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Six Month Countdown!

It has been “one season following another” (yes, a reference to “Sunrise, Sunset” from “Fiddler on the Roof”) since we began this journey almost 10 years ago, and a popular song from the musical “Rent” reminds us that there are 525,600 minutes in a year. Well, by the time this is released we'll have about half those minutes left before our doors open. WSS-NY 2016, New York City and Broadway await your visit. Book your airfare and hotel reservations now!

Members of our Organizing Committee are working diligently on every show detail to ensure you have a great time. I cannot thank them enough for everything they have done and continue doing. But it takes many more volunteers to make this work. People who expressed an interest already in helping out through our web site will be contacted shortly about the opportunities before, during and after the show.

If you are coming and can lend a hand, even for a two hour block, we welcome your passion and spirit. Read our lead article about volunteer opportunities and sign up. I won't go into details now, but we'll have a nice souvenir for those who do as a small token of our appreciation.



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Your Hotel and Airline Connections



Have we got deals for you! If you are still undecided about attending WSS-NY 2016, or think a trip to this one-a-decade extravaganza is financially out of reach, think again. [Bargains are here!](#)

Experient reports that the 15,000 discounted hotel room nights reserved for show-goers are selling briskly and most hotels still have blocks of rooms available, including those in the lower-priced \$99 to \$159 per night range. But we do ask that you make your reservations soon. The three most popular hotels are now already booked 89%, 93% and 94%!

These exclusive discounts are only available by booking them online through our web site at http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Hotel_Reservations.aspx?id=522 or through our link on the home page. A credit card guarantees the room, with cancellations allowed just days before your arrival.

Delta Air Lines is the show's official airline and is offering discounts off of their listed fares, which vary based on flight origination and class of service selected. Call them toll-free at 800-328-1111 Monday through Friday between 8 AM and 8 PM Eastern. Reference Meeting Event Code NMMHB, or use the code online at <http://www.delta.com/meetings>.

Social Media Links

Check us out on these sites:

- <http://www.facebook.com/ny2016>
- <https://twitter.com/WorldStampShowN>
- <http://www.pinterest.com/wssny2016/new-york-stamps/>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Stamp_Show-NY_2016

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MAY/JUNE 2016						28
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Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteers are essential to the success of World Stamp Show-NY 2016 and there are many dozens of positions that need to be staffed. The timeframes associated with most volunteer positions are: immediately before the show (May 25 to May 27); during the show (May 28 to June 4); or immediately after the show (from show closing time on June 4 to June 6). There are, however, some positions that need to be staffed in the near term, and even some that can be done remotely.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at NY2016, visit the Become a Volunteer page on the show website (http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Become_a_Volunteer.aspx?id=528). Review our Directory of Volunteer Opportunities, as well as our Volunteer Handbook. Then go to the Volunteer Application Form to sign up. Once your completed application is reviewed and accepted you will be contacted.

For all volunteer matters, please contact me!



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Javits Subway Stop Opens



It's finally opened! The 34th Street-Hudson Yards subway station across from the Javits Center opened Sunday, September 13. The project took 13 years

from start to finish, and is the first new station in 25 years.



The stop is the terminus of Subway Line 7 that cuts across 42nd Street in Manhattan and ends in Flushing, Queens. The line is especially popular with tourists, with stops in popular locations including Times Square, 5th Avenue, Grand Central Station, and Mets-Willit Point, the home of the NY Mets baseball team and the USTA National Tennis Center.

Handicap Accessibility

Yes, the Javits Center is handicap accessible with sidewalk ramps, automatic doors at all street levels, restrooms and elevators designed for persons with mobility impairments. The Food Court is also easily reached by ramp.

- A limited number of designated handicap parking spaces are available on a first-come first-served basis for customers with a valid Parking Permit for People with Disabilities issued by a government authority.
- A limited number of wheelchairs are also available, free of charge, when requested in advance.

Handicap parking spaces and free wheelchairs are handled by Javits Safety & Security at 212-216-2196, email security@javitscenter.com.

- Motorized scooters may be rented by calling Big Apple Scooter, 241 W 37th St Rm 1102, New York, NY, 10018. Telephone 212-662-4548.
<http://www.bigapplemobility.com/>



Competitive Exhibits Update

More than 6,200 competitive exhibit frames were requested by international exhibitors, far exceeding the 4,000 available at WSS-NY 2016. Twenty percent of the frames are reserved for first time FIP exhibitors. Traditional and postal history are the largest classes of entries, but there are also strong groups in postal stationery, airmails and revenues. All the literature entries were accepted.

