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A Brief Guide for Visitors

With World Stamp Show-NY 2016 now just a week away from opening, here are some last minute details and tips for those planning a visit.

Admission is free, but everyone must wear his or her badge to gain entrance to the show floor. Take advantage of preregistration and print one before attending. Fill out the form for yourself and up to three additional attendees using this link: <http://www.ny2016.org/Registration.aspx>, print the badge(s) and pick up a badge holder when you arrive from one of the greeters in the lobby. Onsite registration will begin at 8 AM daily, but expect long lines, especially the first weekend.

Subway Line #7 stops just across the street from the Javits Center at 34th Street/Hudson Yards. The New York Metro Transportation Authority web site (<http://www.mta.info/>) has rail, bus and subway information and maps. Most bus and subway single-ride tickets in New York are \$3.00 each way. Buying a MetroCard reduces the cost to \$2.75 per ride, with a 7 day unlimited pass being the best value at \$31.00. Separate bus and rail lines service New Jersey destinations, but all converge at New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal or Grand Central Station a few blocks east from Javits.

Use the closest Javits Center entrance doors at 11th Avenue and 35th Street. Ground level is actually the third floor of Javits Center, where the show is located in Halls 3B-D-E. Check out Javits' newsletter here: <http://market.javitscenter.com/>. Wheelchair and motorized vehicle rental information is available through this link: <http://www.javitscenter.com/attend/mobility-vehicle-rental/>, which need to be reserved ahead of time. The entire facility is handicapped accessible.

Special badge holders should bring a photo ID with them, and look for the appropriate registration desk (i.e. Booth Workers, Exhibitors, Liberty Club, Special Badges) in the Crystal Palace Lobby. Journalists who requested a press pass in advance, or wish to register on-site, should go to the Special Badge booth before proceeding to the Press Room, 4B2, on the fourth floor.

Opening Ceremonies kick off at 9:15 AM on Saturday, May 28, with an hour-long presentation that will include some entertaining surprises. If you have not already registered online, arrive at 8 AM to do so in person. Make sure you have your admission badge beforehand to enter the show right afterwards at 10:30.

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For the remaining days of the exhibition, hours are 10 AM to 6 PM with the exception of the last day, Saturday, June 4, when the show closes at 3 PM.

Only booth-holding dealers and show committee operational staff will be allowed on the show floor during off-hours. Society representatives may enter 15 minutes before the doors open.

Liberty Club members should make the APS Super Booth (Booth #721 just inside the left entrance to the show) their first stop to pick up their membership pins. Palmares tickets may also be purchased or picked up there if reserved in advance. Also purchase an exhibition catalog for \$10 there while supplies last along with serviced and unserviced official show cacheted covers.

With more than 200 dealers from around the globe, you are sure to find what you're looking for no matter what your philatelic interests. Be aware that they are not only selling, but buying single items up to entire collections. Six world-class auctions are scheduled daily from Sunday through Friday.

Pick up a free philatelic passport at the Linn's/Scott Booth #951 or the Beginner's Area #125. "Take a trip around the world" by visiting more than 50 postal administrations, collecting stamps and cancels along the way. Many show-related issues are here: http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Stamps_Cancels_Cachets.aspx?id=516. By the way, several more first day ceremonies have been scheduled in the last few weeks.

Pick up a free show program that contains a complete listing of the day's events and show information sponsored by Robert A Siegel Auction Galleries. Three free special show editions of Linn's Stamp News will be given away on Sunday, Monday, and Thursday.

The Court of Honor and Invited Exhibits area will be nothing short of spectacular. Most of the world's great philatelic rarities will be on display, never to be seen in one place at one time ever again. Please note that photography will be strictly prohibited in this area.

There are 706 competitive exhibits among 4,454 frames that await your perusal. Literature entries top 173, consisting of books, periodicals and catalogs. Make some time to look over the 50+ special prizes the judges will be awarding.

Check out one of the largest gatherings of philatelic societies in history. Hundreds of meeting hours have been scheduled by organizations covering every facet of the hobby. Many are hosting tables to greet you personally and answer your questions.

Bring the whole family! Introduce those young and old non-collectors to the fun we all have through the "Welcome to Stamp Collecting Pavilion" activities and TurningPoint Foundation Pavilion Theater presentations.

Please note that there has been a last minute change of time slots for the three awards presentations on Thursday, June 2. The Bronze, Silver Bronze, Silver, Large Silver ceremony will begin as originally planned at 11 AM. The ceremony for Vermeil, Large Vermeil, and Special Prizes (if applicable) will begin at 12

Noon, followed by the final ceremony at 2 PM for Gold and Large Gold and Special Prize winners.

Hungry? Starbucks opens daily at 7 AM. The Marketplace Food Court (also on Level 3) will have selective vendors open at 9 AM with the rest open by lunchtime right through 6 PM. These include the Crystal Palace Grill, Tortugas Voladoras, Vegan Asian Tacos, Red Sauce Italian and Go Natural.

All this and much more awaits all show-goers. Make every effort to attend this once-a-decade event. You can't afford to miss it!

Check out our web page at www.ny2016.org as well as Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest. Share your show photos with us in our Google photo album at <https://goo.gl/photos/aqThCViRScxZMu689>.

