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I'm proud to be a contributor to the NY 2016 show because I have the greatest respect for Wade Saadi and his team. Wade and his team are talented people and will create a great experience for collectors. I'm sure NY 2016 will be a big boost for the hobby and exciting for all philatelists and collectors.

International shows are important for our hobby because they are big. They bring together many of the greatest stamps and covers in the world, allowing collectors to see rare items locked away in collections or dealer stocks. Stamp dealers come from around the world to buy and sell so it's a very vibrant and competitive marketplace, perfect for collectors who also come to buy and sell their stamps.

Mystic has grown to become America's leading stamp dealer. We employ 150 people in Camden NY buying and selling stamps and other collectables. We connect with our customers by mail, phone, and Internet and occasionally face to face, but seldom take a table at stamp shows. We did take a super-booth in Washington 2006. It was a lot of fun for our colleagues to meet customers and other collectors, show off our inverted Jenny plate block and other rare stamps, and also buy stamps. I expect 2016 to be as much fun, and we will attend this show, too.

Mystic was founded in 1923 in Camden NY by Larry Shaver, a young stamp collector who dreamed of being a stamp dealer. In 1974, Larry sold Mystic to his friend and my father, Maynard Sundman, and as a young man I moved to Camden to run Mystic. My father founded Littleton Stamp Company in 1945. My brother David runs my father's company, now called Littleton Coin Company.

In 1926, the 2nd U.S. international stamp show was held October 16-23rd at the Grand Central Place, New York City. The giants of our hobby were there, including John Luff, Col. Green, Arthur Hind, Eugene Klein, Dr. Carroll Chase, Alfred Lichtenstein, and many more. Mystic was just three years old and contributed \$20 to the "Dealers National Publicity Fund." So this recent contribution to 2016 is really a continuation of Mystic's 90 years of promoting the hobby that we all love.