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## Announcements

### Regular virtual club meetings in September:

**Sept. 12 and Sept. 26** - Both meetings will be virtual using the Zoom app. Instruction to log into the meetings will be sent a few days before each meeting.

**On-line auction** - The stamp club will host an on-line auction starting with donated items.

Auction lots can be viewed: <https://renostamp.org/auction>  
Members will be notified via email when the start and stop dates are decided.

Bidding is via email sent to the Auction Master (Dave Parsons) [auctions@renostamp.org](mailto:auctions@renostamp.org). If you have not provided an email to the Membership Chair you will not be able to participate.

The Auction Rules are on page 11 and the [website](#).

APS Virtual Stamp Show was held on Aug. 17-22 with 3,205 people registered, 89 events, 3 First Day ceremonies and 112 exhibits which are still available for viewing. The [APS YouTube Playlist](#) has 10 videos from show meetings and presentations.

SEAPEX Virtual Stamp Show is Sept. 11-13. Register to receive the Zoom log-in information to view live presentations and meetings. [SEAPEXshow.org](https://seapexshow.org) Dealer participation and viewing exhibits is also available.

Looks like the philatelic world is adapting to pandemic guidelines. Meetings, stamp shows, dealers, and stamp collectors are all heading to the Internet to continue their enjoyment of the hobby.

Please stay safe. Use facial covering when out and about along with social distancing. Don't forget frequent handwashing is essential. Keep working on your favorite hobby. The club wants to hear about your philatelic endeavors when we can meet again in-person.

## Post Boy Reporter

**August 8 virtual meeting - Harvey Edwards** conducted the meeting from the Silverada Clubhouse with 7 members in-person and 11 on-line, for a total of 18 attendees. There was a technical problem with one of the bluetooth speakers, but had a stable Internet connection. Thanks to **Dave Parsons** for allowing the club to use his paid Zoom account so we can have these virtual meetings. Harvey showed one of his show cancel covers with signatures of NV female senators and Lt. Governor, Kate Marshall, on a 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Anniversary, NV Suffrage cover. What a unique cover. It will be posted on our website on the show cover page. See page 3 for more information on the cover.

**Harvey Edwards** reserved the dates of July 24-25 for the **2021 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show** at the National Bowling Stadium Museum. The Suffrage and Carson Mint anniversary cancel covers are available from Harvey for \$2.00. **Betty Mudge** has penny boxes for foreign countries and **Gene Smoots** has the U.S. penny boxes. Each stamp is only 2-cents. Contact Betty or Gene to have some fun sorting through thousands of stamps to add to your collection(s).

**Richard Simmonds** had an article in the July-August issue of *Topical Times* titled "You Have the Right to Remain Silent." The article explains his covert Apollo cachet covers made while working on the space project. He also gave a philatelic program to our members a few years ago with the same name.



**Harvey Edwards conducting the meeting via Zoom with monitor image projected on the big screen.**

The on-line club auction is progressing with over 40 lots, so far, from donations. The auction rules will be published in the Post Boy when approved by the NSSS Board. **Dave Parsons** is the "Auction Master" who will coordinate the auction activities.

Harvey showed a short YouTube video on Chinese Zodiac stamps featuring the famous monkey stamp of 1980.

**August 22 virtual meeting - Harvey Edwards** conducted the meeting via Zoom with 17 attendees. Philatelic programs for club members are currently on hold. **Dave Gehringer** is the current Program Chair and is looking for presentations that are 20-45 minutes in length. **John Walter** is soliciting articles for the Post Boy (1 to 2 pages) and a quizmaster for developing philatelic quizzes used in the Post Boy that earn Auction Bucks.

