

Post Boy

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Announcements

Meetings -

Nov. 9 - Today is the Auction Bucks auction which will start after a Salute to our Military Veterans. **NO ZOOM meeting today**, only the auction using the hard-earned Auction Bucks.

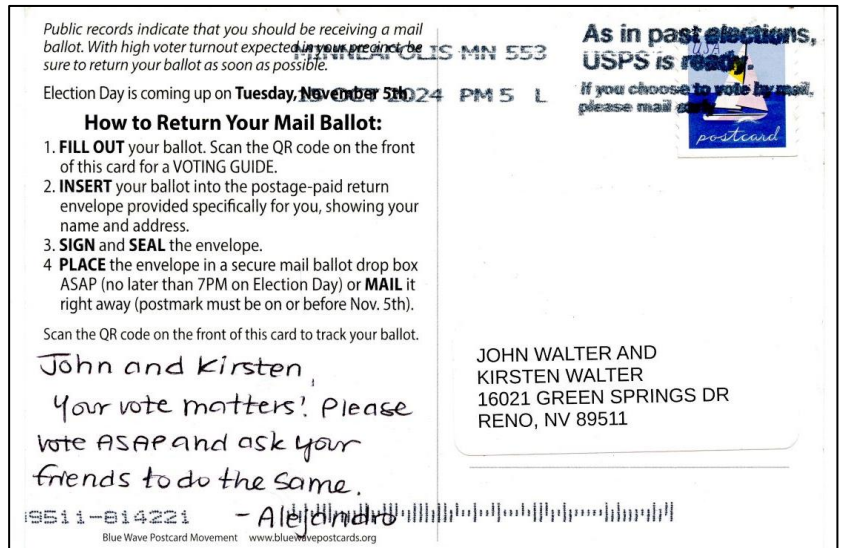
Nov. 23 - In person and online via Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, the presentation will be on "USS Kamehameha" by **Dave Gehringer**. Members can have up to 10 lots on the consignment table. Extra lots may be added as lots are sold.

Dec. 14 - Christmas/Holiday Party. Mark your calendar. This is a potluck lunch with meat entrée provided by the stamp club followed by a gift exchange. Family members are invited. The fun begins at 11 a.m. at the Silverada Estates clubhouse. The sign-up sheet will be available at both Nov. meetings.

Online Auction #39 - The online auction will resume in February 2025.

Interesting Election Postmark

Keep an eye out for this special "Election" postmark. It reads: *"As in past Elections, USPS is ready. If you choose to vote by mail, please mail early."* This post card was sent Oct. 14, from Minneapolis, MN.



I also received two first class envelopes with the same postmark - different cities.

Post Boy Reporter

Oct 12 meeting - Erik Fields arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. Attendance was 28 members with one on Zoom. Refreshments were provided by **Mike DelGrosso**. **John Walter** and **Harvey Edwards** set up the AV equipment.

President **James Steckley** introduced a new member, **Michael Ries**, who joined at the meeting today. James received a donation, with the help of **Jeff Waldman**, from someone in Carson City. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Nevada Stamp Study Society, James is soliciting ideas to help celebrate the event.

Membership Chair **Mike Potter** reported 55 members have renewed so far. August is membership renewal month. Magnetic name badges are available for \$7.95 and free for new members.

Editor **John Walter** gave a report on October's Post Boy. Webmaster **John Walter** gave a brief report on the club website. The hosting web server address has changed so please report any problem accessing the club website. Uploading files and forwarding emails are all working.

Program Chair **Dave Gehringer** is looking for meeting presentations starting in January. Treasurer and Stamp Show Chair **Erik Fields** reported the date for the next Reno stamp show – July 26-27, 2025 at the same venue, the National Bowling Stadium.

George Ray conducted the raffle with 10 prizes plus a bonus prize won by **Maggie Griener**. The money prize of \$16.50 was won by **Eugene Smoots**.

