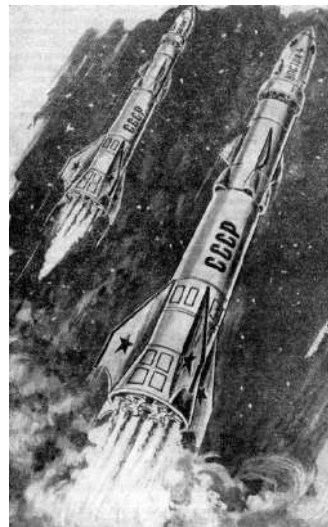


Astronauts as the artists of postal stamps



How it had begun...

From 11 to 15 of August of 1962 the Soviet "Vostok-3" and "Vostok-4" space craft have performed the first in the world group flight in outer space.

On 1962, August, 15 the "Pravda" newspaper published the poster displaying this event in symbolic form however the name of the author was not specified.

Instead of the name there was placed the following text: "One of the participants of the launching of this space craft sent the drawing which he has devoted outstanding event of nowadays – the group flight of the "Vostok-3" and "Vostok-4" the Soviet space craft".

The author of this poster was A.Leonov – prospective cosmonaut who has performed the first in the world walk in outer space on 1965 March, 18.

He had the ability to painting but he did not expect that his drawing will be the beginning of his new profession of the artist of the postal items.

On 1962, December, 28 the Post the North Vietnam issued the mint of three stamps devoted to this event and one of these stamps reproduced the poster published

by the "Pravda" newspaper. By such manner A.Leonov has become the first cosmonaut the author of the stamp.



The stamp issued by the Post of the North Vietnam by the picture of the poster devoted to "Vostok-3" and "Vostok-4" space craft flight.

Also imperforated same stamp has been issued by the rate 30000 copies. Special cancellation of the mint of these stamps was provided also on the day of putting them into circulation on 28.12.1962

After his first space flight A.Leonov has designed the first stamps displaying the Earth from the space orbit, space fantastic paintings, the first international space flight "Apollo-Soyuz" fixed by the eyes of the artist from the Earth's orbit.

Some later next cosmonaut – V.Janibekov has joined to community of stamp artists-astronauts and continued designing the stamps by the persons who had happy possibility to see our planet from the Earth's orbit.

Displayed philatelic items accomplish all ones issued by the post administrations with participation of the astronauts.

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1. COSMONAUT A.LEONOV IS THE FIRST ASTRONAUT ARTIST OF POSTAL STAMPS

A.Leonov's drawings move on the post stamps again



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100 Fr Guinea stamp in small sheet was issued by the cosmonaut A.Leonov genuine drawing which has been published in "Komsomolskaya Pravda" newspaper to display his imagination in what manner the person will make his first walk in outer space. A.Leonov has made this drawing by the request of the edition of this newspaper in advance to his space flight on 8.03.1965. In accordance to the program of that flight the first walk in outer space was the main task of it. On 18.03.1965 the first walk in outer space has been successfully performed.

This stamp exactly repeats A.Leonov's drawing including his inscription "Для Комсомолки" (For Komsomolskaya Pravda newspaper) made by his hand. The rate of imperforated sheets is 750 copies.

Genuine drawing has been made by the pencil in black-grey colors. PI

Cosmonaut A.Leonov begins to draw the stamps

The first stamps specially designed by A.Leonov after his space flight



Registered letter sent by A.Leonov from Zelenyi gorodok (Green Town - previous name of Star City until 1968 October, 28) paid by the mint of stamps devoted to the Day of Cosmonautics. These stamps were issued by the painting of cosmonaut A.Leonov in community with A.Sokolov stamp artist. This letter was sent on the first day of using these stamps.

The post stamp of Zelenyi gorodok post-office has been using from January of 1965 to June of 1969.

