



Societies and Affiliates

Venture Into New Collecting Areas at the Show

When planning your trip to World Stamp Show-NY 2016 May 28 to June 4, you will no doubt want to visit dealers to see what you can buy for your collection. You will likely plan to spend time looking at the world-class exhibits. Perhaps you will bid in an auction or attend a first-day-of-issue ceremony. But whatever you do, don't neglect to immerse yourself in the presence of the societies and affiliates that will be present.

As you make your way toward the rear of the New York City Jacob J. Javits Center exhibition hall, in an area adjacent to the food court, you will find the society and affiliates booths. Do you collect Philippines, Poland, or Panama? Societies that focus on these countries will be in attendance. Stop by one of these or the many other booths to get acquainted, ask a question, acquire some literature, make a new friend, or join.

Perhaps you have thought about venturing into some new collecting area such as postal stationery, perfins, or military postal history. Yep, you guessed it. Each of those specialties will be represented by a booth as well. Or perhaps your interests are topical. Stop by the booth of the American Topical Association, or the Scouts on Stamps Society, or Sports Philatelists International. Perhaps you are intrigued by some of the organizations that contribute so much to the well being of our hobby. Visit the booths of the American Philatelic Congress or the Philatelic Foundation or the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library. Maybe you wonder what the Ephemera Society is all about. Or perhaps the Meter Stamp Society sounds intriguing. They also will be among the many booths that will be staffed by volunteers at least seven hours each day of the show.

But, wait. There's more. Throughout the entire show societies and affiliates will conduct presentations designed both for beginners and for established collectors. Would you like to learn about the men who made our nation's stamps during the 1920s? Then

accept my personal invitation to an illustrated presentation I will be giving on that topic, sponsored by the United States Stamp Society. Or perhaps try a presentation titled "Postal History of Southern Africa Pioneers Serving in World War II," sponsored by the Bechuanalands and Botswana Society and the Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa.

On June 3, there will be a presentation by the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors with the intriguing title "Yes, you CAN collect the world." On June 2 and 3, the American Philatelic Society will hold its Postal History Symposium. On May 31, Gary Hendren will take visitors on a virtual tour through the U.S. Postmark Museum, "The Home of Two Million Postmarks." Want to attend the release ceremony for the revised edition of the *Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting*? You can do that on Saturday, May 28, opening day.

Are cats up your alley? How about Mexican postal stationery? Or maybe an introduction to the philately of Thailand? These are only some of the many subjects that will be presented during the show in the comfortable and well-equipped meeting rooms of the Javits Center. Additional meetings and seminars are being added to the schedule each week. All will be listed in the show program.

There will be so much to do at World Stamp Show-NY 2016. But not least among the philatelic adventures that await you will be those brought to you by our hobby's societies and affiliates. Don't overlook them. Questions? Contact me at rodney.juell@ny2016.org.

World Stamp Show-NY 2016 takes place May 28 to June 4, 2016 at the Javits Center in New York City.

See full show details online at the website www.ny2016.org.



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Show opens in
11
months

Floor Plan
Revealed



The first draft of the show floor plan was revealed in late May in the show's eighth e-newsletter. For information on how to sign up to receive e-mail updates for the show, and to see a larger version of the floor plan, look on the website under the News Updates webpage.