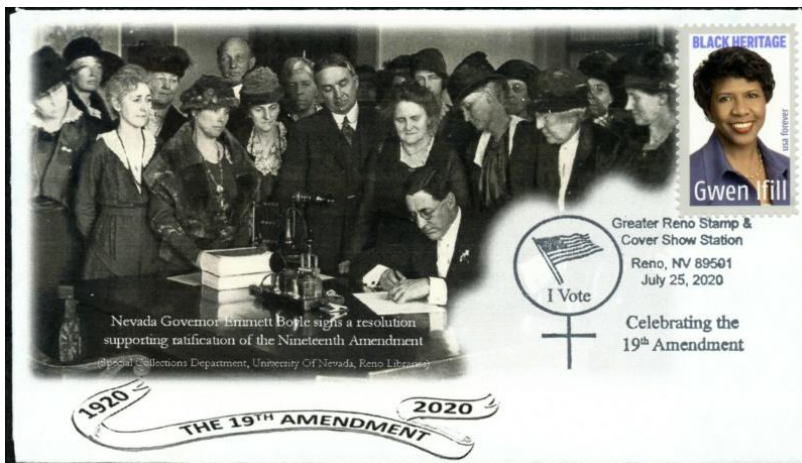
A few members "attended" the APS Virtual Stamp Show Aug. 17-22. Three first day ceremonies were conducted for new stamp issues. First day ceremony programs were available on request for attendees. There are 112 exhibits on-line with over half consisting of one-frame (16 pages) or less. Discussion ensued about the changes going on in the USPS with the new Postmaster.

There was a long discussion about the rules for the upcoming club on-line auction. Currently there are 58 lots of donated material. When the auction rules are finalized, they will be emailed to members and in the Post Boy.

## Autographed Cover with Nevada's Women Senators

By Harvey Edwards

One of the special stamp show cancels approved by the USPS for our July stamp show was applied to covers on July 25, 2020 using the Gwen Ifill stamp issued earlier this year. The back of the cover had a brief history of Nevada Suffrage. Here is the story about obtaining all the signatures of the women serving in the NV senate. No legislative session is scheduled in the even years. But due to the COVID-19 pandemic the governor called for a special session in July and a few weeks later another special session to deal with severe budget shortfalls.



The 31<sup>st</sup> Special Session of the Nevada Legislature had already adjourned and I was lamenting to my neighbor, Peggy, about how great it would have been to have gotten the women of the legislature to sign my souvenir cover celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote.

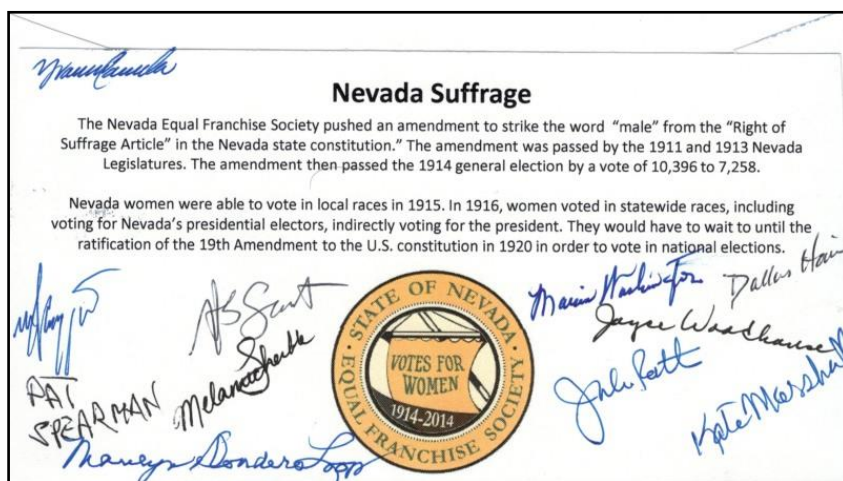
Peggy then told me that Senator Julia Ratti (the Assistant Majority Leader) had stayed with them during the July special session and that she would be staying with them for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Special Session that Governor Sisolak had recently announced. Peggy offered to talk with Senator Ratti about autographing the cover.

Peggy called me the morning of August 1<sup>st</sup> and asked me to bring the cover over, which I did. After a brief discussion with the senator, she said she thought she might be able to get the other women senators to sign the cover. Early the next week Peggy brought the cover back signed by all the NV women senators and Lt. Governor Kate Marshall, who presides over the senate.

