# NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM SELF-GUIDE

# **New on Exhibit**

Begin your visit with the video Stamps: An American Journey at the **VIDEO CENTER** 

Discover the work of Postal Inspectors from yesterday and today. Try your hand at solving postal crimes and learn how to protect yourself from mail fraud in **POSTAL INSPECTORS:** THE SILENT SERVICE

See the most famous U.S. stamp error, the inverted Jenny, currently on display in Rarity Revealed: The Benjamin *K. Miller Collection* in the **STAMP GALLERY** 

## **Don't Miss These Postal Treasures**

**Owney**: the mascot of the Railway Mail Service. **MOVING THE MAIL** 

Mudwagon: climb in and hear stories of crossing the American West with the mail. **BINDING THE NATION** 

USS Oklahoma Handstamp: recovered from Pearl Harbor after December 7, 1941. **ART OF CARDS & LETTERS** 

**1917 5-cent Errors:** See the signed and approved plate proof errors imbedded in a sheet of 2-cent stamps. We've found one, you hunt for the other 2. US frame #41 **US AND INTERNATIONAL STAMP GALLERY** 



**Stamp Gallery** 

story. Changing

collection of US

**Stamp Gallery** 

This room holds

light damage. Pull

one out to see the

stamps inside.

stamps.

This art exhibit features icons of American history and culture designed by giants of American illustration.



# **Art of Cards & Letters**

Visit the emotional heart of the museum to see and hear the letters that have brought soldiers closer to the people they left behind. Also learn about the evolution of the American envelope.



### 10 3 Every stamp tells a 9 exhibits showcase a variety of stamps and their stories. Curently on view: highlights from the first complete 8 4 START HERE **US & International** × thousands of stamps. The pull-out frames protect stamps from 5 STAMP STORE MUSEUM SHOP **Ford Education Center PUBLIC RESTROOMS** Use an interactive database to search r\* the museum's collections, play a matching game and send a selection of stamp images to an e-mail account. **POST OFFICE** DISCOVERY CENTER

# **EXPLORE. DISCOVER. IMAGINE. CONNECT.**



### Moving the Mail

The museum's atrium has different vehicles that moved the mail. Look up to see the airplanes soaring overhead. Find the dogsled that sped mail through the Alaskan snow.

## Video Center

Sit down, relax and enjoy a short introduction to the museum, including a whirlwind tour of mail processing and stamp design.



#### **Binding the Nation**

Enter the forest and follow the path mail carriers traveled from New York to Boston in 1673. Throughout American history, mail brought news to the furthest corners of the country.



#### **Customers & Communities**

See how the postal system works to get mail to every person in America. This exhibit highlights city and rural delivery including whimsical mailboxes seen along country roads.



#### What's in the Mail for You!

Meet Montgomery Ward in this interactive experience and learn how businesses use the mail to target customers.



