

# The PhilateliKid

The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)

Collect Stamps (The Most Educational Hobby)

[www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org](http://www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org)

September 1, 2021 **Stay Safe Indoors! Collect Stamps!**

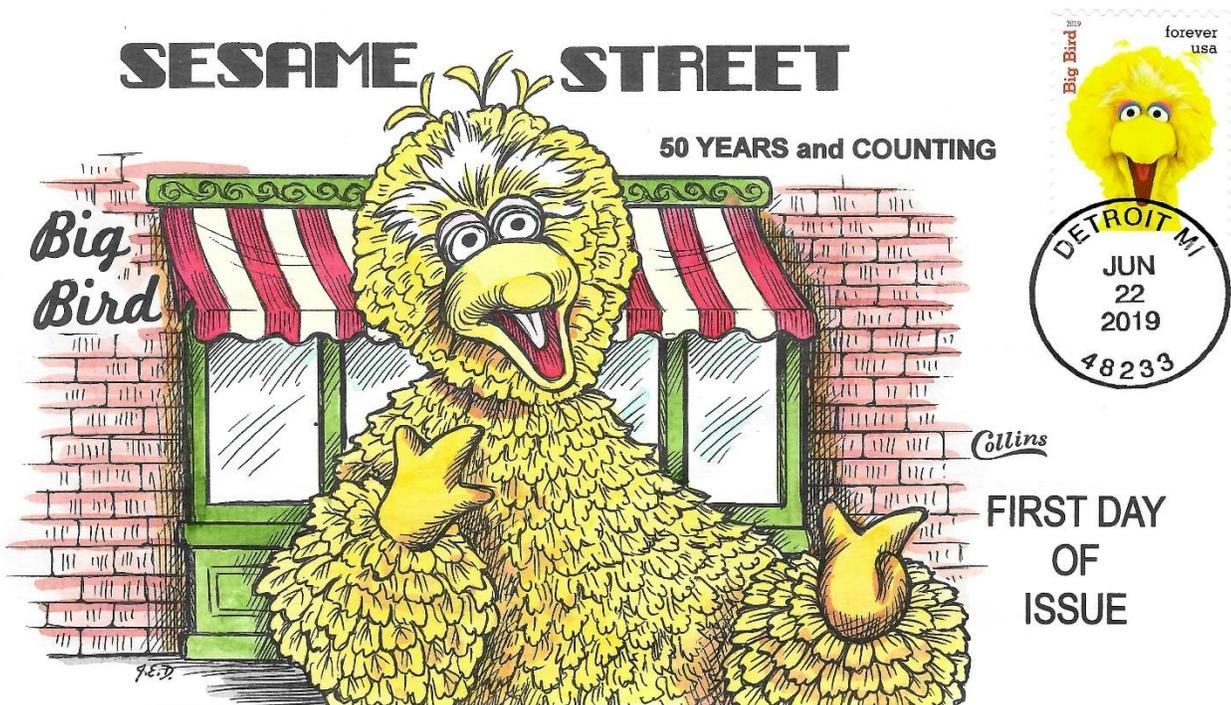
New Address! (e-mail and phone number have not changed)

