collectors a source of not only aesthetic pleasure, but also important, interesting and useful technical information, with which the philatelist can research a particular issue of a postage stamp. Such specimens, due to their rarity, are often valued several times higher than just coupling stamps.

Let's consider some questions concerning expediency of collecting printed sheets.

What inconveniences do philatelists have to face when collecting them? First, printed sheets are inconvenient due to their large size, which makes it difficult to store them in collections. Second, they have a high face value. By the way, philatelists, who collect the general collection of postage stamps of the country, in order to complete it, are forced to buy such uncut printed sheets.

Owners of printed sheets try to store them not in the tubes in which they were purchased, but in an expanded form in large folders (tablets) to avoid deformation of the sheets and prevent disruption of the fiber structure of paper and glue, while laying sheets of tracing paper or other paper.

And what for are the printed sheets attractive? First of all, thanks to these sheets there were gutter-se-tenants of postage stamps, as well as various combinations of se-tenants of single stamps with tracks (strips). They are created directly by the philatelists themselves and exist in limited numbers among the entire circulation of these postage stamps, which adds more value to them. In addition, collectors will be able to paste the above configurations of postage stamps with stripes and the edges of the printed sheets on the envelopes of the first day and extinguish the stamp "First Day". Such philatelic materials have a unique character (Figs. 18-21).

Fig. 18

In addition, gutters and sheets of printed sheets are aesthetically pleasing due to their design, have the display of postage stamps and data on the issuance of postage stamps - thus providing an opportunity to see the printing origin of the postage stamp. It is for this reason that uncut printed sheets have received increased attention from collectors.

Fig. 19

Fig. 20

Fig. 21

We hope that Ukrposhta will continue to sell postage stamps (blocks) in uncut printed sheets, and the number of people wishing to have such sheets in their collections will increase.

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