The live auction had 60 member lots and 5 donated lots. The auctioneer was **Mike Potter** with help from **Nadiah Beekun** and **Howard Kadohiro**. **Erik Fields** and **Steve Foster** helped with the auction accounting. A total 49 member lots and all the donated lots sold for \$590.00.

Oct. 26 meeting - Erik Fields arrived early to set up the tables and chairs. Attendance was 24 with three members via Zoom and one guest, John Friedrich, from Fallon, who was inquiring about selling a stamp collection. **Gene Smoots** provided refreshments plus **Maggie Griener** brought home made small apple pies. The Audio-visual equipment was set up by **John Walter**.

President **James Steckley** reminded everyone about upcoming stamp shows – SACAPEX, Nov. 2-3 in Sacramento and PENPEX, Dec. 7-8 in Redwood City. James mentioned the USPS holiday mailing dates starting in Nov. James gave a report on donations from a few club members and wondering what to do with other donations that are accumulating at his house. After some discussion, there will be an all-donation live meeting auction at the Feb. 22, 2025 meeting.

Treasurer **Erik Fields** reported finances are in good shape.

George Ray conducted the raffle with 10 prizes and a bonus won by **Scott Mathews**. The money raffle of \$12.50 was won by **Dave Stafford**.

Dave Gehringer gave the presentation about his experiences at 2024 Great American Stamp Show. He participated in the live GASS auction and won an auction lot.



James Steckley showing off his stamp T-shirt.



Dave Gehringer showed a few of his purchases from GASS. The most interesting stamp with a personal story is Scott 404 mint from the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition held between Feb. 20 and Dec. 4, 1915. It was held near Marina Green, on 635 acres, just touching San Francisco Bay.

It was held to commemorate two things. First the completing of the Panama Canal and secondly to show the new San Francisco which emerged after the 1906 earthquake.

Rodan's "The Thinker" statue is still there as a remembrance 109 years ago. Nineteen million attended between Feb and Dec. 1915.

The stamp is titled "Discovery of San Francisco Bay."

Scott 404 in mint condition is the most valuable regularly issued 20th century US commemorative stamp.



Now the personal touch and why Dave loves this stamp series.

This family photo shows Andrew & Marie Gehringer with children Elaine, Norbert and Hilda. Norbert is Dave's father.

The photo was taken when the family visited the exhibition in 1915.

Another major purchase was this Scott 449 mint vertical pair issued in 1915. (This was a scan from Dave.)



New Member Profile



Michael "Mike" Ries joined the stamp club at the Oct. 12 meeting. He started collecting as a teenager, mainly U.S. 19th and 20 century regular issues with his father.

He actively collected until around age 20 and then got busy with so many other things. The stamp collection was set aside until about 2 years ago when he retired. He also inherited a collection of U.S. revenues from his father and has been slowly adding to it.

Mike is originally from upstate New York and worked as an orthopedic surgeon, specializing in hip and knee replacement. He practiced at UCSF in San Francisco until 2013 and then moved to Reno to be close to skiing and outdoor activities that he and his family enjoy. Mike is also a member of the APS.



Marvin Talso – (In his own words.) I have been collecting since I was eight years old with some time off for the usual reasons (college, job, etc.) I am a worldwide collector (I have 20 linear feet of albums!) and enjoy the hobby as I move further into my senior years. I am trying to focus on certain countries: Finland, Argentina, Great Britain, and Mexico.

