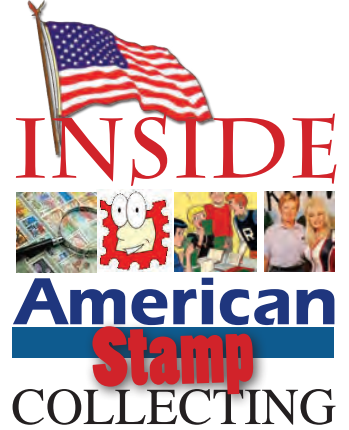




# The World's Greatest City is ready to welcome the worldwide diversity of stamp collecting!



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The High Line is an elevated freight rail line transformed into a free, public park on Manhattan's West Side. It runs from Gansevoort Street in the Meatpacking District to West 34th Street, between 10th and 12th Avenues—only a few minutes from Javits Center, site of World Stamp Show-NY 2016.

**N**ew York, New York....the world's capital." I have heard my city called that many times. It is truly a city like none other. There are so many elements that contribute to its greatness. The concentration of cultural institutions within Manhattan alone is remarkable. Impressive amounts of classic art, architecture and theater stand shoulder to shoulder with contemporary and pop culture of all kinds. All are easily available, some even free.

The city generates such immense energy and, yes, there is a fast paced New York. When I was young, I felt I had to keep up and loved being a part of the whirling city. I'm now a senior and have chosen to participate at my own speed. The city allows for one to choose what to do and at what rate, without sacrificing a bit of enjoyment.

What becomes even more apparent when moving through the city at one's own speed, and contrary to an unfair reputation, is that New Yorkers, as a whole, are gracious and even thoughtful.

Besides the city's density and energy there are other characteristics that enable New York to be considered the "world's capital," none more essential than its enormous diversity.

There are 800 languages spoken in New York. This is but one indication of the huge, rich and varied immigration that fuels the city and makes it great. It is said that one can find anything in New York, and soon we will find the World Stamp Show-NY 2016 at the Javits Convention Center here in the "world's capital."

It is apparent that I'm proud to be a New Yorker. I'm also proud to now be fully involved in the world of philately. Once on the periphery of the hobby as a supportive spouse of a collector, the late Harvey Mirsky, I decided to dive into the hobby on my own after his passing. There are a great many things about my area of postal history that I enjoy, but the many friends that Harvey and I made over the years from all

over the world were the real motivation for my joining in. Stamp collecting's diversity of people is a great draw!

I know and love New York, I am fortunate to be involved with both national and international philatelic organizations, and I love parties... giving them and going to them! So, there is no better task for me than filling the position of Societies and Affiliates Function Chair, happily being a liaison for organizations wishing to have an event during World Stamp Show-NY 2016. The diversity I spoke of that exists in New York can also be found in event space, types of food, décor and atmosphere. I am available to find the correct venue for any event to be held in conjunction with the show, present food and refreshment choices and the costs, all to help facilitate the out of town decision making.

I've had tremendous fun searching out these spaces and I'm now armed with a list from bowling alleys to ball-rooms.

A couple of events have already been planned and appear on the World Stamp Show-NY 2016 web site calendar. A sit down dinner preceded by a cocktail reception has been booked by the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

This is to take place at a uniquely New York venue, the Loeb Boathouse in Central Park. Another cocktail reception and full buffet dinner has been planned for the Club de Monte Carlo at a penthouse/terrace space with views of the New York skyline. Both spaces make it clear to the overseas guests that they can only be in New York. Planning is in progress for the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' "desert before dinner" party to take place near the show venue and hotel.

I'm itching to have more fun, so get in touch and tell me what your organization would like to do during WSS-NY 2016 and let the New York philatelic party planning explode into action!