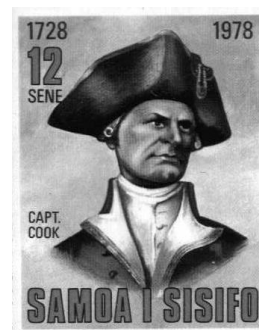
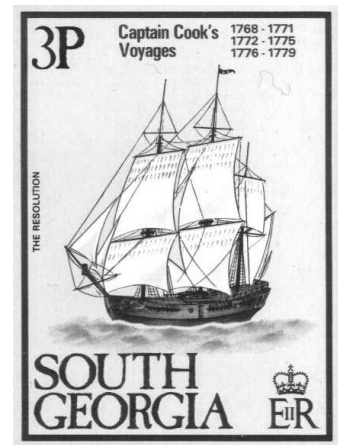
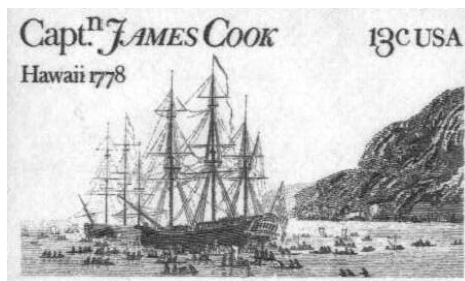
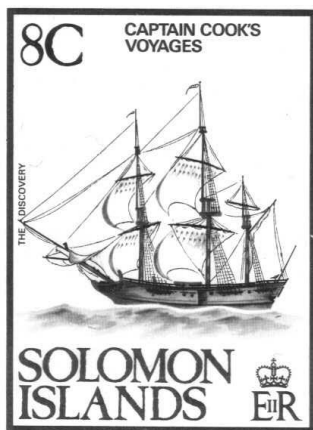
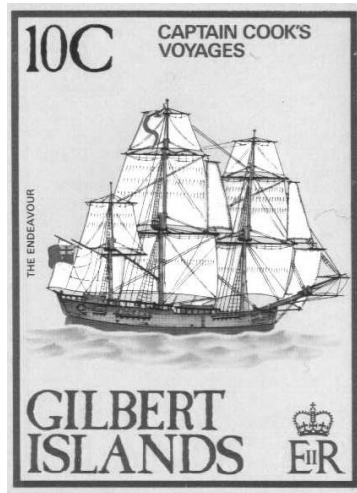


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10/25	H.P.S. Executive Board Meeting	Nuuanu YMCA, Doors open around 7PM, Board Meets around 7:15 PM

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12/27	H.P.S. Executive Board Meeting	No Meeting - Christmas Holiday

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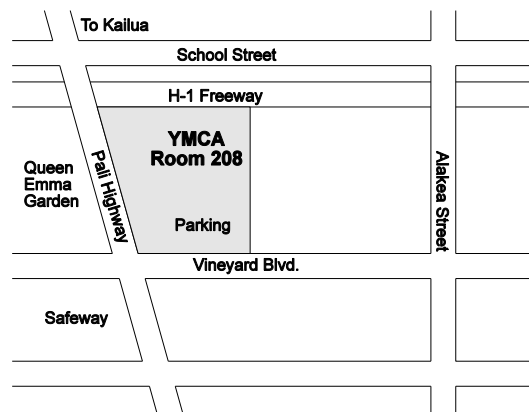
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The Hawaiian Philatelic Society meets at 7:30 PM on the second Monday of each month at the Nuuanu YMCA in central Honolulu. Each meeting includes a short business session, a program or slide presentation and an auction of about 125 lots. A board meeting is held at 7:00 PM on the fourth Monday of each month at the same location. We invite you to attend, meet your fellow members, enjoy the program, and talk stamps. The public is welcome at all our meetings and we encourage you to become a member.



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Editor's Notes

By Greg Chang, Editor

Aloha! Welcome to the 60th issue of the PO'OLEKA O HAWAII. Just three months left until the year 2000 is upon us. With this in mind, 1999 marks the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the last Republic of Hawaii postage stamp.