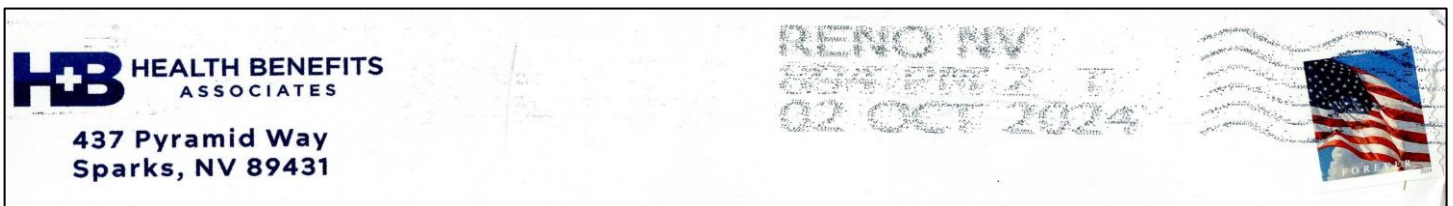
I attend stamp shows whenever I can and have visited APS headquarters in Bellefonte. Several years ago, a friend and I decided to try to start a local stamp club and were successful. The Willits Stamp club meets every third Wednesday of the month at the Willits Library at 5 p.m. We have members from Fort Bragg, Covelo, Redwood Valley, Willits and Ukiah. We often have visitors who have received a relative's collection and want to know if they have a treasure....usually not...but one time

we cataloged a US and Canadian collection at \$250,000.

The membership Marvin submitted is for the Willits Stamp Club.

Marvin participated in the Oct. 26 meeting using Zoom.

Large Format Postmark – Look for the local new format sprayed-on postmark.



Mailed from Sparks, Zip 894, but has Reno as city which is Zip 895. Emailed USPS for explanation – no reply yet.

Auction Bucks Auction



Nov. 9, 2024

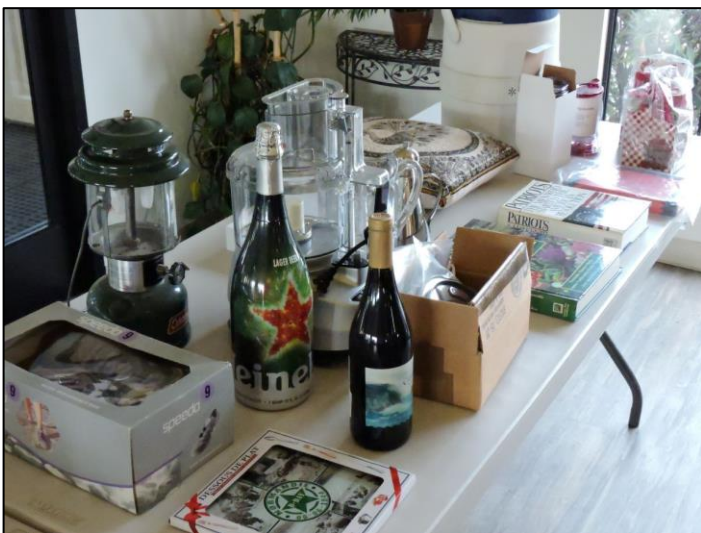
Silverada Estates Clubhouse, 2301 Oddie Blvd, Reno

Auction starts around 10:15 - After the **Salute to our Military Veterans**

There is NO raffle at this meeting.

The meeting on November 9 is the only meeting where you can spend your hard-earned Auction Bucks to “purchase” real items – philatelic and other “stuff.” Members donate yard/garage sale type items for the auction. A few members usually bring some bottles of wine and other “valuable” items to spice up the bidding. It’s a fun time for all. Spouses are invited to help spend their bucks.

- 😊 Arrive early with your donated items and to view the other items in the auction.
- 😊 Coffee and refreshments are provided.
- 😊 Donated items can include wine, books, music CDs, movie DVDs, plus much more.
- 😊 There will be some philatelic items offered.
- 😊 This meeting is strictly to spend your Auction Bucks. Come and enjoy the fun!
- 😊 Earned Auction Bucks were distributed to members at the Oct. 26 meeting. If you did not receive your bucks, **Betty Mudge** or **Will Eubanks** will have them available on Nov. 9.



Some non-philatelic items from 2023 Auction Bucks auction.



