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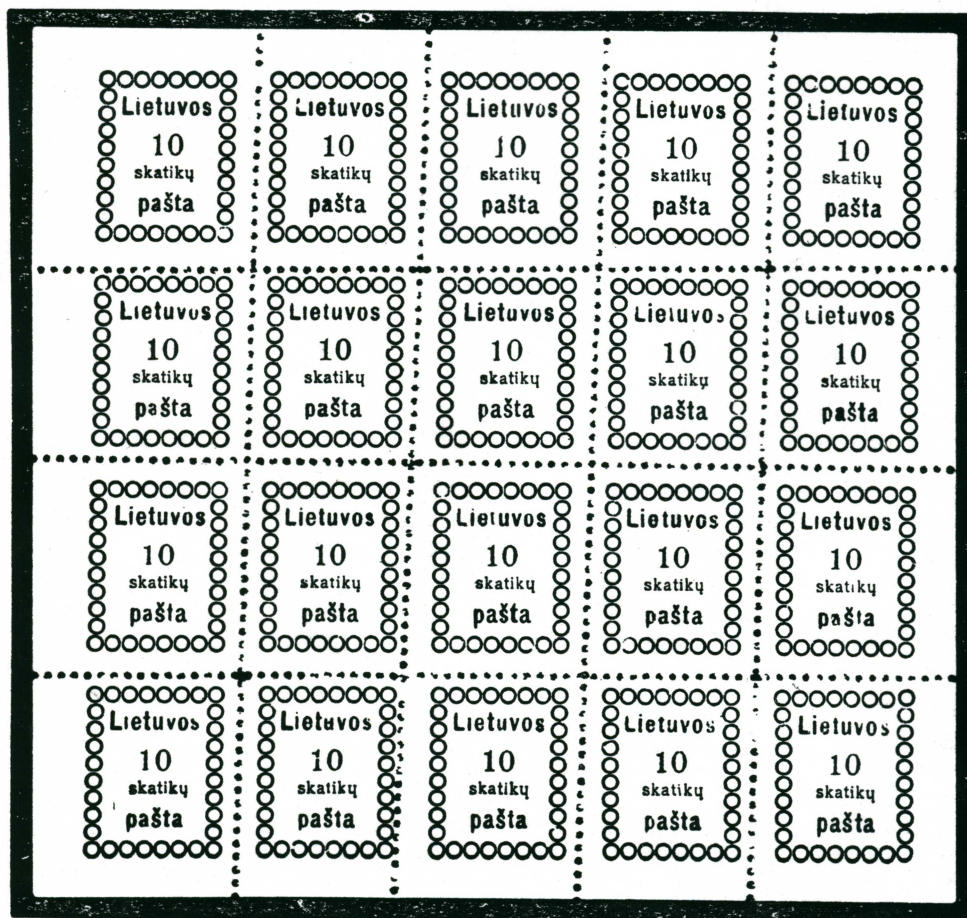
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40th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

In commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York, we are pleased to be able to present to our members a number of historical documents (all translated from their original Lithuanian) by our Vice President and Charter Member Algirdas Ruzgas. The first document announces a charter meeting of the then unnamed Society. Said notice was sent to prospective members and friends by eleven "initiators". We have attempted to translate the material as correctly and honestly as possible. To the extent that any member(s) find any of the writings objectionable, our aim is to accurately portray the events of the time of our founding as they were written, allowing each member to read and interpret the events without editorializing.

ATTENTION LITHUANIAN STAMP COLLECTORS

Lithuanian stamp collectors residing in the Eastern U.S. have decided to organize in order to help each other collect as many Lithuanian stamps as possible in the hands of Lithuanian nationals, to preserve the Lithuanian nations postage stamp treasuries. The young Republic of Lithuania's beautiful and historical stamps, printed in the years 1918 - 1919 and 1920 - 1922 were quickly in the hands of foreign dealers before Lithuanian nationals were able to collect them and thus became difficult to obtain.

Because of the Second World War, many collectors left their homelands without their collections of later issues. Also, as a consequence of the war, many stamps were removed from Lithuania to other parts of Europe, especially Germany; and from there collections moved to the U.S.