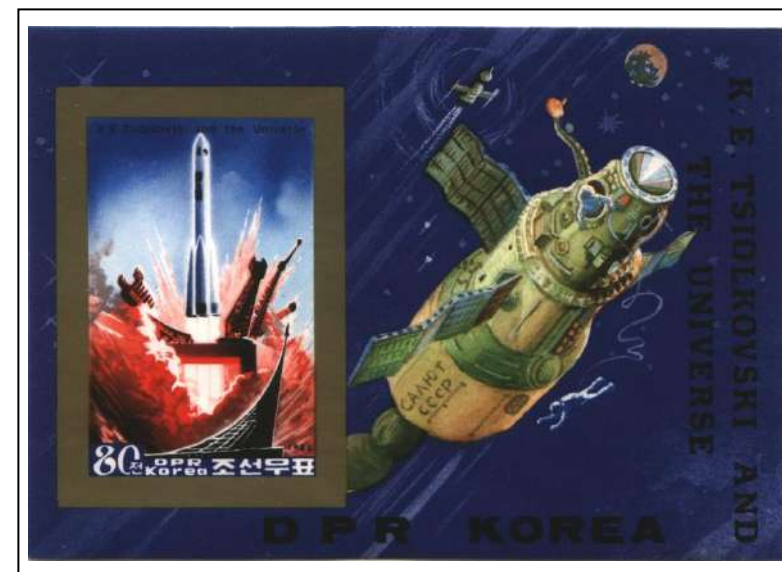
Author knows only four saved registered letters sent from Zelenyi gorodok for all time of using this post stamp. **PI**



The first stamp designed by A.Leonov was issued among the "Space fantasy" mint of stamps in 1967.

Registered letter sent by A.Leonov from Moscow paid by his stamp on the first day of it's using.

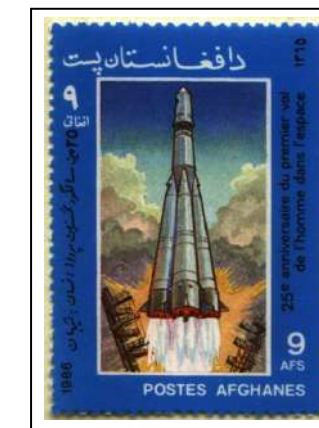
The stamps issued by the subject of A.Leonov's "Vostok is launching" painting



A.Leonov's "Vostok is launching" painting in the interpretation of the Post of Korean Popular Democratic Republic



The fragment of "Vostok is launching" painting took by Cuban Post Service.



"Vostok is launching" by the version of the Post of Afghanistan



Illustrated stamped cover and stamp issued by the post of the USSR with using A.Leonov's "Vostok is launching" painting. The stamp "Vostok is launching" was issued to 15-th anniversary of the launch of the First Artificial Satellite of the Earth.

The first time in the postal history – the subject of the stamp and the artist of stamp is the same person



By the A.Leonovs painting "Above the Black Sea" Post of the USSR issued stamp and illustrated stamped cover with the same picture. That was the first time in postal history when the person displayed on the stamp and the cover and the also designer of them was the same person! **PI**



