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## Young collectors and volunteers recognized

The American Philatelic Society presented its annual volunteer awards to 16 individuals who serve philately.

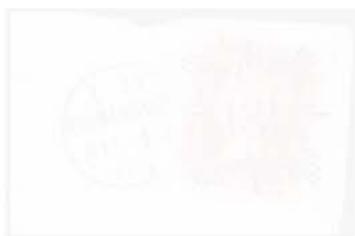
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## Christmas stamps from around the world

The holiday spirit is celebrated in new postage stamps from Austria, Canada, Norway and Switzerland.

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## Brunswick star duplex cancel varieties

Different varieties exist for a striking duplex postmark first used in Edinburgh, Scotland, in the 1800s.

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## Boy Scouts created Scouting stamp patch for stamp design unveiling at Smithsonian

By Bill McAllister  
Washington Correspondent

One thing I learned as a Boy Scout is that when something is a big deal, there will be a Scout patch to celebrate it.

Go to any big Scouting event and you'll find scores of Scouts with sashes and jackets filled with patches from national jamborees and other events.

Now there is a patch that serves as proof that the Boy Scouts of America are excited about the 44c Scouting commemorative stamp to be issued in 2010, as Scouting in the United States celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The Scouts created the 3½-inch-by-5-inch patch for the stamp design unveiling ceremony at the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C.



The Boy Scouts of America created a celebrate Scouting stamp patch that shows the design of the United States Scouting stamp scheduled to be issued in 2010.

The patch features a woven reproduction of the stamp design surrounded by a red border with the words "Celebrate Scouting 2010 USPS Stamp Unveiling Ceremony November 12, 2009."

The Scouts also gave out postcards featuring the design. These postcards should serve as excellent maximum cards when the stamp is issued.

Only a handful of Scouts attended the stamp's unveiling, but the patch is so attractive that I would bet my old stamp collecting merit badge that it will be popular.

James Terry, the assistant chief Scout executive from Boy Scouts of America headquarters, left no doubt that the organization lobbied hard for the stamp.

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## Record realization for unissued Chinese stamp

By Rick Miller

An unissued Chinese stamp from 1960 sold Nov. 1 for Hong Kong \$9.5 million (approximately US\$474,000) in an eBay auction for Hong Kong. The price includes the 10 percent buyer's premium.

The realization set the record for the most ever paid for a People's Republic of China stamp. The stamp's buyer was not named.

Because the stamp was not issued, it is classified in the Scott Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue as a "W" or the "unissued" variety. The People's Republic of China by H. C. Wang.

The stamp, pictured on page 12, is known as the Large White Country in Red stamp. It was prepared in 1960 as part of a two-stamp set designed when the Communist government called "the Great Victory of the Cultural Revolution."

The stamp was not issued because the design, which includes an outline map of China colored red, aroused the wrath of Taiwan in red culture tied with the landmass in white.

An 8-line stamp with a similar design (Scott 904) known as the Small White Country in Red stamp, was briefly issued and quickly withdrawn for the same reason.

The auction catalog describes the record-setting stamp as "Asian air reports exemplify the legend." Please turn to page 30.

## Vote for your favorite U.S. stamps

The ballot for the Linn's 2010 U.S. Stamp Personality Poll is on page 54. The 2010 U.S. stamps were published in the Nov. 15 issue on pages 30-33. Click on the poll link on the left side of the page. The poll will close on November 30, 2009. The poll is open to all members and non-members. The poll is open to all members and non-members. The poll is open to all members and non-members. The poll is open to all members and non-members.