A nice 1885 silver dollar was the featured item in 2023.

2024 Salute to our Military Veterans

As a tribute to our members who served in the military, the Nevada Stamp Study Society salutes you for your serve. These are the members who provided information on their active-duty military service and overseas assignments:

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| Joe Allen , USN, | Spain, Bermuda-LAJES |
| Gary Atkinson , Army, Capt. 1973-1980 | |
| Nadiah Beekun , MS2, Navy, 1977-1981 | Italy |
| Robert Burger , USAF | Germany |
| Richard Dreiling , CWO-4, Navy, 1957-1987 | Vietnam (2 tours), Japan |
| Harvey Edwards , ETN2, Navy, 1973-1979 | Submarine duty. |
| Terri Edwards , Captain, Army, 1981-1985 | West Germany |
| Gary Gregory , Army, | |
| Howard Grenzebach , E3, Air Force, 1960-1964 | Spain |
| Tom Hamilton , Marines, | |
| Charles "Chip" MacLeod , E-5, Army, 1969-1972 | Vietnam, Japan |
| Merle "Scott" Mathews , Navy, 1973-1982 | Diego Garcia (Indian Ocean) |
| Kenneth Milliard , Army, 1968-1971 | Vietnam (Bronze Star) |
| John Muise , Army , 1949-1975 | Korea, Vietnam - 2 tours |
| David Parsons , 1st Lt., Air Force, 1970-1972 | |
| George Ray , Sgt., Marines, 1955-1959 | |
| Thomas Reyman , Capt., AZ Air National Guard, 1967-1980 | |
| James Steckley , Coast Guard, 1963-1967 | |
| John Walter , Major, Air Force, 1969-1989 | Japan, Guam |



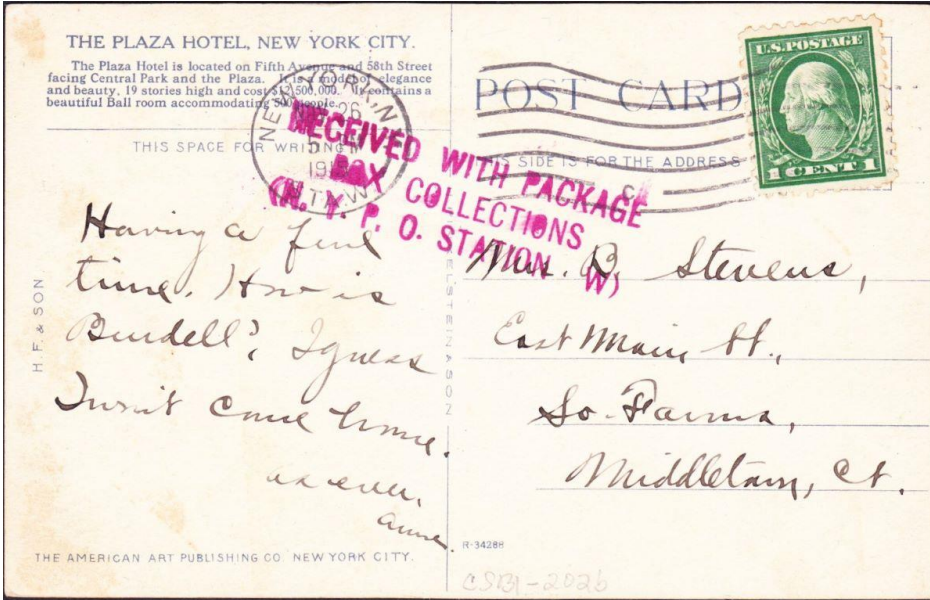
The cachet is an original painting by Mel Crawford.