As you may note, this issues' cover theme is Captain James Cook and the ships he sailed with. The replica of Captain James Cook's vessel, *H.M.S. Endeavour* will be making a stop in Hawaii this November as part of her global voyage back to Australia. Many stamps have been issued to commemorate Cook as well as his voyages. Although this is a replica, this surely is an opportunity to get a first hand perspective of history. The *Endeavour* will be around the Hawaiian Islands between October 31 to November 16 before continuing on her voyage to Australia.

In this issue, there are articles of varied interests. The featured article gives a first hand view of the United States Postal Service traveling exhibit, Celebrate the Century Train, that made it's way to the west coast this past August. A pretty nice exhibit, unfortunately, it is only touring the continental United States.

Thanks again for your support. Feel free to contact me if you would like to have an article published in the PO'OLEKA. I will be more than happy to help you out.

In closing, Happy Holidays to all and don't let the Y2K bug bite you.

Mahalo!

Greg Chang
Editor



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Celebrate The Century Express Passes Through San Francisco

By Greg Chang

Without much fan fair, the United States Postal Service Celebrate the Century (CTC) Express recently made a two day stop at the San Francisco CalTrain depot. I mention the lack of fan fair since there was little or no mention of its arrival in the local media. The only information I had to go by was what was printed in the Philatelic publications and on the US Postal Service CTC web site (not much help in giving the exact location). Before its arrival, I made a visit to the Philatelic center at the Rincon post office in San Francisco asking where the train is to be located. The clerk replied that it may be located at the Caltrain depot but was not 100% sure. Fortunately, the clerk was correct.

As part of a \$100 million deal to promote the Celebrate the Century stamp series, the train is on an 18-month nationwide tour. The tour that began on March 11, 1999 in Tampa, Florida will finish in the fall of 2000 somewhere in the Northeast (most likely Washington, DC). **Figure 1** shows the map of the tour.

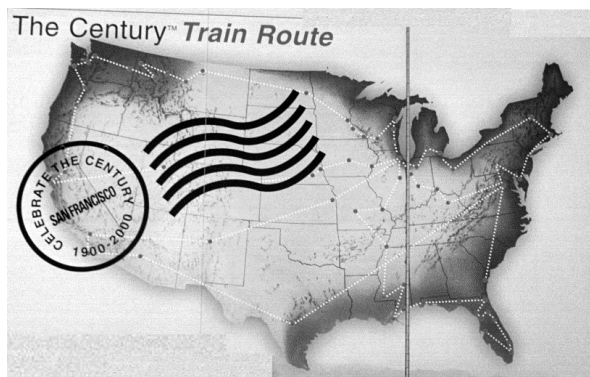


Figure 1 - Map Showing Train Route

The train is composed of an Amtrak locomotive, a baggage car, a stamp exhibit car, a railway post office car, and a private railroad business car. The tour takes you through the latter three cars starting from the rear up. The first thing one notices is the brightly colored locomotive, baggage car, and exhibition car. These are yellow-orange with large images of postmarked CTC stamps scattered about (**Figure 2**).



Figure 2 - CTC Express Locomotive

The private rail business car was the first car of the tour (**Figure 3**). From what I have gathered, it changes along different parts of the tour. The car on display at San Francisco was named the Virginia City. It consists of a sitting room, complete with a fireplace, sleeping rooms, wash room, a small dining area, and a kitchen.



Figure 3 - The Virginia City

Next on the tour was restored Railway Post Office (RPO) car. The restored RPO was part of the Southern Railway and was fully operational and in service until the 1970s. It was later bought by a collector and loaned to the US Postal Service for the CTC celebration. At the end of the tour, it will be donated to a museum. In it, video presentations and static displays show how mail was handled and distributed via the nation's rail system.

Figure 4 shows the interior of the car. **Figure 5** is a close up of a dummy RPO postmark used on the demo mail. **Figure 6** shows the small display of Ornkey, the mail dog.



Figure 4 - Interior View of the RPO

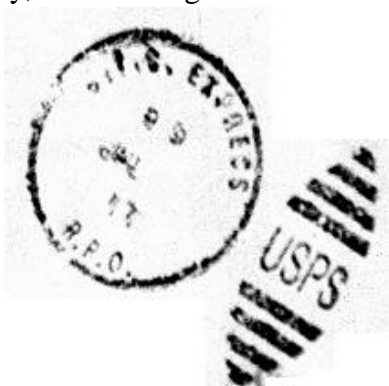


Figure 5 - Dummy RPO Postmark



Figure 6 - Ornkey the Mail Dog

The last car of the tour was the Stamp Exhibit Car. The 70 foot long car contains information on the CTC program. Panels are grouped by subjects such as Sports, Space, and Entertainment. Displays consists of audio soundtracks, videos, and images. All stamps from the CTC series that have been issued are included. **Figure 7** shows the detail from one of the panels.

