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MUSEUM OF STAMPS
AND POSTAL HISTORY

NEW YEAR CHEER - WELCOME JANUARY 2023!

How do we say happy new year?

French – Bonne Année

Spanish – ¡ Feliz Año Nuevo!

Welsh – Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

Italian – Buon anno

German – Frohes Neues Jahr

Dutch – Gelukkig Nieuwjaar

Icelandic – Gleðilegt nýtt ár

Japanese (customary after midnight) – □□□□□□□□ (Akemashite omedetou)

Mandarin – Xin Nian Kuai Le – (sheen nian kwai luh)

Cantonese – San Nin Fai Lok – (san knee fy lock)

Turkish – Mutlu yıllar Czech – Sťastný nový rok

Danish – Godt nytår

Finnish – Hyvää uutta vuotta

Norwegian – Godt nytt år

Polish – Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku

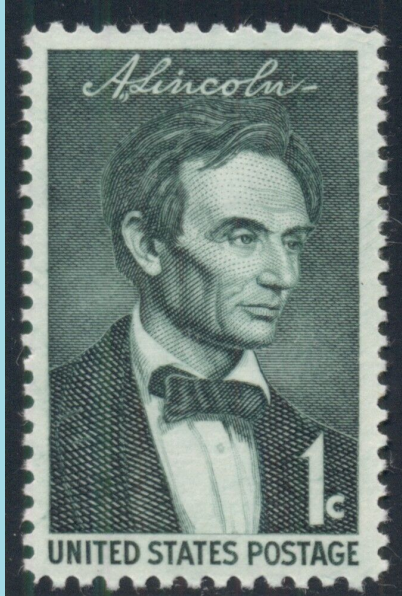
Portuguese – Feliz Ano Novo

Russian – S novym godom

However you say it, we wish you a wonderful and joyous 2023!

NEW YEAR, NEW INFO! WE JUST FOUND OUT:

500 copies of the novel *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley and *The Modern Prometheus* were published anonymously in London.



Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

The first New Year's ball drop in New York City started in 1908.

In 1946, the first United States Computer was built in Pennsylvania at the Moore School of Engineering.

The History Channel was launched in 1995.

The plum blossom is the Chinese floral emblem of January.

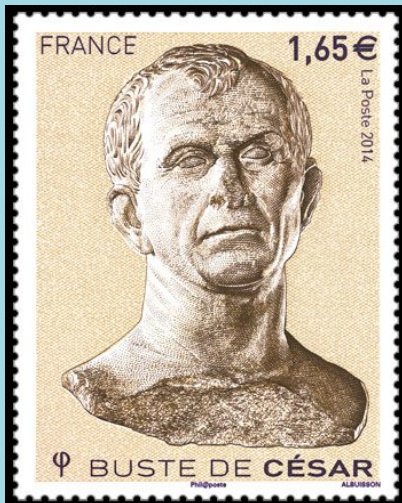
In 1890, the Rose Parade started in Pasadena, California. Today the parade is broadcast in more than 100 countries.

January was excluded from the Roman calendar which only had 10 months.

The 31st day of January was added to the month by Julius Caesar.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state of the United States.

Ellis Island opened on January 1st, 1892 allowing more than 20 million immigrants to enter the United States.





DID YOU KNOW?

The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god that has two heads, one to look backward and one to look forward towards the New Year.

AND...

On October 17th 2021, a two-headed turtle was recently hatched on nearby Cape Cod, Massachusetts. The two heads resulted from a condition called bicephaly, a rare anomaly that can occur from genetic and environmental factors that affect an embryo during the development stage. This unique diamond terrapin was named Janus, an homage to the two-headed god for whom January was named. Cosmic!

Two heads are better than one is often an expression referring to people working together to solve a problem, but for this particular turtle, it is the real deal.





*January's birth flower is the carnation
and the birthstone is the garnet*

It is always good to be a leader!
But be a follower! Find us on Instagram
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what about turtles anyway?

- Turtles are reptiles with hard shells that protect them from predators. They are among the oldest and most primitive groups of reptiles, having evolved millions of years ago. Turtles live all over the world in almost every type of climate. They belong to one of the oldest reptile groups in the world – beating snakes, crocodiles and alligators!
- The shell over a turtle's body is made of its own rib cage and spine? It consists of about 50 bones. These bones come together to make a hard and strong protective cover for the turtle. This shell is with them from birth and grows with them until they get older, which means a turtle can never outgrow the size of its shell.
- Do you also know that turtles are some of the oldest reptiles in the world? Some live as long as 150 years! How is that for a long and beautiful life? Most species of turtles can live both on land and in water. Their webbed feet or flippers help them thrive in aquatic environments.
- Sea turtles can breathe air and remain underwater for a long period of time. They can even sleep while submerged! The majority of sea turtles spend their entire lives at sea, only returning to lay eggs on nesting beaches. They are very agile and graceful swimmers due to their streamlined shells and huge paddle-shaped flippers. Sea turtles' rear flippers are used as rudders to steer in the water.



