

## Attending Our Stamp Show

By Erik Fields, Show Chairman

On July 27 and 28 the Nevada Stamp Study Society is hosting the 2019 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. Our theme this year is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the first man on the moon. Show covers will be available with a special show cancel



Entrance to the Bowling Stadium with our stamp show sign

denoting the anniversary and the new "1969 First Moon Landing" stamp which is being issued by the USPS on July 19, just in time for the 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 me at [cheney44@charter.net](mailto:cheney44@charter.net) or call me on my cell at (775) 232-4760. We will also have a sign-up sheet at our next club meeting on Saturday, July 13.



### New stamps to be issued on July 19

inventories and they usually cannot bring everything to the show. If you click on the show page at [www.renostamp.org](http://www.renostamp.org), you will find a diagram of the dealer table placements and a list of the dealers with emails.

Before arriving at the show, consider John Walter's famous 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, o.g., used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. Let the dealer know what kind of material you are looking for. If he doesn't have it in stock, he might be able to watch for it and contact you if the right item comes in. 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 discounts 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

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 seem to make very much money for the club. 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. For example, I have run into many folks in our community who are not even aware that stamp collecting is a thing. In addition, there are many folks out there 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. Besides, who wants to share a ride for several hours to see a stamp show in Sacramento when you can have a stamp show right here in Reno. (No offense to Sacramento.)

Don't forget the exhibits. So far 25 frames are confirmed plus about 5 frames for "My Favorite Thing" pages are planned. 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.

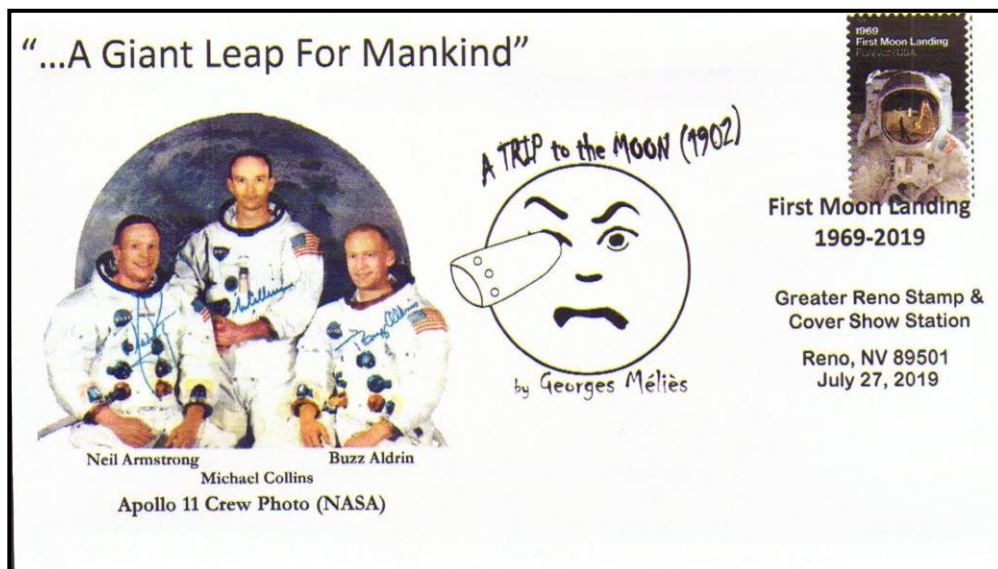
The best thing about a stamp show is being able to interact with like-minded people about the joys of stamp collecting. Unlike our bi-monthly stamp meetings where we meet only for a few hours, you can spend two days with our stamp collecting friends.



**Zoleinna Schar at the exhibit frames in 2018**

If that is still not enough for you, don't forget our awards banquet that will be held Saturday, July 27, at Harrah's. The venue is down the street from the Bowling Stadium. To make the banquet a success there needs to be 25 attendees minimum. A social hour starts around 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The signup sheet and menu will be available at the July 13 meeting.

*Eric Fields is the Chair of the Stamp Show Committee. Erik collects U.S., Falkland Islands and "from those small, far away places that don't get noticed very often."*



**Tentative design for the show cover**

