

Buying Stamps on the Internet

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Surfing through the website, one will be able to find stamps of various kinds. There are singles, used or unused, historical, themed, freaks and oddities, whole sheets and collections or lots from the United States, Australia, Canada and other British Commonwealth territories, the United Kingdom, Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, non-country Topical & Specialty and Worldwide issue stamps.

Realizing this excellent venue to promote philately and enhance exchanges and transactions, organizations such as the American Philatelic Society, American Stamp Dealers Association (ASDA), and stamp and coin collectors' clubs became affiliated with the eBay stamp collections pages. There are links to Industry Publications, chats and discussion forums, events, and scanning image authentication tools for prospective philatelist eBay users.

However, people using eBay for their stamp collection need to follow the Code of conduct that is based on Philatelic Code of Ethics, the Standing Resolutions of the American Philatelic Society, and specific conditions of sale that are used in typical trade and transaction practice by the organized philatelic community. eBay developed this with the American Philatelic Society aid in improving safe transactions in the Stamps category of eBay. Traders are encouraged to follow the code of conduct when they sell stamps on eBay. If they disobey, eBay could impose disciplinary action or even suspend or take away their selling privileges.

By following the guidelines, the stamp seller agrees not to transact fakes or stamps in unacceptable condition, unless they clearly declare the stamps as fakes or reproductions or altered. They also agree not to take part in advertisement and transaction of stamps by wrong practices like false or misleading claims and inaccurate information. They also agree not to transact stamps from questionable sources or owners, to refund the payment for stamps that an approved expert has found to be different from the stamp originally advertised and offered by the seller, and to follow all laws related to philatelic concerns.

Another main tool in the eBay stamp collection category is Quick I.D., an online authentication tool for stamps. Traditionally, stamps are identified through the formal certification process done by the American Philatelic Expertizing Service (APEX). However, this service is expensive. If a person is thinking of buying stamps in the web, or wants to research on stamps in his own collection, they can use Quick I.D.

So, increase the enjoyment in stamp collection through the features of eBay's stamp category. About the Author:

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