President Roosevelt, the former King Farouk of Egypt and prominent personalities have rich stamp collections. These collections are being sold in the U.S. stamp market as are Lithuanian stamp collections.

Therefore, as above outlined and motivated, we have decided to call a founding meeting for collectors on April 4, 1954 at 12:00 (p.m.) at the Winter Garden Hall of V. Beleckas, 1883 Madison Street, Ridgewood, N.Y. Those of you who are unable to participate in the meeting, please mail us your name, address and questions regarding the above, addressing same to Mr. V. Beleckas at the Winter Garden Hall. To those of you who have friends, please let them know about this important meeting.

All others please come to this meeting.

Initiators: P.A. Bubnis, K. Matuzas, A. Ruzgas, M. Slapsys, Felix Zabelskis, Jurgis Zabelskis, N.Y.
J. Inciura, Worcester, MA.
P. Didzbalis, Prof. J. Zilevicius, Elizabeth, N.J.
J. A. Buchness, M.D., Baltimore, MD.
P. Chepnis, St. James, L.I., N.Y.

The second document is a translation of the minutes of the first meeting. The Society is honored to still have as members of our Society and contributors four of the original participants; Algirdas Ruzgas, Charles Matuzas, Vincent Alones and Algirdas Vizbara. All four have over the years and today contributed mightily to the works and success of our Society. Also to answer a question, I'm sure at least one member will write in about, unfortunately, no photographs exist of the first meeting or we would have included same in this Bulletin.

MINUTES

The Charter meeting took place at V. Beleckas' Winter Garden Hall, 1883 Madison Street, Ridgewood, N. Y. on April 4, 1954.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by one of the organizers of this Society, Mr. Charles Matuzas, who gave an introductory speech. Algirdas Ruzgas was elected as the first Secretary and invited to record the minutes of the meeting.

During the meeting the following were elected by a majority of participants: (it was also determined there would be four Society Officers)

President: Charles Matuzas
Vice President: Peter Bubnis
Secretary: Algirdas Ruzgas
Treasurer: Mykolas Slapsys

The members also agreed the Society would use two languages; Lithuanian and English, that "Darbininkas" and "Vienybe" of Brooklyn and "Draugas" of Chicago would be used to publicize Society events in the Lithuanian language and that Walter Norton would determine what U. S. press to inform and would inform them.

The members determined that Society meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Winter Garden Hall. Also that until further notice, dues will be \$1.00 plus \$.10 per meeting. Finally, the members determined to name the Society "The Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York"

At the end of the first meeting W. E. Norton displayed his collection, which he had prepared to show at the next Chicago LPS Show.

The participants of the first meeting were:

Algirdas Ruzgas, Brooklyn N.Y.
John Norton, Lynbrook, N.Y.
W. E. Norton, Philadelphia, PA
J. A. Buchness, M. D., Baltimore, MD
A. Bendorius, Brooklyn, N.Y.
H. Miklasevicius, Great Neck, N.Y.
B. Matulionis, Garden City, N.Y.
C. Matuzas, Richmond Hill, N.Y.
Felix Zabelskis, Flushing, N.Y.
George Zabelskis, Flushing, N.Y.
Mykolas Slapsys, Richmond Hill, N.Y.
Peter Bubnis, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Vincent Alones, Floral Park, N.Y.
Algirdas Vizbara, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Zigmas Raulinaitis, Brooklyn, N.Y.
P. Didzbalis, Elizabeth, N.J.
Teodoras Yagella, Maspeth, N.Y.

Also, two out of town collectors wrote us they were unable to attend this meeting:

Bronius Abramonis, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Vladas Keiba, Amsterdam, N. Y.

Third is a translation of Bulletin #1

Bulletin #1 Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York

Dedicated to members who live to far from our meeting place and can't come or are just lazy.

At our March 3 meeting at C. Matuzas' home we discussed a trip to Atlantic City, N.J. Also, members were shown part of C. Matuzas' film project about Lithuanian postage stamps. Engineer W. E. Norton from Philadelphia came despite heavy rain. Also, a new member, J. Mulevich attended.