Cuban stamp "The escape in outer space" by A.Leonov's painting



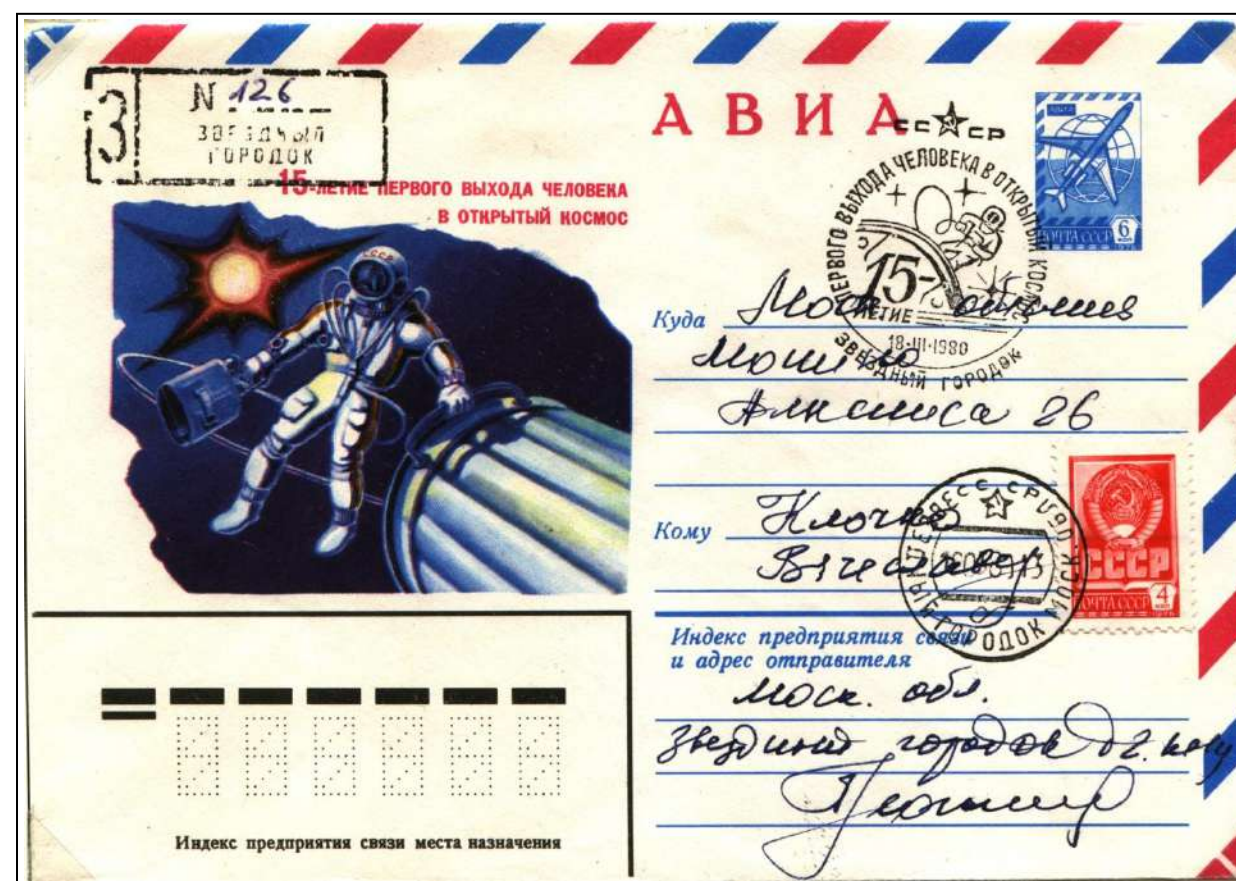
Cuban stamp "Voskhod-II space ship" by A. Leonov's painting. Post made wrong the painting title ("Vostok" instead of "Voskhod") **PI**



Illustrated post card with printed original stamp devoted to 20-anniversary of the first escape of men in outer space designed by cosmonaut-artist A. Lenov in the collaboration with G.Komlev stamp artist. This card was sent by A.Leonov from Zvezdnyi Gorodok on the day of this jubilee



The registered letter on official cover "Mail of the pilots-cosmonauts of the USSR" paid by the souvenir sheet devoted to the 15th anniversary of the first space walk and designed by A.Leonov and sent by him on the first day of issue from Zvezdnyi gorodok.