Who was born in January?

January 1 Betsy Ross
 January 3 Mel Gibson
 January 5 Bradley Cooper
 January 7 Katie Couric
 January 9 Jimmy Page
 January 13 Patrick Dempsey
 January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr.
 January 16 Sade
 January 17 Betty White, Benjamin Franklin
 January 18 Cary Grant
 January 19 Dolly Parton
 January 24 Neil Diamond
 January 26 Paul Newman, Eddie Van Halen
 January 30 Franklin D. Roosevelt,
 January 29 Oprah Winfrey, George Burns

Were you born in January? We want to know!
Send us an email and we'll mail you some stamps! And, Happy Birthday!

A celebration for every day!

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 2: National Science Fiction Day, National Thank God It's Monday Day

Jan. 3: J.R.R. Tolkien Day, Festival of Sleep Day *take a nap!*

Jan. 4: Trivia Day, National Spaghetti Day
 Jan. 5: National Bird Day
 Jan. 6: National Take Down the Christmas Tree Day *its time!*
 Jan. 7: Old Rock Day
 Jan. 8: Bubble Bath Day
 Jan. 9: Coming of Age Day, National Word Nerd Day
 Jan. 10: Houseplant Appreciation Day, National Bittersweet Chocolate Day *love your fern! make some cookies!*
 Jan. 11: Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day
 Jan. 12: Stick to Your New Year's Resolution Day, National Hot Tea Day
 Jan. 13: Make Your Dream Come True Day, National Rubber Ducky Day
 Jan. 14: Dress Up Your Pet Day, Organize Your Home Day
 Jan. 15: National Hat Day, National Bagel Day
 Jan. 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Day *he had a dream! the dream is real!*
 Jan. 17: Benjamin Franklin Day, Ditch New Year's Resolutions Day
 Jan. 18: Thesaurus Day, Winnie the Pooh Day, National Gourmet Coffee Day
 Jan. 19: National Popcorn Day, National Good Memory Day *don't forget!*
 Jan. 20: National Cheese Lovers Day, Take A Walk Outdoors Day
 Jan. 21: National Hugging Day *show us some love!*
 Jan. 22: National Blonde Brownie Day, Lunar New Year
 Jan. 23: National Handwriting Day, National Pie Day
 Jan. 24: Compliment Day, Belly Laugh Day
 Jan. 25: Opposite Day *don't do what we say!*
 Jan. 26: Spouse's Day *love your partner!*
 Jan. 27: National Chocolate Cake Day, Punch the Clock Day
 Jan. 28: Visit Your Local Quilt Shop Day, Data Privacy Day *don't click on that!*
 Jan. 29: National Puzzle Day, National Carnation Day
 Jan. 30: National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day *we love the popping sound!*
 Jan. 31: Backward Day *nuf evah!*



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

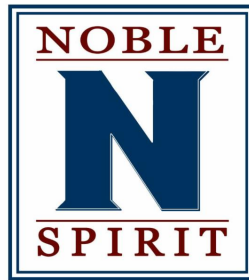
HOLIDAY CELEBRATED MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023

In the United States, Martin Luther King, Jr., Day is observed annually on the third Monday in January. The day commemorates the life and work of Dr. King, who was a Baptist minister and prominent leader in the American civil rights movement.

Dr. King advocated the use of nonviolent means to end racial segregation and came to national prominence during a bus boycott by African Americans in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. The most influential of African American civil

rights leaders during the 1960s, he was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, facilities, and employment, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Dr. King instilled in many the goal of equality and love for all. His message was inspiring then and essential now. We hope for a 2023 full of fairness, love and understanding - this is our time!



