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## Cast your vote for the 100 Greatest World Stamps

Janet Klug and Don Sundman invite you to nominate your favorite issues for the *100 Greatest World Stamps* poll.

It's fun and easy – we've created this list to get you started. Just print out this ballot and check the box next to each of the 100 stamps you believe are among the world's greatest.

If your favorite stamps aren't listed, just write them in. Please include the name of the issuing country and *Scott Catalogue* number. Mail your ballot to:

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**Be sure to select a total of 100 stamps and submit your entries by September 28th.**

Stamps receiving the most nominations will be included in our upcoming poll. You'll also be invited to cast your vote in this final round in the October APS E-Newsletter. Stamps winning the most votes will be included in Janet and Don's new book, *100 Greatest World Stamps*.

- Aden – #12**  
1922 10-rupee Dhow stamp picturing the traditional Arab sailing vessel
- Andorra (French Administration) – #236**  
1975 Jesus on Cross error with inscription omitted; only 2 examples are known
- Ascension – #1**  
1922 1/2p, first stamp of Ascension, created from 1/2p St. Helena stamp overprinted "ASCENSION"
- Australia – #2**  
1913 1p Kangaroo and Map, Australia's first postage stamp
- Australia – #15**  
1913 £2 rose and black Kangaroo and Map stamp
- Australia – #132**  
1932 5-shilling Harbor Bridge stamp, commemorating the opening of Sydney Harbor Bridge
- Australia – #179**  
1938 £1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in their coronation robes
- Austria – #388-89**  
1937 Ghost stamps picturing Hitler. They were Austria's last issue before Nazis invaded.
- Austria – #1441**  
1988 Exports issue, the world's first hologram stamp
- Austria – #1966**  
2004 souvenir sheet of two bearing a dozen tiny, fully faceted Swarovski crystals
- Austria – #2019**  
2005 Embroidered edelweiss. The stamp is made of threads embroidered into a design and can be worn as a pin. Pictures edelweiss, queen of alpine flowers. Commemorates the embroidery industry in Austria.
- Austria – Michel #VI-VII**  
1946 Death Mask stamps depicting Hitler with skull
- Austria – #P4**  
1851 6kr red Mercury Newspaper stamp, rare
- Baden (Germany) – #4b**  
1851 Baden 9-Kreuzer black on blue green paper color error, only 4 copies known
- Bahamas – #96**  
8p 1935 Flamingos in flight with King George V

- Basel (Switzerland) – #3L1**  
1845 Basel Dove, rare, considered to be the world's first tri-color stamp (black, crimson and blue)
- Bechuanaland – #20**  
1887 10-shilling green Queen Victoria postage and revenue stamp
- Belgian Congo – #18a**  
1894 10c Stanley Falls with center inverted
- Belgium – #139a**  
1920 Inverted Dendermonde with 17 known. In 1942, a stamp dealer from Brussels was murdered for the two copies he possessed. The murderer and the stamps have never been found.
- Bermuda – #X1**  
1848 Perot provisional, the first Bermuda stamp, rare
- Bermuda – #169**  
1½-pence 1959 Arms of James I and Elizabeth II commemorating the 350th anniversary of the shipwreck of the *Sea Venture*, which resulted in the first permanent settlement in Bermuda
- Bhutan – #152**  
1973 Phonograph record stamps actually play music
- Bolivar (Columbia) – #1-3**  
1863 Bolivar issues are the world's smallest stamps at 8 by 9.55 mm.
- Brazil – #1-3**  
Issued in 1843, Brazil's first stamps and the first stamps issued in the Americas. Nicknamed "Bulls Eyes" due to the resemblance of eyes.
- British Antarctic Territory – #15**  
1963 £1 Map of Antarctica
- British Guiana – #13**  
1856 One-Cent Black on Magenta, the world's rarest stamp
- British Guiana – #1-5**  
1850 Cottonreel Stamps were produced locally in British Guiana while awaiting the arrival of "official" postage stamps from London (which arrived in 1852).
- Buenos Aires – #1 (Michel)**  
1891 Tierra del Fuego, denominated in centigrammes of gold dust; issued by Julius Popper for gold miners in Tierra del Fuego to prepay mail to mainland Chile
- Burma – #33**  
10r 1938 King George VI and peacock
- Cameroons – #64b**  
1915 3s surcharged on 1 mark, surcharge double; issued under British occupation. Unique
- Canada – #1**  
1851 3-pence Beaver, Canada's first stamp
- Canada – #9**  
1857 Pembina Twins  
7 1/2p stamps used in Pembina, ND, in 1858; soaked off cover and sold to separate collections before being reunited
- Canada – #32**  
1868 2¢ Large Queen on laid paper with only 2 known
- Canada – #73**  
1898 10c brown violet Queen Victoria Maple Leaves
- Canada – #85-86**  
2c 1898 Imperial Penny postage with map of the British Empire and inscribed "XMAS," the date the postage rate came into effect