What a gem of a cover!

Signed by Nevada senators:

Nicole J. Cannizzaro (Majority Leader)  
Julia Ratti (Asst. Majority Leader)  
Marilyn Dondero Loop  
Yvanna D. Cancela  
Melanie Scheible  
Heidi Seevers Gansert



Patricia (Pat) Spearman  
Marcia L. Washington  
Joyce Woodhouse  
Dallas Harris  
And Lt Governor Kate Marshall

*Harvey Edwards is the current President of the Nevada Stamp Study Society and lives two blocks from the governor's mansion and six or seven blocks from the Legislative building in Carson City.*



## Stamps from a Non-Existing Country?

By Emmanuel GPS

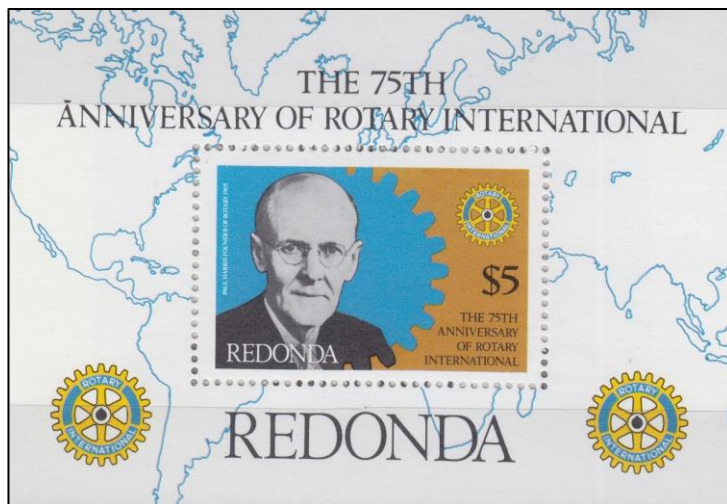
In the April 2020 Post Boy, **Patrick Crosby** wrote: “*The barren, uninhabited Redonda (once mined for phosphate) also has postal issues, but no one considers them to be legitimate.*” I would like to differ with him as members of the Rotary International Stamp Club [Rotary on Stamps, ROS] are respecting these issues as legitimate.



Located 34 miles west-southwest of Antigua, Redonda is little more than a rock of approximately 1 square mile in area rising out of the Caribbean Sea. A dependency of Antigua, the island is said to be uninhabited. Postage stamps overprinted “Redonda” appeared in 1979 and shortly thereafter stamps specially printed for Redonda were issued. Stamps inscribed “Redonda” are reportedly valid for use from Antigua and there are very few covers seen canceled from Redonda. They were mostly printed and issued by Disney.

In 1980, Scott catalogue printed a specialty album for the stamps of Redonda [they are no longer listed].

Even an imaginary country put its stamp on Rotary International’s 75th anniversary. We are not talking about a stamp from Antigua overprinted. Redonda is little more than a rock covered in bird droppings that belongs to the real country Antigua and Barbuda, but at least three people claim to be “King” of the uninhabited island, a title passed down since a mariner landed there in 1865. In trying to find out more about the history of the stamps, **Emmanuel** found the e-mail address of one of the three, “*Robert the Bald*”, who said: “I have never seen these stamps before now. So, in ignorance and from what I was told by this government, I don’t know how they came into existence!” He also said that if I owned a boat, I could register it as part of the island’s naval fleet for \$50. Another of Redonda’s would-be monarchs, *King Leo*, has a website on the island’s eccentric tradition, see <http://www.redonda.org/>.



[EmmanuelGPS@gmail.com](mailto:EmmanuelGPS@gmail.com), a native Frenchman, is a past Director and life member of <https://www.rotary-onstamps.org/> and the lead person of the Inverness (California) stamp club where he resides. He owns the stamps on this page.

