



**POSTAL NEWS**

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## Ancient Greek Architecture and One of the World's Oldest Insects To Be Featured on Stamps



WASHINGTON, DC — What do an architectural style developed by the ancient Greeks and a dragonfly have in common? Both are beautiful works of art featured on new stamps coming to a Post Office near you.

The Postal Service is selling a new stamped postcard featuring an ink and watercolor drawing of a Corinthian capital, which is the topmost part of a building's column. Carved in an ornate decorative pattern developed in ancient Greece, Corinthian capitals adorn the columns of the General Post Office building in New York and the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, DC. The artwork for the 26-cent stamped postcard is from the records of the Architect of the Capitol. The card was designed by Gerald Gallo of Bethesda, MD.

On May 19, one of the world's oldest insects – the dragonfly – will appear on a postage stamp. The new 62-cent stamp is for First-Class Mail single pieces, such as square greeting cards. Fossil records show that dragonfly species have existed for 300 million years, since well before dinosaurs and 150 million years before birds.

The stylized illustration of a dragonfly is by Nancy Stahl of New York, who has worked on numerous stamp projects, including the Bighorn Sheep stamp and Florida Panther stamp.

The Corinthian Capital stamped postcard and the Dragonfly stamp can be purchased in Post Offices, on [usps.com](http://usps.com), and by calling 800-STAMP-24. The Corinthian Capital postcard is available now, and the Dragonfly stamp on May 19.

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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.

## **Corinthian Capital Stamped Postcard Philatelic Fact Sheet**

### **Philatelic Products**

There are two philatelic products available for this stamp issue:

- 222461, CNC Postcard, \$0.40
- 222561, CNC Postcard, \$0.70

### **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](http://www.usps.com/shop). They should address the cards (to themselves or others) and place them in an envelope addressed to:

Corinthian Capital Stamped Postcards  
Postmaster  
Special Cancellations  
PO Box 92282  
Washington, DC 20090-9998

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 July 11, 2008.

## **Dragonfly Stamp Philatelic Fact Sheet**

### **Philatelic Products**

There are four philatelic products available for this stamp issue:

- 120420, booklet of 4, \$2.48
- 120430, booklet of 10, \$6.20
- 120440, full pane, \$12.40
- 120461, First-Day cover, \$1

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Postmaster  
Special Cancellations  
PO Box 92282  
Washington, DC 20090-9998

After applying the first-day-of-issue postmark, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked by July 21, 2008.