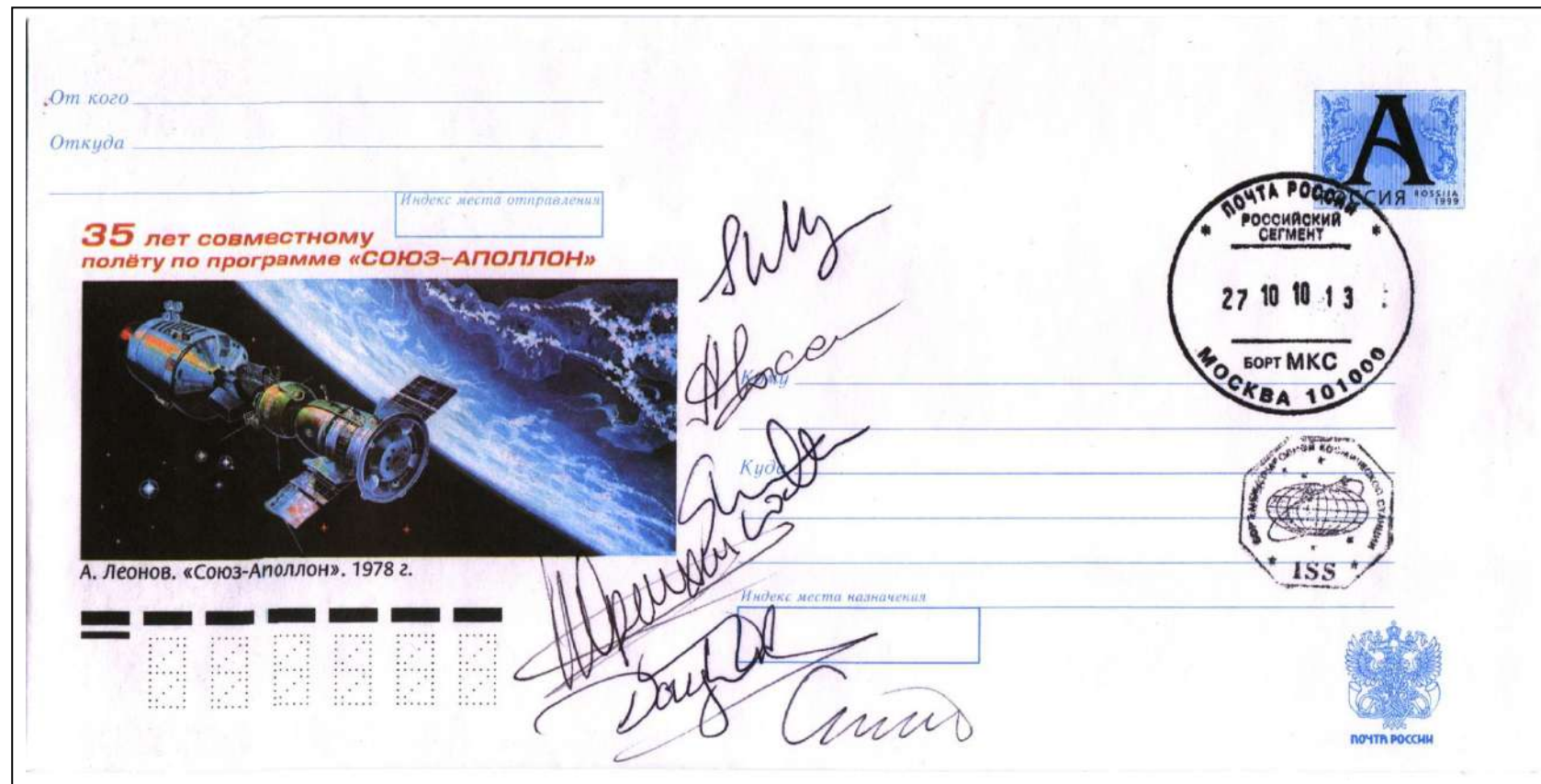
The registered letter sent by A.Leonov who was the designer of this illustrated stamped cover devoted to the 15th anniversary of the first space walk performed by A.Leonov. This letter was sent from Zvezdnyi Gorodok on the day of the 15th anniversary of this event 18.03.1980

"APOLLO-SOYUZ" space flight by the eyes of the participant and artist of stamps

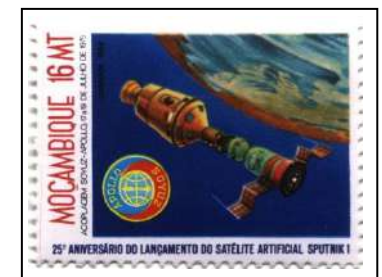


A. Leonov being the prospective participant of the "Apollo-Soyuz" space flight has painted the painting before this flight where he reflected his viewing the docking "Apollo" and "Soyuz" space craft on the Earth's orbit. Before this flight also Post of the USSR has issued the stamp using this painting as subject. The registered letter paid by such stamp and sent by A. Leonov

Austrian Post has adopted the idea and concept of A. Leonov's "Apollo-Soyuz" painting for design of the special post stamp devoted this flight. Two the same such post stamps exist having figures "1" or "2" on their area. **PI**



The illustrated stamped cover issued by the Post of Russia to 35-th anniversary of the first in the world space walk performed by A. Leonov. The illustration was made by the one of the drawings made by A. Leonov after his flight. This cover was cancelled by the post stamp of Russian segment aboard ISS



Post of Cuba, Mozambique and Kampuchea has issued the stamps devoted "Apollo-Soyuz" after its completion by using the new paintings created by A. Leonov some later after flight.

