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There's nothing like an old - fashioned wedding

Greetings 2012

The perfect way to stay in touch

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Ireland is in the chair

St. Patrick's Day

Discover the true meaning

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Explore the movement and expression

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DEAR COLLECTOR...

A very Happy New Year to you all, and a warm welcome to the first edition of The Collector for 2012. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and are ready for some more exciting stamps.

2011 was another fantastic year for Irish Stamps and we're following on from it without stopping for breath. We head straight into another year and another great issue with a stamp celebrating marriage. On page 12, we look back at some of the many wedding traditions. Have you ever wondered how certain wedding traditions such as throwing rice or the tradition of the bridal shower came to be?

Whether it's Valentine's cards, Christmas cards or Easter cards, sending greetings to family and friends shows just how much you really care about them. This year's Greetings stamps from An Post feature colourful, stylised depictions of a gift box and a set of birthday candles. Bright and vibrant, they are bound to appeal to people of all ages who choose to send their best wishes to those they know. Have a look at these stamps on page 14.

On page 16, we mark Ireland's Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security and Co - operation in Europe, 2012.

Learn more about the Organisation for Security and Co - operation and also about Ireland's thematic priorities.

Another huge occasion that is marked around the world is St. Patrick's Day. This year on page 18, we honour our national day with a stamp based on an icon painting of St. Patrick. We also look back on the true meaning of Ireland's patron saint's day which is very different to how we celebrate St. Patrick's Day today.

Explore the world of dance with contemporary dance that was developed in the early 20th century on page 20. Read about the dance philosophy and star performers. Learn why contemporary dance is often described as a dance philosophy and not a technique of dance.

We have proof that fascinating stamps do grow on trees, with a stamp made entirely of cork! See our article on page 22 for the full story.

Don't forget to check out our Last Chance Saloon for the opportunity to get your hands on any of the stamps you may have missed out on over the past year.

Clare Walsh,
Marketing Executive,
Irish Stamps



Weddings 2011



Greetings 2011



50th Anniversary of the American Chamber of Commerce, Ireland



Centenary of the birth of Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh,
5th President of Ireland



St. Patrick's Day



Women's Rights



Centenary of the Irish Amateur Boxing Association



Europa - Forests



The Year of Craft in Ireland

COMMEMORATIVE CANCELLATIONS 2011

Here's a comprehensive listing of the commemorative cancellations issued by An Post in 2011.

These cancellations were only available at the time of issue. However, you can still pick up any you may have missed by buying

Ireland's National Parks



50th Anniversary of Amnesty International



Renewable Energy Technologies



The Irish Horse



Solheim Cup 2011



Centenary of the birth of Brian O'Nolan "Flann O'Brien"



Christmas 2011



50th Anniversary of the first TV broadcast



a complete set of First Day Covers featuring last year's cancellations. The First Day Cover Collection 2011 is priced at €60 and is housed

in an attractive presentation box. Purchase by logging onto www.irishstamps.ie or use the order form attached.

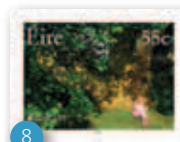
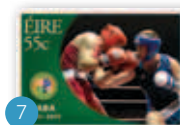
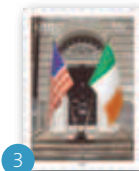
STAMP ISSUE OF THE YEAR AWARD 2011

**Here's your chance to vote for your favourite Stamp Issue from 2011.
On page 7 you'll find the stamps chosen to represent each issue.**

Simply fill in the entry form and send it to: Stamp Issue of the Year Award 2011, Irish Stamps, Ground Floor, GPO, O'Connell Street Lower, Dublin 1, Ireland.

The Stamp Issue that gets the most votes will receive the award, and if you have voted for that issue your name will be entered into a draw to win one of ten prizes. The prizes will consist of six First Day Covers signed by the stamp designers and winners will be announced in a future edition of The Collector. Closing date for entries is 1 March, 2012.

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| 3. 50th Anniversary of the American Chamber of Commerce, Ireland | 12. Renewable Energy Technologies |
| 4. Centenary of the birth of Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh | 13. The Irish Horse |
| 5. St. Patrick's Day | 14. Solheim Cup 2011 |
| 6. Women's Rights | 15. Centenary of the birth of Brian O'Nolan "Flann O'Brien" |
| 7. Centenary of the Irish Amateur Boxing Association | 16. Christmas 2011 |
| 8. Europa - Forests | 17. 50th Anniversary of the first TV broadcast |
| 9. The Year of Craft in Ireland | |



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Your favourite stamp issue in 2011:

Reasons why you chose this issue:



Satirist Celebrated in New Stamp

“Centenary of the Birth of one of Ireland’s Greatest Writers.”

