

# IRISH STAMPS *Collectors News*



*Love & Greetings Stamps*

*St. Patrick's Day*

*Irish Female Artists*

*Cork 2005: European Capital of Culture*

# Dear Collector,

Welcome to the first issue of our new look  
**Irish Stamps Collectors News.**

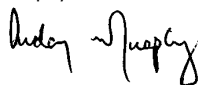
As you can see, we have re-vamped every page and article to make the newsletter more contemporary and to keep you up to date with Irish Stamps in every way possible.

To announce the new look and get the New Year off to a great start, we launch the Commemorative Stamp programme with the Love/Greetings issue on 28 January. This year's Lunar theme is the 'Year of the Rooster'.

On 17 February we launch our St. Patrick's Day stamp and on 24 February we commemorate Irish Female Artists with the issue of four stamps. Finally, in this edition we recognise Cork as the European Capital of Culture for 2005. The new stamps capture Cork's famous skyline and feature some of its most interesting landmarks.

We hope that you enjoy reading about these fascinating issues in the new look Collectors News, and look forward to bringing you even more exciting stamp news in future editions.

Enjoy the issue,



Aidan Murphy  
Marketing Manager  
Irish Stamps



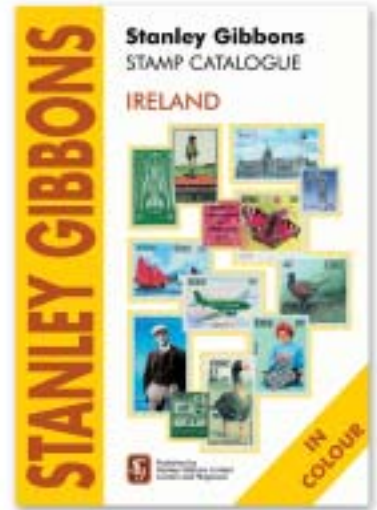
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# NEWS & INFORMATION

Available now at just €15 is the Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue Ireland. This catalogue lists and prices the stamps of Ireland from 1922 to the Olympic Games/Centenary of Camogie issues of 2004. The level of detail is comparable to the Stanley Gibbons 'Part 1' British Commonwealth Listings. The Ireland catalogue represents the first full reprinting of Irish stamps since 2002 and features extensive price revisions throughout the post-1952 period. In addition, the 'Birds' definitives have been fully updated. The booklet listings include a new section of 'Premium Booklets' sold at more than face value. The Stanley Gibbons Stamp Catalogue Ireland contains more than 40 pages and 400 images of the various stamp and booklet issues throughout the years.



Product Code 04SGC Price-€15.00

## *A word about our Stamp Designers*

### *Wendy Shea - Love & Greetings Stamps*

Wendy studied painting at the National College of Art, Dublin. She then studied Stage Design in London before working extensively throughout England and Scotland, returning to Ireland to design for RTE from 1962 to 1965.

She joined the Abbey Theatre in 1970 and was Head of Design for 14 years. Wendy has also produced illustrations for all the major newspapers in Ireland as well as several books, including Maeve Binchy's "Aches and Pains." We are delighted to say that Wendy has designed the Love and Greetings Stamps for 2005, following on from her charming 2004 designs.



Wendy Shea



Patrick Murray

### *Patrick Murray - Cork 2005 Stamps*

A native of Cork, Patrick Murray has worked on the design and direction of plays, opera, ballet, pantomime and musicals for more than three decades, from Dublin to London's West End and Broadway. A member of the Institute of Designers in Ireland, his most recent productions include "Die Fledermaus" at Cork Opera House and "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" at the Cork Arts Theatre. Patrick has also designed interiors for many historic civic buildings, including the City Hall in Cork.

