

# The 13-cent U.S. Commemorative Stamps

## Type, Purpose, and Scope

The purpose of this 16-page one-frame topical exhibit is to examine the U.S. commemorative stamps that have had the 13-cent denomination.

I was born on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> so paraskevidekatriaphobia (fear of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>) or triskaidekaphobia (fear of the number 13) is not an issue for me. In fact, 13 is my lucky number. So a collection of 13-cent U.S. stamps makes a nice topical collection. There were 131 commemorative stamps and two souvenir sheets issued during the time span the 13-cent rates were in effect. This makes for a nice one-frame exhibit.

The 13-cent first-class one-ounce domestic rate was in effect from December 31, 1975 to May 28, 1978 while the 13-cent postcard rate was in effect from November 1, 1981 to February 16, 1985. This included many of the stamps issued for the U.S. Bicentennial. There was a total of 131 individual commemorative stamps and two souvenir sheets issued with Scott numbers ranging from 1629 to 2051. In addition, six first day covers are shown for stamps that are of special importance to me.

## Plan / Outline

- Bicentennial Souvenir Sheet
- Bicentennial Singles
- Bicentennial Se-tenant Pane of 50 State Flags
- Bicentennial Strips and Blocks
- Se-tenant Stamps
- Se-tenant Blocks of Four
- Single People Stamps
- Single Christmas Stamps
- Other Single Stamps
- Epilogue
- References



Oregon was admitted to the Union on February 14, 1859 as the 33<sup>rd</sup> state. It is the only state flag with a different design on each side (Scott #1665). This is from the first 50 se-tenant stamp pane ever issued. I am a native Oregonian, born and raised and currently living in the state.

## Highlights

There are several important events associated with the 13-cent U.S. commemorative stamps. This includes the first 50-stamp se-tenant pane, the first Black Heritage stamp, and the first Performing Arts stamp.