October 4, 2011 saw the unveiling of a striking new commemorative stamp celebrating the centenary of the birth of renowned writer and columnist, Brian O’Nolan (1911 - 1966), better known to many as Flann O’Brien.

The 55c stamp is based on a painting by the writer’s brother, artist Michael O’Nuallain, and was designed by award - winning illustrator, Steve Simpson. Pictured above is Michael O’Nuallain at the official launch.

Brian O’Nolan was born on 5 October, 1911 in Strabane, Co. Tyrone. After attending University College Dublin, where he was active in the Literary and Historical Society, he entered the Civil Service in 1935. Over the course of his career in the Department of Local Government, he served as Private Secretary to three successive ministers.

Brian O’Nolan published his first novel, ‘At Swim-Two-Birds’, in 1939. This was followed by ‘The Third Policeman’ (1940), ‘Faustus Kelly’ (1943) and ‘The Hard Life’ (1960). His fifth and final novel, ‘The Dalkey Archive’, was published in 1964, just two years before his death.

For many casual readers he is perhaps best, and most fondly, remembered for his long running (25 years) satirical column in The Irish Times, ‘Cruiskeen Lawn’, which he penned under another of his pseudonyms, Myles na gCopaleen.

The stamp is available to purchase by logging onto www.irishstamps.ie or by calling + 353 (1) 705 7400.

STAMPA

The most recent National Stamp Exhibition, held the weekend of 21 - 23 October in the R.D.S. in Ballsbridge, Dublin proved a tremendous success. We were expecting heavy rain and thankfully the expected downpour held off until the day after the event, ensuring spirits weren't dampened for the many collectors, some of whom travelled from as far away as USA, Germany, Denmark, France, Belgium, Spain and the UK.

This exciting three - day event included fascinating historical stamp displays from countries ranging from Ireland to India. The ever - popular Irish Horse stamps enjoyed galloping sales and free valuations resulted in more than a few surprised, and delighted collectors who discovered their collections were worth much more than they thought!

STAMPA is always an eagerly awaited event and 2011 lived up to all expectations. Once again, it was successfully linked to the October Coin Fair and the Over 50's and Genealogy shows.

If you were unable to attend the exhibition and you would like a souvenir catalogue, send your name and address to: STAMPA Catalogue, PO Box 2723, Cardiff Lane, Dublin 2.

Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition

The annual Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition took place on Saturday, 19 November from 10.30am to 4.00pm in The Imperial Hotel, South Mall, Cork. A total of six dealers with 16 stands took part and a similar attendance to 2010 was present.

Following on the success of the loose stamps stand at the 2010 show, a similar opportunity was offered in 2011 and over thirty people availed of it with two people having a most enjoyable four hours picking up items for their collection. Loose stamps were sold on a pick and mix basis. Similar type stands were available for album pages, first day covers and postcards.

All were delighted with the range of material available and the fact that collectors of all levels were catered for at the show.

The Cork Philatelic Society produced a souvenir booklet with a print run of 250, while show organiser, Raven Stamps, had an overprinted National Parks minisheet (1,000) with black overprint available as a door souvenir while there was a Supporters Souvenir limited to 50 overprinted in red. All souvenirs can be purchased from Raven Stamps. Email sales@ravenstamps.ie or telephone (021) 427 1750.

International Events

20 - 21 January - York Stamp and Coin Show - York Racecourse, North Yorkshire

22 - 25 February - Stampex, London

20 March - Display of Irish Postal History - Heathfield, Sussex

19 - 21 April - Philatex - London

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2014

We welcome suggestions for new stamps from collectors the world over.

If you have an idea you would like us to consider, simply send it to us at:

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2014,
Ground Floor,
An Post,
GPO,
O'Connell Street Lower,
Freepost,
Dublin 1.

The closing date for 2014 suggestions is 29 February, 2012. We look forward to receiving your ideas.

2012 STAMP PROGRAMME

Once again this year, we're delighted to present a colourful and exciting schedule of issues to keep you occupied throughout 2012. We hope you enjoy adding these beautiful stamps to your collection.

