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### U.S. Postal Services Features Bay Area Photographer in New Line of Commemorative Forever Stamps

*Gary Crabbe has Seven Photos Included as Part of the New "O Beautiful" Stamp Series*

**San Francisco, Calif. (July 5, 2018)** – Seven images from award-winning Bay Area photographer Gary Crabbe have been selected by the U.S. Postal Service to be part of a new commemorative stamp series called "*O Beautiful*," which was released July 4, 2018. The U.S. Postal Service introduced the new postage series as a panel set of 20 Forever stamps commemorating the beauty and majesty of the United States and the song "America the Beautiful" with images that illustrate phrases from the beloved song.

"Spacious Skies," "Waves of Grain," "Mountain Majesties," "Fruited Plain," and "Sea to Shining Sea" are the themes incorporated into the stamp series, with each stamp featuring a photograph that corresponds to one of the phrases. Crabbe, a professional landscape and travel photographer, was the only one among the nine photographers included in the series to have seven images selected for the project.

"It's an incredible honor to know that my images will now live on as a small part of the historical and collectible archive in America," noted Crabbe. "There are a few high altars of recognition for photographers, and having your work featured on an official U.S. postage stamp is certainly one of them. I'm very grateful and proud to have so many of my images included in this series. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

A resident of Pleasant Hill, Crabbe discovered an interest in photography while attending Humboldt State University and soon developed a passion for the pursuit of color and form in the landscapes of California and other western states. He began his photographic career managing the image library for famed photographer Galen Rowell and his Mountain Light Photography Gallery, then going on to become an accomplished photographer in his own right over the last 25 years.



Crabbe's photographs have been used by the National Geographic Society, *Time Magazine* and *Forbes*, and he is principal photographer for seven books on California -- two of which he authored -- including *Photographing California, Vol. 1* (an IBPA Gold Medal winner for Best Regional Title), *The California Coast*, *Our San Francisco*, and *Yosemite & the Eastern Sierra*. His photographic prints currently hang in numerous Bay Area companies, the Department of the Interior in Washington D.C., and in an American Embassy. He hopes to offer special collectable prints of the seven selected stamp images in the near future.

*Additional information* on Gary Crabbe is available on his website, <http://enlightphoto.com>. For interviews, feature requests, or media images, contact Gary directly via email to [gary@enlightphoto.com](mailto:gary@enlightphoto.com) or by phone at (925) 288-1461.