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Stamp or Cinderella?

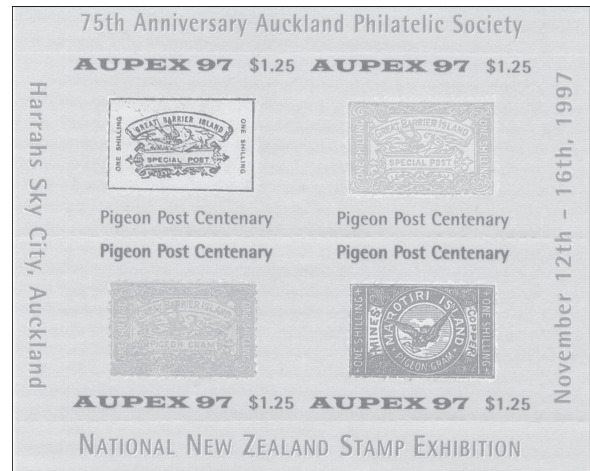
This is a question sometimes asked when looking at stamps you are not familiar with. On closer examination you may notice that older ones do not have the words "postage due" or "postage paid on them" NZ Post's CAL's, which are now called labels and can be used for postage, are also what we call a cinderella'. This article is deals with one class of cinderella, that is those issued prior to a major stamp exhibition for raising funds.



The design and variety of cinderellas is enormous but usually there is a link with the theme of the exhibition or the place where it is being held and usually they take the form of a miniature sheet.

The cinderella to the left was issued for the 1950 National Philatelic Exhibition & Centenary of Australian postage stamps.

Sweden has had many national exhibitions and the exhibition committee are responsible for releasing a miniature sheet to commemorate the event.



There have been many cinderella sheets released for New Zealand exhibitions, including the one pictured above which the Auckland Philatelic Society organised to commemorate their 75th Anniversary.

To the right are the cinderellas that the Christchurch Philatelic Society released when their exhibition in 1984 was a specialised exhibition for bird entries only.

