

1938 Presidential Series (Prexies)

Below is a listing of the most popular stamps issued in United States history. These stamps were used for over 15 years, including during World War II and some of the Korean War. The following are facts about this issue:

- ✓ Each stamp portrays an image of a president with the exception of the ½ cent Franklin, the 1 ½ cent Martha Washington, and the 4 ½ cent White House. All were issued in 1938. Some variations were issued later.
- ✓ The denomination of each stamp up to Grover Cleveland matches the order of the person's presidential tenure.
- ✓ With the exception of the 1986 Presidential issue, this is the only issue to portray all the deceased presidents up to that time. The 1986 presidential issue was issued mainly for philatelic purposes at the Ameripex Stamp Show.
- ✓ This stamp was also issued at the height of mail usage and the height of stamp collecting popularity. Franklin Roosevelt was president and a stamp collector. Needless to say, there were billions of these stamp used and millions are still in collections.
- ✓ The overall value of these stamps is low. Recently, however, these stamps have enjoyed an increase in popularity. Books have been written. Experts are appreciating these stamps for philatelic value. Rarities have been identified and have emerged.
- ✓ Collecting interests are many, including: Usage of the stamp (how mailed), color varieties, cancellations, precancels.