Message-Reply Card Put in the Wrong Mailbox

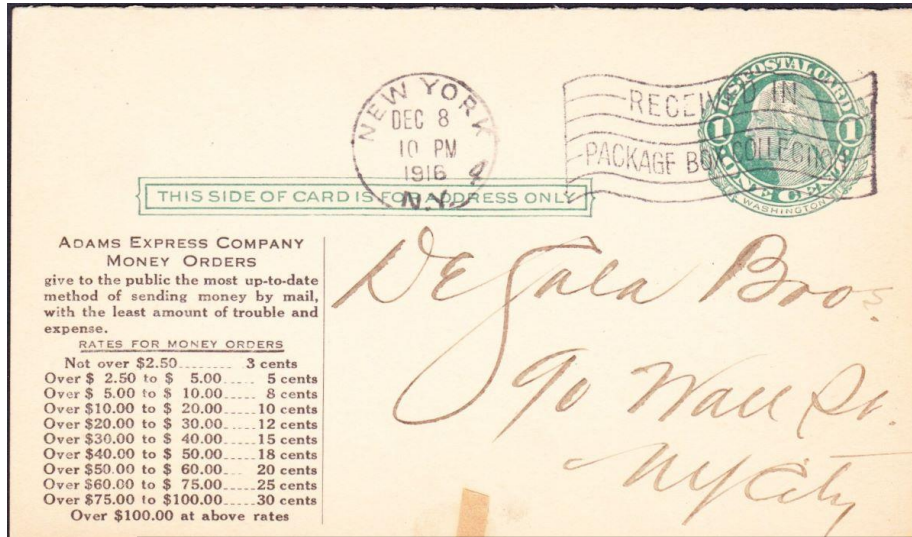
By Patrick Crosby

In days not that long ago, there were many street mailboxes where postal patrons could drop their letters and cards for delivery. Sometimes there were two similar collection boxes near each other, with one being specifically for packages and perhaps reading "For Packages Only."

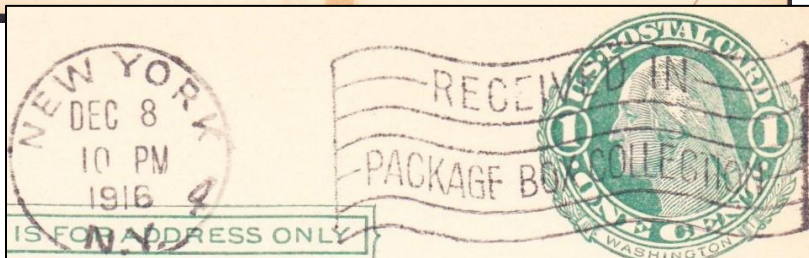
But who reads mailboxes until it's too late? It was such a common occurrence that letters and cards were being incorrectly dropped in a collection box meant for packages that post offices had handstamps and machine cancellers made reading something like "Received In Package Box Collection." It was one of the most common auxiliary markings used and explained to the addressee why the article took longer than typical to deliver. Even though the postmark used to be common, nowadays examples aren't so easy to find because of collector desirability and its being so obvious.



Red handstamp reads "RECEIVED WITH PACKAGE BOX COLLECTIONS (N.Y.P.O. STATION W). Sent Nov. 26, 1915