## Three Covers from Warsaw, Poland

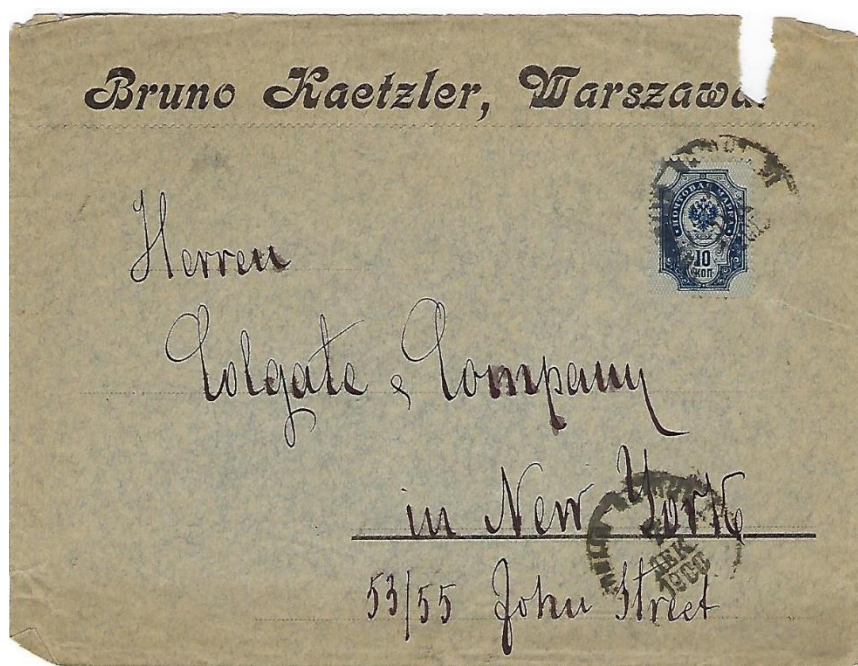
By Tom Reyman

During much of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, the country of Poland did not exist since the traditional Polish area was part of Russia. After World War 1, Poland was reestablished as a country and Warsaw became its capital city. Here are three covers, franked in three different ways, that were sent from the city of Warsaw at three different time periods and under varying political situations.



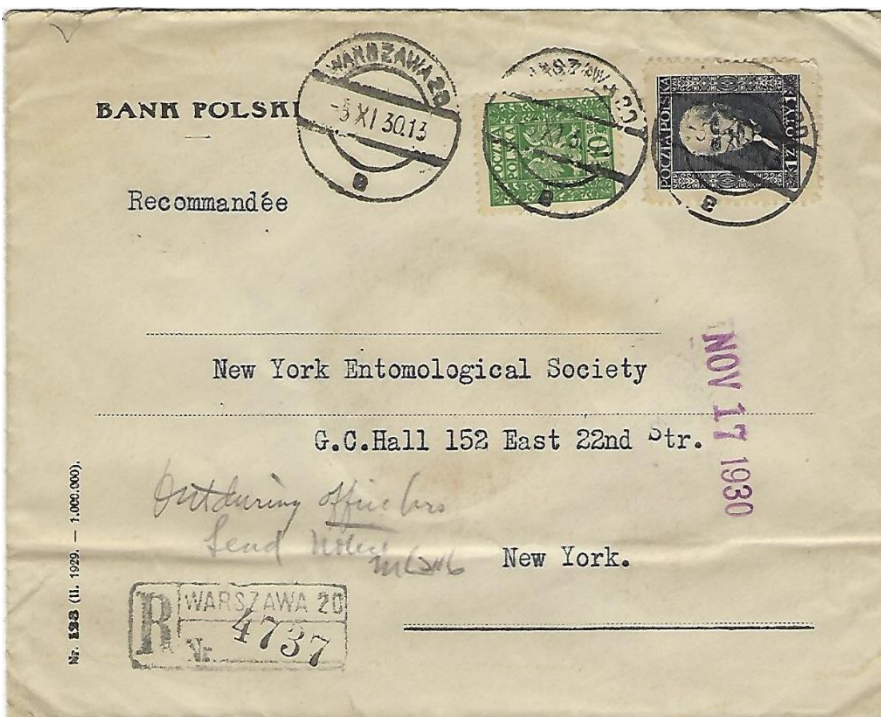
The stampless folded letter on blue paper with a red wax seal on the reverse – This appears to be a personal letter from Warsaw to Paris, written on December 25, 1864 (dated inside) and received at the post office on December 28. At that time, Warsaw was under Russian control. The red imprint shows that 12 Russian kopecks were paid to send the mail to Paris.