ISSUE DATE	DESCRIPTION	STAMPS
19-JAN	WEDDINGS 2012	1
26-JAN	GREETINGS 2012	2
02-FEB	IRELAND'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND CO - OPERATION IN EUROPE, 2012 (PENDING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL)	1
09-FEB	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	1
22-MAR	CONTEMPORARY ARTS - DANCE	4
12-APR	CENTENARY OF THE SINKING OF THE RMS TITANIC	4
19-APR	CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF BRAM STOKER	2
03-MAY	EUROPA - VISIT IRELAND	2
07-JUN	50TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS	2
14-JUN	VOLVO OCEAN RACE	2
28-JUN	150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DUBLIN FIRE BRIGADE	4
12-JULY	SIGNIFICANT SCIENCE MILESTONES	2
19-JULY	OLYMPIC GAMES - LONDON 2012	2
09-AUG	IRISH ANIMALS AND MARINE LIFE - PHASE III OF NEW DEFINITIVES	8
13-SEP	IRISH MYTHS AND LEGENDS	4
11-OCT	BARNARDOS IRELAND (PENDING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL)	1
08-NOV	CHRISTMAS 2012	3

Please note that this schedule is only provisional and is subject to change.



WEDDINGS 2012

“ Modern weddings owe much to traditions that go back literally hundreds of years. ”

The modern day wedding ceremony is steeped in traditions, some of which date back over many hundreds of years. But have you ever wondered how certain wedding customs such as throwing rice at the newly wedded couple or the tradition of the bridal shower came to be?

The throwing of rice is one of the oldest of all wedding rituals. In ancient Rome and Egypt, where the tradition first originated, tossing grains such as wheat and rice

was intended to bestow the couple with abundance and fertility.

Another interesting wedding custom, that still exists today, is that of the bridal shower. According to legend, a destitute Dutchman fell in love with a woman well above his station in life. The girl's father refused to provide a dowry as he saw them as a mismatch. Whereupon all their friends clubbed together and 'showered' them with

Technical details

Date of Issue:	19 January, 2012
Value & Quantity:	55c (150k) Strip of 2 (20k)
Design:	Steve Simpson
Stamp Size:	37.5mm x 26mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Booklets of 10 Self - adhesive Collectors' Strip of 2
Perforations:	13 x 13
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



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sufficient gifts so they would be able to start their new life together.

The honeymoon is another example of an age - old tradition still very much in evidence today. Many years ago, a suitor would take his bride-in-waiting and whisk her away to some secluded spot, where they remained together for one full phase of the moon and drank mead (a wine made from honey) and got to know one another.

2012 marks the sixth successive year An Post has issued a special wedding stamp designed to enhance the sense of occasion for both the sender and recipient. This year's stamp is based on a beautiful Harry Weir photograph of a loving couple and classic wedding car. The design is by Steve Simpson.

These products are available to purchase by using the order form attached, by calling + 353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto www.irishstamps.ie from date of issue.



GREETINGS 2012

“ Sending greetings to family and friends shows just how much you really care about them. ”

Whatever the occasion, be it a birthday, wedding anniversary, graduation, sympathy card, Valentine's Day, Halloween or just to say hello, sending a greeting card shows someone you know that you're thinking of them.

The tradition of sending greeting cards can be traced back to the ancient Chinese, who exchanged goodwill messages in celebration of the New Year.

The history of the modern greeting card dates from the early 1800s, when they were essentially the preserve of the well-to-do who had their elaborate cards hand-delivered.

With the advent of the first postage stamp in the mid-1850s and the development of new printing methods, affordable greeting cards became accessible to people from all walks of life.

Valentine's cards have set hearts a-flutter since the 15th century. Handmade paper Valentine's cards were exceedingly popular in England. Today, the most popular 'special occasion' cards are Christmas cards, followed by Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter. While the most frequently sent 'everyday' cards are birthday cards,

Technical details

Date of Issue:	26 January, 2012
Value & Quantities:	55c (25k) Strip of 2 (20k)
Design:	Kasia Ozmin
Stamp Size:	25mm x 30mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Booklets of 10 Self - adhesive Collectors' Strip of 2
Perforations:	13 x 13
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



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anniversary cards, get well cards and sympathy cards.

In 1890, a young artist called Beatrix Potter, enjoyed her inaugural commercial success when she created a series of six greeting cards that featured illustrations of her pet rabbit called Bounce. This set of delightful cards earned the young Ms Potter the princely sum of £6.00. One can only guess how much they would fetch today.

This year's Greeting stamps from An Post feature colourful, stylized depictions of a gift box and a set of birthday candles.