- Canada – #158**  
1929 50c schooner "Bluenose," considered by some to be the most beautiful stamp in the world
- Canada – #208**  
1934 3¢ 400th Anniversary of Cartier's Arrival at Quebec stamp
- Canal Zone – #157a**  
1962 Thatcher Ferry Bridge error with bridge missing. One pane of 50 was sold. A lawsuit prevented Canal Zone postal officials from printing more error sheets as the U.S. did with the Dag Hammarskjold error.
- Cape of Good Hope – #1-15**  
1853-64 "Hope Seated," the world's first triangular stamps
- Cape of Good Hope – #7, #9**  
1861 1- and 4-pence Woodblock stamps
- Cape of Good Hope – #9f and #9g**  
1861 errors of color
- Cayman Islands – #63**  
1921 10-shilling carmine on green paper King George V
- Ceylon – #218**  
1925 1,000-rupee violet on red King George V
- Ceylon – #273**  
1935 50¢ Wild elephants
- China – #83**  
1897 Red Revenues, with #79g and #83 unique
- China – #E1-8**  
1913-14 China, the World's largest express mail stamp; also a postal record, postage stamp, and postal receipt all in one
- Costa Rica – #184**  
1938 1-centavos diamond-shaped Orchid stamp
- CSA – #10**  
10¢ Jefferson Davis, the rarest Confederate stamp
- Czechoslovakia – #41**  
1919 1-haleru Hradcany Castle stamp, designed by Czech artist Alphonse Mucha. Reportedly he was asked to prepare and submit – in one day – designs for all of the new stamps.
- Danzig – #15a**  
1920 5-mark invert. Only one sheet of 20 stamps was discovered with the center and "DANZIG" overprint inverted.
- Danzig – #173**  
1924 10-pfennig green on yellowish paper Coat of Arms
- Djibouti – #593A**  
1985 Audubon airmail stamps printed on wood
- EUROPA**  
1956 - First EUROPA stamps issued. Initially in 1956 a total of 13 stamps were issued with a common design from 6 different countries. A common theme of Peace and Welfare through agriculture and industry was used for 1957. The common design reappeared in 1958 and continued until 1973. From 1974 the designs reflect a common theme, but not necessarily a common design.
- Falkland Islands – #29**  
1905 5-shilling King Edward VII
- Falkland Islands – #40**  
1912 £1 black on red paper King George V
- Falkland Islands – #69**  
1933 Map stamps touched off cold war between Britain, Argentina, and Chile over border location.
- Falkland Islands – #74**  
1933 5-shilling King penguin

