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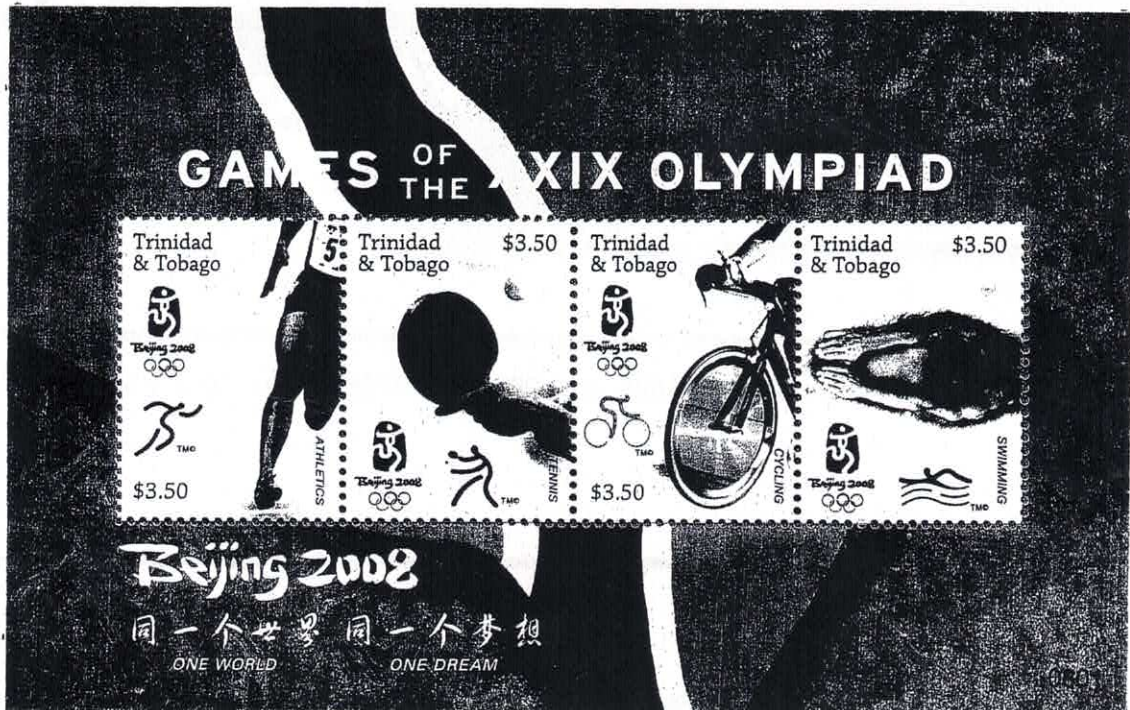


Fig.1: GAMES OF THE XXIX OLYMPIAD SOUVENIR SHEET

The second issue released for 2008 was the Games of the XXIX Olympiad on the 28th June. The issue consisted of a Souvenir Sheet only with four stamps in it. The four stamps were all \$ 3.50 denomination and illustrated Athletics, Table Tennis, Cycling and Swimming.

This issue was prepared by the Inter-Governmental Postal Consultants (IGPC) based in New York. IGPC did the artwork, graphics and arranged the printing. IGPC also marketed the issue abroad for TTPost. We received reports that the issue was on sale abroad before the day of issue in T&T. No FDC's were produced by TTPost or the IGPC. The souvenir sheet was sold at \$ 20.00 each. A brochure was produced for the issue. T&T athletes brought home six silver medals from Beijing:





Trinidad & Tobago Postal Corporation

# 100th Anniversary of World Scouting



1907 - 2007



Fig.2: 100th ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD SCOUTING 1907-2007 FDC



CIRCA 1922

CELEBRATING SIX DECADES

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SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

From humble beginnings in 1948, with 33 students from across the Caribbean entering the fledgling University College in Jamaica, The University of the West Indies (UWI) has evolved into the region's flagship institution of higher learning, today serving more than 15 Caribbean countries. This special 2008 stamp collection, entitled "Celebrating Six Decades", commemorates UWI's 60th Anniversary.

