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**Smithsonian's National Postal Museum Schedule of Programs
September – December 2005**

SEPTEMBER

Stamps Take Flight Family Festival

Saturday, Sept. 10

1 - 3 p.m.

Soar with stamps! Make an aviation-inspired stamp collection, create an "Inverted Jenny" stamp, and cancel mail "on the moon."

Lovely Lettering

Calligraphy Demonstration

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Noon – 2 p.m.

Watch members of the Washington Calligraphers Guild as they celebrate the art and elegance of calligraphy. They will showcase various alphabet styles while explaining their intriguing techniques.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Thursday, Sept. 29

1 – 3 p.m.

The National Postal Museum and D.C. LEARNs invite visitors of all ages to experience the sights, sounds and diversity of Hispanic Heritage Month. Write "with your eyes" as you discover the power of letters, immerse yourself in the beauty of Latino stamps and learn a few dance moves!

OCTOBER

The Anthrax Letters

Lecture and Book Signing

Saturday, Oct. 1

1 – 2:30 p.m.

Join Leonard A. Cole, bioterrorism expert and author of "The Anthrax Letters: A Medical Detective Story," as he discusses the science and mysteries of the anthrax letters. Cole also will read excerpts from the book's fourth chapter, "Ultimate Delivery: The U.S. Mail." Book signing to follow the lecture.

Postmaster General's Collection: An Inside View

Friday, Oct. 7

Noon – 1 p.m.

Listen to David Failor of the U.S. Postal Service as he provides a “behind-the-scenes” look at the Postmaster General's Stamp Collection. After the presentation, view objects from the collection in the “Stamps Take Flight” exhibition. Brown bag lunches welcome.

“Second Purpose”

The Fourth Annual Maynard Sundman Lecture

Saturday, Oct. 15

2 – 3 p.m.

Stamps have been used to carry the nation’s mail since 1847. Their second purpose has been to tell the story of great changes in American culture and technology. Renowned philatelist Roger Brody will discuss the fascinating, illuminating and little-known stories about changes in the development and use of America’s postage stamps since 1847. The Annual Maynard Sundman Lecture Series explores and interprets new philatelic research. It is named in honor of Maynard Sundman, founder of the Littleton Stamp and Coin Company.

Philately in Action

Wednesday, Oct. 26

Saturday, Oct. 29

1 – 3 p.m.

Learn the basics of stamp collecting and create a stamp collection. In addition, visit John Lennon’s stamp album on display for National Stamp Collecting Month.

NOVEMBER

War Uncensored

Lecture and Book Signing

Saturday, Nov. 12

1 – 2:30 p.m.

Listen to Andrew Carroll, Legacy Project founder and editor of “War Letters” and “Behind the Lines,” as he discusses his adventures and discoveries while seeking out powerful and revealing war letters. View letters from the Legacy Project on display in the new “War Letters: Lost and Found” exhibition. Book signing to follow the lecture.

Exploratory Post: War Letters

Saturday, Nov. 12

2 – 4 p.m.

Explore war letters through the ages. Learn the stories of men and women in military service, experiment with Civil War slang, view authentic letters and write a letter to a soldier.

The Many Faces of Red Cloud

Wednesday, Nov. 16

Noon – 1 p.m.

Celebrate American Indian Heritage Month with Frank H. Goodyear, assistant curator of photographs at the National Portrait Gallery. He will explore the collaboration between the Lakota Chief Red Cloud and the different photographers who created his portrait. He also will examine at the image of Red Cloud as it appears on a postage stamp.

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DECEMBER

Holiday Card Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 3

Session One: Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Session Two: 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Mary Arcuri, local art teacher, returns for this popular workshop, where she guides visitors of all ages in creating hand-crafted cards to celebrate the winter holidays. Beautiful materials, cancelled stamps and holiday sentiments are provided for assembling unique cards for families and friends. Reservations are required; call (202) 633-5533.

Season's Greetings Family Day

Saturday, Dec. 17

1 – 3 p.m.

'Tis the season to celebrate the winter holidays. Make a holiday stamp collection, read holiday stories and create a seasonal greeting to send to someone special.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The National Postal Museum is devoted to presenting the colorful and engaging history of the nation's mail service and showcasing the largest and most comprehensive collection of stamps and philatelic material in the world. It is located at 2 Massachusetts Ave. N.E., in the Old City Post Office Building across from Union Station. The museum is open daily, except Dec. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, visit the museum's Web site at www.postalmuseum.si.edu.

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