The last two cars that are not part of the walk through part of the tour are the baggage car and the locomotive. The baggage car served as a storage area for the tour's support material and equipment. In

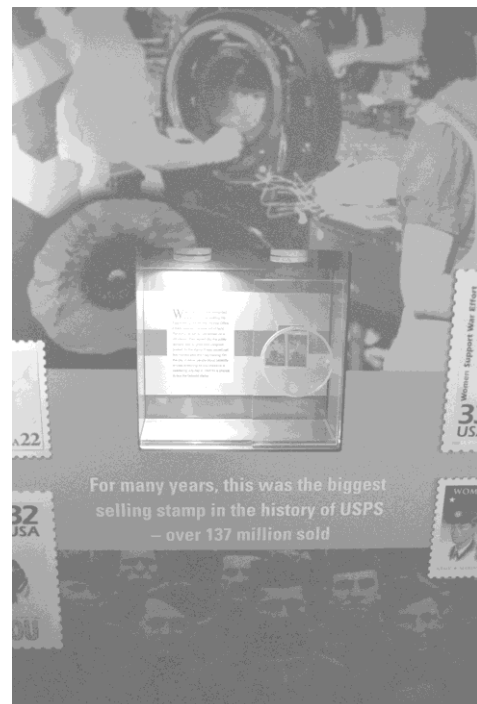


Figure 7 - Sample Panel in Exhibition Car

addition, it served as a loading platform for wheelchair bound visitors or for those unable to climb up steps. Finally, an Amtrak P42 Genesis series diesel locomotive served as the head of the train.

Outside the depot, the USPS set up a souvenir stand and stamp canceling station. In addition, information tent boards were scattered about (See **Figures 8 and 9**). At the souvenir stand, one can purchase pins, train whistles, tee shirts, CTC stamps, CTC express postcard, and CTC express canceled envelopes. There was even a stand with close out USPS merchandise at 50% off! **Figures 10 and 11** shows the postcard with included souvenir stickers and the special cancellation that was available.



Figure 8 - USPS Souvenir Stand



Figure 9 - Cancellation Table

All in all it was a nice but rather short exhibit. It could have been better if it included a few items from the National Postal Museum or the Smithsonian Institute.



Figure 10 - Souvenir Postcard and Stickers



Figure 11 - Special Cancellation

Tobacco Stamps - Tinfoils

By Revenue BOB

7ave you seen a little know type of tax paid stamp that is a stranger even to collectors of U.S. revenues? Officially these are “Private Tobacco Proprietary Stamps”. Unofficially, they are call “Tinfoils”.

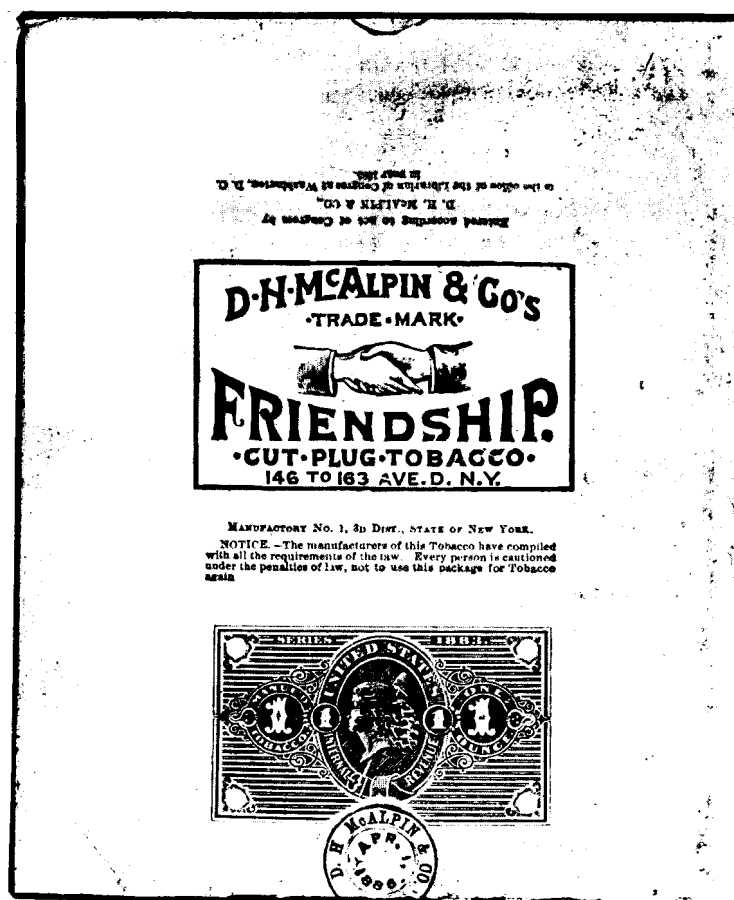
There are two types: those printed on paper packages, and those printed on foil for use on plug tobacco (pressed) in small packages. Originally, the foil was actually made of lead. Most tobacco was sold and stored this way for many years to preserve freshness.

