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NEWSLETTER
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Dear Smurf Collector,

Our Introductory Newsletter has brought in replies from all over the U.S. Our membership is growing nicely and mail is coming in daily.

We will answer all of your letters, but please send us a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope. (S.A.S.E.)

" The Great American Race " is, at this moment, in progress. We will let you know all the details in our next newsletter. Finish the race for your Smurf Fans, Mel&Mike! Let's Go!!!

NEW SMURFS: For those of you who have not requested our Free Smurf List, here are the new Smurfs for 1986.....

20216 Smurf in Tux
20217 Smurfette in Prom Gown
20218 Baby with Butterfly
20219 Smurf with Surprise Bag
20220 " " " "
20221 " " " "
20222 Smurfette Stewardess
20223 Papa Pilot

THREE DIFFERENT BAG COLORS

OLD SMURF..... NEW VARIATION:

20176 St. Patrick: Black hat, brown jacket, red pants, yellow vest

The club now has available to all members a 17 page brochure that shows (to the best of our knowledge) every regular Smurf, Super Smurf, playset, etc. ever made. The cost is $3.00 to cover printing and mailing.

RARE VARIATION (Bully Trademark)

#20043 DIGGER: Smurf is smaller, arms crossed in front of chest. Smurf appears to be leaning on the shovel. The shovel is very small.

DO YOU have this rare variation? Write and let us know. Interested in selling or trading?.... just place an Ad in our BUY-SELL-TRADE column.

VARIATIONS:

20004 SHIVER: RED SCARF, YELLOW SCARF, ORANGE SCARF, Injected in blue, unpainted with exception of eyes

20006 BRAINY: RED GLASSES, BLACK GLASSES

20007 ANGRY: SMALL VERSION WITH FEET FLAT
LARGER VERSION in aggressive walking stance (one foot up)

20012 MECHANIC: GREEN OVERALLS, GREY WRENCH tall
" " " " short
WHITE PANTS, BLACK WRENCH

20013 LUTE: RED, GOLD, ORANGE & YELLOW INSTRUMENT

20014 SUNBATHER: BATHING SUITS IN YELLOW & BLACK, RED & BLACK, GREEN & BLACK, MAROON & BLACK, BLUE & BLACK, RED & WHITE

20016 JUDGE: RED ROBE, BLACK ROBE

20019 FLOWER: FABRIC FLOWER, VELVET FLOWER (ON FACE)
FLOWER ON NECK

20020 GYMNAST: RED, GREEN, AND YELLOW TANK TOPS,
ALSO, NO SHIRT

Do YOU own variations on the above that are not listed? If you do, please share your information. Send the CLUB a PICTURE. WE WILL NOT publish any variations that cannot be verified by their owners and the club.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the above variation list is strictly for your INFORMATION! The Club is NOT offering these variations for sale.

If, by some lucky chance, we do get any that can be sold, an announcement will be made in the BUY-SELL-TRADE column. Most of these variations will only be found on the secondary market.

A TIP FOR COLLECTORS: Search your area for Smurfs. Flea Markets, Garage Sales, Yard Sales etc. are excellent places to find variations. Buy anything you find in variations (even if you already have them) and offer them to your fellow club members. Be a Smurfy friend to us all! PLEASE REMEMBER, Smurfs are HAND PAINTED, so variations are UNLIMITED.

NEW "JUBILEE" ISSUE -- but OLD SMURFS:

Our Smurfy friends are celebrating their 20th ANNIVERSARY (yes, the first Smurfs were issued in 1965).

In recognition of this event, Schleich in W. Germany has issued a special Anniversary Set.

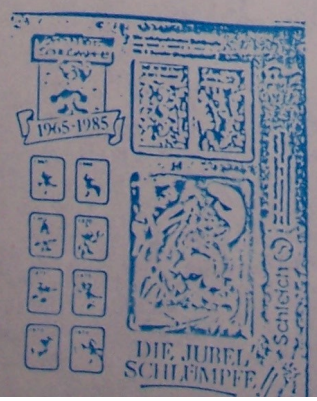
The set consists of 19 pieces, individually blister-packed. Each Smurf, chosen to represent it's year of production, is stamped in gold on the back of it's head with a design consisting of leaves, date of issue and PEYO'S signature.