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- Falkland Islands – #76**  
1933 £1 King George V stamp
- Falkland Islands – #95**  
1938 10-shilling Deception Island
- Falkland Islands – #151**  
1964 HMS *Glasgow* error stamp picturing the wrong ship; 17 are known
- Fiji – #119**  
1938 1½-shilling Empty Outrigger Canoe
- Finland – #56**  
1891 1r Arms, brown & orange with Cyrillic inscriptions
- Finland – #876-77**  
1991 Stereo stamps. The designs of stamp pairs look like a single dimensional image when viewed together
- France – #3**  
1849 20 centimes, black on yellowish paper. France's first stamp.
- France – #2c and #8b**  
1849 15c and 1 franc, Hulot tête-bêche pairs; both values unique
- France – #132**  
20fr 1900 Liberty & Peace
- Gambia – #1**  
1869 4p Queen Victoria with embossed vignette
- Geneva (Switzerland) – #2L1**  
1843 Geneva local stamps. Nicknamed "Double Geneva" because they were issued in sheetlets of two. User could affix one for local delivery or both for delivery anywhere in the canton.
- Bavaria (Germany) – #1**  
1849 Bavaria one-Kreuzer black. Bavaria's first postage stamp and the first anywhere in territories making up modern Germany
- Saxony (Germany) – #3a**  
1851-52 Saxony 1/2-neu-groschen light blue paper error.
- Germany**  
1887 2 pfennig was the world's first adhesive commemorative stamp. It was issued by a private local for Ninth German Federal and Jubilee Shooting Competition.
- Germany – (unlisted)**  
1901 Vineta provisional bisect with overprint. Only 600 stamps were issued, making the provisional one of the rarer stamps in German philately.
- Germany – #299**  
1923 50,000,000,000 marks German stamps, neat artifacts document the extreme inflation that followed World War I.
- Gibraltar – #30a**  
1889-95 10¢ Queen Victoria error with missing value
- Great Barrier Island (New Zealand)**  
1897 Carrier Pigeon stamps  
Original Great Barrier Pigeongram Service issued stamps to frank mail carried by carrier pigeons from Great Barrier Island to Auckland, New Zealand.
- Great Britain – #1**  
1840 Penny Black, the world's first postage stamp
- Great Britain – #2**  
1840 Two-Penny Blue, Britain's second stamp
- Great Britain – #3**  
1841 Penny Red on bluish paper, with color changed to prevent re-use of stamps
- Great Britain – #3d**  
1841 1p red Queen Victoria, known as "B Blank" because of missing "A" at position "BA" in upper corners. Considered to be the world's first error stamp.
- Great Britain – #5**  
1847 1 shilling, the world's first stamp with more than four sides (octagon).
- Great Britain – #31**  
1860 1 1/2p Queen Victoria, prepared but not issued
- Great Britain – #33**  
1864 Penny Reds, with letters in all four corners of the stamp; a favorite for plating studies because most are still quite inexpensive to collect
- Great Britain – #92**  
1882 £1 Queen Victoria, brown lilac on bluish paper
- Great Britain – #93a**  
1882 £5 Queen Victoria, dull orange on bluish paper
- Great Britain – Gibbons 266a**  
1910 Edward VII 2-pence Tyrian plum, withdrawn after his death in May of 1910, few exist.
- Great Britain – #176**  
1913-18 £1 Britannia Rules the Waves, also known to collectors as "Seahorse"
- Great Britain – #207**  
1929 £1 Postal Union Congress; ranked #1 stamp in Gibbon's "150 favorite stamps" poll
- Great Britain – #251**  
1939-42 10-shilling King George VI indigo
- Great Britain – #268**  
1948 £1 Silver Jubilee of marriage of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth commemorative stamp
- Great Britain – #288**  
1951 10-shilling St. George and Dragon – a beautiful stamp
- Great Britain – #312**  
1955 £1 Queen Elizabeth II and Windsor Castle
- Great Britain – #1478**  
1992 £10 Britannia high-value stamp with many security features to impede forgeries
- Great Britain – #1859**  
1999 19p Freddie Mercury, former lead singer of rock group queen, a controversial issue
- Great Britain – MH1-336**  
Machins, a collector favorite because of their longevity and complexity
- Great Britain – #O1**  
Great Britain 1840 1p black with "V R" in upper corners. Intended for official use, but never issued.
- Great Britain – RM19**  
1766 British Revenue stamp that sparked the American Revolution
- Great Britain – #U1**  
1840 Mulready envelopes, elaborately decorated, prepaid envelopes and letter sheets issued in Great Britain
- Greece – #380**  
1933 100-drachma Youth of Marathon stamp
- Hawaiian Missionaries – #H1-4**  
1851-52 stamps issued by the Kingdom of Hawaii, named for the U.S. missionaries who used them to send letters home from the islands.
- Holstein (Germany) – #15-18**  
1864 Holstein issues were the world's first occupation stamps.
- Honduras – C12**  
1925 25¢ overprint on 10¢ deep blue known as the Black Honduras. One of the world's great rarities with only two known.
- Hong Kong – #7**  
1862 96¢ Queen Victoria
- Hong Kong – #61-63**  
1891 Hand stamped with Chinese characters, the world's first overprinted commemorative stamp
- Hong Kong – #175**  
1946 \$1 Peace issue picturing Phoenix rising from flames
- Hong Kong – #178-79**  
1948 10¢ Silver Wedding commemorative stamp
- Hong Kong – #217**  
1962 \$20 Queen Elizabeth II portrait in natural colors
- Hungary – #774**  
1946 500,000,000,000,000-pengos inflation stamps, relics of post-war Europe
- India – #6c**  
1854-55 Inverted Head Four Annas, rare error stamp and one of the world's first bi-color issues
- India – #1189**  
1987 1-rupee white tiger
- India – #O112D**  
1948 10-rupees Gandhi, of which 100 were overprinted with "Service"
- Ireland – #14**  
1922 10-shilling overprint. From 1840 until 1922, British stamps were used in Ireland. On February 17, 1922, existing British stamps were overprinted with Irish text to provide some definitives until separate Irish issues became available.
- Isle of Man – #23**  
1973 9-pence Douglas Bay
- Tuscany (Italian States) – (unlisted)**  
Unlisted error of Scott #6, 4-crazie Lion with inverted tablet, a unique error
- Italy – #718-19**  
1956 issues are the world's first 3-D stamps. Requires special glasses to see the effect.
- Italy – #834a**  
1961 205-liras Gronchi Rosa design error. It was part of a 1961 issue for the voyage of president Giovanni Gronchi to Peru. The artist made a mistake with the boundaries between Peru and Ecuador. The rose-colored stamp was quickly replaced, but some philatelic souvenirs using the Gronchi Rosa already existed.
- Italy – #C1**  
1917 25 centesimo, the first airmail stamp issued by a government
- Italy – #C48**  
1933 General Balbo triptych. Franked mail for trans-atlantic flight of 24 seaplanes. Center and right sections paid postage while left section was a registered air express label.
- Jamaica – #31**  
1900 1p Llandoverly Falls
- Jamaica – #83a**  
1919-21 1-shilling Statue of Queen Victoria issue with inverted frame error
- Japan – #4h**  
1871 500-mon Dragon stamp with denomination inverted
- Japan – #B12-31**  
1961-64 series of diamond-shaped sport semi-postals
- Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika – #85**  
1938 £1 King George VI and Lion commemorative
- Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika – #103b**  
1954 5¢ Owen Falls Dam inverted stamp
- Kuwait – #1**  
1923 1/2-anna India overprint