These stamps were not adhesive, but printed directly on the packaging material, either or foil. Many of the designs are similar to those that appeared on checks and other documents with

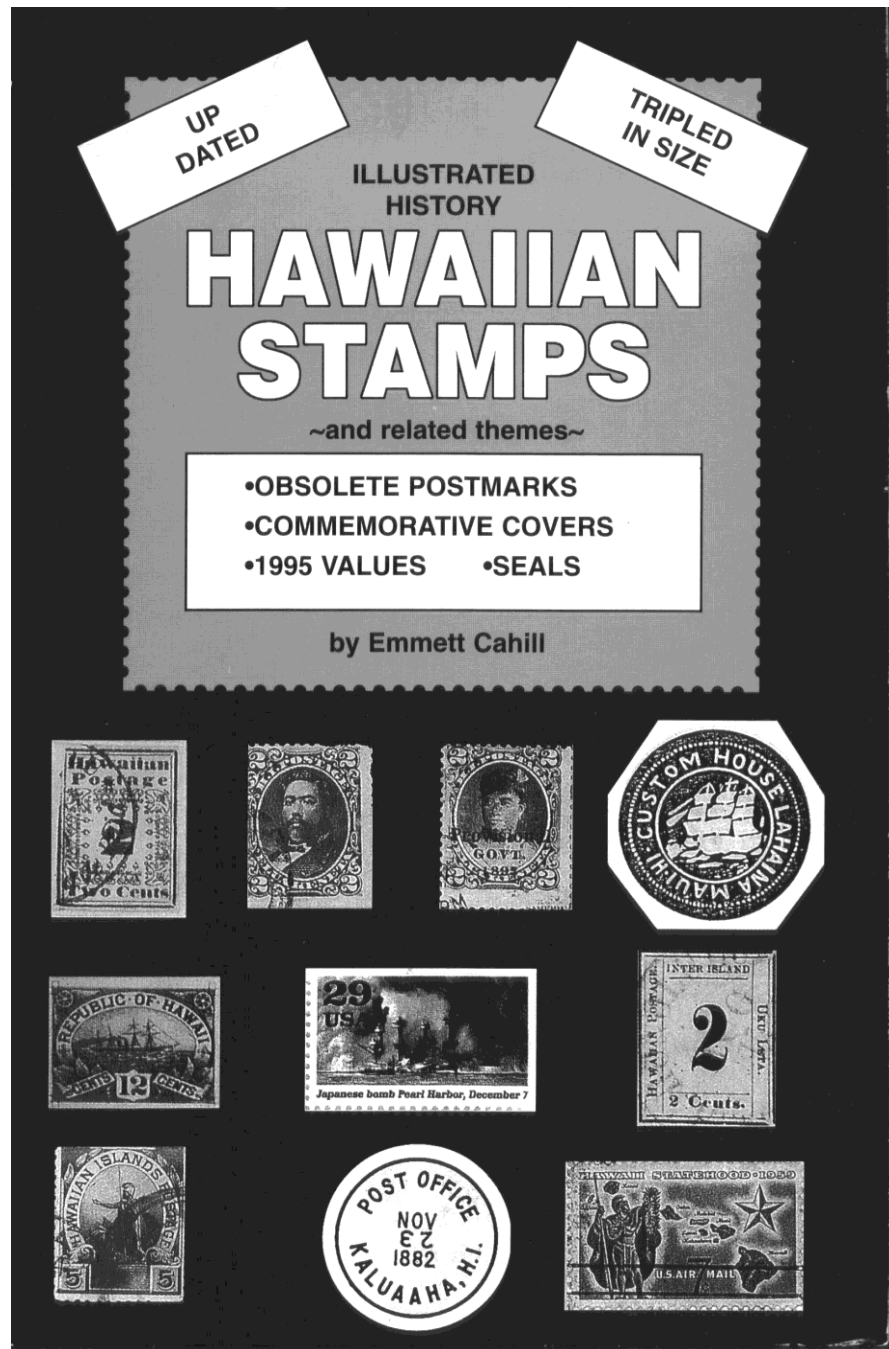
the addition of the name of the manufacturer in the postmark.

