

# Lighthouses of America: Beacons on U.S. Stamps

## Type, Purpose, and Scope

This single-frame 16-page topical exhibit focuses on lighthouses in the United States that have been depicted on U.S. stamps. The emphasis here is on those stamps depicting lighthouses as the central theme or a major element. Excluded are those where the lighthouse is a part of the picture but not a part of the main theme of the stamp. First, the seven sets of lighthouses, five each; the first two in booklet form, the rest in panes, are examined. Then three varieties of the seven sets are illustrated, related to the lettering on the stamps. Next the exhibit looks at different lighthouse stamps that have been issued: Cape Hatteras (the most depicted), Greetings from America, Flags of Our Nation, Other stamps, and finally Edward Hopper's paintings. The seven sets could have been organized on a geographic basis, but chronological by issue date is the approach here.

## Plan / Outline

Lighthouse Series: General (Set 1, 1990)
Lighthouse Series: Great Lakes (Set 2, 1995)
Lighthouse Series: Southeastern (Set 3, 2003)
Lighthouse Series: Pacific (Set 4, 2007)
Lighthouse Series: Gulf Coast (Set 5, 2009)
Lighthouse Series: New England (Set 6, 2013)
Lighthouse Series: Mid-Atlantic (Set 7, 2021)
Varieties of the Sets
Cape Hatteras, South Carolina
Greetings from America (34 and 37 cents, 2002)
Flags of Our Nation
Other Stamps
Edward Hopper
Epilogue



Lighthouse in my backyard – 44 inches tall made of concrete with working light (using remote)

## Highlights

There is nothing rare or unique in the stamps shown in this exhibit, with the exception of three varieties from the seven sets with lettering omitted or shifted up or down (no imperforates are shown).

## Background Information

Check out the Lighthouse Stamp Society website: <http://lighthousestampsociety.org/wp/>. The society is no longer in existence, but the website is maintained, including images from around the world.