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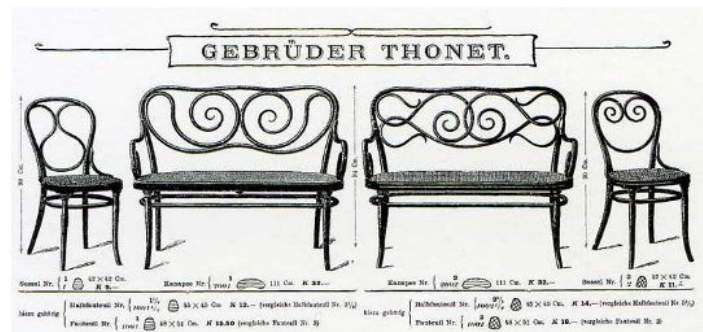
WHY STAMPS? WHY THE SPELLMAN?

ITS EASY – WE ARE FUN!
STAMPS ARE TINY PIECES
OF BEAUTIFUL ARTWORK
THAT ENGAGE AND
INSPIRE SO MANY
PEOPLE.

WE ARE FASCINATED BY
THE PLEASURE THESE
TINY ADHESIVES
PROVIDE TO
COLLECTORS OF ALL
AGES.

**WHAT IS YOUR
FAVORITE STAMPS AND
WHY?
SEND US A NOTE AND
LET US KNOW – WE
WANT TO TELL YOUR
STORY!**

OUR FAVORITE of
THE MONTH?
THE THONET CHAIR
The fame of Thonet's
design goes way beyond
Europe. Michael Thonet
(1796-1871) began
designing and making
furniture in Germany and
then opened a factory in
Vienna. The company is
still run by the family.



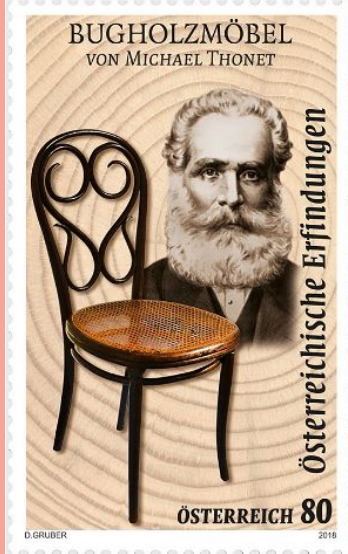
STAMP COLLECTING IS EXCITING! INTERESTED IN JOINING A STAMP CLUB?

Would you be interested in meeting other stamp collectors? Do you want to share your collection with other philatelists and even sell and buy some stamps? Did you collect when you were young and have now retired and thinking of starting up collecting again? Here are a few of our favorites:

The Waltham Stamp Club meets twice a month in the evenings at the Spellman Museum.

The Samuel Osgood Club meets twice a month in the evenings in North Andover. Contact Mike Rivet at 978-474-4674 or [by email](#).

Cape Cod Area Philatelic Group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:15 pm. Meetings are held at the



Yarmouth Fire Station #2 Meeting Room, 340 Main Street (Rte 6A), Yarmouth Port, MA, 02675 for more information, please contact [Peter Bono](#) by email.

Newburyport Stamp Club meets at 1:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the Newburyport Community Center in the Council on Aging section, 331 High St., Newburyport, MA 01950; mailing address Newburyport Stamp Club, Box 5647, Salisbury, MA 01952.

Sudbury Stamp Club meets on the second Monday of each month and is eager to welcome new philatelists. Call Sharon K. Wilkes, Program Coordinator, Sudbury Senior Center at 978-443-3055 to join.

Winthrop Stamp Club generally meets twice a month on the second and fourth Thursdays beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending by 3:30 p.m. at the Georgetown Senior Community Center, 51 North Street, Georgetown, MA. Contact Richard L. Johnson, President 978-664-2996 or by [email](#).

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

The Spellman Museum is a treasured resource, locally and nationally, and beyond!

As a 501(c)3 support-driven entity, we appreciate all forms of support.

If you have a collection to be evaluated, feel free to call or [email Joseph Mullin](#), Executive Director, to arrange the visit. He can be reached at 781-768-8367.

If you'd like to support the museum with a donation, please visit [spellmanmuseum.org](#)

If you'd like to visit the Museum, simply stop by Thursdays - Sundays, noon - 5pm. Or, feel free to call to schedule a private tour.

***We joyfully welcome all!
Plus we are really fun!***

781-768-8367

YOUTH AND SENIOR MEMBERSHIPS ARE MORE AND MORE POPULAR!

The Museum continues to offer a complimentary, one-year membership for children. Youth members 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, contact [Jessica Leuscher](#).

Our seniors are a treasured segment of our membership. Established last year, this \$25 membership offers those individuals all of the benefits and joys of membership. [Contact us for more information!](#)

*Have ideas? Want to share?
[Please send us any and all ideas!](#)*

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