



A Place of Their Own Programs Planned for Young and New Collectors

World Stamp Show-NY 2016's Welcome to Stamp Collecting Pavilion will welcome youth and adults to the amazing world of stamp collecting with eye-opening programs. With 5,000 square feet of space, the pavilion will offer something for everyone. Whether you are a third-grader, a young mom or dad, or a retired senior, the exhibition will expose you to the adventure of stamp collecting and show you how to get started with your own collection.

The pavilion will have three parts: a youth area, adult area, and theater. We are expecting a large number of youths to attend. At Washington 2006, the last international once-every-10-year show in the United States, more than 6,000 young people were on hand. The Youth Activities Committee, comprising the best stamp educators, is designing hands-on activities, including an activity book handout. With stamps being used as curriculum aids in more than 5,000 classrooms in the United States, youth activities at the show will take the next step in starting young collectors on a pathway to stamp collecting as a life-long pursuit.

Newcomers of all ages who visit the Welcome to Stamp Collecting Pavilion will be able to select free stamps from all over the world to begin a collection, or add to an existing one. The pavilion will be adjacent to the U.S. Postal Service booth. The USPS is a major show sponsor and supporter of all youth and beginner collector activities.

Adults will be individually greeted by StampBuddy mentors. StampBuddy is a program of the American Philatelic Society that helps adults find their way into stamp collecting and supports them through the beginning stages. Each adult visitor will choose free stamps and take them to a work station where they can use an electronic microscope to project images of the stamps they have selected. A mentor then narrates the stamps and counsels the visitor on how to match their life experience and interests to a stamp interest, such as collecting a country, or a special topic.



Beginners are often overwhelmed by the vastness of shows like WSS-NY 2016 so individualized tours of the show floor will be provided by StampBuddy mentors.

The pavilion's theater will project videos about collecting aimed at both youth and adults and will provide a comfortable area for storytelling, lectures and other activities.

Youth and adults who express interest in continuing the hobby will be given formal invitations to participate in online meetings sponsored by the American Philatelic Society using video conferencing.

World Stamp Show



May 28-June 4, 2016
New York City
www.ny2016.org

Show opens in
8
months

United States
Stamps Issued



The United States Postal Service issued two World Stamp Show-NY 2016 commemorative forever stamps on August 20 during a ceremony held at the American Philatelic Society's StampShow 2015 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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