Stamp Collecting Clubs For Kids

P. O. Box 389

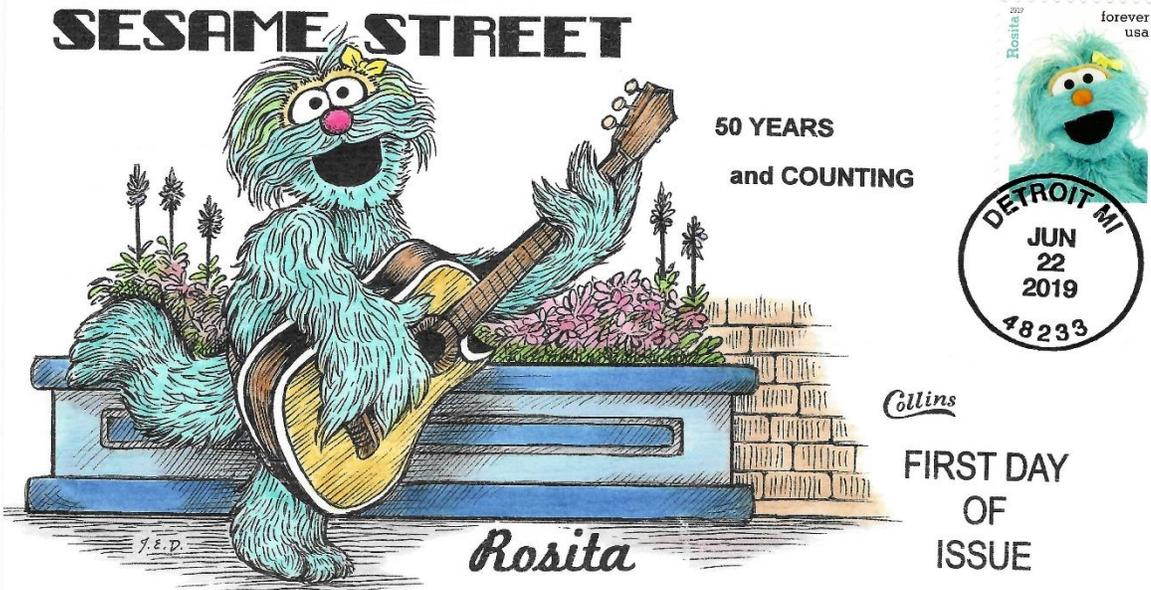
Windsor, PA 17366-0389

## Fun with First Day Covers

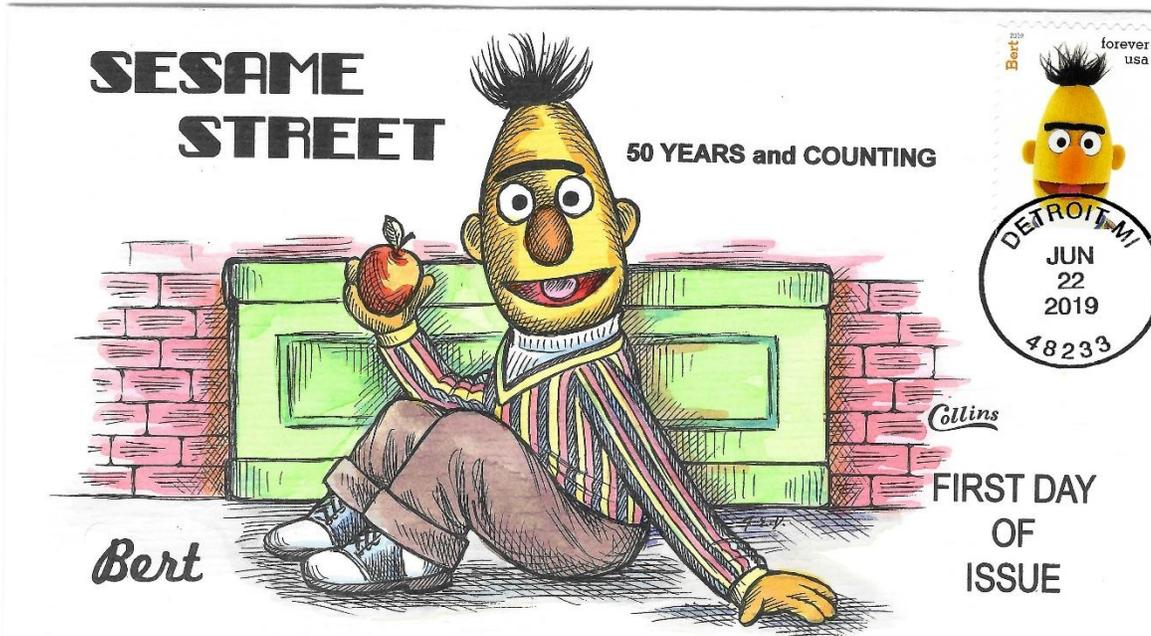


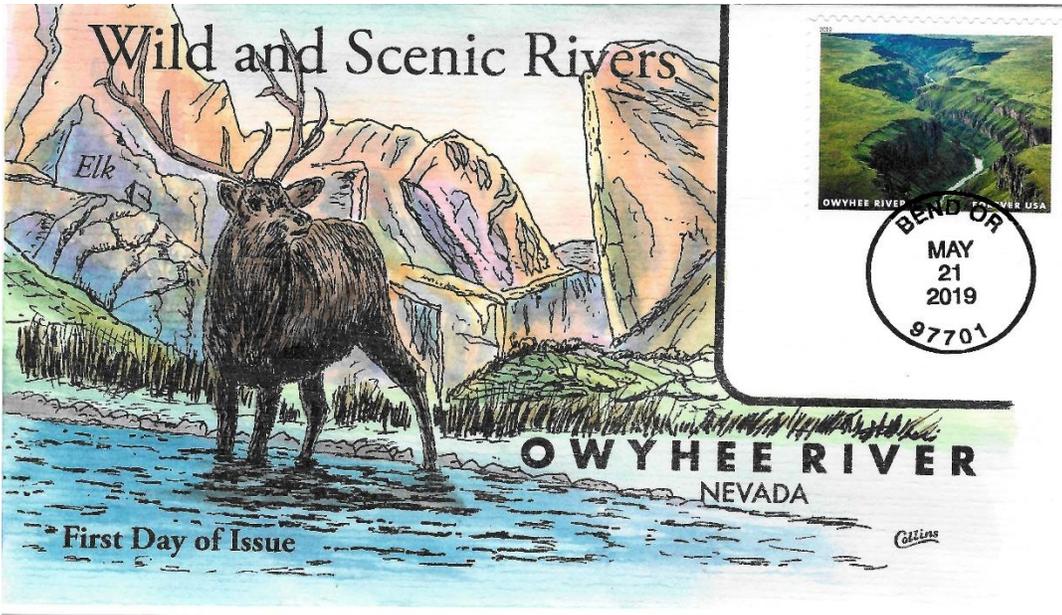
This first day cover has a hand painted cachet. Among stamp collectors a first day cover is an envelope with a stamp on it that is cancelled on the very first day that the stamp was available for sale to the public. A cachet is any information or decoration printed, painted, or drawn on the envelope. Note that in small letters, just above the word "FIRST"

is the name "Collins." That is the last name of the artist who created the cachet, Fred Collins. Many people consider Fred Collins to be the premier cachet maker for First Day Covers, He can be reached at P.O. Box 188, Allentown, NJ 08501-0188. Write to him and ask to be put on his mailing list. Most of his hand-painted cachets sell (from him directly) for under \$20. Fred has been making cachets for over 40 years, and some of his older cachets sell for hundreds of dollars! Check it out on the internet.



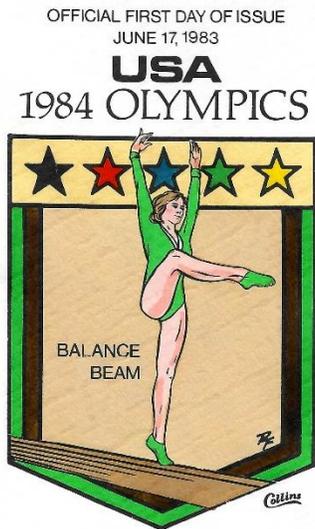
A couple more Sesame Street First Day Covers with cachets by Collins.



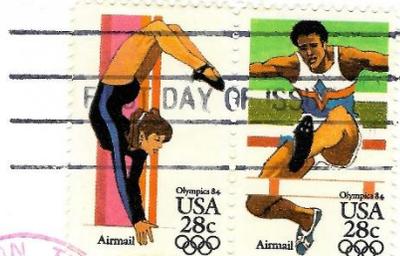


One of a series of Collins hand-painted cachets for the Wild and Scenic Rivers

A Collins cachet for stamps issued in advance of the 1984 Olympic Games. Note the cancellation the top 2 stamps is San Antonio, TX, which was the designated city where stamps were sold on the first day only. After getting that cancellation on the top two stamps, Collins added the bottom two stamps, drove to Fowlerton, TX and had the bottom two stamps cancelled the same day. Trivia question: Do you know where the 1984 Summer Olympics were held? (Answer at



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



bottom of last page.)