New York Lithuanian Philatelic Society members on March 19 - 20 visited the New Jersey Philatelic Club Show in Atlantic City. Dr. J. A. Buchness came from Baltimore and Engineer W. E. Norton came from Philadelphia. All participants took part in the banquet and after that there was an interesting lecture with color slides and illustrated forged postage stamps. All Lithuanian club members stayed at the Lithuanian Alliance in America House located on the Atlantic Ocean (the Lithuanian Alliance owns this property). All participants had a good time and all promised to return next year. "If you collect stamps and your business does not allow you enough time, than drop your business", said one dealer during the banquet.

In Canada, Toronto Lithuanian stamp collectors are organizing a club.

In 1956, New York City will have a major stamp show. It will be taking place at the newly built Coliseum now under construction. All Lithuanians should participate in it. A Lithuanian stamp catalogue is our dream, our goal in the future. Our neighbor, Chicago Lithuanian Philatelic Society members have a good beginning of material. Perhaps, we will work together on this.

A. Vizbara has produced at his own expense a stereo type block trial catalogue illustration of Vilnius Issue #6, 30sk denomination sheet. All members will be receiving this sheet with greetings.

April 4 will be one year since the Society was founded. During this period of time many of our members have advanced their collections and knowledge.

The Society of Philatelic American's Journal (last years Nov. issue) printed a long, interesting and illustrated article by Engineer W. E. Norton about the 1918 Vilnius issues.

Some of our Society members made advance plans while in Atlantic City with Dr. J. A. Buchness to visit him in Baltimore at his residence and view his valuable Lithuanian postage stamp collection which overflows a very large box. On the weekend of May 14 and 15, six members visited his home. This American of Lithuanian decent has collected Lithuanian stamps for many years and owns a very large collection. For two days, the guests, with little interruption, viewed very scarce philatelic items until the late evening hours. On Sunday, the guests went home unable to see all of Buchness' stamps. He had the first two Vilinius issues and the three Kaunas issues in full sheets, with all errors and varieties; scarce and expensive covers, all with different cancellations; their history facinated us. Buchness had Russian, German, French, Polish and Latvian stamps used in Lithuanian territories with Lithuanian town names; Poland #1 with a 1857 Kaisiadorys cancellation on cover; Twelve Darius and Girenas covers including five souvenir type covers signed by the fliers and Vaitkus covers

signed by Vaitkus. Also, he had many counterfeits in his collection and provided us with an explanation of how we could protect ourselves. Dr. Buchness is a specialist of high grade. He is very popular and well liked by Lithuanians as well as Americans. He is a participant at many stamp shows. When in doubt, we always ask him his advice.

The large stamp firm of Harmers auctioned a deceased dealers material. There were 4681 lots and 200 of them were Lithuanian stamps in large quantities. The auction was "hot". Total amount realised for the Lithuanian stamps was \$4,571.00; a few of our members bought \$861.00 worth; some members bought lots jointly.

On June 5 of this year we will have elections for new club officers. This meeting will be the last one before summer vacation. However, more active members will continue to meet informally during these months with other members. Those of you who are interested in summertime meetings, let an officer know.

We wish you all a restful vacation whether in the neighborhood or far away. Come back this fall with renewed energy to continue our work.

AUCTION 168 RESULTS

Lot# 908	\$385.00	Lot# 918	\$36.00
916	\$42.00	922	\$8.00
917	\$36.00		

All other lots in this Auction did not sell (except note the high bid for the Grodno was for the set of covers). Any member who wishes to purchase any of the unsold lots from Auction 168 may do so (on a first come first served basis) by sending a check to Vincent Alones at the address on the Table of Contents page for the minimum bid plus postage and insurance as per our auction rules.

VIDEO FOR SALE

The Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York has released a 30 minute video cassette "Postage Stamps of Lithuania," its early issues. This is a transfer from a 16 mm. film made a good many years ago and shown to some clubs and lately on a TV program. Excerpts are added from a documentary that was shown in 1943 to the Congress and Senate, when the Lithuanian American Council lobbied the the U.S. not recognize the occupation and incorporation of

Lithuania into the Soviet Union. The video is narrated by Andrew Kapochunas and the musical score of Ciurlionis piano sonatas is rendered by Vytautas Landsbergis. The price of the video is \$27.00 postpaid. To order write: Charles Matuzas, 107-33 117th St., Richmond Hill, NY 11419.

