

Betty White to Receive Posthumous Stamp from USPS Next Year

Description

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Betty White will once again enrich the cultural landscape of the United States—not through the flickering images of television, but rather through the tangible medium of postage. The United States Postal Service has resolved to commemorate the esteemed television legend with the issuance of her dedicated stamp next year.

This announcement, made public on Friday, forms part of the postal service's upcoming slate of stamps for 2025, which aims to celebrate a diverse array of themes, including nature, historical moments, and cultural icons such as Betty White herself.

“Our preview of the 2025 stamp program reflects our dedication to a rich variety of themes and artistic designs for both philatelists and avid stamp collectors,” remarked Lisa Bobb-Semple, the stamp services director, in a [news release](#).

“This year, we are perpetuating several thriving series and commemorative milestones while concurrently unveiling novel stamp designs. Furthermore, we will refresh several of our mail-use stamps, which are printed as per demand,” Bobb-Semple elaborated.

The introduction of White's stamp arrives nearly three years posthumously, following her passing in 2021 at the age of 99—just weeks shy of her centenary celebration. Widely recognized for her iconic performances in “The Golden Girls” and “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” White's singular journey through the realms of entertainment is celebrated for its remarkable longevity and charm.

“An emblem of American television, Betty White exuded her distinctive wit and warmth, captivating audiences over a span of seven decades,” the news release articulated. “The celebrated comedic performer seamlessly garnered a younger audience during her 90s, simultaneously earning accolades as a passionate advocate for animal welfare.”

Her illustrious career traversed the domains of radio, television, and film, marked by her pioneering achievement as the first female producer of a sitcom, which she accomplished in the 1950s with “Life with Elizabeth.” White became a fixture on talk shows and game shows throughout the 1960s and beyond.

The zenith of her fame was solidified during the 1970s, notably through her portrayal of Sue Ann Nivens on “The Mary Tyler Moore Show,” and her endearing character Rose Nylund in “The Golden Girls.” White’s unparalleled acclaim persisted throughout her career until her demise.

The design of White's stamp was entrusted to Greg Breeding, an art director for the postal service. The accompanying digital illustration, crafted by freelance artist Dale Stephanos, was inspired by a photograph



taken by Kwaku Alston in 2010, as detailed in the release.

Expressing his enthusiasm on social media, Stephanos conveyed his excitement over the stamp's debut, stating, "I would cherish the opportunity to send a letter back to my 18-year-old self adorned with this stamp, reassuring him that everything will be just fine."

In addition to the accolade bestowed upon White, the legendary musician and composer Allen Toussaint will also receive recognition through a stamp in the postal service's Black Heritage collection.

Further details regarding additional stamps will be revealed in the ensuing weeks and months, as per the postal service's announcement. Among the anticipated designs are those depicting the Appalachian Trail, the United States flag, dahlias, winter scenes, and many more captivating subjects.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Commemorate** /kə'mem.ə.reɪt/ (verb): To honor the memory of someone or something in a formal way.
2. **Enrich** /ɪn'riːtʃ/ (verb): To enhance the quality or value of something.
3. **Illustrious** /ɪ'lʌs.tri.əs/ (adjective): Well known respected and admired for past achievements.
4. **Acclaim** /ə'kleɪm/ (verb): To praise enthusiastically and publicly.
5. **Zenith** /'ziː.nəθ/ (noun): The highest point reached by a celestial or other object.
6. **Cultural** /'kʌl.tʃər.əl/ (adjective): Relating to the ideas customs and social behavior of a society.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Who is being commemorated with a dedicated stamp by the United States Postal Service?

Option: Betty White
Option: Greg Breeding
Option: Allen Toussaint
Option: Dale Stephanos

2. When did Betty White pass away?

Option: 2021
Option: 2010
Option: 1970
Option: 1990



3. Who designed the illustration for Betty White's stamp?

- Option: Greg Breeding
- Option: Dale Stephanos
- Option: Kwaku Alston
- Option: Lisa Bobb-Semple

4. In which year will Betty White have a stamp issued in her honor?

- Option: 2025
- Option: 2022
- Option: 2023
- Option: 2024

5. What is Betty White widely recognized for in the entertainment industry?

- Option: Iconic performances in "The Golden Girls" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- Option: Being the first female producer of a sitcom
- Option: Achievements in the music industry
- Option: Great humanitarian efforts

6. What is Dale Stephanos' occupation?

- Option: Freelance Artist
- Option: Stamp Collector
- Option: Art Director
- Option: Producer

