

May 28-June 4, 2016
 Javits Center

Newsletter 8: 1 Year Countdown

One Year and Counting!



WE'RE GETTING EXCITED, and so should you! The doors to World Stamp Show-NY 2016 open in a year's time and plans continue to progress to make sure this once a decade philatelic event will be a memorable one.

This issue, quarterly Newsletter #8, is meant to update you on the show's overall progress. You'll find articles on the major aspects of the show, from hotel accommodations right through to the Palmers awards banquet. Here, too, is a glimpse of the show floor plan seen on Page 7.

Our goal is simple--to make your stay at the exhibition an enjoyable and pleasantly unforgettable one! Please contact us if you have any questions.

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In late breaking news, WSS-NY 2016 is pleased to announce the appointment of Christine Jimenez as the show's Executive Assistant, handling day-to-day activities of the exhibition as of May 18 at the Collectors Club.

Social Media Links



<http://www.facebook.com/ny2016>

<https://twitter.com/WorldStampShowN>

<http://www.pinterest.com/wssny2016/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Stamp_Show-NY_2016

WSS-NY 2016 Stamp Designs Revealed

It's true! The much rumored and anticipated USPS promotional stamps for World Stamp Show-NY 2016 were unveiled during a brief ceremony at the American Stamp dealers Association Spring Stamp Show mid-April in New York City.



ABOVE: WSS-NY 2016 President Wade Saadi and Vice President Steven Rod are joined by American Stamp Dealers Association President Mark Reasoner and USPS official Wanda Santos at the unveiling.

The "Forever" stamps will be released on August 20, 2015 at APS StampShow in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They were designed by Michael Dyer, whose stamp design work includes the recently issued "Waves of Color" dollar values.



Discount Hotel Arrangements

Our hotel partner, Experient, has done a wonderful job these many months working with area hotels to secure the best possible hotel room discounts. Our requirements were simple: Find the lowest prices for hotels within walking distance or within walking distance to regional transportation to the Javits Center.

Here's the latest. We are offering over 15,000 room nights at 18 different hotels with a few rooms starting at \$99 per night, while that is not the norm. In fact, the list includes not only low and medium priced accommodations with below market rates for 5 star hotels as well, including the show's anchor hotel, the Marriott Marquis right in Times Square!

You can review the complete list of hotel options, their locations and amenities through a link on our web site in June. We'll be sending out an email to everyone in our database when it goes live.

Society Participation

We've had a great response from philatelic societies and organizations around the world wanting to hold meetings and/or take out a booth at the show. Here is a brief summary of them, including dates when meeting space has been requested. All meeting dates are confirmed unless changed by the organization itself. The complete list of meetings and seminars will be posted on the web site and updated as necessary right up until show time.

A handful of booths remain, as do time slots for meetings and activities. Please contact Rod Juell, Chairman of Societies and Affiliates, by email at rodnejuell@ny2016.org.

Date Key: May 28-Saturday; May 29-Sunday;
May 30-Monday (Memorial Day); May 31-Tuesday;
June 1-Wednesday; June 2-Thursday; June 3-Friday;
June 4-Saturday

PARTICIPATING SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Air Mail Society - 28, 29, 4
American First Day Cover Society
American Philatelic Congress

American Philatelic Society - 2, 3
American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors
American Society of Polar Philatelists
American Topical Association - 1, 2
Bechuanaland and Botswana Society - 30
Boston 2026 World Stamp Show - 2
British North American Philatelic Society
Canal Zone Study Group - 28
Carriers and Locals Society
Cats on Stamps Study Unit - 31
China Stamp Society - 28
Cinderella Stamp Club of Great Britain - 29
Civil Censorship Study Group
The Collectors Club
Colombia-Panama Philatelic Study Group - 29, 30, 1
Cuban Philatelic Society of America - 1
Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflections
(ESPER) - 29
Ephemera Society of America - 29
Falkland Islands Philatelic Study Group - 30
Fédération Internationale de Philatélie - 2
France & Colonies Philatelic Society
Haiti Philatelic Society - 28
International Philippine Philatelic Society - 30
International Society for Japanese Philately
International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors - 3
India Study Circle - 29
Iran Philatelic Study Circle - 29
Meter Stamp Society - 28
Metropolitan Air Post Society - 28
Mexico Elmhurst Society International - 30, 31, 1
Military Postal History Society
National Duck Stamp Collectors Society - 29
Nepal & Tibet Philatelic Study Circle
Nicaragua Study Group - 2
Ottoman and Near East Philatelic Society - 29
The Perpins Club - 31
The Philatelic Foundation
Philatelic Society for Greater Southern Africa - 30
Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC3)
Pitcairn Islands Study Group - 29
Polonus Philatelic Society
Postal History Society
Postal History Society of Canada

