



World Stamp Show NY 2016 Is Coming

The fourth newsletter for *World Stamp Show New York 2016* was issued June 2. This once-every-ten-year U.S. international show will be held May 28 to June 4, 2016. It will utilize 294,000 square feet (about seven acres) in the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York City. The show has secured blocks of hotel rooms for as little as \$150/night, some in Manhattan within walking distance of the show. The new subway stop at the Javits is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year, providing more convenience for individuals who would rather stay farther away. Visit the recently updated New York 2016 website, www.ny2016.org, for the latest information.

Speaking of international shows, the APS Board of Directors, which is responsible for sanctioning any FIP shows held in the United States, recently established the schedule for selecting the location for the 2026 international. Proposals will be due January 15, 2015 with a decision planned for our February 2015 Board meeting in Riverside, California. A meeting will be held at *APS STAMP SHOW 2014* in Hartford on Saturday, August 23 for any groups interested in submitting proposals to host the 2026 show. We will answer questions and provide the detailed requirements for proposals. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal for the 2026 show who is unable to attend the Hartford session should contact me at kpmartin@stamps.org; 814-933-3803, ext. 218; or at 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823.



APS Website Updates

The home page of the APS website, www.stamps.org, has recently changed its look, giving you easier access to Society News and Upcoming Events. We invite you to visit the website, which it is chock-full of valuable information on finding *The AP*, how-to articles and videos, exhibits, cachets, and much more.

In May another feature was added to the MyAPS members-only area. Individuals can now track the status and view the opinions of items they have submitted to Expertizing. Log on to our website, click on MyAPS at the middle top of the page, and then choose MyCertificates. At present you can only view items that you yourself have submitted; however, by the end of the summer members should be able to view the final opinions for *all items* we have expertized in the past ten years.

Another great resource recently added to the website is the *Theodore Tedesco Forgeries Index*. This is an English-language literature index that describes postage stamp forgeries, fakes, reprints, fraudulent postal markings, and other obliterations. Originally compiled in 2004 by Theodore M. Tedesco, the index was updated in 2014, and includes book, periodical, and website references. The original index was published serially in the *Philatelic Literature Review*.

To check out the latest major changes to our website click on website updates on the front page.

Online Orientation Meetings

If you ever have trouble finding a specific page on our website (which includes about 1,000 different pages), you can always use the search box in the upper right corner of most pages. This searches *only* on our website. Another page to check is our Free Online Seminars on APS services, using GoToMeetings. About thirty members attended our first three online New Member Orientations during May. Another round of online orientations will be held in July, and during the fall we will debut more specialized offerings on specific APS services such as the APS StampStore, Circuit Sales, and the Library. We hope to meet many more of you there.

Mobile App for STAMPSHOW 2014 in Hartford

By the time you read this, a free mobile app for our August 21–24 STAMPSHOW in Hartford will be available. Many users have found the two previous mobile apps for APS shows more convenient than carrying around a show program. You can even set up a schedule of meetings and seminars you want to attend and receive automatic notifications/reminders about them. While our Hartford STAMPSHOW may not be as large as the U.S. international show held every ten years, it is larger than any other annual philatelic exhibition in the United States and is definitely worth a visit!

APC News

The American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte has been a busy place this year. Our newest tenant, the Big Spring Distillery, is finishing up construction on its space and hopes to be manufacturing products by the beginning of July. Unfortunately, it does not appear that this year's 80+ Summer Seminar students will be able to sample their beverages, but the Big Spring Distillery should be open in time for our July 21–25 Volunteer Work Week!

Our Summer Seminar students, however, should see the very beginning of construction to get the larger of the two buildings for future library space to a stage where we can use it for philatelic events. By installing a concrete slab on the first floor, stairs from the first to second floor, a railing around the atrium on the second level, basic lighting, and emergency exit doors we should be able to get an occupancy

permit. The space then becomes usable for events such as the September 12–14 Aerophilately Show and Postal History Symposium, for which we expect as many as 300 frames of exhibits. We will not take out any additional debt for this construction, which is funded by money donated exclusively for the new library space.

We have also had a lot of visitors recently. In late May **Michael Eastick** flew into State College from Melbourne, Australia to spend a couple days here. **Jim and Sue Dempsey** of A&D Stamps from California spent a few days before NAPEX and plan to be back for nearly two weeks following NAPEX. **David Grossblat** from Phoenix, Arizona surprised us with a visit. And we were happy to welcome **Dan and Sandy Lubelski** from Ohio, **Jay Carrigan** from North Carolina, and a group from the **Cumberland Valley Philatelic Society**. In addition to making purchases from Circuit Sales and our donation sales, the Cumberland Valley Chapter also made a generous donation. All of these visits were within a one-week period!

Member News

In early May I enjoyed visiting the **Sussex Stamp Club**. Hats off to **Bruce McKinney** who is working hard to grow the club and work with other Delaware chapters. Bruce even managed to get the mayor of the town, who is not a stamp collector, to attend their meeting, which included an excellent overview of Confederate philately by Trish Kaufman.

Congratulations to American Philatelic Research Library president **Roger Brody**. On May 7 the Collectors Club of New York bestowed him with its 2014 Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for Outstanding Service. Congratulations also to the **Society for Czechoslovak Philately**, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

I'm sad to report that **Roland Essig** has passed away. He was a tremendous asset for philately in Wisconsin and a frequent exhibitor probably best known for his *Man Beneath the Sea* exhibit.

Thanks to all of you, member applications to the APS are slightly up for the first five months of the year compared to last year. We still have an annual member loss but this is an important step to reversing it. We thank you and need you to continue your efforts to promote the hobby and the APS.



Andrew: National ITV Alan Titchmarsh Show

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