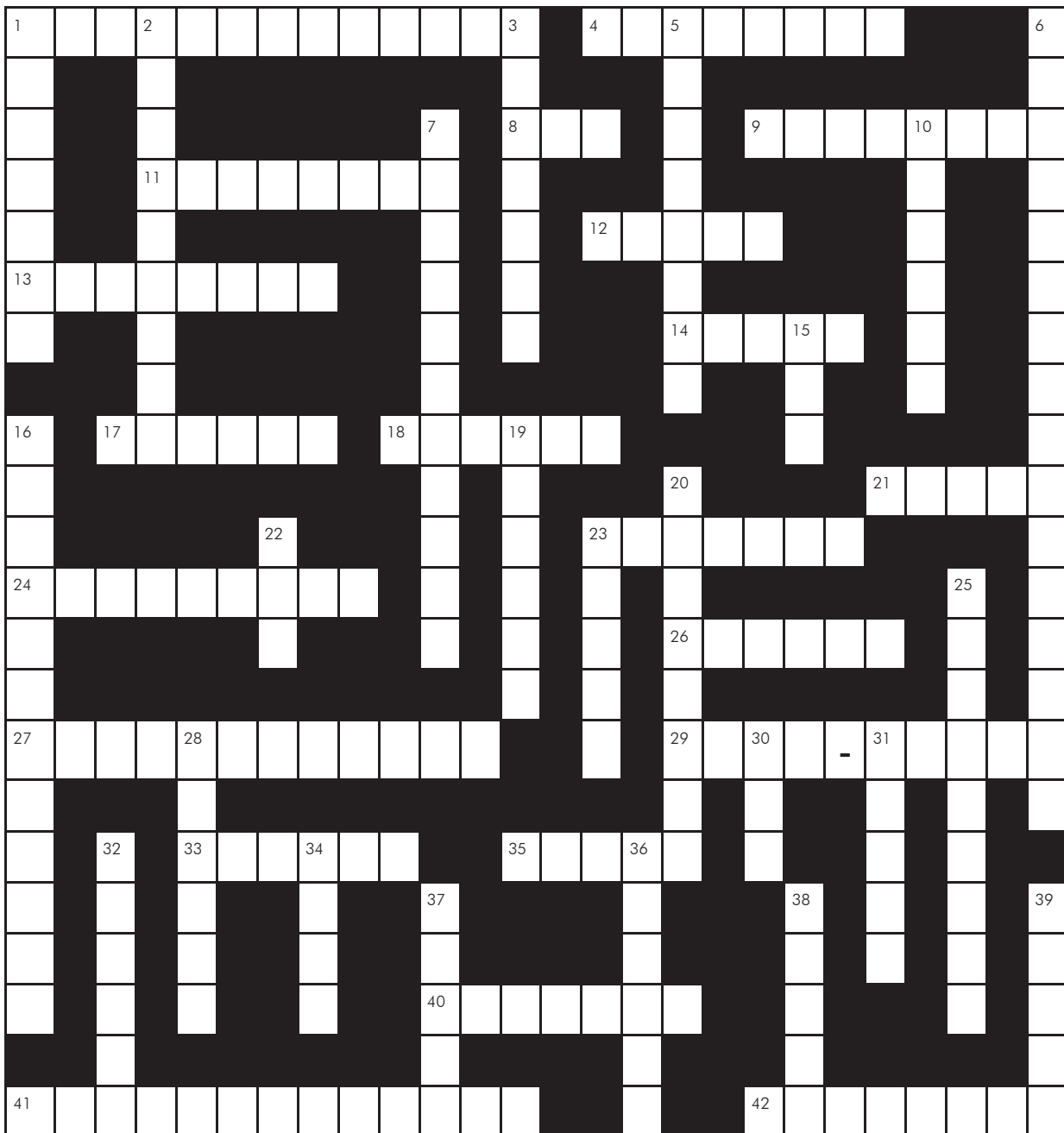


Other societies in New Zealand you may see labels from include Whakatane, North Shore and South Auckland Philatelic Societies to name a few. Once again if you come across these labels on envelopes keep the envelope complete.

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Jumbo Winter Crossword



CLUES

Hint: A list of philatelic terms will help you complete this crossword

Across

1. A cover with a stamp postmarked on the day of issue (3 words).
4. A marking placed on mail by the postal authority.
8. The postmark is used to _ _ _ the stamp to a cover
9. Stamp overprinted and issued to the UPU to aid identification of stamps by a country.
11. Stamps printed using photogravure printing methods use this to print each separate colour.
12. Unique Flaw.
13. Damaged stamps that have portions replaced to give the appearance of good stamps.

14. This piece of equipment is used to measure perforations.

17. _ _ _ _ _ Stamps are issued to help raise funds for health camps.
18. A stamp cut in half to pay half the value shown on the stamp.
21. Stamps are issued in this format.
23. Stamps purchased in an outer cover for convenience.
24. Stamps intended for the prepayment of this type of communication.
26. A _ _ _ _ _ is sent using stamps to pay its way.
27. This service is required when sending valuables through the post.
29. Stamps printed upside down in relation to each other.
33. A term used when all or part of a design is printed in reverse on the back of a stamp.
35. Part of a stamp design that encloses the central picture.

40. A type of post where mail is sent in Aeroplanes.

41. The study of mail carried by air.
42. Stamp overprinted for use on government mail.

Down

1. A stamp produced illegally.
2. An overprint that alters the face value of a stamp.
3. A minor correction made by hand to a printing plate or cylinder.
5. The edges of a sheet of stamps.
6. Postmarked stamps that have never been through the postal system (3 words).
7. A temporary stamp surcharged until a separate stamp design can be issued for that value.
10. A stamp with no perforations.

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Story of a Stamp

For those of you interested in ships on stamps, I have in my collection a beautifully engraved stamp of Guatemala depicting a sailing ship at anchor in a mountain encircled bay. Just as I was delighted to find a copy of this stamp some years ago - so too were the stamp collectors of Europe and North America delighted to encounter, in 1867, the "First- issue of Guatemala".

Brazil, it must be remembered, was the second country in world to issue stamps (1843) and by 1867 fifteen countries of Central and South America had issued stamps, leaving Guatemala as one of the five remaining countries yet to do so. It was, therefore, not at first surprising to be offered stamps of an awaited Guatemalan issue.