Postal Order Society
Poster Stamp Collectors Club - 29
Postmark Collectors Club - 31
Precancel Stamp Society - 29, 31
Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library
Rossica Society of Russian Philately
Royal Philatelic Society of Canada
Royal Philatelic Society London - 30
Scouts on Stamps Society International - 29, 30
Society for Hungarian Philately - 30
Society for Thai Philately - 29
Society of Indo-China Philatelists - 29
Society of Israel Philatelists - 29, 30, 2, 3
Society of Postal Historians - 30
Spanish Philatelic Society, 29
Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History
Sports Philatelists International - 30
St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan de Cunha
Philatelic Society
United Postal Stationery Society - 29, 4
United States Stamp Society - 28, 29, 30, 31, 1, 2, 3, 4
U. S. Philatelic Classics Society - 29, 30, 31, 1, 2
U.S. Possessions Philatelic Society
Universal Ship Cancellation Society
Westfield Stamp Club - 2
Wreck & Crash Mail Society
World Stamp Show-NY 2016 Social Media Followers – 28

Dealers and Postal Administrations

The list of 128 participating dealers continues to grow!
The bourse stands are now 70% filled with an additional number of applications pending deposits. That represents well over \$1.5 million in booth fees to date. We anticipate the majority of postal administration stands to be filled after the joint WSS-NY 2016/USPS invitation letter is formally received and considered by UPU members.

Attending so far will be...

DEALERS

A & D Stamps & Coins
AAA Stamp & Coin
aGatherin'

Albert's Stamps
Alex Haimann
Antonio Torres
Argyll Etkin Ltd
Argyrios-Karamitsos
Aukitionshaus Christoph Gartner GMBH & Co KG
Azusa Collectibles
Bardo Stamps
Behr
Bejjco of Florida, Inc.
Bill Barrell Ltd.
Bolaffi SPA
Brian Moorhouse
Britannia Enterprises
Carmichael & Todd Philatelists
Castlerock Stamps/Jorge Castillo
Cavendish Philatelic Auctions, Ltd.
Champion Stamp Company
Cherrystone Philatelic Auctioneers
Collectors Exchange
Colonial Stamp Co.
Columbian Stamp Co.
Compustamp
Cover Story
Coverman
D & P Stamps
Dan French
Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC
David Feldman SA
David Morrison
David R. Torre
Delcampe International
Don Tocher
Doreen Royan & Assoc. [Pty] Ltd.
Douglas Weisz U.S. Covers
Dutch Country Auctions - The Stamp Center
Earl P.L. Apfelbaum, Inc.
Eric Jackson
France International
Galerie Dreyfus
Gary L. Lyon (Philatelist) Ltd
Gary Posner, Inc.
George H. LaBarre Galleries, Inc.
Goran Fredriksson
Hamiltons for Stamps