Word will start reaching exhibitors through their national commissioners around mid-November about which exhibits receive invitations to compete. A reserve list of entries will be held to replace those exhibits that decline invitations.



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Bourse Update

All attending dealers by now should have received their booth and accessories packets by email with additional information about their setup. The list of attending postal administrations continues to grow. Their booth packets will be sent shortly. Here's a list of those that will be attending so far:

United States Postal Service		
United Nations Postal Administration		
Armenia	Croatia	Gibraltar
Australia	Faroe Islands	Guernsey
Austrian	Fr. Polynesia	India
Canada	Germany	Indonesia

<u>Herrick Stamp Company (Agent)</u>		
Bermuda	Grenada	Liberia
Great Britain	Jersey	

<u>IGPC (Agent)</u>		
Brunei	Israel	Tuvalu
Guyana		

<u>Stamperija (Agent)</u>		
Angola	Cote D'Ivoire	Namibia
Benin	Ethiopia	Niger
Burundi	Gabon	Rwanda
Cabo Verde	Guinea	St. Tome
Central African Rep.	Guinea-Bissau	Solomon Is.
Chad	Maldives	Togo
Congo Dem. Rep.	Mozambique	Uganda

Please address all inquiries directly to me should you have questions or are interested in participating.



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Unique British Guiana Rarity Coming



It is confirmed that the world's most famous and rarest stamp will be making an appearance at WSS-NY 2016. The unique 1 cent British Guiana magenta will be displayed opening day, May 28 through Friday, June 3 courtesy of the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum and its owner, Stuart Weitzman, who bought it for 9.5 million dollars.

Currently on a 3 year loan from Weitzman, the stamp has been on display in the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum's William H. Gross Stamp Gallery since June 4. It will make a brief appearance in Monaco at Monacophil 2015, December 3-5.

Social Media Links

Check us out on these sites:

- <http://www.facebook.com/ny2016>
- <https://twitter.com/WorldStampShowNY>
- <http://www.pinterest.com/wssny2016/new-york-stamps/>

Honor Plaques

All Liberty Club members are entitled to submit a number of honor plaque messages that will be placed on exhibit frames. Each message can contain a maximum of 60 characters to remember loved ones, give words of encouragement, reference a favorite society, or just mention the donor's name.

Liberty- 3
Liberty Gold- 10
Major Supporters- 20

Liberty Silver- 5
Liberty Platinum- 15
Leadership Circle- 20

Please respond to an email that will be sent to you in early 2016 with instructions on when and how to submit your messages.

Auctioneer Schedule Finalized

We are pleased to report that the five official show auctioneers have scheduled dates for their auctions. They will run daily Monday through Friday. All will be held at the Javits Center. Times are pending.

- May 30 (M): Auktionshaus Christoph Gärtner GMBH & Co.
<http://www.auktionen-gaertner.de/>
- May 31 (T): Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries
<http://www.SiegelAuctions.com>
- June 1 (W): Schuyler J. Rumsey Philatelic Auctions
<http://www.rumseyauctions.com/>
- June 2 (Th): Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC.
<http://db.kelleherauctions.com/>
- June 3 (F): Heinrich Koehler Auktionhaus GMBH & Co.
<http://www.heinrich-koehler.de/>

Do not hesitate to contact these firms to discuss your consignments with them as soon as possible. These are certainly to be unique opportunities to both offer and purchase some of the finest philatelic items our hobby has to offer.



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Exhibit Special Prizes

Here is a small sample of some of the special prize donations received by the show to date.



Grand Prix d'Honneur

Adams cut-corner square tray in sterling silver by Tiffany. Gift of Capt. Robert P. Odenweller, RDP.



Dallah Arabic Coffee Thermos. Gift of Bahrain Commissioner Dr. Khalid Qassim Behzad.



Onofre Frias sculpture. Gift of Venezuela Commissioner Pedro Meri.



Framed ceramic carp. Gift of Yu-An Chen, President, Chinese Taipei Philatelic Federation.



Native Acoma pot. Gift of World Stamp Show-NY 2016 Secretary Bruce Marsden.



London hallmarked silver letter tray. Gift of the Collectors Club of Chicago.