Fig.3: 60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES 1948-2008 FDC



The third issue released on the 29th July commemorated the 100th Anniversary of World Scouting. The issue consisted of four stamps: \$ 1.00 - Cub Scouts (age group 7 to 11 years); \$ 2.50 - Scout Section (age group 11 to 14 years); \$ 3.75 - Ventures Section (age group 15 to 19 years); \$ 4.50 - Leadership (leaders from various Scout Groups). A Souvenir Sheet was produced with a single \$15 stamp in it portraying Lord Baden Powell.

The issue was printed by Thomas Greg and Sons de Columbia S.A. and the graphics were done by Troy Rhodes (DesignWise). The FDC's were sold at \$ 19.00 each and the Souvenir Sheet at \$ 15.00 each. A brochure was produced for the issue.

The fourth issue released on the 3rd October commemorated the 60th Anniversary of the University of the West Indies. UWI was established in Jamaica in 1948 and today it serves 15 Caribbean states. The issue consisted of five stamps: \$ 1.00 - Sir Arthur Lewis, UWI's first Vice-Chancellor; \$ 2.50 - HRH Princess Alice, UWI's first Chancellor; \$ 3.75 - Sir Philip Sherlock, UWI St. Augustine Campus first Principal; \$ 4.50 - The Administration Building, St. Augustine Campus; \$ 5.25 - Samaan Tree on the St. Augustine Campus.

A Souvenir Sheet was produced for the issue with one \$ 15 stamp reproducing a photograph of the Administration Building at night. The issue was printed by Thomas Greg & Sons de Columbia. The Souvenir Sheet was sold at \$ 15.00 each and the FDC's at \$ 19.00 each. A brochure was produced for this issue.

The Administration Building illustrated on the \$ 4.50 stamp and on the S/S was constructed in the 1920's. It was formerly the main building of the old Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture (ICTA). The ICTA building was illustrated on the 2c stamp (SG#231/Sc#35) of the 1935 definitive, 2c stamp (SG#247/Sc#51) of the 1938 definitive and 2c stamp (SG#268/Sc#73) of the 1952 definitive. In 1960, the ICTA was incorporated into UWI as the Faculty of Agriculture.

The fifth issue to be released in November / December will be the Brazilian Porcupine. The issue will consist of a Souvenir Sheet only containing four different stamps arranged in two sets (see fig.4). All the stamps will be in a denomination of \$ 3.75 and all will portray the Brazilian Porcupine (*Coendou prehensilis*). The issue was prepared by the IGPC. No FDC's will be produced. The Souvenir Sheet will be sold at \$ 35.00 each. A brochure will be produced for the issue.

