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Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History



CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY WITH STAMPS



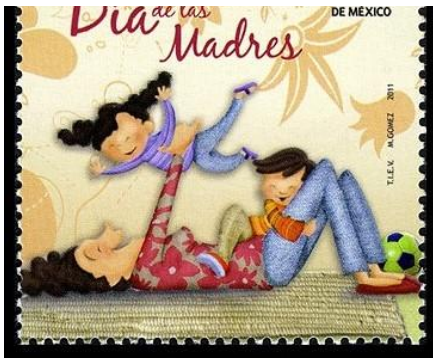
Mother's Day is celebrated in about 45 countries on the second Sunday in May and in about 15 other countries on other days.

The modern-day origins of Mother's Day can be attributed to two women – Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis, who were important in establishing the tradition in the United States.

Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year. It continued to be held in Boston for about 10 years under her sponsorship, but died out after that.

Other sources say that Juliet Calhoun Blakely initiated Mother's Day in Albion, Michigan, in the late 1800s. Her sons paid tribute to her each year and urged others to honor their mothers.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory



of her mother, Ann Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1908, she played a key role in arranging a church service that attracted 407 children and their mothers. A Mother's Day International Association was founded in 1912 to promote the holiday in other countries.

DID YOU KNOW: President Franklin Roosevelt was partially responsible for the design of the 1934 Mother's Day stamp which features a painting by James Whistler.

(featured left). For more information about FDR's involvement click these two links: [FDR](#) and [stamp](#).



MOTHER'S DAY STAMPS ON YOUTUBE

Alanna Muldoon of the Weston Media Center has prepared a short video featuring Mother's Day stamps from around the world. Take a look by clicking on this link: [mother's](#).

This Austrian stamp was issued in 1968.

HAVE YOU SENT A CARD?



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HAPPY MAY DAY



OPEN AIR OPEN HOUSE JUNE 19

Join us between 1:00 – 3:00 PM for a tented gathering to celebrate Spring and the safe reopening of the Museum coming soon.

There will be refreshments, guided small group tours of the updated exhibit spaces and you can meet with the Museum

leadership, fellow members and other friends of the Museum. Free packets of stamps and First Day Covers.

For more information or to RSVP, contact [openhouse](#).



MEDICINE ON STAMPS A ZOOM PROGRAM ON MAY 19

Education Director Henry Lukas will be presenting a Zoom program on Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 for the Public Health Museum in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. The theme for his Powerpoint is "Medicine on Stamps -

Staying Healthy With Philately". If you would like to get the zoom link, email to [medicine](#).



TAKE OUR VIRTUAL TOURS

Have you taken our virtual tours of the Museum's main gallery and the exhibit on the celebration of the 19th amendment?

Click on our website to reach the YouTube links: [tour](#)

Over 1000 people have already taken the gallery tour.
Please click to see what they have seen.



ZOOM PROGRAMS STILL AVAILABLE

Our one hour PowerPoint program entitled "Pushing the Envelope - A History of the US Post Office Through Stamps" is still available for presentation at libraries, senior centers, stamp clubs and other adult groups.

For institutions that are starting to have live programs again, Education Director Henry Lukas can visit to present the program. For more details email to [zoom](#).

YOUTH CLUB MEMBERSHIP OPEN

The Museum continues to offer a free, one year membership for children ages 6 to 16 in our Youth Club. Children receive a monthly packet of topical stamps, worksheets and philatelic information, a discount in the Museum store, a monthly stamp calendar plus free admission for themselves and the family. For more information email to [Club](#). Thanks go to Museum volunteers Jessica Leuscher and Erika Epstein for supervising this program



FREE EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR

If you would like to receive our monthly calendar/almanac that features stamps which celebrate historic events of each weekday of the month, email to [calendar](#).

The first Kentucky Derby was held on May 17, 1875

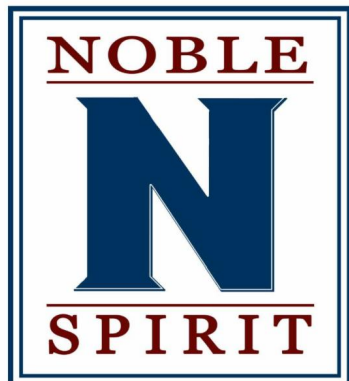


CAN YOU GIVE US A HAND?

Although we have been closed, we have still continued sharing our educational programs electronically and creating exhibits to be shared with all of our enthusiasts, young and old. We thank all those who have already recently supported us.

We ask others of you if you can also please support our efforts by going to the bottom on our webpage (click [webpage](#)) and clicking on the donate button. A \$50 contribution will give you a one year

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