

**Pro Patria**, officially Stiftung PRO PATRIA Schweizerische Bundesfeierspende, is a Swiss patriotic and charitable organization. Its purpose is to give meaning to the Swiss national holiday (**Bundesfeier**), 1 August, by collecting donations to the benefit of social and cultural works of national public interest. Pro Patria was founded in 1909 as the Verein Schweizerische Bundesfeierspende (Swiss Federal Celebration Donation Association).

The first national celebration card was issued August 1910, designed by St. Galler artist Richard Schaupp (\* 1871 – † 1954). He was a painter, engraver and illustrator, having studied under the Germans Karl Raupp (\* 1837 – † 1918), Wilhelm von Lindenschmit Jnr, (\* 1829 – † 1895) and Albrecht Christoph Wilhelm von Diez (\* 1839 – † 1907).

The card is included in this collection solely for the sake of completeness. It illustrates Knights Medieval and is labelled “*Knights Medieval DIE WÄCHTER DER HEIMAT PRO PATRIA*” (The Guardian of the Home PRO PATRIA).

#### Swiss Artists' Works Featured on Pro Patria Cards (by year)

Reference: Published by the Helvetia Philatelic Society (Great Britain)

- 1910 R. Schaupp
- 1911 R. Dunki
- 1912 H. B. Wieland, B. Mangold
- 1913 A. M. Bächtiger, E. Stiefel
- 1914 (Pestalozzi set) R. Dürrwang, K. Grob, H. J. Meyer, G. A. Schöner x2
- 1915 C. H. van Muyden, B. Mangold
- 1916 H. C. Forestier, H. Markwalder
- 1917 C. L. Burnand, E. E. Vallet, F. Boscovits, E. Cardinaux 1918 (Bundeshaus mural) A. Welti\*  
– P. F. Balmer x5
- 1919 (Keller set) O. Baumberger, F. F. Buchser, A. Böcklin
- 1920 G. Jeanneret, J. Affeltranger, H. B. Wieland C. A. Liner, W. Hartung,
- 1921 E. Beurmann, P. Isella,
- 1922 D. Hauth-Trachsler, P. Chiesa
- 1923 I. E. Hugentobler, A. A. Giacometti
- 1924 E. G. Zeller, A. Herzog
- 1925 S. Siegrist, G. Jeanneret
- 1926 M. Kunz, E. Fenner
- 1927 C. A. Liner, C. L. Burnand
- 1928 E. Beurmann, E.F. Renggli
- 1929 J. A. Courvoisier, E. Hodel
- 1930 E. De Coulon, M. P. Verneuil
- 1931 P. Chiesa, C. A. Liner
- 1932 J. A. Courvoisier, B. Mangold
- 1933 R. Dallèves, P. Kammüller
- 1934 M. Riggenbach, E. Bernet
- 1935 O. Landolt, E. Hermès
- 1936 E. Hermès, H. Zaugg
- 1937 E. Hodel, W. Weiskönig
- 1938 L. Taddei, H. Zaugg Art, Crafts and Design as Themes on Swiss Stamps Richard Donithorn
- 1939 D. Buzzi, E. Schmid
- 1940 C. L'Eplattenier
- 1941 P. Arlen
- 1942 P. Chiesa

- 1943 H. Widmer
- 1944 (St. Jakob set) D. Schilling, B. Tschachtlan, L. Vogel, M. Disteli, M. Merian
- 1945 F. Hodler, G. Giacometti
- 1946 P. Chiesa
- 1947 E. Hodel
- 1948 C. Giron
- 1949 R. Koller
- 1950 C. L. Burnand
- 1951 C. Amiet
- 1952 A. Anker
- 1953 F. Hodler
- 1954 R. Koller
- 1955 C. L. Burnand
- 1956 A. Anker
- 1957 H. A. Sigg
- 1958 R. Koller
- 1959 F. Hodler
- 1960 E. Stückelberger