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Welcome to World Stamp Show-NY 2016!

Dear fellow collector,

It is a thrill to welcome you to our first newsletter, its purpose being to keep you posted on all of the details you need to know about World Stamp Show-NY 2016. Many of you have already signed up as members at our web site: www.ny2016.org. Donations of every size have been received by over 125 individuals and organizations to date. Complete details on contributing are on the web.

Staging an eight day international show of this magnitude requires hundreds of volunteers providing thousands of volunteer hours. You do not have to live in the New York City area to be an official WSS-NY 2016 volunteer! Please let us know what interests you in helping to make this show a huge success. Email me anytime at Wade.Saadi@ny2016.org. I hope to see you soon at an upcoming stamp show.



Wade Saadi
President
WSS-NY 2016

The doors of the Jacob Javits Convention Center swing open at 10 AM on Saturday, May 28, 2016 on what could very well be the most celebrated gathering in philatelic history. We hope you plan to be there and check out nearly 300,000 square feet of the best philately has to offer!

Coming to buy? Whether it be a \$2 space filler, a million dollar rarity, or anything in between, WSS-NY 2016 dealers, postal administrations and auctioneers will probably have it for you. Coming to browse? Thousands of exhibit frames featuring pages from the world's finest collections await your gaze. Coming to learn? Hundreds of meetings, seminars and lectures are being planned on almost every subject imaginable about our great hobby.

Liberty Club Off to a Great Start

Around 70 collectors have made their support for the show known by becoming members of World Stamp Show-NY 2016's "Liberty Club." Membership in the Liberty Club is the best way those who care about the hobby can ensure the future of such shows in the years to come. The club itself will be a separate space in the middle of the show floor where members can go to relax, rest in comfortable seating and meet with fellow stamps collectors from around the country and the world.

Memberships are available at three levels: Liberty, Liberty Silver and Liberty Gold at \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,500, respectively, which may be paid in one payment or spread out in equal installments now and every December through 2015. Each level comes with a variety of additional premiums.

Joining the Liberty Club is easy. Apply online on the WSS-NY 2016 web site at www.ny2016.org. Payments can be conveniently paid by major credit card, PayPal, or by check. Alternatively, membership brochures are already available at most tri-state (NY-NJ-CT) shows now, will be at the WSS-NY 2016 booth at Stampshow in Milwaukee in August, and at many WSP (World Series of Philately) national shows starting in the fall.

The exhibition is run as a 501(c)3 organization under the rules of the IRS. Contributions of any amount are welcome and deductible to the fullest extent of the law by U.S. residents who itemize their federal taxes.

WSS-NY 2016 at StampShow 2013

WSS-NY 2016 visits StampShow in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 8-11 at the Delta Center. Join President Wade Saadi, Executive Director Pat Moeser and others at the show's booth and at Saturday's noon public meeting in Room 202-D.

Meet the Team

It is fitting that this first newsletter feature the volunteer Board members, Chairs and Directors-at-Large who are managing the many facets of the show. More will be joining them shortly!

The Board



Wade E. Saadi

President, New York, NY

WSS-NY 2016 President Wade Saadi wears many philatelic hats. He is currently serving or has served as president or chair of several of this country's most prestigious philatelic organizations, including the American Philatelic Society, the Council of Philatelists of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and the Collectors Club (New York).

Wade is the CEO, President and Founder of Pencom Systems, a computer services company.



Patricia Moeser

Executive Director, Kinnelon, NJ

After receiving a degree in Technical Theatre, jobs took Pat to New York City in various theatrical endeavors on and off Broadway, the Metropolitan Opera, the Kennedy Center, and the Guggenheim Museum. Her scenery company, The Theatre Machine, spawned the Exhibit Machine which designed, fabricated, and managed custom trade show exhibits.

She is a member of the Collectors Club of New York, The France and Colonies Society, the APS and the ASDA.



Nicholas Lombardi

Vice President, Mountainside, NJ

Nick has been active in all levels of organized philately for some time. A former APS VP for five years, he is currently a Director at Large through 2016.

He has been President of the United States Stamp Society for the past nine years and a Governor of The Collectors Club for six years.

