BRITISH GUIANA - 1856

ALMOST 'MOTHERS' - The one-cent *British Guiana* magenta is arguably the world's most famous stamp. It sold most recently for \$9.5 million in 2014, and has been the subject of numerous 'Offspring.' Couldn't a case be made that its very close cousin, also magenta, issued in the same year, but with a higher (four-cent) valuation, is deserving of at least one 'Offspring' of its own? Would that be so wrong??







'Offspring'
 GUYANA – 1979









five-stamp issue were released, albeit one series had nine stars in the design and the other eleven. An 'Offspring honors the 11-star version, (and Scott values it at more than three times its nine-star cousin). To date, however, the nine-star version remains friendless. Whatever can be done to rectify the situation?

The 'Mothers' and 'Offspring' concept can branch out into a number of other theme areas beyond the First Issues and Philatelic Functions and Roles shown thus far. The following two pages show a rich diversity of thematic options that can be explored. The most popular topics include: methods of transportation; famous individuals; plants and animals; sports; 'delivering the mail;' and, maps. Examples of each are shown below:

MODES OF TRANSPORT



• 'Offspring' CANADA – 1982











• 'Mother'
CANADA – 1929
The fishing schooner 'Bluenose'
Sometimes referred to as one of the 'most beautiful' stamps in philately
(perforate and imperforate)



•'Offspring' PERU – 1989







• 'Mother' PERU – 1871 The world's first commemo orative, 'El Trencito'

ANIMALS



'Offspring' URUGUAY -- 1975



'Mother URUGUAY - 1929



'Offspring' HUNGARY – 1965



'Mother' HUNGARY - 1953