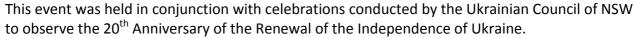
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The Ukrainian Collectibles Society (UCS) of Australia staged the 3rd National Ukrainian Collectibles Exhibition UCSPEX 2011 at the Ukrainian Youth Hall in Lidcombe, Sydney, between 27-28th August 2011.



To commemorate this milestone event the UCS released a specially commissioned souvenir Personalised Stamp and envelope. Designed by Ukrainian-born Adelaide artist Ulyana Grechaniuk, her unique and distinctive butterfly motif symbolises the emerging transformation of Ukraine. The Mother Ukraina envelope motif depicts both the classic 1918 Allegorical Ukraine and a modern youthful proud face which is looking forward to a hopeful, bright and defiant future.

The souvenir envelope was postmarked at the Lidcombe 2141 post office on 24th August, the actual date of independence, and was officially released by the Charge d'Affairs a.i. of Ukraine in Australia Mr. Stanislav Stashevskyi at the opening of UCSPEX 2011 on 27 August.



A total of 2,100 stamps (105 sheets of 20 stamps) including 300 first day covers (FDC) were released. The UCS has retained a quantity of stamps and FDC for sale. Interested persons should contact one of the officers named below for purchase details.

Stamps - \$1.50 each FDC - \$5.00 each

Photographs of the exhibition can be seen on the following websites:

https://picasaweb.google.com/103027822885947798979/August242011#

https://picasaweb.google.com/103027822885947798979/UkrainianCollectiblesSocietyExhibition

http://www.flickr.com/photos/moravski/sets/72157627413139859/

https://picasaweb.google.com/107957973075500447730/Exhibition

In November 2011 the UCS will release the next issues of the *Ukrainian Heritage in Australia* series. The planned stamps and envelopes will be dedicated to the Ukrainian Autocephalic Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Youth Association PLAST for its centenary.

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We invite you to purchase this unique souvenir and support Ukrainian art in Australia.