Nick has proudly served as President of the Westfield Stamp Club for twelve years and is the current VP of NOJEX, serving as a member of its Board since 2001.



K. David Steidley

Secretary, West Orange, NJ

David's passion is collecting US postal history and serves philately in a variety of positions. He is currently on the Board of NOJEX, finishing a term as Vice President of the American Air Mail Society and has been the Secretary of The Collectors Club since 1997. David additionally is very active in his local stamp group, the Westfield Stamp Club.

A long time New Jersey resident, he is professionally a consultant in the field of medical physics.



Roger Brody

Treasurer, Director, Watchung, NJ

Roger is a Governor of The Collectors Club, Board Chairman of the USSS, member of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Council of Philatelists, Trustee and President of the APRL, fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London, and Westfield, NJ Stamp Club member.

An active researcher, author and exhibitor, Roger has lectured on a variety of philatelic subjects and has received the United States Stamp Society's Hopkinson Memorial Literature Award twice for best research article in addition to being the 2007 APS Luff Award winner for Distinguished Philatelic Research.



Thomas Mazza
General Counsel, New York, NY

Tom Mazza has been an exhibitor and philatelic judge for over twenty years.

He is a long time board member of The Collectors Club and served as its president. He has also served on the boards of many other philatelic organizations and societies.

He was president of Anphilex 96 (the exhibition and celebration of the hundredth anniversary of The Collectors Club) and on the board and general counsel to Washington 2006.

The Chairs



Tami Jackson
Bourse, Leesport, PA

Tami and husband Eric are proprietors of Eric Jackson Revenue Stamps, where she has worked since 1999 as business and inventory processing manager. She has been the advertising director for the American Stamp Dealer & Collector magazine since its inception at the Washington 2006 International Stamp Exhibition.

Before moving to Pennsylvania, Tami worked for Amos Press from 1986 to 1999 working for 11 years in the accounting department and later joining the Linn's Stamp News team to work in advertising sales.



Stephen D. Schumann,
Commissioner General, Hayward, CA

Stephen has been an APS member since 1965, serving on numerous Society committees since 1989, now as Chairman of the International Committee.

He became an APS nationally accredited judge in 1983, named as a juror to nearly all 30+ "World Series of Philately" exhibitions. Internationally Stephen received his FIP judging credentials in 1990. Since that time he has been a jury member at 11 FIP world philatelic exhibitions and a commissioner for 12 FIP exhibitions.

He was a member of the Ameripex 1986 Committee, Vice President of Pacific 97 and Jury Secretary of Washington 2006.



Niko Courtelis
Design, New York, NY

Niko is an award-winning creative director working in graphic design, advertising and documentary film. He is a graduate of Pratt Institute where he is currently an Adjunct Professor. His advertising portfolio includes print and video for Coca-Cola, Levis, McDonalds, Nike and UPS, among others.

Niko has designed over a dozen postage stamps as part of the artistic team at Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation and collects the stamps of Greece.



Charles Shreve
Development, Dallas, TX

A career professional philatelist, Charles has been a leader in the stamp auction industry for over 40 years. He established and ran two of the most prestigious stamp auction houses in the country, Ivy, Shreve and Mader Philatelic Auctions and Shreves Philatelic Galleries.

He recently teamed up with Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc. and is now heading a new international division for the Siegel firm.

Charles continues to be very involved philanthropically in philately, helping to raise substantial sums for the hobby, including millions for the new William H. Gross Stamp Gallery at the Smithsonian.



Stephen Reinhard
Judges and Judging, Mineola, NY

Steve has just been elected as President of the American Philatelic Society, having held several other positions with this country's largest stamp collecting organization, most recently as Vice President and Chairman of the APS Committee on the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges (CANEJ).

He has also held top level positions in many premier national and international philatelic groups, including The Collectors Club, Philatelic Foundation, FIP Aerophilately Commission, and FISA (International Federation of Aerophilatelic Societies).

Honors include having been elected into the Aerophilatelic Hall of Fame and named a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.



Thomas M. Fortunato
Marketing and Public Relations, Rochester, NY

A worldwide collector since age 6, Tom is a jointly accredited APS/ATA national judge holding life memberships in both organizations. Currently he serves as APS Chapter Activities Committee Chair and Vice Chair of Stamp Camp USA. He is active with the Rochester Philatelic Association and their annual ROPEX stamp show, as past president and show chair.

