



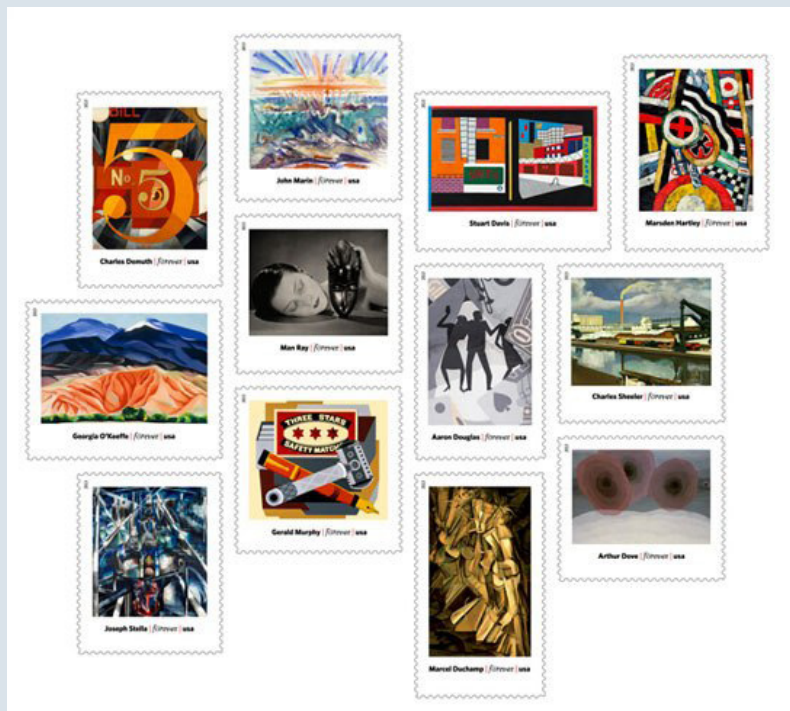
# BC Philatelic Society Newsletter

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## USPS Debuts “Modern Art in America 1913-1931” Forever Stamp Collection



### *Modern Art in America 1913-1931” Forever® Stamp Collection*

*Included are Stuart Davis’s “House and Street”, Charles Demuth’s “I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold”, Aaron Douglas’s “The Prodigal Son”, Arthur Dove’s “Fog Horns”, Marcel Duchamp’s “Nude Descending a Staircase, No. 2”, Marsden Hartley’s “Painting, Number 5”, John Marin’s “Sunset, Maine Coast”, Georgia O’Keeffe’s “Black Mesa Landscape, New Mexico/Out Back of Marie’s II”, Man Ray’s “Noire et Blanche”, Charles Sheeler’s “American Landscape”, Joseph Stella’s “Brooklyn Bridge”, and Gerald Murphy’s “Razor”.*

Source: [usps.com](http://usps.com)

With this sheet of 12 Modern Art in America 1913-1931 (Forever®) stamps, the U.S. Postal Service commemorates a dozen modern artists and their works, 100 years after the ground breaking Armory Show opened in New York in 1913. The dozen masterpieces reproduced in the stamp art were created between 1912 and 1931.

The twelve works will be reproduced on a sheet of adhesive Forever stamps which are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate. The collection will be available in early 2013.



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## About the BC Philatelic Society

The BC Philatelic Society — the “BC Phil” — has existed since 1919. Its purpose is “to educate and publicize the hobby of philately to as wide an audience as possible, to recruit new members, and to form bonds with collectors and clubs throughout North America and abroad. It is affiliated with the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, the American Philatelic Society, and the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

With 71 members, including 3 stamp dealers, the Society meets on most Wednesday nights at the West Burnaby United Church, 6050 Sussex Lane, Burnaby BC. It sponsors the annual VANPEX stamp exhibition and bourse. Members have access to the society’s philatelic library, may buy and sell in the society’s monthly auctions, and receive its newsletters. See our web site, at [www.bcphilatelic.org](http://www.bcphilatelic.org), for additional information.

