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

This event was held in conjunction with celebrations conducted by the Ukrainian Council of NSW to observe the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Renewal of the Independence of Ukraine.

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.