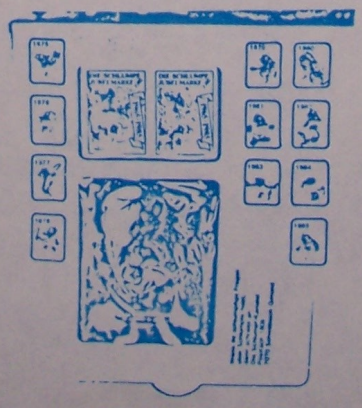
Each package also contains Smurf Jubilee postage type stamps. This is a REAL COLLECTORS ITEM!

We do not know yet why there are 19 pieces rather than 20. Also 1967 & 1968 are not included. We are attempting to get answers to these mysteries. Will keep you posted!

The package is constructed so that it will stand up, for display, without being opened.

The CLUB is trying to get these sets for members. Supply will probably be limited. We will keep you all advised.





Collectors' Comments

Tom & Pearl B. from R.I. write : "Had to drop everything, and write when we received your Smurf Collectors Club letter. We can't wait for our club to begin. Good Luck in getting started."

Ed & John L. from Al. write: "Thank you for your Newsletter. My son and I started collecting Smurfs in 1980. Our collection now numbers a little over 1,000 figurines. We collect both Regular Smurfs & Supers. We are currently searching for variations."

Donna H. from Ohio writes: " I'D love to join all of you in being a member of the "Smurf Collectors Club". I'm sure I will enjoy everything."

Elizabeth R. from Ma. writes: " I collect all kinds of Smurfy things. It's great to know we finally have a Collectors Club. I have been hoping for a club for a very long time." " I'm especially looking forward to the club list, so that I can catalogue my Smurfy friends properly."

Ernest M. from PA. writes: " Thanks for the invitation to write and share with you our knowledge of Smurfs. The club list of smurfs is apt to answer many of the questions I've long had."

Kyle M. from Mi. writes : " Please send me some extra "Smurf Collectors Club" letters, so I may distribute them to others."

THANK YOU KYLE, THIS IS WHAT WE NEED!

Thank you all for your excitement and enthusiasm. KEEP YOUR LETTERS COMING!

A very special thank you to our co-editor Susan N. from Conn.

Buy~Sell~Trade

S.M.U.R.F.
(Smurfs Make Us Real Friends)
THE CLUB FOR COLLECTORS

AD #

#01- WANTED - PORCELAIN SMURFETTE BIRTHDAY NUMBER FIGURINES BY W. BERRIE NOS. 8 and 10.

#02- WANTED - LIMITED EDITION CHRISTMAS MUSIC BOX...NEED TWO. BY W. BERRIE 1982 EDITION.

#03- SEEKING VARIATIONS - #20003 ASTRO-OPEN HANDS, FLAT FEET, RED TIE
#20012 MECHANIC-WHITE PANTS, BLACK WRENCH
#20016 JUDGE-BLACK ROBE
#20113 BAKER-HIGH, RECTANGULAR LOAF OF BREAD
Please, mint condition. Will consider trade. Willing to buy. State price.

#04-SEARCHING FOR-PEWTER SMURFS. SUBMIT LIST AND PRICE.

#05- WANTED- COLLECTOR SEEKS VARIATIONS. SEND YOUR LIST STATING COLORS, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN (BE EXACT) CONDITION, PRICE

#06- WANTED- SMURFS MARKED "BULLY" WRITE DETAILS. WILL TRADE OR BUY.

#07- FOR SALE- "BULLY" SMURFS
#20087 WOODCUTTER
#20106 HUNTER
#20109 KNIGHT
#20114 CONJUROR
#20120 FROGMAN SEND FOR PRICES

#08-SEARCHING FOR- SMURF TRAVEL AMERICA MUGS
#8108 CALIFORNIA SMURF
#8110 ROCKY MOUNTAIN SMURF
#8111 TEXAS
#8113 ? (do not know name)
#8114 SAN FRANCISCO
#8115 CHICAGO
ALSO BOXED MUGS WITH FULL COLOR "CARTOON" NEED: JOKEY and SMURFETTE. Mint condition. State prices,or trade

#09-WANTED- SMURFS MARKED "PORTUGAL" OTHER THAN SPECIAL OCCASION SMURFS. SUPPLY LIST AND ASKING PRICES OR TRADE.