## Korea: The "Forgotten War"

The Korean War, from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953, was a war between the Republic of Korea (South Korea), supported by the United Nations, and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), supported by the People's Republic of China. It was primarily the result of the political division of Korea by an agreement of the Allies after the Pacific War at the end of World War II. The Korean Peninsula was ruled by the Empire of Japan from 1910 until the end of World War II. Following Japan's surrender in 1945, American administrators divided the peninsula along the 38th parallel, with military forces of the US occupying the southern half and Soviet in the northern half.

The failure to hold free elections throughout the Korean Peninsula in 1948 deepened the division between the two sides; the North established a communist government, while the South established a democratic government. The 38th parallel became a political border between the two Korean states. Eventually tension intensified. Cross-border skirmishes and raids at the 38th Parallel persisted. The situation escalated into open warfare when North Korean forces invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950. Shortly after,

the United States and other countries passed a Security Council resolution authorizing military intervention in Korea.

Twenty one countries of the UN offered assistance to South Korea with a combined force of 341,000 soldiers. The US accounted for 88% of them. Within 2 months the defenders suffered severe casualties and were pushed back to a small area in the south of the Korean Peninsula, known as the Pusan perimeter. A rapid U.N. counter-offensive then drove the North Koreans past the 38th Parallel and almost to the Yalu River, when the People's Republic of China (PRC) entered the war on the side of North Korea. Chinese intervention forced the Southern-allied forces to retreat behind the 38th Parallel.

The fighting ended on 27 July 1953, when the armistice agreement was signed. The agreement restored the border between the Koreans near the 38th Parallel and created the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), a 2.5-mile (4.0 km)-wide fortified buffer zone between the two Korean nations. Minor incidents continue to the present day.

Harry S. Truman



◀ Harry Truman, president at the time, and his office were shocked because they were in the process of closing down its war machinery after WWII

Truman and his advisors did not agree with MacArthur on many strategic and tactical decisions. Truman's presidency ended with the Korean War in progress, but not before he fired MacArthur for insubordination on April 11, 1951.



Chosin Reservoir toward the Sea of Japan after Chinese communist forces intervened in the war.

More than 26,000 Canadians served in the Korean War, including sailors from eight destroyers and airmen who took part in many combat and transport missions. ➤



◀ General Douglas MacArthur, on July 8, 1950, was appointed to command the US forces because of his successful military past.

Eisenhower, the next president, decided the war was unwinnable and sought to end it quickly on honourable terms. ➤



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## Are you a serious collector?

by Virgil Soh



Stamp collecting is a recreational hobby with many different levels of involvement and enjoyment. Whether you are considered a serious or non-serious collector by your peers is not important. What matters

is that you are happy with your level of passion for the hobby and that you are having fun. Ultimately, you decide the scope of this hobby and you can change it whenever you wish. This is partly the reason I find this hobby highly fascinating and enjoyable.

In general terms, stamp collecting is about collecting, sorting, arranging and displaying a collection to however it pleases the collector. Pride can be taken in bringing an accumulation to an organized state which is defined by the collector. You don't need other people to tell you that you have a great collection to feel proud about your accomplishments. Even feeling humbled by your collection is a good thing.

For others, it's not just about collecting per se. It may go beyond that. For instance, stamp collecting entails learning about the technical aspects such as the production or design or significance or meaning of the stamp and more. Nevertheless, it's enjoyable and relaxing fun for all and it is entirely up to the collector to decide what pursuits pleases that person.

Anybody who is passionate about this hobby whether they are contributing to the hobby in a positive manner or competing or not competing or keeping the hobby to himself or herself, and just enjoying it has the right to decide whether he or she is a serious or non-serious collector. Regardless of what others may think or feel. The beauty of stamp collecting is that it is for everyone.

Happy collecting!

## VANPEX:



VANPEX 2013, scheduled for Sept. 20-21 at West Burnaby United Church, will have a nautical theme to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the schooner *Bluenose's* last victory in the Fisherman's Trophy races. The schooner, of course, inspired Canada's famous *Bluenose* stamp of 1929. Exhibits Chair Martine Mercier hopes that the *Bluenose* theme will encourage the showing of maritime-themed exhibits in VANPEX, but stresses that exhibits of any topic are welcome.

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