

# A Celebration of the Cockroach!

They were here before us!

They will be here when we are gone!

The object of this two frame display class exhibit is to present, using philatelic and assorted material, the story of the cockroach and its world. Statistics show the cockroach to be one of the most loathed, detested and filthy species humans encounter. Research shows how this 300 million-year old insect survives and continues to impact our daily lives. The majority of the subject matter deals with the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries. Red boxed verbiage adds depth or additional information to the subject.



A whimsical cockroach band celebrating Pentecost.

Circa – 1908 Embossed postcard was mailed in Lowenberg, Germany.

A divided back indicates it was printed after 1907.

The 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, a Christian holiday. With the seemingly forever life span of the cockroach, the Germans use them symbolically in wishing their family and friends life eternal. Some regions have a public holiday and enjoy picnics in the county side.

## Plan of the Exhibit

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