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Holiday Wreaths Featured on Postage Stamps

WHAT: The U.S. Postal Service ushers in the holiday season with four new stamps in a booklet of 20 featuring festive wreaths. Displayed on a door, in a window, or over a mantel, wreaths are symbols of joy and celebration, inviting the spirit of the season to enter the home.

The first-day-of-issue event for the Holiday Wreaths Forever stamps is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtag **#HolidayStamps**.

WHO: Megan J. Brennan, Postmaster General and CEO, U.S. Postal Service

WHEN: Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 at 11 a.m. ET

WHERE: L.L. Bean Flagship Store
95 Main Street
Freeport, ME 04032

RSVP: Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at:
usps.com/holidaystamps.

Background:

Inspired by the holiday decorating traditions of early America, the four wreaths featured on these stamps are classic yet contemporary. Their designs create feelings of warmth and welcome. Wreaths are often made from materials easily found during the winter months.

The ribbon leaf wreath is inspired by French floral art. Aspidistra leaves, folded and manipulated to resemble ribbons, create a long-lasting wreath.

Gilded pinecones and magnolia pods grace the wreath trimmed with cranberry red ribbon.

Red and gold ribbon adorns the wreath made from gilded dried hydrangea, eucalyptus and nandina foliage, red berries, and small ornaments.

The woodland bush ivy and red winterberry wreath presents a classic red and green palette.

Add these elegant stamps to your cards and letters to share holiday greetings with family and friends.

Antonio Alcalá served as the art director of the project and designed the stamps with floral artist Laura Dowling. Dowling designed the wreaths for the stamps, which were photographed by Kevin Allen.

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