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

George B. Lindberg

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

40th Anniversary Commemorative Envelopes

We are pleased to announce and display on page 9269 of this Bulletin a commemorative envelope and cancellation created by one of our members (while he was in Lithuania) in honor of our 40th Anniversary. Astute members will notice that the date on the covers and on the Kaunas Senasis Pastas special cancel mistakenly list the date of our founding as April 24, 1954 when it was actually April 04, 1954, but as is the case with the recent U.S.P.S.' "William Pickett" issue, said mistakes should in no way negatively affect their collectability.

The New York LPS cachet is in black ink. Printing/availability is as follows:

12 mint white envelopes
48 franked and cancelled unaddressed white envelopes
20 mint tan envelopes
40 franked and cancelled unaddressed tan envelopes
20 mint lilac envelopes
39 franked and cancelled unaddressed lilac envelopes
20 mint light blue envelopes
40 franked and cancelled unaddressed light blue envelopes
0 (none, not a misprint) mint green envelopes
60 franked and cancelled unaddressed green envelopes

Three different issues of Lithuanian stamps were used to frank the covers. Each of the mint envelopes is available for \$.25 each plus postage. Each of the cancelled covers is available for \$1.00 each plus postage. We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Commemorative Envelopes

The LPSNY has also had printed an LPSNY cachet on a number 11 envelope in commemoration of the restoration of Lithuania's independence. The LPSNY had about 500 of these covers cancelled with the special U.S. Postal Service cancellation produced for Lithpex XXIII; 1/3 dated October 26, 1990, 1/3 dated October 27, 1990, and 1/3 dated October 28, 1990. Set of 3 dates \$3.00 postpaid. Individual covers \$1.25 each postpaid (your choice of date(s)).

Back Issues of the LPSNY Bulletin
Bulletin #'s 1-168 - \$2.50 each postpaid.

Postage stamps of Lithuania,
\$20.00 postpaid.

Handbook Price List Supplement
\$10.00 postpaid.

Lithuanian Postage Stamp Album
For local issues, souvenir stamps and occupation stamps; heavy stock, over 50 pages. Contains Lithuanian stamps overprinted by other countries; displaced persons camp issues with souvenir sheets, cinderellas. There are no Scott numbered stamps in this album. \$18.00 postpaid.

Kindly send your orders to Vincent W. Alones, by check made payable to Vincent W. Alones (in U.S. funds only) at the address listed on the Table of Contents page.

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PHILATELIC SOCIETY



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FILATELISTŲ DRAUGIJA

ANNOUNCEMENT

The LPSNY will again have a booth at the November 3-6, 1994 "Postage Stamp Mega-Event (see ad on page 9270). Any volunteers to man the booth should contact Vincent Alones.

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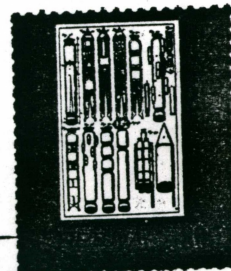
COMMEMORATIVE, SPECIAL AND FIRST DAY CANCELLATIONS OF THE RE-ESTABLISHED REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA - PART VII