Postal services of Bulgaria, Haute Volta and Uruguay used the idea of the A. Leonov's "Apollo-Soyuz" painting for issuing own stamps for this flight

The first stamps of the USSR with specifying the name of the artist of the stamp

The mint of the stamps devoted to 15-th anniversary of the 1-st Sputnik launch



The stamp and illustrated stamped cover has been issued by the "Hello Venus!" drawing by A.Leonov in collaboration with A.Sokolov stamp artist. This cover does not have the information about the author however its illustration is authentic to the picture on the stamp

The stamp the "Lunar marthoner" by the drawing of A.Leonov in collaboration with A.Sokolov stamp artist was issued in small sheet with specifying the names of artists of the stamp (A.Leonov and A.Sokolov) was the first case in the postal practice of the USSR when the names of the artists of the stamp has been allowed to print on the field. This stamp was used in mint of 6 stamps devoted to 15-th anniversary of the 1-st Sputnik launch but the cover with the same picture was not issued



The stamp the "On the Mars Planet" by the drawing of A.Leonov in collaboration with A.Sokolov stamp artist was issued in small sheet with specifying the name of artists of stamp (A.Leonov and A.Sokolov) on the fields of the sheet. That was the first case in the postal practice if the USSR when the names of artists of stamp has been allowed to print on its field. This stamp was issued in the mint of 6 stamps devoted to 15-th anniversary of the 1-st Sputnik launch but the cover with the pictures coinciding with the ones on this stamp was not issued



The stamp and picture of the stamped cover has been made by the motive of "The inevitable has occurred!" common painting by A.Leonov and A.Sokolov stamp artist. Really they painted new picture

2. COSMONAUT V.JANIBEKOV IS NEW ARTIST OF STAMPS

30-th anniversary of the first manned space flight performed by Yu.Gagarin

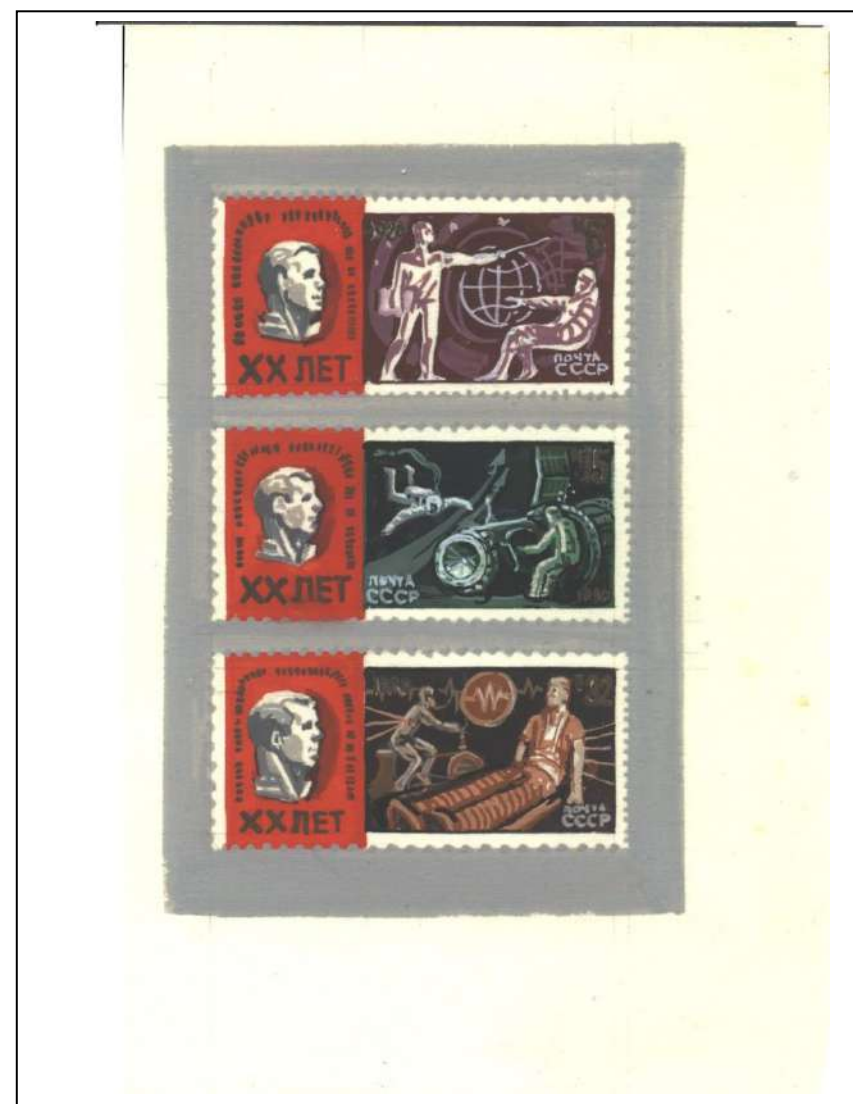
30-th anniversary of the founding the Space Training Center named after Yu.Gagarin



