

2021 Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps & Covers

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The stamp club ordered and has received the 2021 *Scott Specialized Catalog of United States Stamps & Covers* and despite having several advisors to the editor suggesting "that no value changes were needed this year," the editor did mention several areas that have seen some significant changes. Examples are:

1. "Large value increases in local stamps and Confederate States postmasters provisional" and many changes in sanitary fair stamps and encased postage. These changes were the result of their appearance in "important auctions during the past year."
2. In the graded stamps section, there were "many" increases in the highest graded stamps.
3. Values for panes of modern issues from 1996 to the present have been added. Values for panes of earlier issues will be added to future editions of the catalog.

There are five Special Feature articles including:

- The listings for the 1980-99 Great Americans now include values for stamps on cover. Plus, additional background on this popular series.
- Provides detailed information about the 1995-97 Flag Over Porch coil stamps. Included with the article is a table providing values for the various die-cut peak/valley configurations of these stamps, some of which are quite scarce.
- Numerous important additions, revisions and corrections have been made to the Essays section. These enhancements, which include many new illustrations, are focused on the classic period. More details are provided in a Special Feature article.
- Postage values for all nondenominated U.S. postage stamps, beginning with the 1975 Madonna and Child Christmas stamp, are presented in a Special Feature article at the end of the catalog introduction.

I was interested in valuation changes for Hawaiian stamps and was planning to report on any changes in value for about 500 items. These were mostly listings for used, unused, non-hinged and on cover. There were no changes in any of the items from 2020.

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