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Dear Collector...

A Happy New Year to all collectors and enthusiasts! Welcome to the brand ‘new look’ The Collector magazine and an exciting mix of stamp issues to kick off 2019 in style.

We hope you like our new design and format, which aims to provide all the news and important details about our ambitious stamp programme in an attractive and easy-to-read manner.

Our busy schedule in Q1 of 2019 features five stamp issues, together with a further phase in our popular Definitive Series.

On January 17, we mark the historic first public meeting of Dáil Éireann 100 years ago by issuing two stamps – see Page 5. These feature a painting of the members of the first Dáil and a graphic of the current Dáil electronic voting system.

On January 24, we continue our long-standing tradition of issuing an annual love stamp (see Page 6), which features an illustration of apples and blossoms, with branches forming a heart-shaped motif.

Later that month, we unveil another exciting phase of our Ninth Definitive Series on ‘A History of Ireland in 100 Objects’ – see Page 8 for details of the 12 stamps involved.

‘The weather’ is a much-discussed topic amongst Irish people and one of the defining characteristics of our identity at home and abroad. In February, we publish ‘A Stamp for Ireland’ (see Page 9) that contains various expressions used by Irish people to describe rain!

The wonderful work undertaken by the Irish Coast Guard is acknowledged in two stamps to be issued on March 7. The stamps (see Page 10) call to mind the ultimate sacrifice that Coast Guard members sometimes make in serving the community – they are based on a painting by the late Caithriona Lucas, a Coast Guard volunteer who died while on duty in 2016.

Then, on March 21, we are delighted to issue a stamp marking a most worthy national campaign, Organ Donation Week – see Page 11. The stamp aims to raise awareness and encourage people to register and to carry an organ donor card.

Aileen Mooney, Irish Stamps

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News

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2021
Collectors, please remember we are interested in getting your suggestions for the Stamp Suggestion Programme 2021. If you have an idea that you’d like to be considered, simply send it to us at:

**Stamp Suggestion Programme 2021**
An Post, 1st Floor, GPO, O’Connell Street, Freepost, Dublin 1, D01 F5P2.

*The closing date for receipt of suggestions is 31 March, 2019.*

International Stamp Events 2019

**Spring Stampex:** 13-16 February 2018, London  
**AmeriStamp Expo:** 15-17 February 2018, Arizona  
**Autumn Stampex:** 11-14 September 2018, London  
**29th International Stamp Fair:** 9-11 May, Germany

2019 Stamp Programme

This year’s Stamp Programme has been carefully put together by our Philatelic Department and consists of 17 issues for you to add to your respective collections. While it may be subject to change throughout the year I’m sure you’ll agree, there’s something for everyone in 2019.

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2018 Yearbooks

**PRODUCT CODE 18YB**
**Price €80.00**

The 2018 Irish Stamps Yearbook is the perfect gift for philatelists or anybody with an interest in Irish Culture and History. This book contains every Stamp, Miniature Sheet, Full Technical Details and First Day of Issue Cancellations from 2018.

**PRODUCT CODE 18YBS**
**Price €220.00**

A special luxury edition of the Yearbook, of which only 80 copies are produced features gold leaf embossing and edging and covered in full sheep's leather with a matching leather slip case is also available. These are highly sought after and will be treasured for years to come.

**PRODUCT CODE 18YP**
**Price €48.00**

The Yearpack contains a brief overview of each subject in the 2018 programme, together with the commemorative stamps in a single, high gloss folder.

**PRODUCT CODE 18FDCYP**
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This year’s collection of our First Day Covers is the perfect way to acquire every commemorative Irish Stamp FDC issued for 2018.
Historic first Dáil meeting remembered

For those interested in Irish politics, as well as in parliamentary democracy and history, our two stamps commemorating the centenary of the first public meeting of Dáil Éireann held on January 21, 1919 are a ‘must buy’. To be issued on January 17, the stamps mark this historic occasion at the Mansion House in Dublin. One features a painting of the members of that first Dáil while the second is based on a graphic of the current Dáil electronic voting system.

Did you know?
The only office holder appointed on January 21 was Cathal Brugha as Ceann Comhairle (Speaker). Nominated President of the Ministry pro tem the following day at a private Dáil meeting, Brugha appointed four Ministers, including Michael Collins responsible for Home Affairs.

