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## TWO NEW US STAMPS

(from *Linn's Stamp News*) In March, the U.S. Postal Service revealed details of two new stamps that it planned to issue in the spring. The 3-cent Strawberries coil stamp and the non-denominated (\$1.15) Succulent global forever stamp were previously unannounced.

The Succulent global forever stamp was issued in a pane of 10 on 28 April. The design shows an overhead view of an *Echeveria* species photographed by Erika Kirkpatrick. William J. Gicker was the art director, and Greg Breeding designed the stamp.

The stamp was issued at the 2017 WESTPEX stamp show that took place 28–30 April at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront hotel.

The 3-cent Strawberries stamp was issued in a coil of 10,000 on 5 May at the annual Philatelic Show sponsored by the Northeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs in Acton, Massachusetts, 5–7 May at the Boxborough Regency hotel.

The Strawberries coil stamp features an illustration by John Burgoyne, whose artwork has been featured previously on recent lower-denomination definitive stamps: the 10-cent Red Pears coil issued 17 January 2016 (Sc#5039), the 5-cent Pinot Noir Grapes coil issued 19 February 2016 (Sc#5038), the 1-cent Albemarle Pippin Apples coil issued 12 August 2016 (Sc#5037), the 5-cent Pinot Noir Grapes sheet stamp issued 24 February, and the 10-cent Red Pears sheet stamp issued 23 March.

The two most recent issues have not yet been assigned Scott catalog numbers.

The Succulent global forever stamp, which pays the postage on international letter mail weighing one ounce or less, will presumably replace the Moon global forever stamp that was issued 22 February 2016 (Sc#5058).



*Echeveria* sp.



*Fragaria* hybrid