by Andrew Kapochunas

- SC87. April 24, 1994: VILNIUS-C, Tadas Kosciuska, The Insurrection of 1794.** Sword & oak leaf cancel, used in conjunction with an unstamped *Pašto Ženklas* cacheted envelope (43,000 printed), both designed by R. Rozytė. On this date in 1794, 2,328 insurgents signed an act of rebellion against the Russians in front of the city hall in Vilnius. On March 24, an "Act of the Insurrection" had been announced in Cracow, and Kosciuska was named supreme chief of state with dictatorial powers. The Second Partition of the Commonwealth of Poland and Lithuania had occurred the year before, and the hero of the recent American Revolution, Lithuanian through his ancestor, princess Anna of Galšia in 1509, had been asked to lead a revolt against the Russians. In his proclamation to Polish and Lithuanian armies, he said: "All are equal before me, the nobles and the clergy, burghers, peasants and Jews. The first step toward overthrowing slavery is to dare to be free; the first step to victory is to realize your own strength." Lithuanians fought long and hard, with 7,000 losing their lives in defense of Warsaw alone. The rebellion was crushed by November, and Kosciuska was imprisoned in St. Petersburg for two years.
- SC88. May 7, 1994: KAUNAS-C, KNYGNEŠYS (Book carriers) 1864-1904-1994.** No design credit from *P-Ž*, no official cacheted envelope. Commemorating those who smuggled books and periodicals into Lithuania, primarily from East Prussia, during the Russian ban on Lithuanian publications, 1864-1904. Many "smugglers" either lost their lives or were imprisoned. Bishop Valančius was the first to publish Lithuanian books abroad for distribution in Lithuania, and many of the smugglers were priests under his direction.
- SC89. May 7, 1994: VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR, EUROPA.** Circular date stamp used on the first day of issue of the Second Europa stamp, #99. The cancel, unstamped *P-Ž* cacheted envelope (54,000 printed) and the stamp were all designed by K. Katkus.
- SC90. May 21, 1994: VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR .** Circular date stamp with top of wayside cross within. Used in conjunction with first day of issue of the souvenir sheet (#100) commemorating issuance of the 100th stamp since the reestablishment of independence by *P-Ž*. The cancel, as well as the sheet, was designed by V. Skabeikienė. No official cacheted envelope.
- SC91. June 4, 1994: TRAKAI, PILIS (castle).** Oversized circular date stamp depicting Trakai castle. The cancel and unstamped cacheted envelopes (listed by *P-Ž*, but with no official markings on the back or inside -- a total of 40,000 in three sizes were printed by WALKI Paberisto, Estonia!) were designed by I. Načiulytė. They depict the Island Castle in Lake Galvė, originally built between 1400 and 1410 by Vytautas the Great. The only time it was ever damaged by war was in the Muscovite invasion of 1655. Neglect was its most damaging opponent, and a major restoration was undertaken after WWII.
- SC92. June 14, 1994: KAUNAS-C, TAUTOS TREMTIS (national deportations), 1941.** Circular date stamp depicting a polar bear with grave crosses in the background, commemorating the national deportations which followed Soviet occupation. No official cacheted envelope.
- SC93. June 25, 1994: VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR.** Circular date stamp with sun and rays used in conjunction with the first day of issue of the three stamps depicting Folk Costumes of *Žemaicių*, numbers 101-103. Used in conjunction with an unstamped *P-Ž* cacheted envelope.



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SC94. July 6 - 16, 1994: VILNIUS-5, LIETUVOS FILATIJOS PARODA (philatelic exhibition). Circular date stamp with post horn and stamp depicting pillars of Gediminas. The editorial board of the exhibition: Vytautas Doniela, Anatolijus Mitrofanus, Romanas Podagelis, Algis Preikša, Petras Rutkauskas, Zbignevas Steponavičius and Ričardas Vainora. Perhaps one of these gentlemen would write a summary of the exhibition for our members?

SC95. July 6, 1994: VILNIUS-C, PREMIER JOUR - PASAULIO LIETUVIŲ DAINŲ ŠVENTĖ (world Lithuanian song festival). Circular date stamp with globe, musical note and Lithuanian flag. Used in conjunction with unstamped cacheted P-Ž envelope on the first day of the festival.

LETTER FROM A MEMBER:

June 6, 1994

Kaunas, Lithuania

Dear Mr. Kapochunas:

Bulletin #168, page 9253, discussed the special cancel (SC73, November 22, 1993) commemorating the Kražiai Massacre. This postmark in Kražiai was in violet ink, and only in violet. There was no black ink at the post office. Black postmarks were made in Vilnius, later, for the philatelic trade.

