or Western ones. Both factors help explain why interbreeding only occurs in a relatively narrow and stable hybrid zone no more than 10 to 20 km wide.

The reduced capacity for interbreeding may be an indication that the two subspecies are in the process of becoming two separate species, entirely unable to interbreed. Only at the centre of the hybrid zone do hybrid mice occur in significant numbers relative to their Eastern and Western forebears. But not everything is gloomy for the hybrids: they are more resistant to parasite-borne diseases than both Eastern and Western European House Mice.

## WEDDING SET

The latest in a series of sets designed to accommodate wedding correspondence is planned for release on 2 April 2020, by the U.S. Postal Service. The Contemporary Boutonniere is a Forever rate (55c) stamp similar in design to the new two-ounce Garden Corsage stamp. Mailers can use it for wedding RSVP cards. It is also perfect for party invitations, thank-you notes, announcements, birthday cards, and other occasions when a beautiful stamp is fitting. The stamp features a photograph of an arrangement of a burgundy mini-cymbidium orchid bloom, a succulent, and a touch of green hydrangea, accented with loops of variegated lily grass.

The Garden Corsage is a new two-ounce rate (70c) stamp. This stamp can accommodate the weight of heavy invitations for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and other
 celebrations, oversize greeting cards for all occasions, and mailings such as small gifts that require extra postage. The stamp features a photograph of a corsage containing a spray of peach roses and a pink ranunculus, accented with deep-pink heather and seeded eucalyptus. A cream-colored lace ribbon entwines the flowers. The Garden Corsage is similar in design to the Contemporary Boutonniere Forever stamp, and the two form a natural pair.

| Set | Issue Dates | Denom. | Cat. No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Love Roses | July/August 1988 | 25c \& 45c | Sc\#2378-79 |
| Love Globe \& Parrots | 9 May 1991 | 29c \& 52c | Sc\#2535-36 |
| Love Bouquets | 14 February 1994 | 29c \& 52c | Sc\#2814-15 |
| Love Cherubs | 12 May 1995 | 32c \& 55c | Sc\#2957-60 |
| Love Swans | 4 February 1997 | 32c \& 55c | Sc\#3123-24 |
| Love Flower Hearts | 28 January 1999 | 33c \& 55c | Sc\#3274-75 |
| Love Letter Roses | 14 February 2001 <br> 19 November 2001 | $\begin{aligned} & 34 c \& 55 c \\ & 57 c \end{aligned}$ | Sc\#3497-98 <br> Sc\#3551 |
| Love Contemporary Art | 16 August 2002 | 37c \& 60c | Sc\#3657-58 |
| Wedding Doves | 1 March 2006 | 39c \& 63c | Sc\#3998-99 |
| Wedding Hearts | 27 June 2007 | 41c \&58c | Sc\#4151-52 |
| Wedding Hearts | 10 June 2008 | 42c \& 59c | Sc\#4271-72 |
| Wedding Rings \& Cake | 1 May 2009 | 44c \& 61c | Sc\#4397-98 |
| Wedding Roses \& Cake | April 2011 | (44c) \& 64c | Sc\#4520-21 |
| Wedding Cake | 20 January 2012 | 65c | Sc\#4602 |
| Wedding Cake | 18 January 2013 | 66c | Sc\#4735 |
| Wedding Flowers | 11 April 2013 | (46c) \& 66c | Sc\#4764-65 |
| Wedding Cake | 22 February 2014 | 70c | Sc\#4867 |
| Wedding Cake | 1 June 2015 | (71c) | Sc\#5000 |
| Boutonniere \& Corsage | 2 May 2017 | (49c) \& (70c) | Sc\#5199-5200 |



The modern designs of the boutonniere and corsage both were arranged by floral designer Carol Caggiano and photographed by Renée Comet. Art director Ethel Kessler designed the stamps.

These sets of two designed for wedding invitations and replies started with the 25 c and 45 c Love Roses set issued on 4 July and 8 August 1988 (Sc\#237879). The table at left contains information about the other sets with this purpose.