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### ❑ Labuan – #J6a

1901 Postage Due stamp with inverted frame with only 34 recorded

### ❑ Latvia – #1

1918 “Map” stamps, printed on Germany maps and banknotes due to post-World War I paper shortage

### ❑ Liberia – #124

1909 75¢ Liberian Village, a fun stamp. Design formed into a book shape, a pun on the “Liberia” name (libre = “book”)

### ❑ Luxembourg – #151

1922 10-franc – the world’s first souvenir sheet

### ❑ Malta – #1a

1860 imperforate ½p Queen Victoria buff on bluish paper, rare

### ❑ Malta – #14

1886 5-shilling Queen Victoria within a Maltese cross

### ❑ Malta – #65

1919 10-shilling St. Paul stamp, with only 1,530 printed

### ❑ Mauritius – #1

Mauritius #1, 1847 1p Queen Victoria, called “Post Office Mauritius” because the stamp should have been inscribed “POST PAID” and engraver erroneously inscribed “POST OFFICE.”

### ❑ Mauritius – #2

1847 2p Post Office, the Blue Mauritius. Also called “Post Office Mauritius” because the stamp should have been inscribed “POST PAID” and engraver erroneously inscribed “POST OFFICE.”

### ❑ Mauritius – #226

1948 12¢ Anniversary of the first Mauritius stamp

### ❑ Netherlands – #1

1852 5c William III, the first stamp of the Netherlands

### ❑ New Brunswick – #2b

1851 3-penny bisects, the world's first bisects

### ❑ New Brunswick – #5

1851 “Connell’s Folly” stamp, never issued because Postmaster Charles Connell used his portrait rather than that of Queen Victoria. The stamps were recalled by the governor. Connell burned most of them, but kept some copies as souvenirs.

### ❑ New South Wales – #B1-2

1897, the world’s first semi-postal stamps raised money to support a home for tuberculosis patients

### ❑ New Zealand – #1

1855 1p Queen Victoria, New Zealand’s first postage stamp

### ❑ New Zealand – #99

1901 1p Commerce, Universal Penny-postage

### ❑ New Zealand – #123a

1906 Christchurch Exhibition 1-pence claret color error

### ❑ New Zealand – (unlisted)

2006 Maori Performing Arts, withdrawn because of protests but a small number were sold.

### ❑ New Zealand – #B154-55

1996 Teddy Bear Health semi-postal. Withdrawn because of a misleading depiction of a child in a car seat. About 1,000 examples were sold to the public in error.

### ❑ Newfoundland – #3

1857 3p Rose, first triangular stamp issued in North America

### ❑ Newfoundland – #C12a

1932 *Dornier DO-X* airmail stamp with inverted surcharge. About 50 were printed.

### ❑ Nicaragua – #121-33

1900 Mount Momotombo stamp influenced the choice of the Panama Canal’s location.

### ❑ Norway – #16

1872 Posthorn, the first issue of the longest-running series of stamps

### ❑ Nova Scotia – #2-7

1851, world’s first diamond-shaped stamps

### ❑ Nyssaceae – #46

1934 1-shilling King George V & Leopard

### ❑ Obok – #48-64

1894 definitive series with printed, non-functional perforations

### ❑ Palestine – #79

1927 90-millimes Tiberias & Sea of Galilee, pictorial definitive stamp.