Warsaw to New York City in 1900 (Received in New York on December 30, 1900 – postmark on back) – Bruno Kaetzler was possibly a merchant in Warsaw sending a commercial letter to the Colgate company. Poland was still under Russian control and a Russian stamp was used for postage, a 10 kopecks stamp (#42).





Warsaw to New York City, registered cover, dated November 5, 1930 and received in New York on November 17, 1930. – The sender was someone in the Bank of Poland. When the mail arrived in New York, it apparently was not delivered on the first attempt. The pencil note says "Out during office hours. Send notice" and included the initials of the writer. The envelope is franked with Poland stamps #255 and 259 for a total of 1 Zloty and 10 Groszy postage.



**Tom Reyman** is a Nevada Stamp Study Society member whose collecting interests are U.S. FAM (Foreign Airmail) covers, general Air Mail covers, Canadian Semi-Official Air Mail stamps and covers, and Cape Breton (Nova Scotia) covers.

## 2020 Postal History Symposium

The 11th Postal History Symposium will be held virtually Oct. 26-30. The biennial event is jointly hosted by the American Philatelic Research Library and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum.

The United States Philatelic Classics Society is a co-sponsor of the event.

The theme of the online symposium is "Postal Innovation of the Classic Era: Evolution Leading to Modernization."

Scott Trepel, president of Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries, will serve as the keynote speaker. His talk is titled "Postal Innovation of the Classic Era."

Other confirmed speakers include Diane DeBlois and Robert Dalton Harris, William DeWitt, Gordon Eubanks, Anthony Gallagher, Fred Gregory, Yamil Kouri, Ken Lawrence, Jim Milgram, Tim O'Connor, William Schultz, Mark Schwartz and Steve Walske.

Attendees will have direct access to the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society website ([www.uspcs.org](http://www.uspcs.org)), where many of the best exhibits of classic material are available for viewing, including some recently added specifically for the symposium.

For more information visit the symposium website, [www.stamps.org/postal-history-symposium](http://www.stamps.org/postal-history-symposium).

## September Quiz - Greece

by Stan Cronwall

Greece is known officially as The Hellenic Republic, a democracy. Location is in southern Europe at the tip of the Balkan Peninsula with a population of about 11 million people. It shares common borders with Albania to the northwest, the Republic of Macedonia and Bulgaria to the north, and Turkey to the northeast. The heavily indented mainland is virtually surrounded by the waters of the Mediterranean, Ionian, Cretan and Aegean Seas.

80% of the mainland is mountainous. The country also includes an estimates 1,200 to 6,000 islands (depending on definition) of which 227 are inhabited.

Despite its standing as the largest economy in the Balkans, and world ranking as a high income economy, with a high quality of life and very high standard of living, the adaption of the Euro currency together with the European sovereign debt crises has put the overall economy into a shambles since the late 2000's.

1. For many years, the use of a black border around the edges of covers or stamps denoted that the item was in mourning for the death of an individual. Twice in Greek philatelic history sets of stamps were overprinted with a partial or total black border. These were for?

- a. King Constantine & Queen Sophia    b. Franklin Roosevelt & King George II    c. Princess Frederika-Louise & Crown Prince Paul

2. In 1827 during the Greek War for independence from nearly 400 years of Turkish rule (Ottoman Empire), the combined fleets of Britain, France and Russia led by British Admiral Sir Edward Codrington routed the Turkish-Egyptian fleets. This led to the Ottoman evacuation of Greece, and Greek independence in 1832.

