

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 29, 2004

Contact: Media Relations
202-268-2155
Stamp News Release No. 04-007
www.usps.com

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ANNOUNCES
NEW STAMP IN THE AMERICAN DESIGN SERIES**

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Postal Service today announced it will issue a new 2-cent definitive stamp as part of the American Design series. The Navajo Jewelry stamp features artist Lou Nolan's painted detail of a Navajo silver and turquoise necklace with sand-cast "squash blossoms." Nolan based his painting on a photograph by Peter T. Furst. The necklace itself belongs to a private collector.



Nolan's previous projects for the Postal Service include four stamps in the Transportation series (School Bus, Dog Sled, Milk Wagon, and Popcorn Wagon), the Certified Public Accountants stamp (1987), the Bill of Rights stamp (1989), and the first three stamps in the American Design series: American Toleware (2002); American Clock (2003); and Tiffany Lamp (2003).

The Navajo Jewelry stamp is scheduled for release August 20, 2004, at the Americover Stamp Show in Indianapolis, Ind.

To see images from the 2004 Commemorative Stamp Program, visit the Postal Store at www.usps.com/shop and click on "Release Schedule" in the Collector's Corner.

Current U.S. stamps, as well as a free comprehensive catalog are available by toll-free phone order at 1 800 STAMP-24. A wide selection of stamps and other philatelic items are also available at the Postal Store (www.usps.com/shop), and www.postalartgallery.com offers beautifully framed prints of original stamp art for delivery straight to the home or office.

Since 1775, the U.S. Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. An independent federal agency, the Postal Service visits more than 141 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider to deliver to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of more than \$68 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mailing and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 43 percent of the world's mail volume — some 202 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year — and serves seven million customers each day at its 38,000 retail locations nationwide.