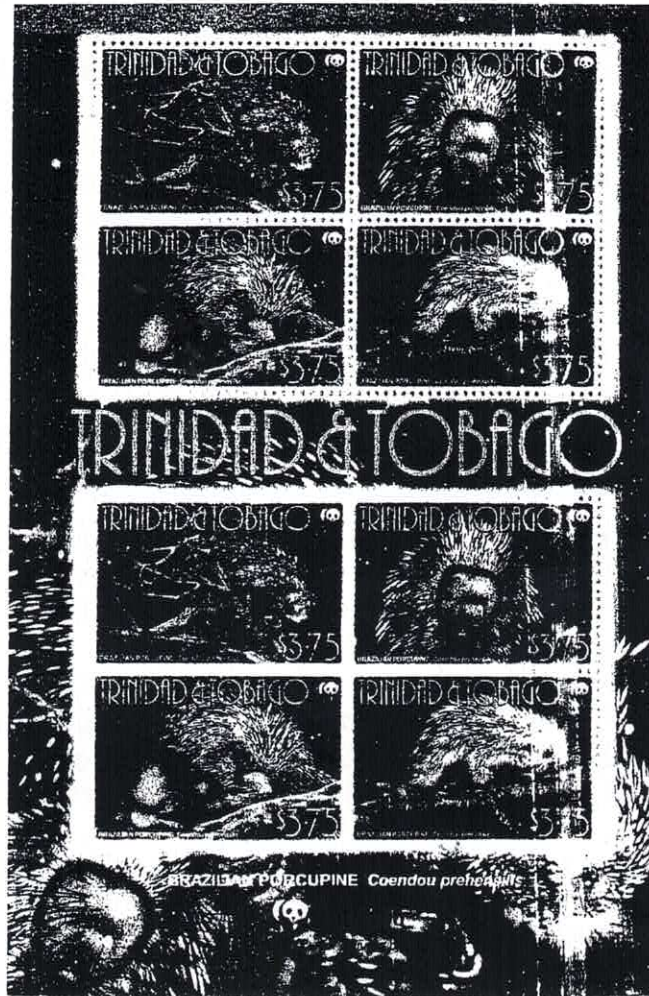


Fig.4:  
BRAZILIAN  
PORCUPINE  
SOUVENIR  
SHEET  
(reduced)  
Final issue  
of 2008. A  
clear copy  
of S/S will  
be in the  
next  
Bulletin.

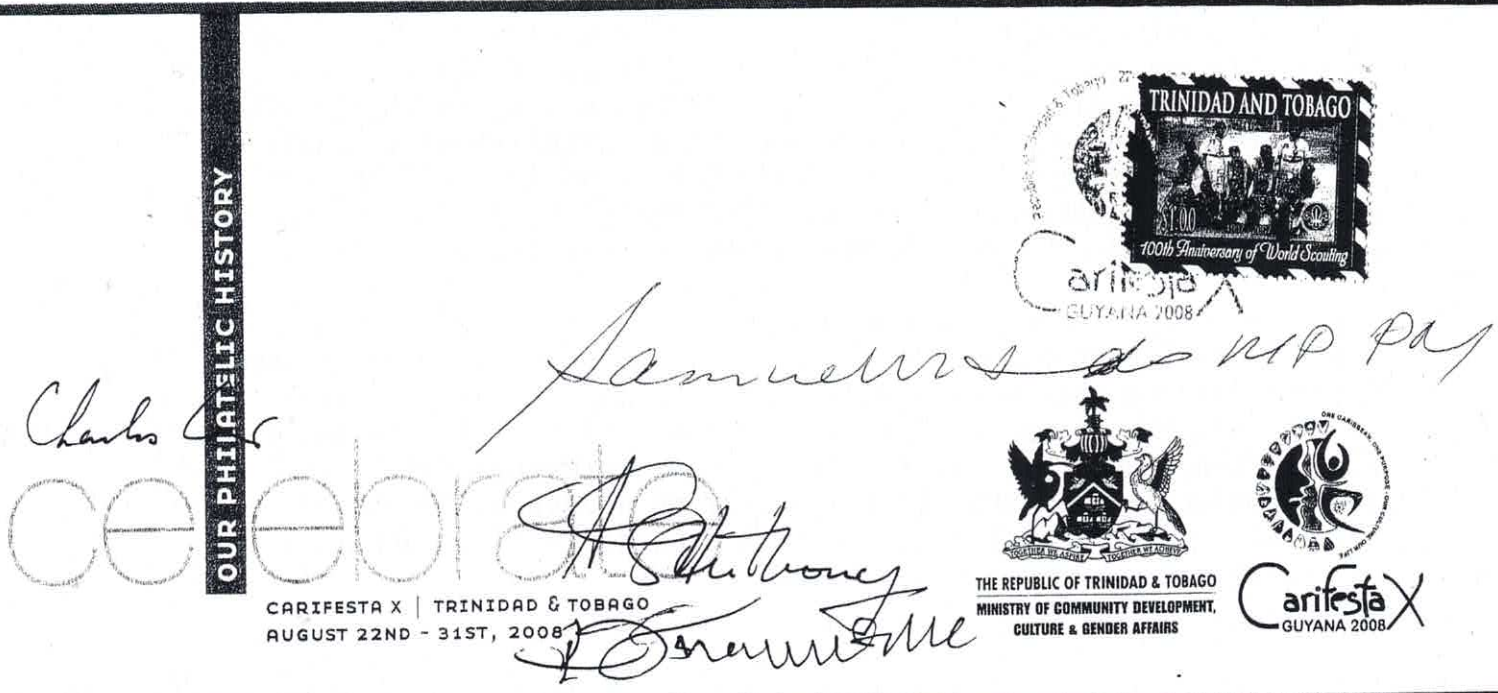


Fig.5: CARIFESTA X COMMEMORATIVE COVER (reduced)