Codrington was honored on a set of stamps issued in 1927 marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Navarino. What is the difference between designs A 50 and A 51?

- a. The face value    b. The stamp color    c. The handling of the honoree's name

3. Greece has a long history of using POSTAL TAX STAMPS to fund various charitable causes. In 1953, several Ionian Islands were hard hit by an earthquake. The tax revenues from RA 88 and 89 were used for reconstruction. The central image on the stamp design is?

- a. The ruins of the Church of Phaneromeni    b. Ruins from German WW II bombing in 1943
- c. Ruins dating from the Peloponnesian War

4. A set of ten stamps was issued in 1906 to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the modern Olympic Games. Fittingly, these were held in Athens. The five drachma value (design A 23) shows Nike, Priest and Athletes in a pre-game offering to Zeus. Were they wearing shoes?

- a. Yes    b. No    c. Too hard to tell without great magnification

5. If you have an urge to own any Zepp related issues, Greece has a set of three issued on May 2, 1933 to commemorate the Graf Zeppelin flight to Rome. These three are among the least expensive ways to wet your whistle on Zepps with current (2017) Scott prices of "only" \$ 118.00 for the set whether mint or used, and a bit more for MNH.

The Greek Zepps show the airship in flight over what?

- a. The Corinth Canal    b. The site of the first Olympics    c. The Acropolis

6. There are numerous wiggles and wobbles regarding the basic issues of 1921-1923 and their subsequent overprints and special uses as OCCUPATION AND ANNEXATION STAMPS.

However, this question pertains only to basic designs A 24 and A 28 showing Hermes as depicted on ancient coins from Crete in the 4<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

In addition to the stamp colors, and face values, what else makes A 24 different from A 28?

- a. Slightly diagonal lines running upward from left to right      b. Very pronounced diagonal lines running downward from left to right
- c. One is serrated while the other is perforated

7. Very few women have appeared on Greek stamps other than members of the royal family. An exception to this was a stamp in a set of two issued in 1980 that featured Maria Callas.

She was so honored because she had been?

- a. An Olympic decathlon athlete      b. Greece's first female delegate to the U.N      c. A world renowned opera singer

8. The Greek Constitution guarantees religious freedom for all. More than 90% of the population practices the Catholic Eastern Orthodox Religion. However, the marking of Christmas on stamps has been a bit of hit or miss in the modern era. There was some indication with stamps issued in 1969 and 1970, but they were not labeled as such.

Whether or not Christmas is commemorated on stamps seems to be at least somewhat dependent on the prevailing Government and bureaucracy. Fancy that.

What if any pattern of Christmas issues was the case from 1972 – 1987?

- a. The holiday was celebrated every other year      b. There was a break until 2005      c. There was at least one Christmas stamp every year during that period

9. In 2014, a set of 12 stamps plus two sets of booklet stamps were released. All depicted the months of year as represented by folk art. How many of the months have illustrations showing fruits?

- a. 4      b. 6      c. 3      d. None

10. So far Greece has only issued 10 "SEMI-POSTAL STAMPS" with the same stamps surcharged and appearing under the Scott heading "AIR POST SEMI-POSTAL STAMPS". All appeared in 1944.

The proceeds from issues B 1 – 5 and CB 1 – 5 were to aid the victims of the bombing of the Greek port city of Piraeus on January 11, 1944. This was not an attack by the German Luftwaffe, but rather a three hour British RAF mission bombing German port facilities reportedly to prevent Axis supplies from being shipped to Africa. (Timing seems strange since the German-Italian Afrika Korps had surrendered in May 1943.)

What discouraged the sale and use of these stamps?

- a. Confusion over who launched the attack      b. The exceptionally high face value/cost of the stamps
- c. Lack of meaning represented by the underlying stamps

**Bonus Question:** According to Scott (up to the mid-2017) Greece has issued the following number of stamps under the major headings:

Regular/Definitive: 2704	Semi-Postal: 10	Air Post: 80	Air Post Semi-Postal: 10
Postage Due: 93	Postal Tax: 93	Postal Tax Semi-Postal: 3	

Among all these, what different shapes are seen?