There are more than 725 different foil stamps, plus 43 or more of those printed on paper. The latter were used only from 1868 to 1881. Tinfoils were in use from 1868 on down into the 20th century - at least until 1902.

There are about 8 to 10 basic designs, which are fun to collect. The presented information is credited to and “lifted” from July 1969 article by Reverend John Ruback in *The U.S. Specialist*.



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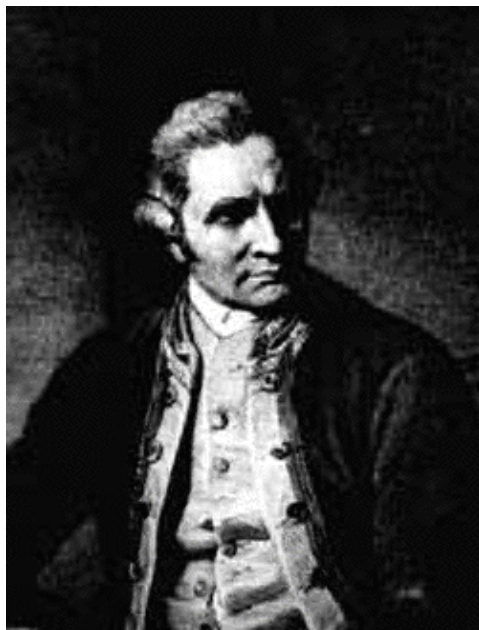
Opening of the Hawaii State Philatelic Exhibitions Captain Cook Bicentennial Exhibit

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Speech of the Honorable Frank F. Fasi, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu:

Aloha and welcome to the opening of Hawaii's 1978 Captain Cook Stamp Show. As Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, I am pleased and honored to participate in today's ceremonies.

I know it took months of long, hard work to organize today's exhibit. And so, my congratulations go to Jack Nugent and the members of the Hawaiian Philatelic Society on their outstanding accomplishment.



Thanks to these people, today, January 20, 1978, we are able to celebrate a very special day in Hawaii's history. On this date 200 years ago, Captain James Cook and his men stepped ashore on the Island of Kauai. According to our history books, it was on this day that these islands were discovered by Western man.

And so we are gathered here today to celebrate that discovery and to honor Captain James Cook.

Her was one of England's gretest heroes in his time, in much the same way Charles Lindbergh was, in the 1920's. In Hawaii, we have heard only about the last days of Cook's life. Much has been said about his controversial death at Kealakekua on the Big Island. An not enough has been said about the great number of farreaching discoveries Cook made before he even set foot in Hawaii.

Hawaii is not alone in honoring James Cook. In fact, there are many places in the Pacific which claim Captain Cook as their discoverer.

In his voyages, totalling more than 200,000 sea miles, Cook was the first Englishmen to set foot on places such as Australia, New Zealand,

Vancouver, and of course, the Cook Islands, just to name a few. There are many more, all of which have helped to make him the legendary figure he is.

James Cook was not a common man. The fact is that he was anything but a common man. And his career is proof of that.

Cook was a farmhand's son from Yorkshire, England. He spent his early years working on a farm. His future seemed limited. Perhaps, for a time, he even thought he would be a farmhand like his father for the rest of his life.

