

## Joyce Green – Hand Painted New Zealand etc., FDCs

Over the past few years there has been an increased awareness and demand by collectors for New Zealand cacheted FDCs. Two very useful reference works produced by Stephen Jones have helped stimulate interest and subsequent demand for such items.<sup>1</sup> There are various sections in each of his works; one of which covers hand illustrated FDCs, but not Joyce Green's. Several attractive hand painted FDCs of New Zealand and Canada recently passed across this writer's desk at Mowbray Collectables. They were all addressed to a Miss J. Green in Queensland, Australia.

Joyce Green started out as a commercial artist in Rockhampton, preparing drawings for advertisements in the local paper. She enjoyed combining her artistic talents with her stamp collecting and would hand paint covers and then send them off with payment to be served by the appropriate post office authority. Her covers were produced for various new stamp issues from Australia (mostly Melbourne Cup related), Norfolk Island, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Fiji and Western Samoa.

She hand painted FDCs from 1957 to the mid 1980s. Her favourite subjects were Christmas and horses and the covers were type addressed on an old Imperial typewriter. It is not known how many of each stamp issue she prepared covers for, but no two covers were the same. Some were sent to her pen friend Joyce Tinney in Morayfield, some to family in England as well as to pen friends in Canada, USA and Germany.<sup>2</sup>

Below is illustrated one of Joyce Green's hand painted New Zealand covers, and the following list of her hand painted New Zealand FDCs is not necessarily complete – only those sighted by this writer. Most of the covers appear to be the same size: 9.25 x 21.3 cm.



Date	Issue	Design	Cancellation
10 Jul 1967	½c, 1c, 6c, 15c Definitives	kowhai & lake scene	\$ Wellington
10 Jul 1967	2½c, 3c, 4c, 8c Definitives	rata & mountain scene	\$ Wellington
2 Aug 1967	Health set	flower girl & ball boy	Wellington
29 Aug 1967	7½c Trout	jumping brown trout	Wellington
10 Oct 1967	Royal Society of NZ set	Mitre Peak & flowers	Wellington
2 Apr 1968	10c Timber Export	lake & mountain scene	Wellington

23 Apr 1968	Maori Bible	bible, mountain & Maori statue	Wellington
30 Jul 1968	28c Fox Glacier	glacier & branch	Fox Glacier
30 Jul 1968	28c Fox Glacier	lake & mountain scene	Wellington
19 Sep 1968	3c Universal Suffrage	hands & ballot box	Wellington
19 Sep 1968	10c Human Rights	flames & laurel wreath	Wellington
10 Dec 1968	25c Butter Export	Mitre Peak & lake	Wellington
11 Feb 1969	7c I.L.O.	house and painter	Wellington
8 Apr 1969	NZ Law Society set	Auckland supreme court	Wellington
3 Jun 1969	Otago University set	graduate & mountain scene	Wellington
12 Mar 1970	10c Definitive	Queen Elizabeth II	Wellington



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2 Sep 1970	½c to 4c Definitives	butterfly and flower	Wellington
2 Dec 1970	Chatham Islands set	perched seagull & coastal scene	Wellington
20 Jan 1971	15c, 18c, 20c Definitives	coastal beach scene	Wellington
3 Mar 1971	One Ton Cup set	racing yacht & buoy	Wellington
12 May 1971	City Centenaries set	hills & mountain scene	Wellington
4 Aug 1971	Health set	girl & boy	Wellington
1 Sep 1971	25c, 30c 50c Definitives	trees and coastal scene	Wellington
3 Nov 1971	World Rose Convention set	flowering roses	Wellington
1 Dec 1971	Lord Rutherford set	coastal beach scene	Wellington
2 Feb 1972	Vintage Car Rally set	vintage car silhouette	Wellington
5 Apr 1972	Anniversaries set	Maori tiki	Wellington
7 Jun 1972	Alpine Plants set	alpine flowers	Wellington
2 Aug 1972	Health set	girl & tennis racquet	Wellington
6 Dec 1972	Lake Scenes set	lake & mountain scene	Wellington
4 Apr 1973	Steam Locomotives set	steam train	Wellington
6 Jun 1973	Frances Hodgkins set	artist's palette & mountain scene	Wellington
1 Aug 1973	Health set	boy & girl	Wellington
4 Dec 1974	Offshore Islands set	coastal islands scene	Wanganui
25 Jul 1979	Health set	3 fishes	Wanganui
2 Apr 1980	Architecture set	old house & garden	Wanganui

Joyce Green also hand painted at least 1 Samoa; 2 Fiji and 3 Niue FDCs during 1968/73. They are as below:

Date	Issue	Design	Country
5 Jun 1968	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kingsford-Smith's Trans-Pacific Flight	Southern Cross & Kingsford-Smith	Fiji
13 Jun 1968	40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kingsford-Smith's Trans-Pacific Flight	Kingsford-Smith & clouds	Samoa
23 Jun 1969	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of F.M.F. Solomons Campaign	palm tree and beach scene	Fiji
9 Dec 1970	Niue airport opening	Sea freighter	Niue
3 May 1972	South Pacific Arts Festival	festival performer on beach	Niue
27 Jun 1973	Fish	4 fishes	Niue

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**References:**

- 1 *Illustrated First Day Covers of New Zealand*, by Stephen Jones, part 1 - Health (1933-2000); part 2 pre - Decimal Period
- 2 Wikipedia <http://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=53490>