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Se-tenant Pair

PRODUCT CODE 1901ST
PRICE €2.00

Sheetlet

PRODUCT CODE 1901ST
PRICE €16.00

First Day Cover

PRODUCT CODE 1901FDC
PRICE €3.00

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Love blossoms
Love’s influence and importance has been heralded down through the millennia, from ancient bible texts to modern musical and pop song lyrics. In 2019, we continue our long-standing tradition of issuing an annual love stamp. An attractive design features an illustration of apples and blossoms, with branches forming a heart-shaped motif. This celebrates the apple as a symbol of love, beauty and fertility. The stamp can be used to convey a deep sense of affection for many purposes.

Did you know?
Dublin Carmelite preacher, Fr John Spratt was the man who received a gift from Pope Gregory XVI of the relics of 3rd-century Saint Valentine, widely regarded as the patron saint of love, which have been in the Carmelite Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin since 1836.

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**Se-tenant Pair**
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PRICE €10.00

**First Day Cover**
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An Post’s thirteenth consecutive year of Love and Marriage

Every apple tree needs another apple tree for pollination. Not just one of the same variety, but a different variety of the same fruit. The 2019 Love and Marriage stamp celebrates the apple as a symbol of love, beauty and fertility.

This year’s Love and Marriage stamp and booklet are available for purchase at participating Post Offices nationwide or online at irishstamps.ie from January 24.
Definitive Stamps trace people’s lives through the centuries

Phase III of our ninth Definitive Stamp Series, based on ‘A History of Ireland in 100 Objects’, offers an intriguing insight into Irish life from the 8th to the 20th century.

Drawn from the newspaper series and book of that title by Irish Times journalist, Fintan O’Toole, the selection of eight stamps and two First Day Covers calls to mind fascinating aspects of people’s life, from an 8th/9th-century crucifixion plaque found in Rinnagan, County Roscommon to an emigrant’s suitcase from the 1950s.

Did you know?
Three out of every five people who came of age in Ireland in the 1950s emigrated.
A Stamp for Ireland:
expressions that set us apart!

It’s a grand ‘soft day’ – just one of the many colourful expressions used by Irish people to describe rainfall. On February 21, we issue a stamp, featuring many such popular expressions, as a way of representing ‘Irish identity’, to Irish people and visitors to our shores who are seeking a ‘typical’ impression of Ireland. The Irish weather and rainfall are much discussed topics locally while visitors marvel at their contribution to the lush green countryside of the ‘Emerald Isle’.

Did you know?
The highest annual rainfall total (3,964.9mm) in Ireland was recorded at Ballaghbeama Gap, Co Kerry in 1960 while Clonroche, Co. Wexford had the highest rainfall in an hour (52.2mm) on June 27, 1986.
Stamps salute the wonderful Irish Coast Guard service
Two stamps for issue on March 7 acknowledge the special role of the Irish Coast Guard. Comprising a full-time staff of 65 people and a nationwide volunteer branch, the Coast Guard performs vital services. These include maritime and inland search and rescue (SAR), responding to ship casualty incidents, pollution response coordination and helicopter medical support to HSE and island communities. The stamps are based on a painting by the late Caitríona Lucas, a Coast Guard volunteer who, sadly, died while on duty on September 12, 2016.

Did you know?
There are 940 like-minded individuals who are dedicated to serving their communities as Irish Coast Guard volunteers throughout the country.

Technical Details
Date of Issue March 7, 2019
Value and Quantity N Se-tenant (148k)
Illustration Caitríona Lucas
Design Vermillion Design
Stamp Size 40.6mm x 28.9mm
Paper Tullis Russell 102gsm
Yellow Green
Phosphor PVA gum
Colour Multicolour
Make-up Sheetlets of 16
Perforations 14.3 x 14.1
Printing Process Lithography
Printer Cartor Security Printing

Se-tenant Pair
PRODUCT CODE 1904ST
PRICE €2.00

Sheetlet
PRODUCT CODE 1904ST
PRICE €16.00

First Day Cover
PRODUCT CODE 1904FDC
PRICE €3.00
Stamp to raise awareness of organ donation
We are delighted to issue a special stamp on March 21 to support Organ Donor Awareness Week (beginning April 1, 2019). The stamp aims to raise awareness and encourage people to register their intention to donate and speak to their loved ones about their wish. The stamp features an hourglass timer, representing the precious nature of time and the gift of life passing from one person to another through organ donation.

Did you know?
Organ transplantation takes place in three national centres in Dublin – Beaumont Hospital, Mater Hospital and St Vincent’s Hospital. Organ donation can be arranged from any hospital nationwide and is managed by Organ Donation Transplant Ireland, which provides 24hr cover, 365 days a year.
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