From his hard life on the farm, Cook went on as an apprentice in the coal trade in Whitby, England. He later enlisted in the Royal Navy as an ordinary seaman. He rose in rank quickly. He became a Captain in the Royal Navy. And at 28, he was offered the command of a ship hauling coal in the North Sea.

Indeed, his accomplishments were many.

He sounded and charted the St. Lawrence River. He charted the shores of Newfoundland. He searched for the Northwest passage. He crossed

the Bering Straits to Asian soil. He sailed as far north as the Aleutian Islands. At the other end of the world, he almost discovered Antarctica.

In fact, no one before Cook had ever attempted to sail the full length of the Pacific Ocean, from north to south. Indeed, Cook succeeded where others had been afraid to try. He was a master of seamanship. And he had that same courage and determination as did another great man in the world of discovery - Christopher Columbus. Some 300 years before Cook, Columbus was unsurpassed in charting and finding his way about unknown seas.

And both men shared the dream of discovery of the unknown.

As a man, Cook had a strong character. Some called him cold-hearted. Some called him compassionate. But all men respected him.

He also had many other qualities: A sense of duty, humanity, persistence and foresight, just to name a few.

But, above all, Cook was a man of action. He was a man who knew that succeeding means taking risks. And he knew that just "doing his job" wasn't enough.

While he was in Tahiti, for example, there wasn't much to do. The Island people were warm and friendly, so Cook decided to learn their ways. He spent a great part of his time learning to speak Tahitian. And when he arrived on the Island of Kauai many years later, he could speak the language of the people of Kauai. Few sailors in the 18th Century had such foresight.

By 1775 Cook had learned what it takes most of us a full lifetime to learn. In a letter to a young French admirer who wanted to sail in the Pacific, Cook said: "It seems to me that a young man who does no more than carry out his instructions will never get very far in

discovery". Indeed, Cook had learned the worth of initiative.

In the course of history, many men have explored. But, few men have been explorers. Few men have left behind them the kind of concrete accomplishments that Captain James Cook did.

I think it is fitting that in this year of the Captain Cook Bicentennial, we remember this man and his many outstanding accomplishments.

As you may know, today is a day of many "firsts".

For the first time in history, five foreign Post Offices have gone outside their borders to participate in a stamp exhibit. The U. S. Post Office will join six foreign postal administrations in issuing 24 commemorative Captain Cook Stamps today. This is also the first stamp exhibit in Honolulu ever to have international participation.

In a way, today's celebration is a recreation of a part of Hawaii's history. Many years ago, Hawaii's Postmaster General dreamed of creating a postal union of the South Pacific. Later, when the Postmaster became King, he expanded that dream to include an empire of the South Pacific. That man was David Kalakaua, King of the Hawaiian Islands. And I think that we have re-created his dream in this brief moment of union among the countries of the South Pacific.

As you know, the world of the Twentieth Century is no longer the vast, unknown land it was in the time of Captain Cook. The more sophisticated our technology becomes, the smaller our world becomes. And that means that working together becomes more important.

It is my hope that the spirit of cooperation and friendliness shared by all of us here today will grow in the coming years.

And, as we commemorate Captain James Cook's discovery of Hawaii, let us remember one thing: Captain Cook discovered Hawaii for Europe, but the Hawaiians discovered Europe through Cook. I think both benefited from the experience.



The farmhand's son from Yorkshire who became a Captain in the Royal Navy and a member of the Royal Society has indeed left a legacy. He was one of the greatest explorer-seamen the world has ever known.

And as we remember him today, I think his best epitaph will be found in the names of his ships: *Adventure, Endeavor, Resolution, and Discovery* ... Words all of us should remember.

Thank you.

"This bay appears a proper place to refit the ships and lay in an additional supply of provisions..." -- James Cook

"I rejoiced at having got without the reef, but that joy was nothing to what I felt at being safe within it."

