



Betty White Honored at Star-Studded Stamp Ceremony

Description

Betty White, an icon of American entertainment, is leaving her indelible mark on the nation's postal system.

The cherished actress, renowned for her role on "The Golden Girls," was honored with a new U.S. Postal Service stamp during an inaugural ceremony held at the Los Angeles Zoo on Thursday.

A throng of admirers, gathered behind barricades, erupted in applause as a blue curtain was drawn back to unveil the stamp, which features a captivating portrait of White set against a violet backdrop—embellished with lighter, bubbly motifs that reflect her effervescent spirit. Dressed in a blue polka-dot blouse, she sports an earring shaped like a pawprint, a nod to her deep affection for animals.

"As I created the stamp, immersed in Betty White videos and photographs, I felt as though I was crafting a portrait of a cherished family member," remarked Boston-based artist Dale Stephanos. "I aimed to let Betty's vibrant personality shine through."

The illustration is inspired by a photograph taken by Kwaku Alston in 2010.

During the celebration, singer-songwriter Ellis Hall delivered a rendition of "Thank You for Being a Friend," the beloved theme song from "The Golden Girls."

Amidst the festivities, the sounds of a laughing kookaburra and other lively birds occasionally interrupted the speakers, a delightful occurrence for the animal-loving White.

"Animals were her children, and she cherished each and every one—whatever their size or shape," noted Richard Lichtenstein, a member of the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association board. White had been a strong supporter of the zoo since its inception in 1966, remaining dedicated until her passing in December 2021, just weeks before her 100th birthday.

"Who could possibly not love Betty White?" Lichtenstein continued. "Her warmth, humor, and fundamental decency were infectious. Our country and city—indeed, even our Los Angeles Zoo—would greatly benefit from more individuals emulating her exemplary nature. Betty White left her mark on everyone she encountered."

He expressed that White's financial contributions and advocacy facilitated numerous exhibits featuring species such as chimpanzees, gorillas, and elephants.

"This zoo, its inhabitants, and this community meant the world to Betty, just as she meant the world to all of us," remarked Amber McReynolds, chair of the USPS board of governors. "Betty White was indeed an American treasure."

Attendees eagerly lined up to purchase panes of 20 forever stamps, pins, and notecards, eagerly seeking first-day cancellations near a churro stand, while children from a nearby school passed by.

"This stamp holds special significance—after all, is there anyone who doesn't adore Betty White?"



concluded Stephanos.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Indelible** /ɪn'del.ə.bəl/ (adjective): Not able to be forgotten or removed.
2. **Inaugural** /ɪ'nɔːgjʊrəl/ (adjective): Marking the beginning of an institution activity or period.
3. **Effervescent** /,ef.ər'ves.ənt/ (adjective): Vivacious and enthusiastic; bubbling with high spirits.
4. **Cherished** /'tʃer.ɪʃt/ (adjective): Beloved and valued highly.
5. **Portrait** /'pɔːr.trɪt/ (noun): A painting drawing or photograph of a person especially one showing the face.
6. **Exemplary** /ɪg'zempləri/ (adjective): Serving as a desirable model; representing the best of its kind.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term describes the feeling of disappointment resulting from the discovery that something is not what one believed it to be?

- Option: Disillusionment
- Option: Candidness
- Option: Portrayal
- Option: Antics

2. What do we call a descendant or the offspring in biological terms?

- Option: Solidarity
- Option: Progeny
- Option: Interference
- Option: Myriad

3. Which term is used to describe something very obvious or blatant?

- Option: Effervescent
- Option: Cherished
- Option: Glaring
- Option: Exemplary

4. What term refers to the quality of being genuine or not corrupted from the original?

- Option: Distinguished
- Option: Portrayal
- Option: Illustrious



Option: Authenticity

5. Which term describes strong hostility or antagonism towards someone?

Option: Contribution

Option: Cherished

Option: Animosity

Option: Speculation

6. What term is used to describe someone who is successful authoritative and commanding great respect?

Option: Detrimental

Option: Inaugural

Option: Indelible

Option: Distinguished

7. Which term describes being vivacious and enthusiastic?

Option: Myriad

Option: Collaboration

Option: Effervescent

Option: Candidness

8. What term is used to signify a countless or extremely great number?

Option: Illustrious

Option: Distinguished

Option: Indelible

Option: Myriad

9. What term refers to the depiction or representation of someone or something in a work of art literature or other forms?

Option: Interference

Option: Progeny

Option: Detrimental

Option: Portrayal

10. Which term is used to describe something that is treasured or cared for deeply?

Option: Cherished

Option: Candidness

Option: Solidarity

Option: Bewilderment

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



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11. Her _____ prevented her from speaking openly about her feelings.
12. During the crisis the community showed remarkable _____.
13. His valuable _____ to the project was commendable.
14. The _____ event of the new cultural center drew a large crowd.
15. She stared at the intricate puzzle in utter _____.
16. The movie left an _____ impression on the audience.
17. Her _____ work ethic inspired her colleagues.
18. The cozy cafe had a warm and inviting _____.
19. His mischievous _____ often amused his friends.
20. The stock market was filled with uncertainty and _____.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



21. His in expressing his opinions sometimes got him into trouble.
22. The team showed great by supporting each other through difficult times.
23. The university boasts an list of alumni who have made significant contributions to society.
24. The success of the project was a result of effective among team members.
25. The lack of exercise had a effect on his health.
26. The market is flooded with a of products to choose from.
27. Her work was held up as an model for others to follow.
28. The longstanding between the two families finally ended with a reconciliation.
29. The media was filled with about the upcoming election results.
30. The painting was verified for its and proven to be an original masterpiece.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Disillusionment 2. Progeny 3. Glaring 4. Authenticity 5. Animosity 6. Distinguished 7. Effervescent 8. Myriad 9. Portrayal 10. Cherished

Gap-Fill: 11. reticence 12. solidarity 13. contribution 14. inaugural 15. bewilderment 16. indelible 17. exemplary 18. ambiance 19. antics 20. speculation

Matching sentence: 1. candidness 2. solidarity 3. illustrious 4. collaboration 5. detrimental 6. myriad 7. exemplary 8. animosity 9. speculation 10. authenticity

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