Postal souvenir sheet devoted to 20-th anniversary of Yu.Gagarin space flight designed by V.Janibekov cosmonaut in collaboration with G.Komlev stamp artist. This one has been cancelled by post stamp "Space mail" aboard "Salyut-6" space station



The stamp devoted to the space flight of the expedition of V.Kovalyonok and V.Savinykh cosmonauts aboard the "Salyut-7" space station designed by V.Janibekov. This stamp obtained the mark of the board seal of the "Salyut-7" space station during the work V.Janibekov and V.Savinykh there



32 kopek stamp has been issued by the painting of V.Janibekov.

One of V.Janibekov's artist versions of the stamps devoted to 20-anniversary of founding Space Training Center named after Yu.Gagarin

First Day cover and 6 k stamp has been designed by V.Janibekov. This letter was sent by him on the first day of using the stamp from Zvezdnyi Gorodok



The registered letter on the official cover "Mail of pilots-cosmonauts of the USSR", paid by the full mint of the stamps devoted to 20th anniversary of Yu.Gagarin's space flight and sent by cosmonaut V.Janibekov who was the designer of them. This letter was sent on the first day of using these stamps in Zvezdnyi gorodok

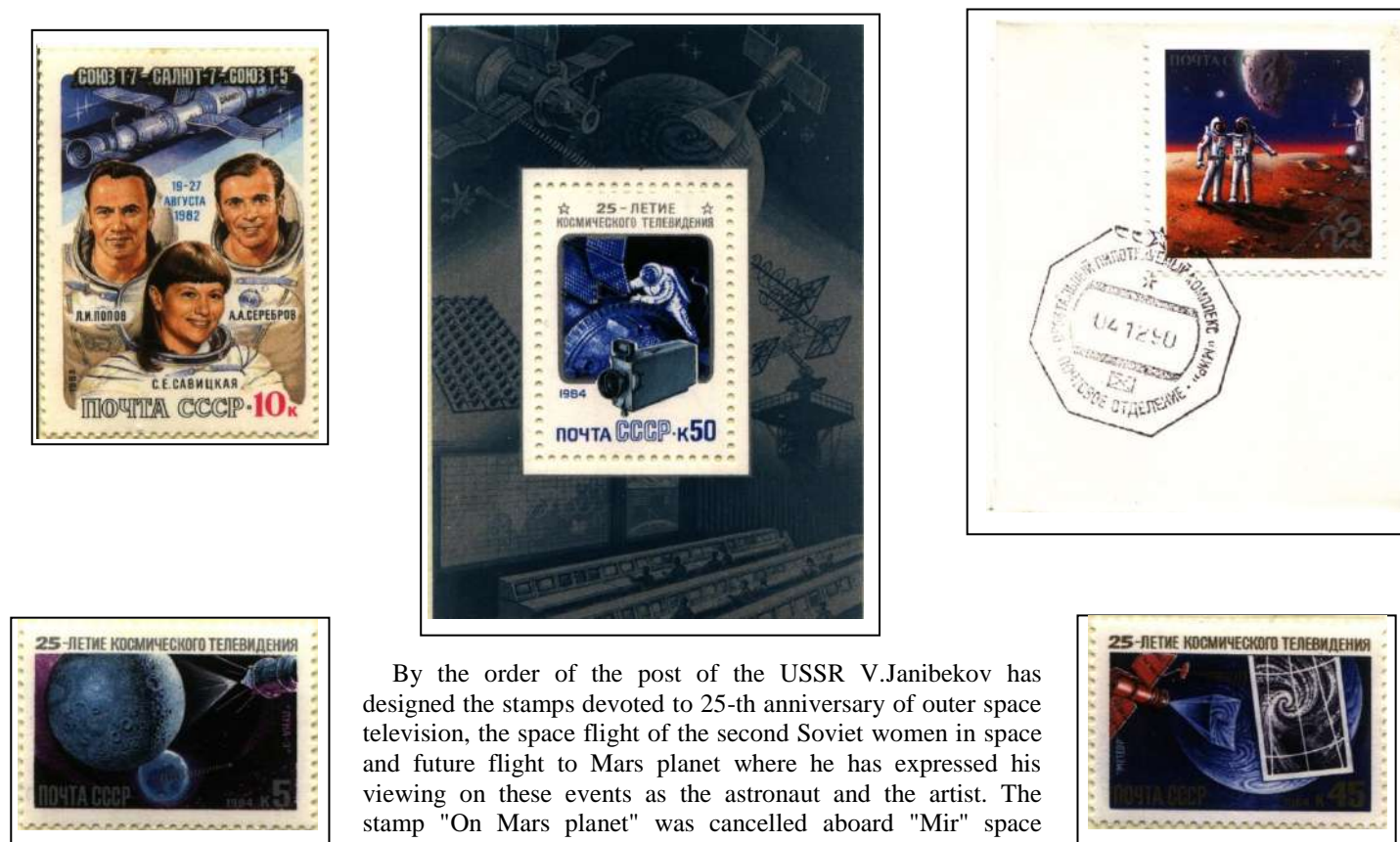


175 days in outer space artist's version of the stamp



V.Janibekov and G.Komlev artist's version of the post stamp "175 days in outer space" (unapproved) devoted to space expedition of V.Lyakhov and V.Ryumin cosmonauts aboard "Salyut-6" space station where the first in the world space radio telescope has been allocated

New works of the cosmonaut V.Janibekov as the stamp artist