Ričardas Vainora



SC88



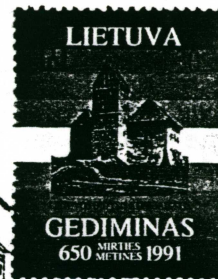
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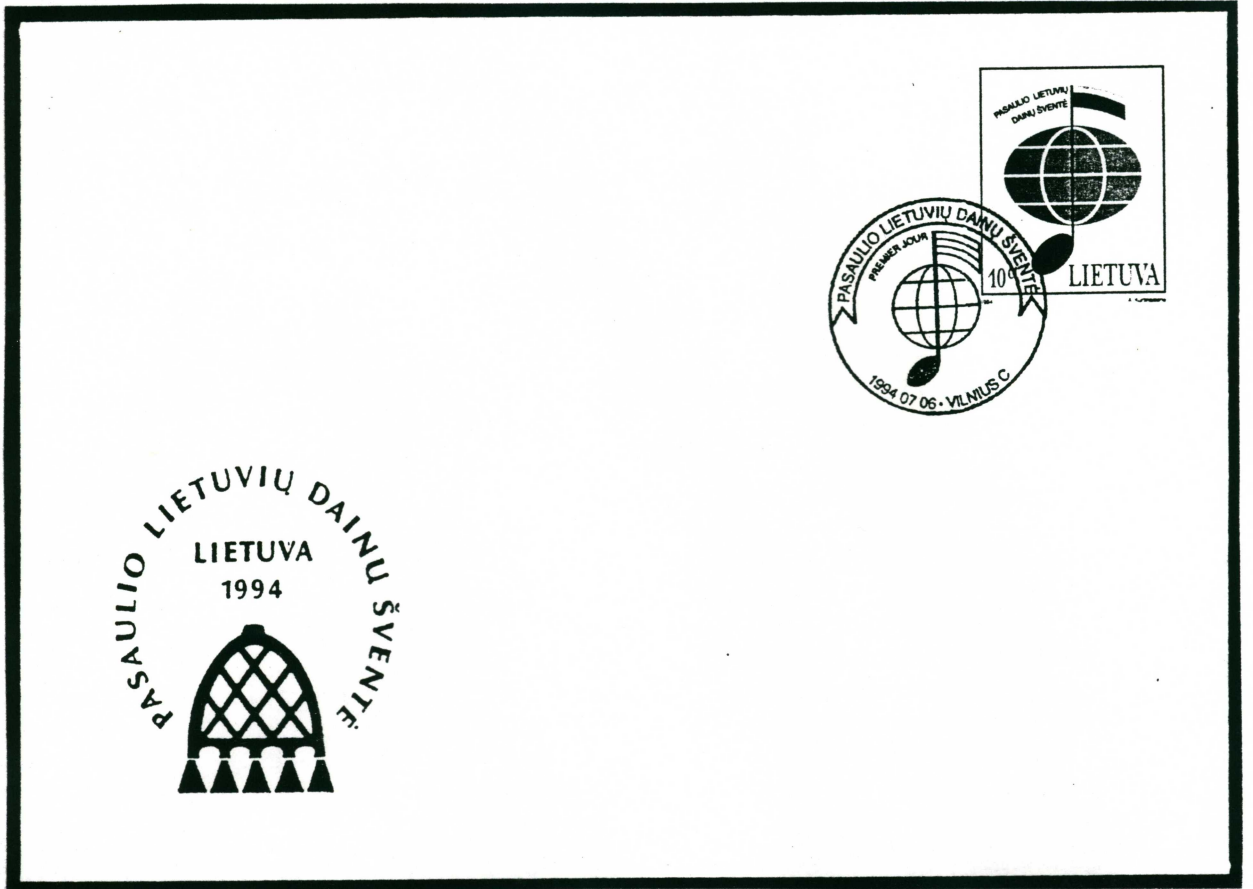
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NEW POSTAGE STAMPS OF LITHUANIA - PART X

by Andrew Kapochunas

41st Issue
May 7, 1994

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Second Europa Issue

Lithuania's second "Europa" issue was designed by K. Katkus -- who also designed the country's first "Europa" issue, new Lithuania #88, Scott #472, described in the last issue of this Bulletin. Continuing the connection with that first issue, #99 also was printed offset on white paper, with shiny gum, in sheets of 50, perforated 12, in Moscow by Gosnak Printers. Unlike that previous issue, the design is not Tête Bêche. (The editors at Scott, in their wisdom, have assigned number 491 to this issue, skipping eight catalog numbers from the 10 centas Vytis issue of April 9, their number 482. Their idea, I believe, is to allow additional, yet-to-be-issued, identical Vytis-design denominations to be inserted in sequence. Two new Vytis designs were issued July 23, and are discussed later in this article.)