- a. Square      b. Rectangle both horizontal & vertical      c. Triangle      d. Hexagon      e. Circle



The September quiz is worth **110 Auction Bucks**. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to Betty Mudge at the next in-person meeting or email to [postboyquiz@renostamp.org](mailto:postboyquiz@renostamp.org)

**Aug. Quiz Answers:** 1. c 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. b  
6. c 7. b 8. e 9. c 10. b  
**Bonus:** d

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## Buy Want Sell Trade

**For Sale:** The entire estate of **John Wetterling** which consists of mostly Swedish material along with some U.S. and other countries. The catalog value is roughly \$50,000 with \$3,000 to \$4,000 in U.S. There is a large quantity of stamps including binders, notebooks, pages, and singular stamps, booklets, postcards, postal history and lots are already in order by Scott catalog. For those who remember John, he did many stamp club meeting presentations on things like rocket mail, balloon mail, ship mail, etc. Somewhere in the collection is a Hindenburg postcard which was his favorite most recent find. **Marla Wetterling** is selling everything for \$10,000, nothing is being held back. Please text Marla at 775-223-4181 if you are interested or have questions. She will rent a U Haul to be delivered to Northern Nevada. She currently lives in Klamath Falls, OR.

**For Sale:** Black Showgard & Prince stamp mounts mostly in strips, many different sizes. Contact member **Mike Potter** at (775) 359-9419 or email: [potter0465@sbcglobal.net](mailto:potter0465@sbcglobal.net).

**Buy and Sell** - almost anything philatelic and ephemera. This includes stamps, post cards, FDCs, photos and documents of mining, and also Western interest. Plus selling philatelic supplies. Contact member **Nadiah Beekun** at (775) 762-4905, <http://www.RenoStamps.com> or email: [classicnevada@yahoo.com](mailto:classicnevada@yahoo.com).

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**Wanted:** U.S. aerogramme: #UC49, and UC52 - must be used and addressed to an overseas address. Contact member **John Walter**, email: [walter60@gmail.com](mailto:walter60@gmail.com).

**Wanted:** Articles for the Post Boy newsletter. Now that everyone has been home for a few months and looking at or working at your favorite hobby, how about a short story on some of your favorite items, recent purchases, country or topic you are working on, etc. Submit article to [editor@renostamp.org](mailto:editor@renostamp.org)

## Vassar Post Office Display for August-September

**John Walter** changed the post office display the beginning of August. One theme was the Reno Air Races scheduled for September, but like all other events canceled. At least one can reminisce. The other display was general U.S. stamp album pages.



The stamp club had library displays scheduled for August & September at the South Valleys Library, but it is not open to patrons yet. A display was also scheduled for September at Zephyr Cove Library that has very limited hours and patrons can only pick up books placed on hold.

# NSSS Online Auction Rules

Approved Sept. 4, 2020

The Nevada Stamp Study Society has developed an online Auction to facilitate member-to-member buying and selling. Rather than being a live auction wherein buyers can see the latest up-to-the-minute bids and outbid other buyers, this platform is more like a silent auction where bids will be collected until the bidding deadline with the highest bid winning the auction. The auction website address is: <https://renostamp.org/auction>. Following are the rules for our auction.

**Listing:** Auction lots may be submitted only by NSSS members in good standing. There is no guarantee of sale. The seller will maintain all lots until sold. Each lot submission must contain:

- A clear scan or photo of the stamps or item
- Country name
- Brief Item description
- Condition (used, MH, MNH and any comments on defects or special notes)
- Scott catalog number (or specify another catalog)
- Catalog value
- Minimum Bid

Lots will be submitted by email to [auctions@renostamp.org](mailto:auctions@renostamp.org). Multiple lots may be included per each email as long as the scan/photos are clearly identified for each lot. Club members will be notified concerning the cut-off date for submission as well as the date the auction will go live and the closing bid date. Sellers wishing to remove or modify a listing may contact [auctions@renostamp.org](mailto:auctions@renostamp.org). Sellers may list up to 10 lots per auction. The minimum bid per listing is \$1.00. Lots will show seller's initials.