A generous and unexpected donation was made by Vernon Morris who proposed that a \$500 cash prize be awarded to the best youth exhibit at WSS-NY 2016. Special approval was granted by the FIP for this award, as special prizes are typically given on an unrestricted basis and rarely specifically targeted.

It is still not too late to add to the growing list. U.S. donors who itemize may take the donation as a tax deduction.



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Web Hits Growing

The WSS-NY 2016 website has seen increasing activity in anticipation of the show. In the past year, daily activity has grown from an average of about 50 sessions per day to as many as 400 sessions per day in October. The past year has seen more than 26,000 users in more than 44,000 sessions and 138,000 page views. We expect to see continued and increasing use of the website in the months leading up to the show as more information is posted.

The vast majority of the users are from the United States followed by the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Germany, Brazil, Netherlands, India, Japan, and France rounding out the top ten. Over one half of the visitors to the site are visiting for the first time. Interestingly, 60% of our visitors are between the ages of 18 and 35.

The most popular pages in the past month are Hotel Reservations, the Event Calendar, Dealer Search, Quick Facts, News Updates, Postal Administration Search, Dealer Information (contracts, floor plan, etc.), About the Exhibition, Societies Search, and Show information.

We encourage all our dealers, auction houses, societies, postal administrations, and all stamp collectors with websites to please link to us at www.ny2016.org.



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Updated Schedule of Events

WSS-NY 2016 has already scheduled 171 meetings, seminars and presentations in 18 rooms available to us over the 8 days of the show. More are added weekly. Information about U.S. and overseas first day ceremonies will be added shortly

The complete schedule of events is available on our web site in three ways, all accessible on the Meetings/Events page at <http://www.ny2016.org/EventCalendar.aspx> :

- A colorful listing breakdown by day and time
- A downloadable Excel workbook with daily spreadsheets
- A downloadable PDF copy the Excel daily workbook sheets

Over 100 societies and organizations are now taking part by staffing booths and/or giving presentations. Group representatives are encouraged to check their online listings for accuracy and to provide additional details to add online. We encourage additional groups to join us. Although limited, meeting room space is still available on several days, especially mid-week.



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Pavilion Needs

Riddle: What contains 5000 square feet, a theater, a dozen microscopes, big screen monitors, buckets of stamps and hundreds of volunteers?

Answer: NY2016's Welcome to Stamp Collecting Pavilion

You'll find games for our youth, iPads with special software, and take-home activity booklets. There will be workstations where newcomers can choose free stamps from a bucket and examine them under a microscope with a digital display. Movies will be shown from the National Postal Museum and the Northwest Philatelic Library and even two movies under production at APS in Bellefonte, PA.

The Pavilion has everything ...almost. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to staff the booth and provide guidance. We need 20 volunteers per two-hour shift for all 8 days of the show. Other than the shift leadership, no special skills are needed: just a passion for stamp collecting. This is a rewarding activity for volunteers and as much fun as finding a 50c Columbian in the binding of an old catalog.

Onsite training is available. For more info, go to http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/Become_a_Volunteer.aspx?id=528.



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Did you know...

How's your historical knowledge about U.S. international exhibitions? Spend some time online at http://www.ny2016.org/SubMenu/History_of_International_Exhibitions.aspx?id=524 and read all about them.

Steven Rod has written a ten part series of articles published in the American Stamp Dealer & Collector covering the 1913 New York City show through Washington 2006. The first eight are now online

courtesy of the magazine. It's a fascinating read covering the historical backgrounds of each, the challenges they faced and, of course, the stamps and souvenirs that resulted.

By the way, most of these international show names contained the letters "pex," an abbreviation for Philatelic Exhibition, a tradition that ended with Ameripex'86 held in Chicago.



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Social Media Update

- Facebook Fans: 1,356 (Oct. 28's Statue of Liberty dedication post went viral with 2,255 reached).
- Pinterest Followers: 415
- Twitter Followers: 264

There is very little duplication within the three social media applications above.

Stamp dealers with booths at NY2016 are currently being promoted in all three social media. This will run until Dec. 4. Then beginning in January our attending societies will be promoted.

Please take the time to visit each site and see what is new!



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Goodbye to 2015!

Everyone involved with World Stamp Show-NY 2016 wishes collectors around the globe season's greetings and a very happy 2016. Don't delay your plans to attend the show. What a great gift for yourself!