99: 80 ct **17th Century Rocket Drawing by Kazimieras Simonavičius;**
shades of gray with blue type. Sc #491, value: 52¢ never hinged; 25¢ used.
Printing: 500,000

The stamp illustration is captioned: "ARTIS MAGNÆ ARTILLERIÆ. 1650 m. Amsterdam." I have not been able to find any data on Mr. Simonavičius and how, in the 17th century, he came to be drawing pictures of rockets. If any of our members can enlighten us, we will be certain to publish the information in our next issue.

Meanwhile, what is a "Europa" stamp, and why is Lithuania issuing them? An informative article on the subject appears in the August 1994 issue of Scott's Stamp Monthly. "Europa" stamps were first printed in 1956 by an agricultural and industrial consortium of six European nations: Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. All the stamps illustrated a common symbol representing "Rebuilding Europe:" a construction scaffold before the word "Europa" depicted as a vertical monument, with a neutral flag furled behind the structure. In 1959, CEPT -- the Conference of European Posts and Telecommunications -- was created to foster unity between participating countries, and to facilitate inter-country mail and telecommunications.

In 1960, the word "CEPT" was added to Europa stamp issues, which were, by then, being issued by 19 European countries. The original concept of a common design was already fading, and by 1974 the Europa/CEPT symbol was a minor inclusion in designs bound together only by motif: sculpture in 1974, landscapes in 1976, Columbus in 1992, etc. Souvenir and mini-sheets are now being issued along with single stamps. Lithuania now is one of 45 participating yearly issuers, along with the rest of Eastern Europe, and the "Europa/CEPT" symbol has been replaced by just the word "Europa."

42nd Issue
May 21, 1994

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100th Stamp Issue Souvenir Sheet

Pašto Ženklas, to commemorate the 100th stamp issued since the reestablishment of independence, created a souvenir sheet designed by V. Skabeikienė. Printed offset on white paper with dull gum in Budapest, it bears a 10 Litas stamp, perforated 12, with a design based on the first, "Angel" issue. The cost of the sheet, 12 Litas, is printed on the sheet, as is the phrase "Restored Independence, 100th Issue of *Pašto Ženklas*."

100: 10 Lt

First Issue; green, dull purple and dull yellow
Printing: 50,000

43rd Issue
June 25, 1994

Folk Costumes of *Žemaičių* (People of the Lowlands, or The Samogitians)

The third set in a series begun in 1992 with the folk costumes of *Suvalkiečiai*, and continued last year with those of the *Dzūkai*. All were designed by R. Lelytė. The first set was printed in Leipzig, the next two by Gosnak Printers, Moscow. This third set was printed offset on white paper with shiny gum, perforated 12, in sheets of 50. Each stamp is multicolored and was printed in an edition of 500,000.



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Giving credit, as usual, to the "Encyclopedia Lituanica," 1978, Boston, Mass., *Žemaičių* means both "The Lowlanders" and "of the Samogitians." The "lowland" is western Lithuania, a land of farms, forests and marshes bounded in the East by the river Nevėžis, gateway to the hills of eastern Lithuania where the *Aukštaičiai*, the highlanders, live. The major cities today are Tauragė, Telšiai and Raseiniai.

It has always been a land apart, with none of its princes ascending to Lithuania's throne apart from Vykintas' son Treniotas, who helped assassinate Mindaugas in 1263, and who was, himself, murdered in 1264. The area and its stubborn people kept two branches of the Teutonic knights from being joined -- the Livonian Knights of the Sword and the Prussian Knights of the Cross -- for hundreds of years. That doggedness kept the rest of Lithuania safe from Germany's "*Drang nach Osten.*"

They were the last Lithuanians to accept Christianity, and their local government remained based on the *seniūnas*, the village elder, long after the rest of Lithuania had been divided up into the "palatinates" of the Polish system. In the 19th century, it was in Samogitia that the independence movement found its strongest support, as well as some of its most notable proponents: Simonas Daukantas and Bishop Valančius. More recently, Samogitian folk dress -- bright colors, broad stripes and checks -- traditional dwelling types and dialect serve as reminders of a unique history within Lithuania.

