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Love and Weddings Are in the Air— And in the Mail

U.S. Postal Service to Release New Hearts and Love Stamps

WASHINGTON, DC — Love and marriage. They go together like, well, you know the rhyme. But you may not know the U.S. Postal Service will release three new love and wedding-themed stamps on June 10. In denominations of 42 and 59 cents, these new stamps add both elegance and whimsy to cherished correspondence.

The Wedding Hearts stamps feature vines that form the shape of hearts. Designed to add an elegant touch to wedding invitations and response cards, they will be available in two denominations to cover both the one-ounce and the two-ounce mailing rates. Each 42-cent stamp is intended for use on envelopes that accompany response cards that are often enclosed with wedding invitations, while each 59-cent stamp will accommodate the heavier weight of a wedding invitation with enclosures. Designed by artist Nancy Stahl, the Hearts stamps are based on Stahl's memories of a wide range of intertwined objects, including silver charms and old-fashioned garden gates.

The whimsical 42-cent All Heart stamp will be a runaway hit when attached to thank-you cards, Valentine's Day greetings and any correspondence intended to carry playful displays of affection.

The Wedding Hearts and the All Heart stamps will be available on June 10 nationwide in Post Offices, on usps.com and by calling 800-STAMP-24.

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An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 146 million homes and businesses, six days a week. It has 37,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services, not tax dollars, to pay for operating expenses. The Postal Service has annual revenue of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.

Please Note: For broadcast quality video and audio, photo stills and other media resources, visit the USPS Newsroom at www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/welcome.htm. High-resolution images of these stamps are available for media use only at: www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/2008stamps/downloadcenter.htm

Wedding Hearts Stamps Philatelic Fact Sheet

Philatelic Products

There are six philatelic products available for this stamp issue:

- 571661, First Day Cover (2 oz.), \$0.97
- 571665, Digital Color Postmark, \$1.50
- 571699, Digital Color Postmark Keepsake, \$13.30
- 677661, First Day Cover (1 oz.), \$.80
- 677665, Digital Color Postmark (1 oz.), \$1.50
- 677699, Digital Color Postmark Keepsake, \$9.90

How to Order First-Day Covers

Stamp Fulfillment Services also offers first-day covers for new stamp issues and Postal Service stationery items postmarked with the official first-day-of-issue cancellation. Each item has an individual catalog number and is offered in the quarterly *USA Philatelic* catalog. Customers may request a free catalog by calling 800-STAMP-24 or writing to:

Information Fulfillment
Dept. 6270
U.S. Postal Service
PO Box 219014
Kansas City, MO 64121-9014

How to Order the First-Day-of-Issue Postmark

Customers have 60 days to obtain the first-day-of-issue postmark by mail. They may purchase the new stamped postcards at their local Post Office, by telephone at 800-STAMP-24, or at the Postal Store website at www.usps.com/shop. They should address the cards (to themselves or others) and place them in an envelope addressed to:

Wedding Hearts Stamps
Postmaster
Special Cancellations
PO Box
Washington, DC 20066-9998

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the cards through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by August 11, 2008.

Love: All Heart Stamp Philatelic Fact Sheet

Philatelic Products

There are three philatelic products available for this stamp issue:

- 677861, First Day Cover, \$0.80
- 677865, Digital Color Postmark, \$1.50
- 677899, Cancellation Keepsake (DCP cover/pane), \$9.90

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Love: All Heart Stamp
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Washington, DC 20090-2282

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