

Going to Our Stamp Show

By John Walter

On July 23 and 24 the Nevada Stamp Study Society is hosting the 2022 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show. Once again, it will be held in the Hall of Fame Museum on the first floor of the National Bowling Stadium. It is located at 300 North Center Street with free parking in the stadium garage. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

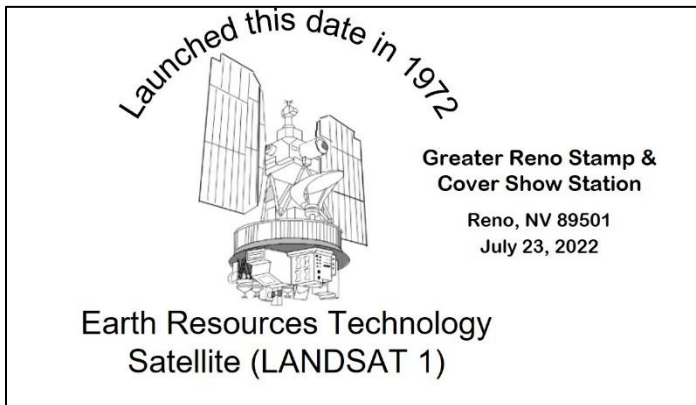


Entrance to the Bowling Stadium with our show

In addition to the dealer bourse and exhibits, we will also have a youth table to introduce new collectors to the hobby. Free stamps, album pages and hinges will be available.

We are looking for volunteers to help during the show. If you are interested, either e-mail Erik Fields cheney44@charter.net or call his cell phone at (775) 232-4760. We will also have a sign-up sheet at our next club meeting on Saturday, July 9.

A cachet cover with a special show cancellation for each day will be offered, along with hourly door prizes.



July 23 Pictorial Show Cancel.



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Before arriving at the show, consider some tips for a successful show visit: Create a want list. Pack a pair of tongs. Set your budget and stick to it. You want to avoid buyer's remorse. Be prepared to convey to the dealer your collecting standards, i.e., mint, NH, used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. Let the dealer know what kind of material you are looking for. If the dealer doesn't have it in stock, they may be able to watch for it and contact you if the item appears. Bring your checkbook and some cash, since not all dealers accept credit cards. Don't forget to wear your club name tag. The dealers do notice, and you can always ask for a discount as a club member. You also may consider contacting the dealer ahead of time to see if they can bring something specific. Many dealers have large inventories, and they cannot bring everything to the show. If you click on the show page at <https://renostamp.org/show.html>, you will find a diagram of the dealer table placements and a list of the dealers with emails.

Some members have expressed concern of the merits of doing a show. It seems like finding dealers and exhibitors who are interested in participating is becoming more of a challenge every year. In addition, it does not make very much money for the club, if any. This may be true; however, making money is not the reason we have these shows. The show is a very important element of the goals of the club, which are to help “connect and support stamp collectors of all ages and interests” as well as attract new collectors.

There are many folks in our community who have inherited a stamp collection from a family member or a friend and have no idea what they have and what they should do with it. For some, our stamp show is their "Eureka" moment of realizing that what they have may be something special and not a random mess of little pieces of paper. In addition, any event, whether it's a minor league baseball game, concert, art event, or stamp show, whether successful or not, contributes to making our community a more exciting place to live.

Our stamp show is an official July Reno Artown event. The show is listed on their website: <https://artown.org/event-details.asp?ID=5187> and in the Artown pamphlet.

Don't forget the exhibits. There is space for up to 40 exhibit frames (16 pages per frame). Club members are encouraged to write about one or more of your favorite items and tell why you like that item. The item can be one stamp, a group of stamps, or cover(s). You are the storyteller. The “My Favorite Thing” pages will be on display in the Bowling Stadium lobby and in the exhibit area. This is also a great way to let everyone know what you collect and what you get enjoyment from.

The best thing about a stamp show is being able to interact with like-minded people about the joys of stamp collecting. Unlike our semi-monthly stamp meetings where we only meet for a few hours, you can spend two days with your stamp collecting friends.

John Walter serves as Secretary of the NSSS, is the Post Boy editor, webmaster, and provides stamp collecting displays at the main Reno post office on Vassar Street and local libraries. He collects used postal stationery especially U.S. aerograms sent to foreign addresses. Recently he started a new collecting area – U.S. Navy hospital ship covers and cancels.



My Favorite Thing page from Stan Cronwall.
More pages can be viewed on the club website
<http://renostamp.org/favorites-1.html>