

1979 – Finnur Jónsson.

from the start been one of the Society´s major source of income. On the occasion of the Society´s 125th anniversary in 2000 a book was published to publicise the stamps. The book contains colour prints with descriptions of all the stamps along with the names of the artists concerned. The descriptions are both from the perspective of the collector as well as an artistic point of view. The book also contains a short history of the Society.

The Christmas stamps of The Thorvaldsen Society have been displayed in many stamp exhibitions. All the Christmas stamps from 1913-2013 are also introduced on The Society´s homepage. This year's Christmas stamp which is the 100th is drawn by Baltasar Samper and is called Jesaja´s Tree. All the profit from the sale this year goes to Reykjadalur.

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Art on frontpage: 1918 – Þórarinn B. Þorláksson.
The exhibition is in collaboration between the National and University Library of Iceland, the Women's History Archives and the Thorvaldsen Society.

Christmas stamps of the Thorvaldsen Society



Collection of the original artwork on the Christmas stamps of the Thorvaldsen Society

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1930 – Tryggvi Magnússon.

The Thorvaldsen Society is one of the oldest women´s societies in Reykjavik, founded on the 19th of November 1875. From the beginning it has been active in all kinds of charity work. For a number of years the Society supported the children´s ward at the Landakot Hospital and later at the National Hospital in Fossvogur by buying equipment, but after the hospital wards were amalgamated it founded a special fund at the childrens´ hospital, Hringurinn, for the benefit of diabetic children and youngsters. The Society also supports families of ill children, work with teenagers, measures against drug abuse and work for the elderly and a variety of other kinds of fund raising.



1931 – Jón Þorleifsson.



1938 – Ágústa Pétursdóttir Snæland.

The Society first published its special Christmas stamps for fundraising in 1913 and they have thus been published for hundred years. They have been released every year except for 1917 when the ship carrying the stamps was sunk during the First World War. The Childrens´ Eduational Fund of The Thorvaldsen Society takes care of the publishing and selling these stamps.

The Christmas stamps have been popular among collectors both in Iceland and abroad and The Society has many faithful customers who buy them every year. One can obtain most of those starting from 1920 although whole sheets may not be available. The illustrations of the stamps vary and The Thorvaldsen Society has been lucky enough to be allowed to use the paintings of many of the nation´s best artists.



1956 – Barbara Árnason.

The Christmas stamps have