A cachet from Fleetwood (not hand-painted.) Note "Fleetwood" is written just below the picture in tiny letters.



FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

This First Day Cover is almost 70 years old!



A Fleetwood color cachet from 1953. Note how the envelope has discolored to an off-white color, except for a white area going diagonally from just below the word "FIRST" in the cancellation to the lower right corner.

This is the reverse side of the above First Day Cover. The paper for the envelope not only has discolored, but the glue that is used to manufacture this FDC envelope has turned brown, and if you look carefully at the cachet above, it has created the white area on the obverse side. First Day Covers which are dis-

colored like this are frequent, and collectors prefer "cleaner" copies. One way to avoid the obverse from being damaged by the glue is to place an acid-free stiffener inside the envelope before the damage occurs. Unfortunately, little can be done to repair the damage has occurred.

For more information about First Day Covers, go to the website for the American First Day Cover Society. [www.afdcs.org](http://www.afdcs.org) or contact them at: AFDCS Central Office, PO Box 246, Colonial Beach, VA 22443-0246 phone (540) 940-1629

Answer to Trivia Question: Los Angeles, California

**Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids** is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are greatly appreciated and if \$10 or more you will be sent a written receipt. You also can donate via PayPal on our website - [www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org](http://www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org) or [www.yummystampcollecting.org](http://www.yummystampcollecting.org) which redirects you to the same website.

© Robert W. Martin, 2021

Issue 78