*See Patrick's stamps on page 10.*

# LOVE 2005

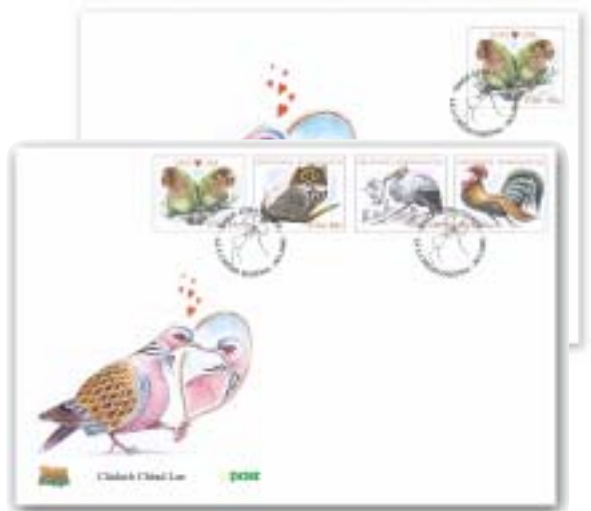


Valentine's Day is a day that people the world over know of, but know little about. According to one legend, Saint Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in a Roman prison, it is believed that he fell in love with a young girl who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is believed that he wrote her a letter which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today.

Easing us into the mood for Valentine's Day is the ever-popular Love stamp. This will be issued on 28 January and features, appropriately enough, a pair of adoring 'Lovebirds.' Priced at 48c, it will be available in both gummed and self-adhesive format.

Product Code-0501FDC

Price-€1.23



Product Code-0503FDCGT

Price-€2.67

Also issuing on 28 January will be the 2005 Greetings stamps. Greetings are a universal expression, some instantly recognisable but others very unique. For instance, in Russia you kiss three times on alternate cheeks, in Belize you press your fists together and the Maoris of New Zealand rub their noses together in a custom call 'hongī.'

# LOVE 2005

The 2005 Greetings stamps feature stylish illustrations of birds that are full of character; a 'Rollicking Rooster', a 'Studious Owl' and a 'Stork.' The Greetings Booklet contains ten self-adhesive stamps and labels that are guaranteed to brighten up all your cards and letters.



Product Code-0503GBK Price-€4.80

The year 2005 also sees in the Chinese Year of the Rooster. Falling on February 9 (Lunar Year 4703), a specially adapted mini-sheet and First Day Cover have been produced to celebrate it. The mini-sheet comprises a 'Year of the Rooster' lunar pane, featuring a rooster on a background of colourful Chinese graphics, with two of the Greeting stamps and the Love stamps as featured opposite. The lunar pane also includes gummed labels bearing the greeting 'Happy New Year' and 'Best Wishes' in both Irish and English.

Product Code-0502MS Price-€1.80



Product Code-0502FDCMS Price-€2.55

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	28 January, 2005
Values & Quantities	48c Love Stamp (.33m) €4.80 Greetings Booklet (30,000) €1.80 Year of the Rooster lunar pane (35,000)
Design	Wendy Shea/ Q Design
Stamp Size	Gummed: 40.64mm x 29.8mm;  Self-adhesive: 30mm x 25mm
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16 Booklets of 10 (Self-adhesive)
Perforations	14 x 15
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Gummed - Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd  Self-adhesive - Australia Post - Sprintpak

*The illustrations are by artist Wendy Shea and the stamps, First Day Covers, Lunar Pane and Greetings Booklet were designed by Q Design.*

LOVE 2005



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2005



*Beannachtaí  
na  
Féile Pádraig*

*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*

## *Did you know...*

Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, was first brought to Ireland as a captive of Niall of the Nine Hostages. He worked as a shepherd on the slopes of Slemish Mountain in Co. Antrim before travelling to Britain and France, returning again to Ireland in 432.

Tradition tells us that it was in the spring of 433 that he famously used a shamrock to explain to the King of Tara the three personas of God in the Trinity; The Father, The Son and The Holy Ghost. The King was suitably impressed and gave Saint Patrick the freedom to spread Christianity throughout Ireland. It was then that Saint Patrick was also reputed to have driven all the snakes from Ireland (snakes being used in folklore to symbolise pagans).