Harmers International, Inc
 Heiner Zinoni
 Henry Gitner Philatelists, Inc
 Honegger Philatelie AG
 House of Zion
 Hugh Wood, Inc.
 Hunt & Co
 J R Mowbray (Philatelist)
 James E. Lee, LLC
 James F. Taff
 James T. McCusker, Inc.
 Johnson Philatelics
 Kay & Company
 Koehler & Cornphila Holding GmbH
 Leonard Stamps
 Leuchtturm-Lighthouse
 Lindner Publications, Inc.
 Linn's Stamp News / Scott Catalogue
 London Philatelists
 Long Island Philatelics
 Markest Stamp Co.
 Martin Shupe Stamps
 MCXI Philatelics
 Michael Chipperfield
 Michael Eastick & Associates P/L
 Miller's Stamp Company
 Momen Stamps Inc.
 Mountainside Stamps, Coin & Currency
 Murray Payne Candlish McCleery Ltd.
 Mystic Stamp Company
 Newport Harbor Stamp Co.
 Palo Albums Inc.
 Paradise Valley Stamp Co., Inc.
 Patricia A. Kaufmann
 Philangles Ltd.
 Philatelic Services of Finland Ltd
 Postalstationery.com
 Postiljonen AB
 Raritan Stamps, Inc.
 Regency Superior, Ltd.
 REW Stamps-Coins LLC
 Richardson & Copp
 Rising Sun Stamps
 Royal Williams Stamps Ltd.

Roy's Stamps
 Rushstamps (Retail) Ltd.
 Safe Publications, Inc.
 Schuyler J. Rumsey Philatelic Auctions, Inc.
 Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, Inc.
 Soler Y Llach
 Spink & Son
 StampArt
 Stampbay, Inc.
 Stampfinder
 Stampmen, Inc.
 Stamps Inc.
 Stanley Gibbons Ltd
 Stanley M. Piller & Assoc.
 Stephen T. Taylor
 Steve Sims
 TeeLok Print Group/Minuteman Press
 The Classic Collector
 The Excelsior Collection
 The Gold Mine
 The Media
 Torsten Weller
 Triple S. Postal History, Inc.
 Van Dieten Stampauctions
 Vance Auctions, Ltd.
 Victoria Stamp Co.
 Vidiforms, Inc.
 Vogt Stamps & Coins
 Volovski Rarities
 Walter Kasell
 Wayne Gehret
 Willard S. Allman
 William Langs
 WIP International, Inc.
 Yvert et Tellier
 Zirinsky Stamps

POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS

U. S. Postal Service
 Armenia Post
 Herrick Stamp Co.
 Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation
 Stamperija Ltd
 United Nations Postal Administration

Special Events Dinners

A number of dinners have already been scheduled to take place during WSS-NY 2016. Here is the confirmed list so far. Please contact the specific organization for details:

Saturday, May 28: Joint Collectors Club/Philatelic Foundation Awards Dinner- TBA

Sunday, May 29: APS Tiffany Dinner- TBA

Monday, May 30: U.S. Stamp Society Dinner- TBA, contact Rod Juell, rodnejuell@ny2016.org.

Tuesday, May 31: Royal Philatelic Society London Dinner- The Loeb Boathouse

Thursday, June 2: Palmares Awards Dinner- Marriott Marquis Hotel

Friday, June 3: U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Dinner- TBA

Saturday, June 4: Club de Monte Carlo Dinner- Scholastic Building Greenhouse and Terrace

To plan arrangements for a similar function, email Entertainment and Social Chairman Carol Bommarito at carol.bommarito@ny2016.org.

Exhibit Frames

Roughly 2,000 double-sided "A Frame" style exhibit frames are being manufactured by an engineering company owned by Vince King of Denton, TX. A prototype was brought to TEXPEX and given the go-ahead for approval. The design is complete and material selection is underway.

The unique feature of the frames is what they are made of—a high-strength rigid plastic instead of the typical aluminum used to date. Doing so makes them light in weight and overall easier to handle, especially with the way the legs will connect to the frames themselves. It also greatly reduces the cost to produce them.

Further information about the frames will be released in an upcoming press release, including how to purchase them once the show is over.

Exhibiting Matters

By now interested exhibitors should have been in contact with their national commissioner requesting a copy of The Bulletin and an application. Read details now on the WSS-NY 2016 web site. All applications must be received by national commissioners in August. Specific deadline dates vary. Accepted exhibitors will be notified in November and requested to finalize their paperwork, forwarding frames fees as instructed.

Commissioner General Stephen D. Schumann confirms that to date 81 commissioner appointments have been received from FIP national philatelic bodies to take part in WSS-NY 2016, with another 5 more possible in the upcoming weeks.

Judges and Judging Chairman Stephen Reinhard reports that 48 of those 81 organizations have nominated 109 internationally accredited judges to participate. The Selection Committee will meet in October to pick the anticipated 40-50 judges needed for the show, with invitations sent to those selected by November.