Cover autographed by Hon. Samuel Hinds (Prime Minister), Dr. Frank Anthony (Minister of Youth, Culture and Sport), Bishop Julian Edghill (Chairman of the GPOC) and Mr. Charles Court (the Canadian High Commissioner to Guyana).



## CARIFESTA X CELEBRATIONS IN GUYANA

The Caribbean Festival of Arts (CARIFESTA X) was hosted in the Republic of Guyana from August 22nd to 31st, 2008. It is the region's roving, multidisciplinary mega arts festival which attracts a wide range of creative artists from various Caribbean and Latin American countries.

CARIFESTA was the culmination of the idea that started in 1970 when participants at a convention for artists and writers in Guyana complained about the absence of an outlet to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the region and at the same time give recognition to its outstanding artists and art forms.

The first CARIFESTA was held in Guyana in 1972. Four 'CARIFESTA '72' stamps (SG573-76), were designed by Guyanese artist George Brown and were released on the opening day of CARIFESTA (25 Aug). The CARIFESTA symbol of a hand reaching for the sun was the main feature of the design. It was created by Billy Ryan Enterprises, an Antigua based advertising agency.

The Philatelic Society of Trinidad & Tobago participated in the CARIFESTA X as part of the official Trinidad & Tobago delegation and mounted a philatelic display for the entire duration of the festival. The Guyana Post Office Corporation (GPOC) launched two stamp issues honouring the first Governor of British Columbia who was born in Guyana, Sir James Douglas and the 150th Anniversary of the Jesuits in Guyana (Society for Jesus). The launch was officiated by the Prime Minister, Hon. Samuel Hinds in Georgetown in the presence of the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sport, Hon. Dr. Frank Anthony, Chairman of the GPOC, Bishop Julian Edghill, the Canadian High Commissioner to Guyana, Mr. Charles Court and Mr. Clive Duncan, President of the Canadian Cultural Association of British Columbia. Our Vice President, Albert Sydney also spoke at the launch and conveyed greetings to the Government and People of the Republic of Guyana for an excellent hosting of CARIFESTA X.

The Philatelic Arts component was a major feature of the festival. Trinidad & Tobago also produced a commemorative cover which was distributed to members of the public visiting the exhibition. Mr. Sydney also delivered greetings on behalf of the PSTT to His Excellency Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana and they both discussed issues relating to the future philatelic development of Guyana with specific emphasis relating to the CARICOM Single Market and Economy. Any member who wishes to have a cover can contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Robert Franco.

ICE HOUSE HOTEL (cont'd)

To complete the article from Bulletin # 241/2 on the Ice House Hotel is the photograph above. It shows the hotel with a sign "ICE HOUSE HOTEL AND PALM GARDEN". In front of the hotel is the northern side of Marine Square (Independence Square). The photograph was taken circa 1930. The buildings to the east (right) of the hotel in the photograph exists up to the present.

The 1932 edition of the West Indies Yearbook listed the principal hotels in Trinidad: Queen's Park Hotel, Hotel de Paris, Ice House Hotel, Paramount (San Fernando) and Point Baleine (Gasperee Island).

GENERAL NEWS

Errata. On Bulletin # 226/1 it was stated that the Return to Athens stamps were printed on watermarked paper, it should be unwatermarked paper. On Bulletin # 232 the Pope John Paul II stamps are in denominations of \$ 1.00, \$ 2.00, \$ 3.75, \$ 4.50 and \$ 5.25. On Bulletin # 237/2 it was stated incorrectly that Albert Sydney made the report on the Audubon Fund FDC's. The person who reported the FDC's was our newest Life Member, Roger Ramoutar.