To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, festivals are held the world over comprising street theatre, parades, fireworks, music and exhibitions that evoke the Irish pride and passion for life. An Post is commemorating this day by issuing a single, powerful stamp. This striking stamp, denominated 65c, depicts St. Patrick on a stained glass window. The window, which is believed to date from the mid-19th century, is located in the home of Mrs. Joan Hanley in South County Dublin. The image portrays Saint Patrick with a crozier, ministering to the people and driving the snakes out of Ireland.



Product Code-0505FDC

Price-€1.40

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2005

Remember St. Patrick all year round with this special framed sheetlet and First Day Cover. Each frame measures approximately 45mm x 30mm, is priced at €60 and will add character to any home or office.

Collectors please note that frames are made to order. Please allow 28 days for delivery.



Product Code-0505F Price-€60.00

## Greetings

The sending of special An Post greeting cards to their families and friends is part of the celebration of St. Patrick's Day for many Irish people.

This year An Post invited two Irish Artists of world renown, Graham Knuttel and John Rocha, to design St. Patrick's Day cards with a view to broadening the appeal of the cards and also to benefit two charities chosen by the celebrities. 50c from the sale of each card will be divided between the 'Chernobyl's Children Project' and 'Sport Against Racism.'

Third level students from around Ireland were also given a unique opportunity to enter their work for reproduction on four additional cards and so share the stage with some very illustrious company indeed! A set of four postcards is available to buy at €7.20 and a set of two greeting cards at €5.40 (including postage paid to anywhere in the world). See the Order Form for details.

As with the Texaco Childrens Art stamps last year, you won't be able to see these cards until their issue date. But with a line-up including Knuttel, Rocha and a new generation of Irish artists we're sure you will be proud to send these cards all over the world. The cards will be available to buy individually from 17 February. Order online at [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie), from Post Offices or from the Philatelic Shop, GPO, Dublin 1.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	17 February, 2005
Value & Quantity	65c (.33m)
Design	Paul Raftery
Stamp Size	29.8mm x 40.64mm
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	14 x 15
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd

*This impressive stamp was photographed by Paul Larmour and designed by Paul Raftery, who also designed the First Day Cover.*

# IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS



Dee Hone, Landscape, Co. Wicklow



Nano Reid, Seabird and Landmarks



Mildred Anne Butler, Threshing



Gabriel Hayes, Three Girls

Over the years there have been many great female Irish artists. The year 2005 is particularly significant as it marks the centenary of the birth of Nano Reid and the 50th anniversary of the death of Evie Hone.

An Post has chosen the following pieces of stunningly original work to adorn a truly remarkable series of stamps.

### *Landscape, Co Wicklow by Evie Hone* *Evie Hone (1894 – 1955)*

Evie Hone was born in Dublin in 1894. She began to exhibit her paintings in 1924 and was also renowned for her stained glass work. One of her best known works is a large window depicting the Last Supper and the Crucifixion for the chapel at Eton College, which was used as the basis for a stamp design in the first Contemporary Irish Art series in 1969.

### *Seabird and Landmarks by Nano Reid* *Nano Reid (1905 -1981)*

Anne Margaret (Nano) Reid's artistic career began with winning a scholarship in 1920 to the Dublin Metropolitan School of Art. She first exhibited at the Royal Hibernian Academy in 1925 and continued to do so periodically until 1968. She exhibited at the Dawson Gallery in Dublin several times and had solo shows at the Victor Waddington Galleries in Dublin and St. George's Gallery in London.

### *Threshing by Mildred Anne Butler* *Mildred Anne Butler RWS (1858-1941)*

A gifted landscape painter, her chief source of inspiration was derived from her family home of Kilmurry in Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny. An exhibition with the Water Colour Society of Ireland began in 1890 and three years later her work was included in an album of watercolours presented to the future Queen Mary. She exhibited at the first Belfast Art Society show and was one of the first nine academicians elected by the Ulster Academy of Arts in 1930.



# IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS

## *Three Graces by Gabriel Hayes*

*Gabriel Hayes (1909 -1978)*

Gabriel Hayes was born in Monasterevin, Co. Kildare. She attended the Metropolitan School of Art, Dublin, and later studied in France and Italy. A sculptor of distinction, her most accomplished works are the boldly carved limestone panels on the Department of Industry and Commerce, Dublin (1942). Other major public commissions include The Three Graces (1941) on the College of Catering, Dublin, Stations of the Cross (1957-69), Galway Cathedral, and a monumental bronze figure of Luke Wadding (1958) in Waterford. She also designed the 1/2p, 1p and 2p coins introduced in 1971.



Product Code-0504FDC

Price-€3.01

## *A wonderful addition to your collection...*

The Irish Female Artists stamps will be issued on 24 February. The stamps will be available as 48c and 65c se-tenants. A First Day Cover will also be available priced at €3.01.

All these products are available through the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1 or you can order online at [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie)

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	24 February, 2005
Values & Quantities	2 x 48c (300,000) 2 x 65c (300,000)
Design	Q Design
Stamp Size	40.64mm x 29.8mm 29.8mm x 40.64mm
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	14 x 15
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.

IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS

# CORK 2005: EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE



Cork has been designated the European Capital of Culture 2005 by the European Union. This great accolade has led Cork to develop a programme of events that will be the biggest and most exciting of its kind in Europe in 2005.

*“When my heart was as light  
as the wild winds that blow*

*Down the Mardyke through  
each elm tree,*

*Where I sported and play'd  
'neath each green leafy shade*

*On the banks of my own  
lovely Lee.”*

J.C. Flanagan & Dick Forbes  
*The Banks of My Own Lovely Lee*

A wonderful city of restaurants, theatres, sports venues, pubs and clubs, Cork intends to pull out all the stops in 2005. The programme will include the best in Architecture, Crafts, Dance, Design, Film, Food, Literature, Music, Sport, Theatre and Visual Arts. Visitors and residents alike will share the excitement as artists, musicians and writers from home and abroad create a unique atmosphere never before seen in Ireland.

## *One City, One Year*

Every day in 2005, Cork will present the work of important Irish artists as well as the work of leading international companies and individuals. Open-air theatre and music will be staged during the summer and theatre companies from across Europe will present a season of major outdoor theatre specially written for Cork. In addition, exhibitions and fairs will provide rich images and experiences of Ireland's craft, fashion and design.



Product Code-0506FDC

Price-€1.71

CORK 2005

# CORK 2005: EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

## *Sport and Festivals*

Cork's unique sporting culture will manifest itself throughout the year with international tournaments, regional finals, play-offs and fun sporting events as well as a sports writing conference.

Also in 2005 the Choral, Folk and Jazz Festival, as well as the West Cork Music Festival, will present new works and international headline acts.

## *Frame the Event*

There will be something for everyone in Cork 2005. To celebrate this once-off occasion, An Post is delighted to issue the unique Cork 2005 series of commemorative se-tenant stamps priced at 96c per pair and featuring some of the landmark buildings and monuments that grace the Cork City skyline.

Also available is a framed sheetlet with First Day Cover. The frame measures approximately 45mm X 30mm and is priced at €60.00.



Product Code-0506F

Price-€60.00

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Date of Issue	7 March, 2005
Value & Quantity	48c se-tenant (.41m)
Design	Patrick Murray
Stamp Size	40.64mm x 29.8mm
Colour	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations	14 x 15
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd

*This stamp was designed by Patrick Murray.  
Read more about Patrick on page 3.*

CORK 2005

*Complete your collection with the essential Year Book and Year Pack!*

## Year Book 2004

The 2004 Year Book – Complete Prestige Collection, with the full collection of special and commemorative stamps for the year, also contains excellent photography and incisive commentary on each of the year's stamp issues.

