

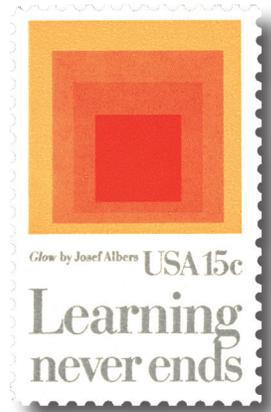
USING PHILATELIC ARTIFACTS AS INSTRUCTIONAL TOOLS: IDEAS & RESOURCES FOR K-12 EDUCATORS

World Stamp Show – NY2016 (WSS-NY2016) invites K-12 educators to a free seminar, “Using Philatelic Artifacts as Instructional Tools: Ideas & Resources for K-12 Educators”, to be held Saturday, June 4 from 11 a.m.–12 noon at the Javits Center, New York City. The seminar will be presented by Cathy Y. Brachbill, Ph.D., Director of Education, American Philatelic Society.

Since stamps came into existence, educators have been using them in their classrooms as aids for teaching a wide variety of subjects. Philatelic artifacts contain embedded stories that can be revealed when used to teach such subjects as; history, social studies, language arts, mathematics, science, and art. In this seminar, participants will explore how K-12 instruction can be enhanced by using philatelic artifacts as instructional tools while maintaining alignment with the common core state standards and established student learning objectives.

At the conclusion of this seminar, participants will be able to:

- Identify primary source philatelic documents and artifacts that can be embedded into lessons aligned with the common core state standards and established student learning objectives.
- Implement effective instructional strategies using philatelic materials.
- Use philatelic artifacts to tell stories that identify and describe significant people, places, events and cultural icons.
- Locate philatelic information and resources for use when designing learning activities.



The 31,000 member American Philatelic Society is the organization sponsoring WSS-NY 2016. Its “Stamps Teach” program (<http://stamps.org/stamps-teach>) has attracted international attention to the hobby of stamp collecting and to the use of philatelic artifacts as educational tools. This seminar will serve as the “launch” for an expansion of this program.

There is no cost to attend this seminar but for planning purposes, please register by sending an email to: education@stamps.org with attendee’s: name, subject area(s) taught, and grade level(s) taught. Registered attendees will be guaranteed access to seminar handouts and free resources.

WSS-NY 2016 opens at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, and closes at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Admission to the show is free. Approximately 250,000 people from across the globe are expected to attend to buy, sell, and learn about stamps during this once-in-a-decade event. There will be hundreds of exhibits on a wide variety of subjects; including an exhibit by The Smithsonian National Postal Museum, “New York City: A Portrait through Stamp Art”. This exhibit will immerse the viewer into the world of stamp design, depicting; Broadway, city life, cultural icons, baseball, music and political themes. Over 200 stamp dealers will be there, too, along with the U.S. Postal Service and dozens of postal administrations from around the world.

Additionally, there will be an exciting youth area, “One World Many Stamps”, with hands-on activities and interactive learning opportunities. School groups are welcome and encouraged to attend. Advanced registration for bringing a group/classroom of students is required. There will be giveaways for youth and educators alike. Following the show, ongoing support and assistance will be available to educators wishing to teach using philatelic artifacts.

More information about the show can be found at www.ny2016.org. Questions and pre-registration inquiries for school groups should be directed to: Debby Friedman, WSS Youth Coordinator, at debby.friedman@ny2016.org.