By the order of the post of the USSR V.Janibekov has designed the stamps devoted to 25-th anniversary of outer space television, the space flight of the second Soviet women in space and future flight to Mars planet where he has expressed his viewing on these events as the astronaut and the artist. The stamp "On Mars planet" was cancelled aboard "Mir" space station on the day of arrive of the first Japan astronaut there



The registered letter postage paid by "175 days in outer space" stamp designed by V.Dzhanibekov (final version). This letter was sent by V.Lyakhov crew commander of space expedition for whom this stamp has been devoted. It displays his work in outer space during mounting the first in the world orbital radio telescope. The illustration of the cover repeats the fragment of the stamp

New stamps issued by the Post of Cuba by A.Leonov's drawings



The postal items designed by several cosmonauts



The cover issued by the Ministry of Communication of the USSR by V.Janibekov's drawing and cancelled aboard "Salyut-7" station during staying the USSR-France expedition there. The post placed the crew's autographs on the picture and pointed as the authors of the cover all the crew on the back side of the cover. That is single case in the postal history when space crew dedicated the postal cover himself. PI

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Stamps issued by Post of Cuba with displaying the paintings of A.Leonov



The stamp designed by A.Leonov to 10-th anniversary of tragic space flight of the "Salyut-1" orbital station. He was replaced in this flight in connection with sustained an injury before flight.

The text on the souvenir sheet issued for exhibition EXPO-89 says: "Two last stamps were issued by the drawings of the A.Leonov and V.Janibekov pilots-cosmonauts of the USSR".

← Souvenir sheet designed by A.Leonov to 50-th anniversary of the launch of the 1-st satellite of the Earth. The letter sent by the designer of this souvenir sheet