-- James Cook

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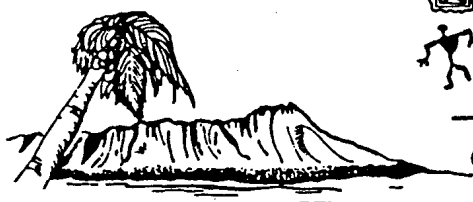
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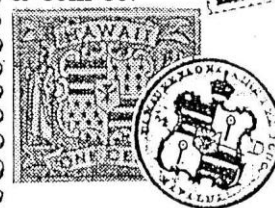
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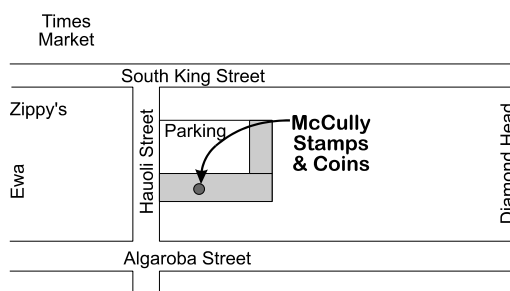
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Rare Fishes of French Polynesia

Information from the Philatelic Center of French Polynesia web site (www.tahiti-postoffice.com)

On March 18, 1999, the Postal and Telecommunication Operator for French Polynesia released a set of four stamps depicting rare marine fish of Polynesia.

The four fishes are not only rare but rather odd in appearance. The set consists of 70, 85, 90, and 120 CFP valued stamps with a lion fish, sea horse, angler fish and leaf fish.

✿ Lion Fish



70 CFP - Lion fish (*Pterois volitans* from the tatarihau family)

The lion fish, also known as the turkey fish, scorpion fish, or butterfly cod is a dangerously beautiful creature decorated by some 30 stripes varying from dark to light pink from head to tail, including its fins. Its dorsal fin has 12 - 13 long venomous red and white spines. Its venom is a nerve toxin that under certain conditions has been known to violently injure or even kill unsuspecting natives who blundered into the spines.

These fish are often found in small, dark grottos in the coral on the outer slope of the reef, or they

are found floating motionless in lagoons. Yet, the lion fish is one of the underwater world's most majestic fish.

✿ Sea Horse



85 CFP - Sea Horse (*Hippocampus histrix*, or Tia'i pape in Tahitian)

The odd looking sea horse never gets any bigger than some 10 centimeters (4 inches) in length. While frequently the subject of legends, the sea horse is nevertheless found in the very calm lagoons of Tahiti and the Leeward Islands, hiding among seaweed. It is often found alone, but is sometimes seen in groups of 10.

Interesting to note is that after a fascinating courtship embrace, the fertilized eggs are deposited by the female into the male's brood pouch located on the abdomen. The male is now responsible for taking care of the brood leaving the female free of brood bearing. The eggs are incubated in the pouch for a period of 1 1/2 to 2 months before expelling the developed young.

✿ Angler Fish



90 CFP - Angler Fish (*Antennarius pictus* from the nohu family)

Angler fish are always admired by those with a passion for aquariums and marine biology. Even though there are only four to five different species in the Polynesian waters, they remain rare. Their short fins are jointed and look more like feet, which is why they are sometimes called "Angler Fish".

They are not very active fish, however, it is very interesting in the way they stalk their prey. The first spine is modified to act as a lure to entice unsuspecting prey. As the prey comes close enough to take a bite at the lure, the Angler fish gobbles up its prey. They are known to have voracious appetites with the ability to swallow fish of their own size.

✿ Leaf Fish

The sailfin leaf fish owes its name to its astonishing shape which is very thin and presents the appearance of a dead leaf. Its average size is only some 10 centimeters (4 inches) in length.

It has the ability to change colors to match its background. Wuch colors can range from black to white and from yellow to red.

This fish is found on the bottom in the middle of coral debris, swaying with the movements of the water, awaiting for small fish and shellfish to dine on.