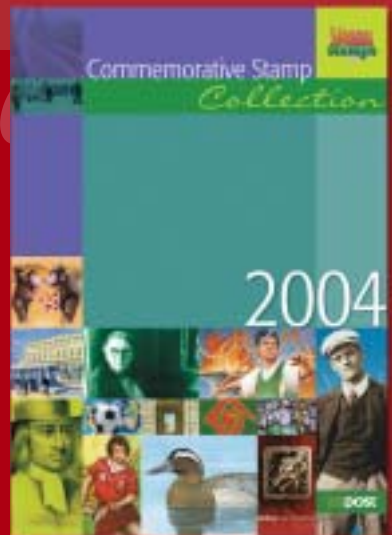


Product Code-0425YB

Price-€55.00

## Year Pack 2004

The Commemorative Stamp Collection is available as a Year Pack with each stamp perfectly mounted along with pen pictures of the commemorative issues from throughout the year.



Product Code-0424YP

Price-€30.00

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Mr/Mrs/Ms

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# ORDER FORM A

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1 DEC 2004	YEAR BOOK 2004	0425YB	EA		€55.00	
1 DEC 2004	YEAR PACK 2004	0424YP	EA		€30.00	
28 JAN 2005	LOVE STAMP	050148	EA		€0.48	
28 JAN 2005	LOVE STAMP 48C SHEETLET	050148	SH		€7.68	
28 JAN 2005	LOVE STAMP FDC	0501FDC	EA		€1.23	
28 JAN 2005	YEAR OF THE ROOSTER MINIATURE SHEET (LUNAR PANE)	0502MS	EA		€1.80	
28 JAN 2005	YEAR OF THE ROOSTER MINIATURE SHEET FDC	0502FDCMS	EA		€2.55	
28 JAN 2005	GREETINGS STAMP BOOKLET	0503GBK	EA		€4.80	
28 JAN 2005	GREETINGS STAMP FDC	0503FDCGT	EA		€2.67	
17 FEB 2005	ST PATRICK'S DAY STAMP	050565	EA		€0.65	
17 FEB 2005	ST PATRICK'S DAY FDC	0505FDC	EA		€1.40	
17 FEB 2005	ST PATRICK'S DAY 65C STAMP SHEETLET	050565	SH		€10.40	
17 FEB 2005	ST PATRICK'S DAY GREETINGS CARD SET	0505PATG	EA		€5.40	
17 FEB 2005	ST PATRICK'S DAY POSTCARD SET	0505PAT	EA		€7.20	
17 FEB 2005	ST PATRICK'S DAY FRAMED SHEETLET WITH FDC	0505F	EA		€60.00	

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# ORDER FORM B

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24 FEB 2005	IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS STAMP SET	0504SET	EA		€2.26	
24 FEB 2005	IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS 48C SE-TENANT STAMP	050448ST	EA		€0.96	
24 FEB 2005	IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS 65C SE-TENANT STAMP	050465ST	EA		€1.30	
24 FEB 2005	IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS FDC	0504FDC	EA		€3.01	
24 FEB 2005	IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS 48C SE-TENANT STAMP SHEETLET	050448ST	S8		€7.68	
24 FEB 2005	IRISH FEMALE ARTISTS 65C SE-TENANT STAMP SHEETLET	050465ST	S8		€10.40	
7 MAR 2005	CORK 2005 48C SE-TENANT STAMP	050648ST	EA		€0.96	
7 MAR 2005	CORK 2005 FDC	0506FDC	EA		€1.71	
7 MAR 2005	CORK 2005 48C SE-TENANT STAMP SHEETLET	050648ST	S8		€7.68	
7 MAR 2005	CORK 2005 FRAMED SHEETLET WITH FDC	0506F	EA		€60.00	
-	STANLEY GIBBONS STAMP CATALOGUE IRELAND	04SGC	EA		€15.00	
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