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Another record for U.S. 19th century

The 19th-century component of Linn's U.S. Stamp Market Index set its 16th consecutive monthly all-time high in January.

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New postmark book detailed and helpful

The book *Chicago Postal Markings and Postal History* is useful for more than Chicago covers.

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APS Riverside show

Eighty-five dealers at California show. Pages 16, 45-47

Metro Expo New York

Large bourse at Holiday Inn Midtown. Pages 48-49

Finest Aussie collection ever assembled in Shreves New York auction Feb. 22-23

By Rick Miller

Shreves Philatelic Galleries will auction the Arthur Gray collection of Australian stamps Feb. 22-23 in New York City.

Presale viewing will be available Feb. 19-21 at the firm's West 57th Street offices.

Material to be auctioned is from Gray's incomparable collection of Australian Kangaroo

realization would make it the single most valuable collection of Australian stamps ever sold at auction.

Australian stamp expert and dealer Glen Stephens told *Linn's*: "This is as far as I know the most valuable collection ever auctioned by a living person. I imagine it will easily be the highest grossing single stamp issue collection in history.

Britain's new Sea Life stamps reproduce underwater photos

Royal Mail (the British Post Office) depicts species found living in British waters on 10 stamps issued Feb. 1.

This set, called Sea Life, is part of the Animals series that started in 2001.

The 10 stamps are se-tenant, with the different designs side



Canada Post releases designs for Lilacs, HEC Montreal, Mary Pratt stamps

By Rick Miller

Canada Post released the designs for five new stamps and two souvenir sheets in January.

A se-tenant pair of 52¢ Lilacs stamps is shown in Figure 1.

All images shown in this story are based on Canada Post publicity images.

The Lilacs stamps, showing white lilacs on the left stamp of the pair and light purple lilacs on the right stamp, will be issued March 1 in booklets of 10 with four pairs of stamps and two singles. The stamps have curved die cuts at the top and bottom.

A souvenir sheet of two

52¢ Lilacs stamps will also be issued March 1.

The 52¢ HEC Montreal stamp shown in Figure 2 will be issued March 12 in booklets of eight.

The self-adhesive stamp will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (school of higher commercial studies) of Montreal, Canada's first business school.

The stamp's design is similar to the designs of stamps issued in 2003-04 for other institutions of higher learning.

The newest entry in Canada Post's Art Canada series will be a 52¢ stamp

and a souvenir sheet containing one 52¢ stamp and one \$1.55 stamp honoring artist Mary Pratt, to be issued March 15. The \$1.55 stamp pays the international letter rate.

The 52¢ stamp shown in Figure 3 features Pratt's painting *Jelly Shelf*.

The souvenir sheet of two stamps shown in Figure 4 comprises one of the 52¢ stamps and a \$1.55 stamp depicting Pratt's painting *Iceberg in the North Atlantic*.



Figure 2. Canada Post will issue this self-adhesive 52¢ HEC Montreal stamp March 12 for the 100th anniversary of the school of higher commercial studies.



Figure 3. This 52¢ Mary Pratt stamp, in the Art Canada series, will be issued March 15. The design pictures a painting.

Stamps and first-day covers will be available by mail order from the National Philatelic Centre, Canada Post Corp., 75 St. Ninian St., Antigonish, NS B2G 2R8, Canada, or by telephone from the United States and Canada at 800-565-4362 and from other countries at 902-



Figure 4. The Art Canada: Mary Pratt souvenir sheet of two stamps comprises one 52¢ Jelly Shelf stamp and a \$1.55 Iceberg in the North Atlantic stamp paying the international rate.

863-6550.

Linn's will report on each new issue as its issue date approaches.

Stamp information may also be found in the Newsroom section of Canada

Post's web site, located at www.canadapost.ca. Stamp products may also be obtained from Canada Post's agent in the United States, Interpost, Box 420, Hewlett, NY 11557. ■



Figure 1. Canada Post will issue this se-tenant (attached) pair of 52¢ Lilacs stamps in booklets of 10 on March 1. A souvenir sheet of two 52¢ Lilacs stamps will also be issued the same day.

SOSSI creates web site for cell phones

Scouts on Stamps Society International has a new web site designed for viewing on mobile devices, better known as cell phones.

The site is located at sossi.mobi. It began in January and includes brief

information about and illustrations of stamps related to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. The stamps are listed by country and by date.

Cached covers also are listed.

The society has a tra-

ditional web site at www.sossi.org.

Membership information can be obtained by writing to the Scouts on Stamps Society International, Lawrence E. Clay, Secretary, Box 6228, Kennewick, WA 99336. ■