

Overlooked Issues Part 29

Early Modern 1917-1950

Art and Architectural series 1950-1975

The series defining definitive issues of the mid 20th Century is one that most of you are familiar with if you started your first collection of stamps as I did at a young age. In almost every mixture that I would get from Latin America the probabilities of finding stamps from this series were pretty high. I remember that when my father's construction company had a large job in Laredo, Texas, I asked him to bring me stamps if he went over the border to Nuevo Laredo. On one of his return trips he told me that the post office did not have many stamps, but he brought me a pair of mint 20 centavos and a 10 centavos. I was thrilled. Many years later when I started to collect Mexico, I didn't pay much attention to the modern issues and now I regret that I overlooked these wonderful stamps. For the most part the series with the small normal issues and the larger airmail issues are not only tastefully done, they illustrate a wide range of the beautiful topic of Mexican culture and wonderful scenes of architectural achievement in Mexico.



5 Peso wmk 300 H MNH

For those of us that love stamps that have varieties, this series is one of the modern issues that has a great deal of differences. First there are perforations to consider and they run from Perf 14 on all the smaller size definition to many different sizes used on the airmail issues from 10.5x10 to 14. The second thing to consider are the many watermarks used from the GOBIERNO MEXICANO with an eagle in circle (Sc wmk 279) , MEX-MEX breaking a clear circle with an Eagle (Sc wmk 300), MEX with a smaller Eagle in circle (Sc wmk 350 Horizontal and vertical) and a couple of papers without any watermark at all. Another interesting thing about this series are the various printing styles and the coating of the papers. Lastly, when one considers the colors and flyspecks available in many of these stamps, it increases the number that can be collected by many times the Scott or other catalogue listings.



50 centavos wmk 300 Horizontal p10.5x10 MNH

MEPSI published a good breakdown on these issues under the authorship of Victor A Sierra Alba and Guillermo V Sierra O. in August of 2003. It was done in both Spanish and English. Unfortunately, it is no longer being offered by MEPSI. I suggest that if you are interested in this booklet, you may want to contact the librarian to find out if he intends to digitize it. Mexicana has many articles covering this series and other publications are out there for the collector interested in specializing in these stamps. My suggestion for any collector of Mexico interested in these issues that just acquiring each of those listed in Scott or other catalogues it will not only be fun but it will be a challenge. Some of the issues that are not priced very high in used condition can be very expensive when found in mint. So a collection of either mint or used can be rewarding to the collector. Some of these stamps are not all that easy to find used.



Like all Mexican stamps the opportunity to make an outstanding collection of these is only limited by the collectors imagination and the desire to learn. Now as a seller of Mexico I look back at the time when I could have learned more about this issue. I realize now how helpful it would be for me since I often purchase collections filled with these issues. Little by little I will try to improve my stock so I can include more of these wonderful stamps for my clients looking for those hard to find items. Thanks to all that have purchased material from me and continue to do so.

Enjoy!