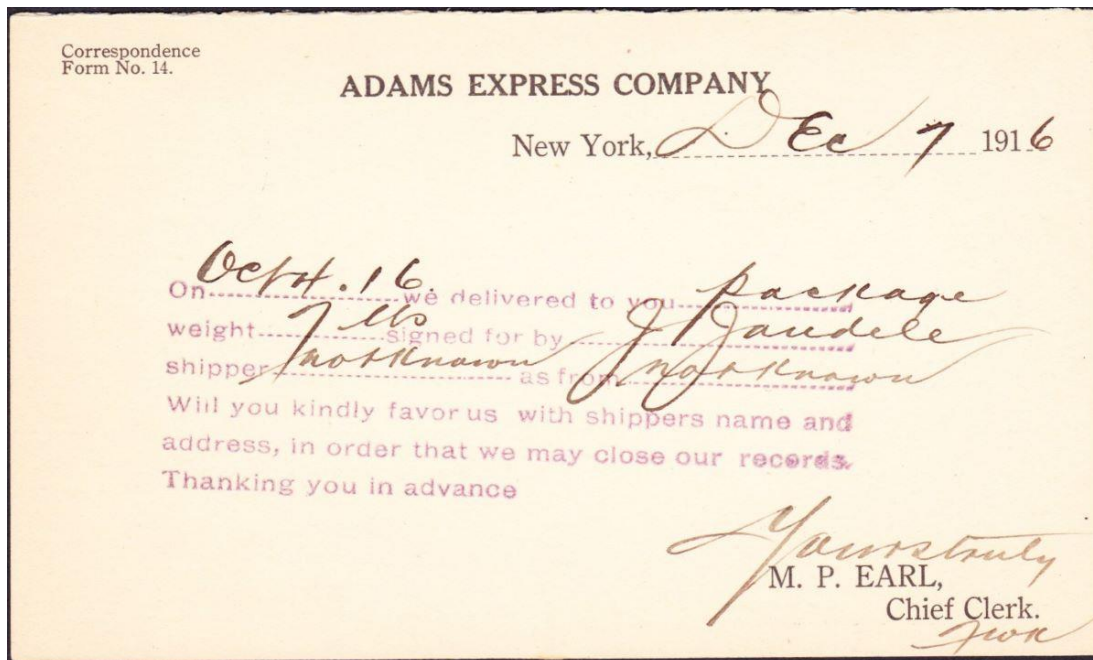


The message half of a paid reply postal card shows a Universal Stamping Machine Company cancel. The canceller (or killer) portion on the right was likely interchangeable and the postal clerk would switch the canceller in the hub, stack the incorrectly mailed covers, run them through the postmarking machine, then switch back to the normal canceller.



Enlargement of the cancel with the killer portion reading: "RECEIVED IN PACKAGE BOX COLLECTIONS").

The International Postal Supply Company had a similar looking killer used on its machines, but the date portion of the duplex cancel always has the year in an arc at the bottom of the dial.



In this case Adams Express Company sent a prepaid postal card to a customer for more information - "shipper unknown as from unknown." It seems the customer mailed the reply half back. Notice that Adams Express took the opportunity to advertise their Money Orders on the front of the message card.

The feature postal card is the message half of Scott UY6, called UY6m. The United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS) catalog includes three different length roulette separations. These are measured just like postage stamp perforations - per 20 mm. UPSS MR12 separations 1, 2 and 3 are 6.25, 5.8 and 2.9 respectively. Even though it's only half of the message-reply card, this card's separation can still be read at 2.9, making it UPSS M12 sep. 3.

This was the first and last time that such a course separation was used because it didn't work.

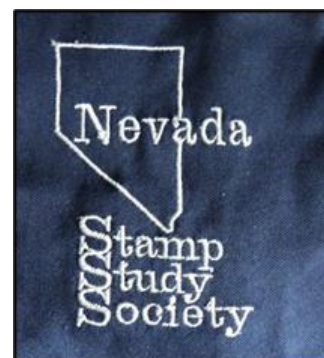
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- Richard W. Helbock, Postmarks on Postcards (La Posta Publications, Scappoose, OR, 2002)
- United States Postal Card Catalog 2020, United Postal Stationery Society, edited by Lewis E. Bussey, 2020, available at <https://www.upss.org/>

Patrick Crosby collects U.S. postal stationery, stamps and postcards with an emphasis on postal history.

For Sale: Monogrammed golf shirts with the Nevada Stamp Study Society logo for \$25. The monogram can also be placed on a shirt you provide for \$15. Right now, the shirts are dark blue with white monogram or white shirt with dark blue monogram. Members regularly wear monogrammed shirts at meetings.