True-False

7. Betty White passed away in 2021 just before her centenary celebration.

8. Betty White was primarily known for her achievements in the music industry.

9. The design of Betty White's stamp was inspired by a photograph taken in 2010.

10. Lisa Bobb-Semple is responsible for illustrating Betty White's stamp.

11. Greg Breeding is the stamp services director at the United States Postal Service.

12. Betty White was a passionate advocate for animal welfare.



Gap-Fill

13. Betty White passed away in the year _____ at the age of 99.
14. The design of Betty White's stamp was inspired by a photograph taken by Kwaku Alston in the year _____.
15. Betty White became the first female producer of a sitcom in the _____s with "Life with Elizabeth."
16. Dale Stephanos expressed enthusiasm about the stamp's debut on _____ media.
17. Betty White's stamp will be issued in her honor in the year _____.
18. Allen Toussaint will receive recognition through a stamp in the postal service's _____ collection.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Betty White 2. 2021 3. Dale Stephanos 4. 2025 5. Iconic performances in "The Golden Girls" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" 6. Freelance Artist

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 2021 14. 2010 15. 1950 16. social 17. 2025 18. Black Heritage

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the term used to describe someone who has been cleared of blame or wrongdoing?
- Option: Prosecutorial
 - Option: Catalyst
 - Option: Exonerated
 - Option: Intrinsic
2. Which word means done consciously and intentionally?



- Option: Disregarded
- Option: Vacated
- Option: Deliberate
- Option: Opulent

3. What adverb describes something done in a secretive or concealed manner?

- Option: Clandestinely
- Option: Ambiguous
- Option: Egregious
- Option: Detainee

4. Which term refers to a surprising and previously unknown fact that is disclosed?

- Option: Tenure
- Option: Revelation
- Option: Egregious
- Option: Ambiguous

5. What adjective means characterized by rich abundance; luxurious or lavish?

- Option: Prosecutors
- Option: Illustrious
- Option: Opulent
- Option: Ambiguous

6. Which word describes something open to more than one interpretation; having a double meaning?

- Option: Catalyst
- Option: Ambiguous
- Option: Exonerated
- Option: Intimidate

7. What term is used to describe someone well-known respected and admired for past achievements?

- Option: Catalyst
- Option: Ambiguous
- Option: Illustrious
- Option: Intimidate

8. Which adjective means outstandingly bad; shocking?

- Option: Clandestinely
- Option: Egregious
- Option: Detainee
- Option: Commensurate

9. What verb means to frighten or overawe especially in order to make someone do what you want?

- Option: Incarcerated



- Option: Opulent
- Option: Intimidate
- Option: Prosecutorial

10. What does "acclaim" mean?

- Option: Acclaim
- Option: Illustrious
- Option: Zenith
- Option: Cultural

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

11. The court _____ the previous judgment due to newly discovered evidence.
12. She became _____ in three languages by the age of 12.
13. The new law acted as a _____ for positive change in the community.
14. The recent economic crisis provided the _____ for reforming financial regulations.
15. His _____ as CEO of the company lasted for over two decades.
16. She spent a _____ summer vacation by the lake surrounded by nature.
17. He was _____ for ten years for a crime he did not commit.
18. The lawyer argued that the new law was not in line with the country's _____ principles.
19. The statue was erected to _____ the soldiers who lost their lives in the war.
20. Reading books can _____ your knowledge and vocabulary.

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

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| 21. The message of equality with people around the world. |
| 22. The theory was by extensive research and empirical evidence. |
| 23. After years of hard work she finally reached the of her career. |



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| 24. The festival aims to promote and celebrate various traditions. |
| 25. The misconduct led to the dismissal of the case against the defendant. |
| 26. The Red Cross visited the being held at the detention center. |
| 27. The artist believed that creativity was an part of human nature. |
| 28. The defense presented strong evidence that challenged the claims made by the . |
| 29. The company's failure to report the environmental violations was an mistake. |
| 30. The award recognized her career in the field of science. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Exonerated 2. Deliberate 3. Clandestinely 4. Revelation 5. Opulent 6. Ambiguous
7. Illustrious 8. Egregious 9. Intimidate 10. Acclaim

Gap-Fill: 11. vacated 12. proficient 13. catalyst 14. impetus 15. tenure 16. idyllic 17. incarcerated
18. constitutional 19. commemorate 20. enrich

Matching sentence: 1. resonated 2. underpinned 3. zenith 4. cultural 5. prosecutorial 6. detainee 7. intrinsic
8. prosecutors 9. egregious 10. illustrious

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