Assistant Commissioner Bruce Marsden has been working with U.S. Customs and Border Protection on arrangements for handling Customs paperwork for exhibits brought into the country.

Special Exhibit Prizes

The list of special exhibit prizes continues to grow thanks to the generosity of 48 individuals and organizations from around the world. Each has either donated an object d'art or contributed funds to be used to purchase a noteworthy item. Already 14 prizes have been received, and more are sure to arrive in the upcoming months.

We continue to seek the support of the philatelic community in this effort. All donors will be recognized in the show program and on the show web site unless anonymity is requested. Donations are tax deductible to U.S. residents that itemize their annual returns.

Please contact Awards Chair Gene Fricks at gene.fricks@ny2016.org with questions or to donate.

Auctioneers

A complement of four international firms plan to hold auctions during World Stamp Show-NY 2016. All are in the process of accepting consignments for what is expected to be one of their most popular auctions of the year. They include:

Auktionshaus Christoph Gärtner

<http://www.auktionen-gaertner.de/>

Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions

<http://db.kelleherauctions.com/>

Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions

<http://rumseyauctions.com/>

Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries

<http://www.siegelauctiongalleries.us/>

Specific dates and times are under discussion. Please contact them directly at your earliest convenience for consignment information.

The Exhibition Medal

Design Chairman Niko Courtelis is busy putting the final touches on the exhibition medal model. Details of the design are a closely guarded secret, even within the Exhibition Committee itself, but will be released in the near future. It is sure to be prized possession and memento for all exhibitors.

Join “The Club”

The Liberty Club, that is! Donors of any amount are much appreciated, but we have set up special levels to recognize contributors of \$1000 to \$9999 for their support. Known as Liberty, Liberty Silver, Liberty Gold and Liberty Platinum for minimum donations of \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,500, and \$2,501 to \$9999, these people receive special thank you premiums for the various levels.

All receive access to the Liberty Club, a special reserved area on the show floor where Club members and their guest can lounge, dine on exclusive cuisine and simply relax in a comfortable, quiet area. Other perks include things such as special souvenirs, show tours, Palmares tickets and more.

Full details can be found online at <http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Memberships.aspx?id=503>, write to us for more information, or email Alex Haimann, Liberty Club Chairman, at alex.haimann@ny2016.org.

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Philatelic Passports

Yes, the show will be offering the very popular stamp passports!

One of the fun activities for show-goers at an international philatelic exhibition is to fill out a stamp passport. These look like the real thing with lots of pages for various travel “visas” but there’s no travel involved. Simply visit each postal administration’s show booth, select the stamp of your choosing and get it “postmarked” with the special commemorative cancel they have on hand.

It’s a fun activity for young and old alike. Non-collecting family members especially enjoy filling out a passport and actually learn some philately along the way while creating a great souvenir of their visit.

WSS-NY 2016 at Recent Shows

Our exhibition has been represented at a number of national philatelic exhibitions in recent months. Many WSS-NY 2016 committee members manned the booth at the ASDA Spring Postage Stamp Show at the New York City Hilton on Avenue of the Americas in mid-April. The following week a booth was manned at WESTPEX in San Francisco. Eric and Tami Jackson and their niece, Cheyenne Clark, along with Wade Saadi and Alex Haimann met with booth visitors at London 2015 EUROPHILEX in London, England in mid-May.

Enjoy "The City"

Functions and Activities Chairman Gail Saadi has been busy exploring off-site activity options for visitors. Plans call for a variety of suggestions to be offered each of the show's eight days covering cultural, sporting and must-see sites in and around the area. Visitors will find these helpful in planning a well-rounded trip of a lifetime to World Stamp Show-NY 2016 and greater New York.

myNY2016 Calendar

It's almost ready! The myNY2016 calendar will be fully integrated into the WSS-NY 2016 web site allowing you to access your personal electronic valet for the show! Available for PCs, Macs and mobile devices, this free service will put the complete schedule of events and ceremonies at your fingertips!

When implemented, simply log into your account and start putting your schedule together!

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