### ❑ Papua New Guinea – #109

1932 £1 Delta House

### ❑ Papua New Guinea – #136

1952 £1 Spearing Fish

### ❑ Philippines – #C2a

1926 Air Post with inverted overprint, about 100 known

### ❑ Rhodesia – #118

1910 £1 Queen Mary & King George V

### ❑ Romania – #1-10

1858 Cap de Bour (Bull’s Head) stamps issued by Moldova

### ❑ Russia – #53

3.50 r 1883 arms

### ❑ Russia – #104

1918 5-ruble Nicholas II, a relic of imperial Russia with a striking design.

### ❑ Russia

1922-23 Red Army Man; rare with only 4 known

### ❑ Russia – #287

1925 Limonka (Peasant) stamp, rare in mint condition

### ❑ Russia – #856

1941 30-kopec “Be a Hero!” First Russian stamp with WW II subject

### ❑ Russia – #6700

2002 Security Service’s 80th anniversary. Commemorative sheet pictures two of Stalin’s secret police who brutalized Russian citizens. Russians thought their government was sending an ominous message.

### ❑ Russia – #CO8

1922 Consular tax stamp issued only at the Russian Embassy in Berlin with values in both German Marks and Russian Rubles. Used for mail transmitted from the Embassy back to Russia via the Berlin-Moscow air service.

### ❑ Saxony (Germany) – #1

1850 3-pfennig brick red stamp

### ❑ Scinde (India) – #A1-3

1852 Scinde Dawk, the first round stamps; rare

### ❑ 1889-99 Seebeck Reprints

Seebeck, of Hamilton Banknote Co. in NY, contracted to print stamps for Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador for no charge - provided all unsold stamps be invalidated and returned to him. He sold them, along with stamps reprinted from the original plates, to collectors at a fraction of face value.

### ❑ Serbia – #68-71

1904 “Ghost” stamps picturing murdered King Alexander Obrenovich. When these stamps are viewed upside down, a death mask of King Alexander can be seen.

### ❑ Sierra Leone – #165

1933 £1 Freetown Harbor stamp

### ❑ Sierra Leone – #257-63

1964 NY World’s Fair issue, the first die-cut self-adhesive stamps

### ❑ Sierra Leone – #400

1970 2¢ Diamond in Box

### ❑ Simoor (India) – #11-18

1895-99 Elephant stamps

### ❑ Singapore – #2042

2008 \$5 sheet shaped like a handbag features real beads.

### ❑ South Africa – #1

1910 2½-pence Union Parliament Opening

### ❑ South Australia – #3

1855 1 shilling Queen Victoria

### ❑ Spain – #10a

1851 “Dos Reales” (2) cliché placed in “Seis Reales” (6) printing plate, resulting in error of color for dos reales value. Rare, three known

### ❑ Spain – #193a

1873 tête-bêche 10¢ pair, mint

### ❑ Sweden – #1a

1855 Sweden Tres-Skilling yellow color error, a legend among stamp collectors

❑ Tiflis (Russia/Georgia) 1857 Postmaster Provisional – (unlisted) 1857 Tiflis Postmaster Provisional, with only 3 known to exist

### ❑ Togo – #172

1915 1 mark carmine overprinted for French occupation; unique

### ❑ Tonga – #47a

1897 7 1/2 p invert

### ❑ Tonga – #128-33

1963 Gold-foil round stamps were the world’s first foil stamps plus the first round stamps.

### ❑ Trinidad

1847 Lady McLeod private issue stamps for mail carried by the ship Lady McLeod between Port of Spain, Trinidad, and San Fernando, Trinidad

### ❑ Tristan da Cunha – #14

1954 ½-shilling Crayfish

### ❑ Uganda – #1-43

1895 typewritten stamps created by missionary in Uganda

### ❑ U.S. – #1

1847 5¢ Franklin, the first U.S. adhesive postage stamp and the world’s first stamp to picture someone other than a head of state

### ❑ U.S. – #2

1847 10¢ Washington, the second U.S. stamp issue, is scarcer than #1.

### ❑ U.S. – #39

Series of 1857-61 90¢ Washington. Scarce #39 was voted among the top 10 by collectors in *100 Greatest American Stamps*.

### ❑ U.S. – #82

1868 3¢ B Grill. One of four known copies sold recently for \$1,035,000.

### ❑ U.S. – #85A

1868 1¢ Franklin with Z Grill is the rarest U.S. stamp.