Bright and vibrant, they are bound to appeal to people of all ages who choose to send their best wishes to those they know.

These two beautiful stamps have been designed by Kasia Ozmin, a freelance New York - based Art Director and a graduate of the Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology.

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18th OSCE
Ministerial Council
Vilnius, 6 and 7 November 2011

IRELAND'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ORGANISATION FOR SECURITY AND CO - OPERATION IN EUROPE, 2012

“Marking Ireland's Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security and Co - operation in Europe, 2012.”

In January 2012, Ireland assumed the Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security and Co - operation in Europe (OSCE) for one year.

Made up of a total of 56 participating states from Europe, Central Asia and North America, the OSCE's remit encompasses a wide range of vital global issues in areas such as democratisation, human rights, arms control, conflict resolution, as well as economic and environmental activities.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the OSCE - the world's largest regional security organisation - has made a massive contribution to both stability and democratic development in Europe.

The origins of the OSCE are rooted in the time of the Cold War détente in the early 1970s, when the Conference on Security and Co - operation in Europe (OSCE) was first established to serve as a multilateral forum for dialogue and negotiation between East and West factions.

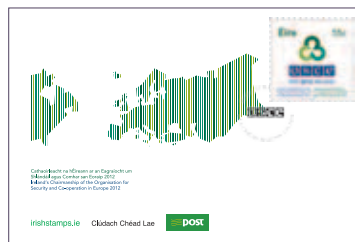


Photo courtesy of the OSCE.

Technical details

Date of Issue:	2 February, 2012
Value & Quantity:	55c (.184m)
Stamp Design:	Red Dog Design
Stamp Size:	36mm x 36mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	13 x 13
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.

NOTE THIS ISSUE IS PENDING GOVERNMENT APPROVAL



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During their Chairmanship tenure in 2012, Ireland's thematic priorities, amongst others, will include freedom of the media, particularly Internet - based media and good governance.

Ireland has been a member of the OSCE since 25 June, 1973 and is amongst the original signatories of both the Helsinki Final Act (1975) and the Charter of Paris (1990). In succeeding Lithuania in this vital role, Ireland's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Eamon Gilmore, performs the function of Chairperson-in-Office.

This important commemorative stamp issue was designed by Red Dog Design and features the OSCE logo.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

“A unique chance to celebrate the true meaning of Ireland's patron saint's day.”

St. Patrick's Day is the one day each year when Ireland takes centre stage in hundreds of countries throughout the world, from the United States, Canada and Australia to Japan, Singapore and even Russia.

Nowadays, more often associated with parades, St. Patrick's Day is first and foremost a religious feast day and the anniversary of St. Patrick's death in the 5th century. As St. Patrick's Day falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families traditionally attended church in the morning, before celebrating in the afternoon.

St. Patrick's Day didn't become an official public holiday in Ireland until 1903. And the very first St. Patrick's Day parade didn't take place until 1931 in Dublin.

In 1995, the Irish government initiated a campaign using St. Patrick's Day to drive tourism and showcase Ireland to the rest of the world. As a result, recent years have seen millions of people participate in the St. Patrick's Festival, a week - long extravaganza featuring parades, concerts, outdoor theatre productions and spectacular fireworks.

Technical details

Date of Issue:	9 February, 2012
Value & Quantity:	82c (.188m)
Stamp Design:	Steve Simpson
Stamp Size:	29.79mm x 40.64mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	15 x 14
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



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In 2012, An Post celebrates St. Patrick's Day in a more traditional fashion, with the issue of a stamp based on an icon painting of St. Patrick. The stamp has been designed by award-winning illustrator, Steve Simpson, and is based on a painting by renowned Russian artist, Ekaterina Platoshechkina.

Icon painting, or icon writing to be more precise, is the ancient practice of creating images of Jesus Christ, signal events of the faith or images of the Saints, for the purpose of veneration and the growth of the Christian faith.

Icon paintings, which could be used for religious worship or simply ornamentation, were most commonly two-dimensional paintings on paper or wood. However, evidence of other materials including carved stone, mosaic, metal and embroidery has also been found.

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CONTEMPORARY ARTS - DANCE

“Dancers explore their natural energy and emotions to produce a very personal form of expression.”

The term contemporary dance conjures up a host of images, some of which can seem contradictory at first. It borrows from the techniques of both ballet and modern dance, yet it is largely unchoreographed. Contemporary dance allows a greater range and fluidity of movement than conventional dance techniques.

