

April 2006 Issues – a moderate (10 stamps) and at a low cost (\$3.90) month.



Friday, April 7th, 39¢ Sugar Ray Robinson PSA pane of 20
 Friday, April 7th, 39¢ Benjamin Franklin Apr 7 PSA pane of 20
 Saturday, April 8th, 39¢ Lady Liberty and U.S. Flag CB 20, CB 10
 Coil 100, Pane 20
 Friday April 21st, 39¢ Art of Disney: Romance PSA pane of 20
 w/header; Postal Card Set

Information from the USPS Postal Bulletin(s) -- <http://www.usps.com/cpim/ftp/bulletin/pb2006.htm>



Scott 1

Benjamin Franklin holds the unique distinction of being the second only to George Washington as the most popular subject to be commemorated on a postage stamp with over one-hundred stamps since 1847. His connection to the U.S. Postal Service as the first Postmaster General under the Continental Congress in 1775 has earned him a honored place in the history of the organization.



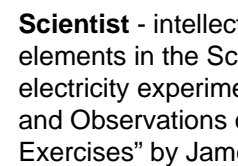
Scott 524

This month, the USPS issues four stamps honoring him on his 200th birthday. Depicted are four aspects of Dr. Franklin's life accomplishments:



Scott 4021

Statesman and Patriot - Franklin, born on January 17, 1706, was deeply involved in politics and civic life and enjoyed a distinguished career as a statesman. The Statesman stamp includes: a painting by John Trumbull of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; a copy of Franklin's 1754 "Join or Die" political cartoon urging colonial unity; the top of the Declaration of Independence; a pastel portrait of Franklin by Joseph-Siffred Duplessis; and the Treaty of Alliance with France, which was negotiated and signed by Franklin.



Scott 4022

Scientist - intellectually curious, Franklin was one of the greatest scientists of his day. Design elements in the Scientist stamp include a 19th-century Currier and Ives lithograph of the legendary electricity experiment with a kite; a depiction of water spouts and a "magic square" from "Experiments and Observations on Electricity"; the "three-wheeled clock" from the book "Select Mechanical Exercises" by James Ferguson; and a depiction of Franklin at a desk from a mural by Charles Mills



Scott 4023

Printer - Franklin's successful printing businesses published materials including government documents, currency, religious tracts and books. Design elements in the Printer stamp include: a portrait of Franklin in a printer's smock by illustrator Michael Dooling; a 1729 edition of the Pennsylvania Gazette, a 1733 edition of Poor Richard's Almanack; and a five-pound currency note printed by Franklin in 1770.



Scott 4024

Postmaster - elements found in the Postmaster stamp include: a graphic device used by the Boston Post-Boy newspaper; a 1775 colonial postal cover and dated postmark from Marlboro, MD; an 18th-century painting by Charles Wilson Peale after a portrait by David Martin. A reference at the bottom of the stamp refers to Franklin's personal franking signature, "B. Free Franklin, Postmaster."