#10-FOR SALE-WALLACE BERRIE MUGS. SEND FOR PRICES AND LIST OF DESIGNS

#11-WANTED- #20014 SUNBATHER YELLOW SWIMSUIT
#20035 SOCCER VARIATIONS

#12 FOR SALE - LARGE SELECTION OF SMURFS AND SUPERS. ALL MINT CONDITION. SUBMIT LIST OF WHAT YOU NEED. U.S. PIECES ONLY. (1979-1985) Prices upon request.

Rare #13 FOR SALE - CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS WITH CORDS. SEND LIST OF PIECES NEEDED. LIMITED QUANTITY #52900. NOT ALL PIECES AVAILABLE.

#14 FOR SALE - DAUGHTER LOST INTEREST IN SMURF COLLECTION! 200 PIECES PLUS A FEW SUPERS. ALL IN GOOD CONDITION. TOO MANY TO LIST. TAKE A CHANCE. SURE YOU WILL FIND VARIATIONS! TRADE THE DOUBLES. PURCHASED 1979-1983. WILL SELL AS COMPLETE SET ONLY. SEND ALL OFFERS TO CLUB.

#15 FOR SALE - "BRASS SMURFS" --SET OF 6 (2"TALL) BEAUTIFUL ADDITION TO YOUR COLLECTION. SOLD IN SETS OF SIX ONLY:

1. #20002 Normal
2. #20011 Laughing
3. #20021 Sleepwalker
4. #20077 Naughty
5. #20079 Jolly
6. #20082 Shy

HOW TO ANSWER AN AD ....REPLY TO THE AD NUMBER AND SEND TO THE CLUB WITH A S.A.S.E.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN AD ....SEND YOUR AD TO THE CLUB AND IT WILL BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE SMURF COLLECTORS CLUB WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE GARY TO OUR CLUB MEMBERS. Gary and his daughter June were featured in Issue #7 of the W. Berrie Newsletter of the Smurf Fun Club (1984). We have nick-named Gary the International Smurf Collector.....Welcome Gary!

THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

by GARY S. of N.J.

I started a Smurf collection for my daughter in July 1981. I thought they were cute, and my daughter got a kick out of them. Using a catalogue for reference, I set about buying everything I could find. I thought I had every figurine until I visi t ed Israel and found a different "THINKER". When I returned to the U.S.A. I was told that a local store had some different piece (designs never made for sale in the U.S.) WHAT A FIND...I was like a kid in that toy store. I bought everything in sight.

After a year of collecting for my daughter, I decided to start my own collection, and immediately bought everything in sight, again. I finally caught up to my daughters collection, and now have 3 collections!!!

I then made a decicion to collect, in addition to 2" figurines, all smurf related items that I could possibly find. I created a "monster." In every country I visit I buy Smurf items no matter what they are. I travel to Europe with a nest of empty suitcases just to fill with any new Smurf items I find. I found NEW LIFE in Smurfs abroad.

In 3 years, I personally managed to visit Europe, Israel, Canada and Mexico. It has been, and continues to be a very enjoyable hobby and collection.

Have a good day!

Suzanne

IMPORTANT NOTICE: To those few reading this who have not sent in their membership: Due to the cost of printing and mailing this will be the last Newsletter you will receive. Should you wish to continue receiving this Newsletter please send in your membership.

MEMBERS TAKE NOTE: Articles and photographs are always welcome! Anything to be returned must be accompanied by a S.A.S.E. Opinions expressed on any signed column reflect the views of the writer only and may not be in agreement with those of the Smurf Collectors Club. The right is reserved to edit all material submitted for publication.

Don't miss Newsletter II Now out!
See our exciting "Auction Block" with old & Rare Smurfs & Supers.
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