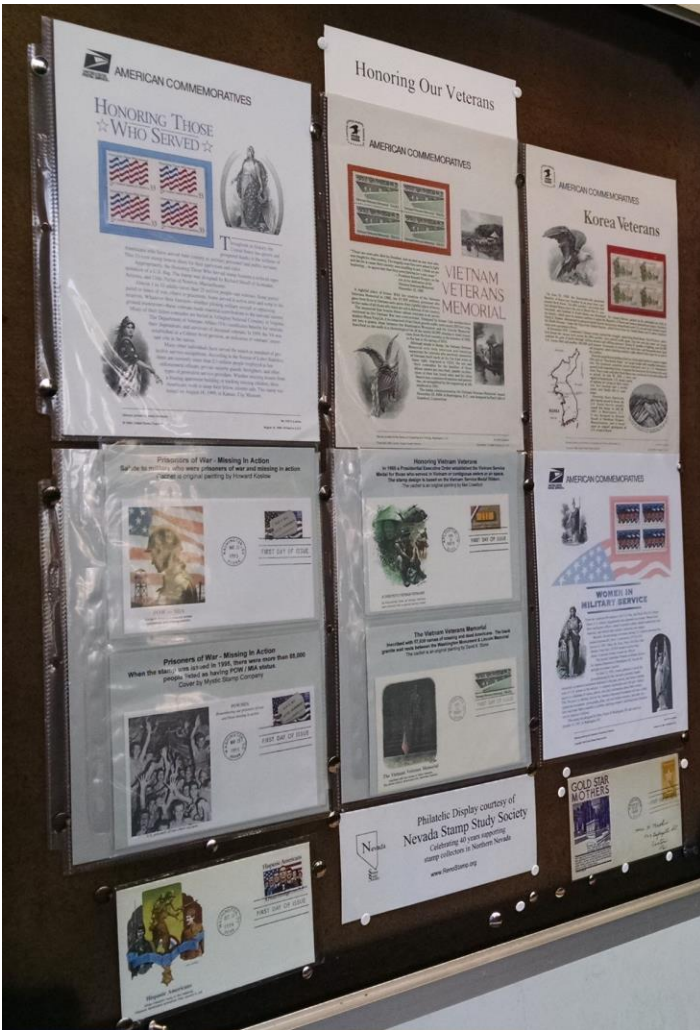
Contact member **Dave or Susan Gehringer** (925) 300-6703 or email them at: ds-ginger@sbcglobal.net. They will need your shirt size and color when ordering. Cropped logo from a shirt is on the right.



Vassar Post Office Display

By John Walter

The November philatelic display features stamps and covers “Honoring Our Veterans” and “Thanksgiving.”

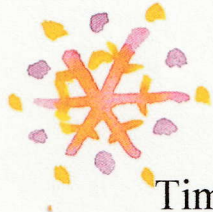


There is no quiz for this month. Here are the quiz answers for October.

Oct. Quiz Answers: 1. c 2. d 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. b 10. b
11. c 12. d



It's time to plan our annual club holiday celebration. Take a look at the menu below, and please sign up to bring whatever suits your fancy. A sign up sheet will be available at our next meeting and you can also text me, Maggie, at 775-250-7300. We need a headcount by Monday, December 9, of the number of guests and what you're bringing.



Place: Silverada Estates Clubhouse

Date: December 14, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m. - room setup, 11:00 a.m. - Hors D'oeuvres

11:30 a.m. - Main Meal followed by a gift exchange

MENU

Turkey

Mashed potatoes and gravy

Dressing

Cranberry sauce

Dips and chips

Vegetables with dip, olives, stuffed celery, deviled eggs, etc.

Cooked veggies or veggie casseroles of choice

Rolls and butter

Salt and pepper

Any dish that you like to make it feel like a holiday celebration

Most importantly, desserts!

Napkins

Soft drinks and ice

Bring your own plates and silverware

Bottled water will be provided