120 CFP - Sailfin Leaf Fish (*Taenianotus triacanthus* from the nohu family)

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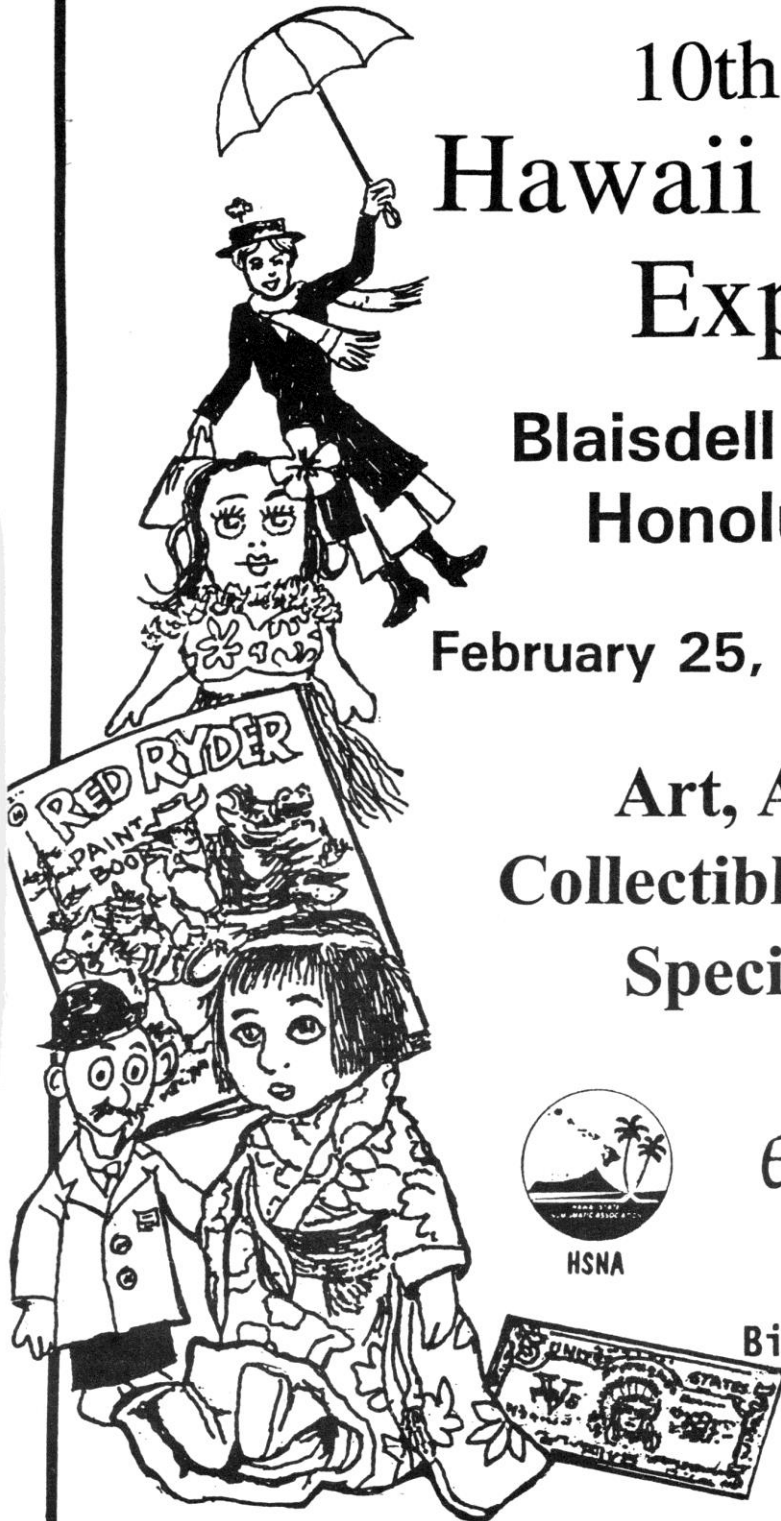
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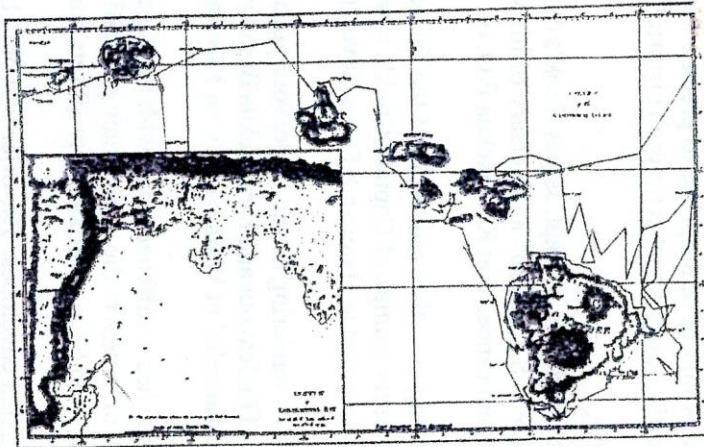
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