Unlike the more established dance traditions, contemporary dance is not directly associated with any specific dance techniques. That's why it is often described as a dance philosophy, as opposed to a technique of dancing.

As with any field of endeavour, contemporary dance has its own firmament of star performers; one that includes such well-known names as Martha Graham, who runs her own dance school in New York City where she trains dancers from around the world, Trisha Brown, Merce Cunningham, Isadora Duncan and Jose Limon.

Given the eclectic nature of contemporary dance, it comes as no surprise that contemporary dancers emerge from many diverse dancing backgrounds, ranging from the august classical ballet to the more streetwise breakdancing.

Technical details

Date of Issue:	22 March, 2012
Value & Quantities:	55c (25k) Block of 4 (20k)
Design:	Ger Garland
Stamp Size:	35mm x 35mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Booklets of 8 Self - adhesive
Perforations:	13 x 13
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



PRODUCT CODE 1205FDC PRICE €3.20



Photo courtesy of Dance Theatre of Ireland.

Non - devotees of contemporary dance are often left baffled by its popularity, claiming that they cannot make sense of it. On the other hand, aficionados of contemporary dance passionately embrace it as an art form that stimulates them intellectually, visually and aurally.

In 2012, An Post celebrates the contemporary dance movements with a set of four Ger Garland - designed stamps, each one depicting a unique contemporary dance performed by some of Ireland's foremost dance companies - Fabulous Beast, Irish Modern Dance Theatre, Dance Theatre of Ireland and CoisCéim.

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PROOF THAT FASCINA STAMPS DO GROW O

Cork is a truly amazing material. Harvested from the bark of the Cork Oak tree (*Quercus suber*), it is used to produce literally hundreds of diverse products, from wine stoppers, woodwind instruments and bricks to spacecraft heat shields, footwear insoles and even anti-friction lining for automatic transmissions.

As if that wasn't enough, in November 2007, Portugal issued the world's very first postage stamp made entirely of cork. Designed by Portuguese engraver, Joao Machado, the stamp - with a face value of one euro and depicting a cork tree - was made from wafer-thin cork paper with a thickness of no more than 0.35mm.

Another interesting fact is that in the limited print run of 230,000 stamps, every one of them was slightly different from the next because of the cellular nature of the material. So, in fact, every stamp issued was unique as no two were exactly the same.

While a cork stamp may indeed sound a little odd, the fact that it was issued by Portugal certainly is not. You see Portugal just happens to be the world's largest producer of cork, with 737,000 hectares of cork trees, or roughly 32.5% of the world's total.

Measuring 4 x 3 cm, these amazing self-adhesive stamps have, unsurprisingly, been sold out for quite some time. So if you



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The stamp image has been supplied by
Correios de Portugal.

manage to come across one it would make a most intriguing investment.

In recent years, there have been a number of other unique stamp issues where some very unusual materials have been used in the making of the stamps. For instance, in 2002, the British territory of Gibraltar released a stamp that not only featured a picture of the famous landmark, it was also embellished with finely crushed pieces of the rock itself.

In 2006, Austria issued a stamp that contained 0.03 grams of meteoric dust. Affixed to the stamp with a special adhesive, the dust came from a meteorite that had been found in Morocco in 2004.

Similar to the Portuguese cork stamp, Switzerland released a 5 - franc stamp in 2004 that was made from Swiss fir trees. And last, but by no means least, the tiny Himalayan country of Bhutan, famous for its philatelic oddities, created a stamp that was also a CD - ROM in 2007.

An Post Van Set



*Product Code: 03VANSET
Price: €60.00*

An official limited edition collection of five An Post Model Vehicles is available to purchase from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1. The vehicles featured, which measure 80mm x 30mm approx. are, the Model T Ford, Horse Drawn Vehicle, Anglia Van, Transit Bus and VW Transporter. Each of these vehicles featured in the fleet over the years and has its own legitimate Fleet Number.

The collection is contained in a superb presentation box set. A card showing an illustration of the General Post Office sits on top of a foam underlay. The models are housed in five cut-outs making for a delightful set. The collection is limited to 2,500 sets with each one being certificated and individually numbered.

This limited edition collection costs €60 (postage €6.00 within Ireland and €7.50 rest of the world) and is a must-buy for model enthusiasts and collectors alike. Available now from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1, 00353 (1) 705 7400 or online at www.irishstamps.ie.



