

*From USPS*

# Holiday Evergreens



Decorating with evergreens during the winter holiday season is a popular and appealing tradition. The U.S. Postal Service joins in the winter celebrations by issuing Evergreens, beautiful new stamps that feature close-up views of the foliage and cones of four different conifers: ponderosa pine, eastern red cedar, blue spruce, and balsam fir. The stamps go on sale in October. The artist, the late Ned Seidler, was a gifted painter of nature subjects. When painting flora, he frequently used cuttings from his own yard.

It could very well qualify as a Traditional Christmas stamp, although my guess is that NOT using a Madonna & Child theme would create a mini-furor.

The Angel With Lute, instead is being designated as a Special Stamp. Similar to Love and other Special Stamps, this means that it—theoretically at least—should continue to be available year round at post offices across the country.