44th Issue
July 6, 1994

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World Lithuanian Song Festival

Designed by A. Kurtinaitienė, this stamp was issued the day before the official opening of the 70th Lithuanian Song Festival which, for the first time, was international in participation. The stamp was printed offset on white paper with dull gum, perforated 12, in sheets of 50, in Budapest.

104 10ct Song Festival green globe on light blue, yellow-green-red flag
Printing: 500,000

27,000 Lithuanians from all over the world participated in processions, songs and dances at the World Lithuanian Song Festival, held on July 7 - 10. It marked an end to the fragmentation of the world's Lithuanian community. As reported in The Baltic Independent, Pre-Song-Festival events started July 2 with a group of Lithuanian-Australians performing folk dances and songs in Trakai, Kaunas and Vilnius. On July 4, groups from Chicago, Poland and Mažeikiai held concerts in Vilnius.

The festival officially opened in Kaunas, July 7, at the Freedom Monument and the Monument to the Unknown Soldier. The festival closed in Vilnius, President Brazauskas attending, with an evening of songs and fireworks in Vingis Park. At what may have been the high point, 10,000 spectators filled the benches and lined the hillsides in Vilnius' Park of Hills at sunset July 9 to see 1,500 musicians, singers and dancers perform ancient pagan music and dances in three major compositions: Spring Festival, From Dawn to Dusk, and May Day.



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45th Issue
July 23, 1994

Vytis

The series continues with the highest denominations yet in a regular issue. They pay no specific rate. The designer is A. Každailis, who also did the previous two Vytis stamps issued in April. The design has changed, most notably in that Každailis' name appears on the new issue. The printer has changed, from Moscow's Goznak to Budapest. Both issues are printed offset on white paper, perforated 12, but the Moscow issue has shiny gum, while the Budapest issue has dull gum. Also new is the reappearance of selva markings -- small boxes that appear to be printing guides.

- 105 2Lt** Vytis white knight with blue and orange trim on red shield, black type on salmon background
Printing: 500,000
- 106 3Lt** Vytis white knight with blue and orange trim on red shield, black type on light green background
Printing: 500,000

CONGRATULATIONS!

August 10, 1994

Congratulations on your 40th anniversary! Through the activity of its renowned members such as Walter Norton, Charles Matuzas and Vincent Alones, the Lithuanian Philatelic Society of New York has made a significant contribution to Lithuanian philately and culture.

These men, as well as other philatelic "greats," have enabled the society to flourish and to bring many benefits to its membership.

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PAŠTO ŽENKLAS STAMP ISSUING PLANS FOR 1994-1995

<u>Projected Issue #(s)</u>	<u>Projected Issue Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
107-109	Sept. 10, '94	Coats of Arms: <i>Dzūkijos</i>
110-111	Oct. 22, '94	The "Red Book" of endangered species: mammals
112-114	Nov. 12, '94	Notable Architecture: Town Halls
115	Dec. 25, '94	Christmas
116-117	Feb. 16, '95	Signers of the Declaration of Independence: Pranas Dovydaitis (1866-1942) Steponas Kairys (1878-1964)
118	March 11, '95	Fifth Anniversary of Renewed Independence, as a souvenir sheet
119	April 29, '95	Europa: Peace and Harmony
120-122	May 20, '95	Folk Costumes: <i>Aukštaičiu</i>
123-125	June 4, '95	Famous People: Žemaitė: writer (1845-1921) Bishop Motiejus Valančius: patriot (1801-1875) Kipras Petrauskas: tenor (1886-1968)
126	July 8, '95	World Lithuanian Sport Games
127-128	Aug. 26, '95	The "Red Book": butterflies and moths
129-131	Sept. 16, '95	Coats of Arms: <i>Suvalkijos</i>
132	Oct. 6, '95	250th Anniversary, birth of Pranciškas Smuglevičius (Franciszek Smuglewicz) (1745-1807), internationally renowned Samogitian painter

STAMPS WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION

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