Letters, Lives & Liberty

Letters, Lives and Liberty opened the new An Post Museum in Dublin's GPO. Situated just off the Public Office, the exhibition explores the influence of the Post Office in Ireland and offers an insight into the role played by Post Office people in the development of Irish society over many years. From stamps and stamp collecting to An Post's copy of the 1916 Proclamation and the little-known story of the staff who were actually in the GPO on Easter Monday, the exhibition is a unique way to learn about the importance of the Post Office in Irish life.

www.anpost.ie/historyandheritage



LAST CHANCE SALOON

Once they're gone, they won't be coming back!

Collectors, as you may know, Commemorative Stamps are only on sale for one year from the date of issue. We are offering you the chance to add products to your collection that you may not have had the opportunity to obtain during 2011. Please see below the details of stamp issues from 2011 that you may wish to purchase before they are consigned to history.



Weddings 2011

Issue Date: 20 January, 2011

Expiry Date: 20 January, 2012

Last year, Laura Geraghty designed a stamp for use on wedding stationery. It features a classic black and white photographic image of a newly married couple in a loving embrace, sheltering under a shared umbrella. The 2011 Wedding stamp is sure to enhance the sense of occasion for both the sender and the recipient.



Greetings 2011

Issue Date: 27 January, 2011

Expiry Date: 27 January, 2012

These Greetings stamps were created by Design Factory and feature typical symbols of goodwill used over a broad spectrum of celebratory occasions. With their vibrant colours, these special stamps are bound to be popular to both adults and children alike and are available in self - adhesive format in booklets of ten stamps.



50th Anniversary of the American Chamber of Commerce, Ireland

Issue Date: 3 February, 2011

Expiry Date: 3 February, 2012

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the great work done by the American Chamber of Commerce, Ireland, Vermillion Design created a special stamp. It features a photographic depiction of the headquarters of the American Chamber of Commerce, in Wilton Place, Dublin 2. The entrance to the building is flanked on both sides by the tricolour of Ireland and the stars and stripes of the United States of America.

ORDER FORM

The Collector 01/12

LOT 1

DATE OF ISSUE	PRODUCT/ITEM	PRODUCT CODE	UOM	QUANTITY	PRICE	VALUE
19-Jan	Weddings 2012 Self - adhesive Booklet of 10	1201BK	EA		€5.50	
19-Jan	Weddings 2012 Self - adhesive Pair	1201SAS	EA		€ 1.10	
19-Jan	Weddings 2012 FDC Serviced	1201FDC	EA		€ 1.55	
26-Jan	Greetings 2012 Booklet 55c Self - adhesive Booklet of 10	1202GBK	EA		€ 5.50	
26-Jan	Greetings 2012 Self - adhesive Pair	1202SAS	EA		€ 1.10	
26-Jan	Greetings 2012 FDC Serviced	1202FDC	EA		€ 2.10	

LOT 2

02-Feb	Ireland's Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security Co - operation in Europe, 2012 55c Stamp (Pending Government Approval)	120355	EA		€ 0.55	
02-Feb	Ireland's Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security Co - operation in Europe, 2012 Sheetlet (Pending Government Approval)	120355	SH		€ 8.80	
02-Feb	Ireland's Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security Co - operation in Europe, 2012 FDC Serviced (Pending Government Approval)	1203FDC	EA		€ 1.55	
09-Feb	St. Patrick's Day 82c Stamp	120482	EA		€ 0.82	
09-Feb	St. Patrick's Day Sheetlet	120482	SH		€ 13.12	
09-Feb	St. Patrick's Day FDC Serviced	1204FDC	EA		€ 1.82	
22-Mar	Contemporary Arts - Dance (Block of 4) Stamp Set	1205SET	EA		€ 2.20	
22-Mar	Contemporary Arts - Dance 55c Booklet (8 Self - adhesive Stamps)	1205BK	EA		€ 4.40	
22-Mar	Contemporary Arts - Dance FDC Serviced	1205FDC	EA		€ 3.20	
24-Nov	First Day Cover Collection 2011	11FDCYP	EA		€ 60.00	
	At the Heart of Events - Dublin's General Post Office Book	07B	EA		€ 10.00	
	An Post Van Set	03VANSET	EA		€ 60.00	

LAST CHANCE

20-Jan-11	Weddings 2011 Self - adhesive Pair	1101SAS	EA		€ 1.10	
20-Jan-11	Weddings 2011 Self - adhesive Booklet	1101BK	EA		€ 5.50	
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