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Today's Collector
New Opportunities

Stamps Take On Holiday



Remember when you could send a Holiday card for a nickel?

Each year around this time, the weather often worsens. People plan to endure heavy traffic and travel, but hey, it's the Holidays. For years, we collectors have spent our time with family and friends and pursuing our hobbies. For me, it's philately; even as a kid, I loved spending school holidays poring over my stamp collection. My brother, on the other hand, spent his time reviewing mail-order catalogs for the coins he wanted. Of course, he would try to get me excited with praise for coins and criticize stamps. Funny enough, I am still involved with my stamps. David, my brother, moved on from coins after an early retirement as a mail-order seller of shiny, rare coins. He now collects ancient rocks, antiques, and old paintings as a hobby. Today, I'm working on my weekly messages to wish you a wonderful time with your hobbies, family, and friends.



Sometimes the Christmas cards were religious. But all were filled with best wishes.

Enjoy!

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