That something was not right, however, became apparent when some of the informed collectors of the day learnt that Guatemala had not yet issued any stamps at all. (Indeed Guatemala did not issue stamps until 4 years later in 1871). It was then discovered that this superbly produced stamp was a "Bogus Issue 1" and the brainchild of one S. Allan Taylor, an infamous stamp dealer and member of the notorious 'Boston Gang' of forgers.

Exploits of some of the other members of the gang will possibly be retold in later issues of this column. Meanwhile I hope that you have liked my story in this issue of a ship upon a stamp.

ERRORS on STAMPS

Answer: The northern part of the earth is completely illuminated by the sun, the southern hemisphere completely in the dark, when the sun rises and sets from the East to West..

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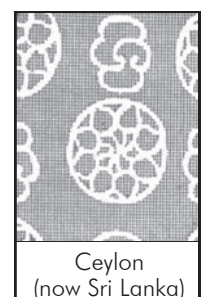
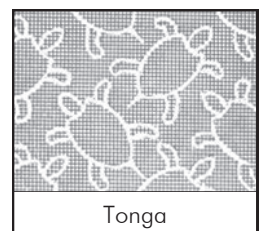
15. The adhesive on the back of stamps.
16. A type of printing process.
19. A complete envelope, postcard or wrapper with stamps affixed to prepay postage.
20. A means of separating stamps by a series of cuts in the paper which do not remove any paper.
22. An appendage to a stamp in the form of an attached coupon, label or tag.
23. Multiple of unsecured stamps which includes at least 2 rows of stamps in any direction.
25. An overprint that alters the face value of a stamp (same as 2 down).
28. A type of postmark that also gives a message.
30. A stamp used to receipt revenue by governments.
31. A fictitious stamp that never officially existed is called
32. An early form of obliteration/postmarking.
34. Stamps are often collected this way.
36. A type of post office that travels to outdoor events.
37. A variety of degree of colour on a stamp.
38. A sample stamp sent to the Postal Authority by the printer.
39. A type of Post or Stamps whose use is restricted to a stated area or town.

QUESTION & ANSWER

Do you know what a watermark is?

It is a thinning of the paper pulp produced by Dandy Rolls while the paper is being made. A Dandy Roll is a kind of roller which presses down on the wet paper pulp. The roller has a design in metal attached, which makes the paper thinner where it touches it. It is put there to make it as difficult as possible for people to forge stamps. Some countries have never used this kind of paper, but England, New Zealand, Australia, and other British Colony Countries have in the past.

Watermarks are not always anchors or crowns. There are Lotus flowers (Ceylon), Lions (Persia), Pineapples (Jamaica) and Turtles (Tonga). One of the most common watermarks is the Tudor Crown used when Queen Elizabeth came to the English throne in 1553.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

There are four awards, Bronze, Silver-Bronze, Silver and Gold

The Bronze and Silver-Bronze Awards can be examined by a stamp club leader, school teacher, youth group leader or adult stamp collector. The Silver and Gold Awards must be examined by a person approved by the Philatelic Youth Council Executive.

Bronze Achievement Award Form

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Postal Address _____

The Applicant:

1. Has formed a stamp collection over a period of more than six months Yes _____
2. Has given a short talk (approx 2 minutes) on four pages from the collection Yes _____
3. Has successfully answered simple questions on -
 - a) the pages shown for the talk Yes _____
 - b) general philately Yes _____
4. Is able to mount stamps correctly Yes _____
5. Is able to remove stamps from paper correctly Yes _____

Note: The questions in 3a should relate to the type of collection formed i.e. for Thematic collectors questions on the theme, for collectors of NZ, questions on New Zealand stamps.

The questions in 3b must be on general philately, suggested questions are:

- a) What is the purpose of perforations?
- b) What is the purpose of Watermarks?
- c) What is a First Day Cover?
- d) Who issued the World's first postage stamp?
- e) Why should you use tweezers?
- f) For what purpose would you use a stamp catalogue?

Four to six questions answered adequately is sufficient.

Examiner's Signature _____

Examiner's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Club Position or Occupation _____

Send the completed form to PYC Achievement Awards, PO Box 2979, Auckland 1140