A simple example of a lot listing might appear like:

U.S. #290 Trans Mississippi 10c Hardships of Migration Used CV: \$35 Min Bid: \$7 Seller: HG

**Bidding:** Only NSSS members in good standing may bid in the auction. Won lots will only be delivered to United States locations. To submit a bid please send an email to [auctions@renostamp.org](mailto:auctions@renostamp.org) and include:

- The auction lot number
- Item description
- Bid Amount
- Your name
- Your contact email

All bids must be received by the bidding deadline. Current bids will be updated sporadically on the auction site. You may update your bid before the deadline by contacting [auctions@renostamp.org](mailto:auctions@renostamp.org)



**The Process:** At the auction bidding deadline the highest bid will win the lot. Should the highest bid be substantially above the next highest bid, the highest bid will be adjusted downward to an increment above the next highest bid according to the following schedule:

Bid Range (2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest):	Bid Plus :	
\$1.00 to \$10.00	\$.50	
\$10.00 - \$25.00	\$1.00	For example, if the highest bid for a lot is \$40 and the second highest bid is \$32.50, the high bid will be adjusted to \$32.50 + \$2.50 or \$35.00.
\$25.00 - \$50.00	\$2.50	
\$50.00 - \$100.00	\$5.00	
\$100.00 - \$250.00	\$10.00	
\$250.00 +	\$25.00	

All bids that come in before the initial current bid update will be recorded and the highest accepted. (Ties settled in favor of first received). Once an active bid is posted, that becomes the floor and all bids must be at least an increment above the floor to be accepted. Any bid that comes in before the next or subsequent update will be recorded and will be accepted as long as it is above the bidding increment of the floor or the highest received bid. If there are multiple bids that could be accepted, we will disregard the required increment between these bidders since the bids are blind. No bids will be accepted or recorded if less than the floor or the active posted bid. The active posted bid should be the minimum bid (if only one bidder) or the highest accepted bid if more than one bidder.

Ten Percent (10%) of the sale price will be deducted from the buyer's proceeds as a commission and will go to support the NSSS. The 10% will not apply to shipping charges.

Once the auction is final, invoices will be sent to the winning bidders and seller. The invoice will include shipping charges. The basic shipping charge is \$1.00 per lot, however, if the bidder wins more than one lot for a seller, the shipping charge remains at \$1.00. If the lot is more than one stamp or a few stamps or is a larger item, the lot submission must indicate what the extra shipping cost will be for that lot. This extra cost will be added to the invoice.

The invoice amount will be sent simultaneously to the buyer and seller. The seller will be responsible for collecting the invoice amount from the buyer through PayPal, check or other means. Upon receipt of payment (due within 10 days) the seller will send the won lots to the buyer within one week. The seller will ascertain how the buyer would like to receive the won lots - . i.e. mailed to an address, held at a Reno location, etc. The Auction Master will maintain a record of commissions per seller and will bill the seller the cumulative amount on a quarterly basis. Should a bidder wish to return a lot for valid reasons, e.g. defect not noted or wrong catalog number used, the bidder has 10 days after receipt to return the lot to the seller. Sellers whose lots are returned for valid reasons will have lots returned to them and will be responsible to refund the buyer the entire purchase price and shipping charge, if any. Commissions will be reversed for returns if seller notifies the Auction Master.

**The Fine Print:** The Auction Master will be the final arbiter should any disputes arise in these transactions. The Auction Master has the right to disallow any lot submission or bids. Failure to adhere to the Auction rules may preclude offending sellers or buyers from participating in future auctions. Participation in our Auctions binds the seller to the acceptance of these rules and regulations. Unsold lots may be re-submitted in a later auction but will not automatically be re-listed.