He was Media Communications Chair for the last US international exhibition, Washington 2006, and is a past president of the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors. Tom runs several personal and organizational web sites and is an officer in the Greece Choral Society.



Janet Klug
Social Media, Pleasant Plain, OH

Janet is a stamp collector who “never met a stamp she didn’t like.” Beginning at age six, she has formed worldwide collections as well as specialized ones of the Kingdom of Tonga and the British Commonwealth occupation of Japan after World War II, the Malayan Emergency, Samoa, and some “fun” exhibits.

She has served as President of the American Philatelic Society, the world’s largest organization for stamp collectors; vice-chair of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum’s Council of Philatelists; chair of the NPM’s New Initiatives Committee; and is currently a member of the U.S. Postal Service’s Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee.



Kristin Patterson
Societies and Affiliates, San Jose, CA

Kristin has been collecting stamps since she was 11. Her collecting passions include U.S. 1st issue revenues, playing cards tax stamps, and Wisconsin state government documents in the period around the Civil War. She particularly enjoys researching the past.

Kristin has served 8 years as chair for PENPEX 2013, a local stamp show in Redwood City, CA.

She was elected to her second term (2013-16) as APS Director-at-Large and is also a Director at WESTPEX. Kristin is on the Board of the Sequoia Stamp Club where she has served three terms as a past president.

This is the first of many newsletters that will be released to inform everyone about WSS-NY 2016 details and activities. More will be coming in the months and years ahead!



Directors at Large



Dr. Charles J. DiComo, Pawling, NY

Active in the philatelic community, Charles is a Board member, Assistant Secretary, and Webmaster for the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society; Board member of the Empire State Postal History Society; sits on the Council of Philatelists at the Smithsonian Institution's National Postal Museum; and maintains active memberships in the APS, BNAPS, C&LS, CCNY, PHS, USPCS-NY, and USSS.

He is the Vice President & Global Head of Laboratory Operations for Eurofins Medinet with multi-faceted clinical trial facilities in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Charles is married to Kathleen and has two young daughters, McKenna and Mia, both stamp collectors like their father.



Dana Guyer, Bellefonte, PA

Dana is the Director of Shows and Exhibitions at the American Philatelic Society. She started her career at the APS as Public Relations Manager/graphic designer in 2004, but volunteer for the education department for several years prior to coming on board. Her professional background is in graphic design, printing, marketing, and event planning. When not at work, she spends as much time outdoors as possible, hiking, gardening, and bird watching.

Washington 2006 was her first international show working at the booth for the APS. Her collecting interests are pachyderms, blue birds, essays, proofs, and original artist renderings of stamps.



Andrew Kupersmit, Metuchen, NJ

A well-known professional philatelist and auctioneer

since 1995, Andy is CEO of David Feldman USA in New York City, focusing on exhibition collections and world rarities. He has over 15 years of bourse management experience with NOJEX and has been bourse chair for three postal History Symposia. He currently serves on the NOJEX and New Jersey Postal History Society Boards.

Andy and his firm have been major financial supporters of the APS Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship program.



Ken Martin, Bellefonte, PA

Ken currently serves as Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society. New York 2016 is his fourth U.S. international show. He skipped college graduation to help set up Ameripex'86 in Chicago where he also staffed a booth for 11 days for the Junior Philatelists of America. At Pacific 97 he helped manage the youth area. For Washington 2006 he coordinated the Bourse and served as Floor Manager.

Ken's collecting interests include material related to blood donation/transfusion and modern postal history. He has been a board member of the Centre Communities Chapter of the Red Cross since 1996.



Steven J. Rod, South Orange, NJ

Steven wrote the weekly Refresher Course column in Linn's Stamp News for nearly 10 years. He is the coeditor of the Encyclopedia of United States Stamps and Stamp Collecting, published by the United States Stamp Society in 2006.

He has served three four-year terms as an officer of the American Philatelic Society, and continues to serve APS as its Membership Chair. He is a governor of both the United States Stamp Society and the Collectors Club in New York City, and is a member of the Council of Philatelists of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.