

Souvenir Sheet Images Background

The photograph of the aurora borealis — the northern lights — was taken by Fred Hirschmann of Wasilla, Alaska. It shows the northern lights over the Talkeetna Mountains in Alaska in January 2005. The photograph of the aurora australis, a phenomenon of the southern polar region, was taken by Per-Andre Hoffmann of Manila, Philippines. Hoffmann took the photo in the Bellingshausen Sea along the west side of the Antarctic Peninsula in March 2004.

The selvage photograph depicts a portion of the aurora borealis over Mt. McKinley in Denali National Park in Alaska and was made by Colin Tyler Bogucki of Minneapolis, Minn. The selvage paragraph reads, "Continuing the tradition of international cooperation that began with the first IPY in 1882-1883, scientists from around the world will initiate a new era in polar research by participating in IPY 2007-2008. Working across many disciplines, they will conduct field observations, research and analysis to build upon current knowledge and increase our understanding of the roles that both polar regions play in global processes."

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