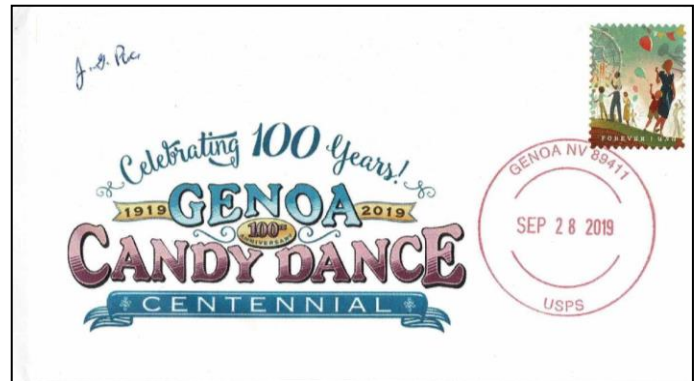
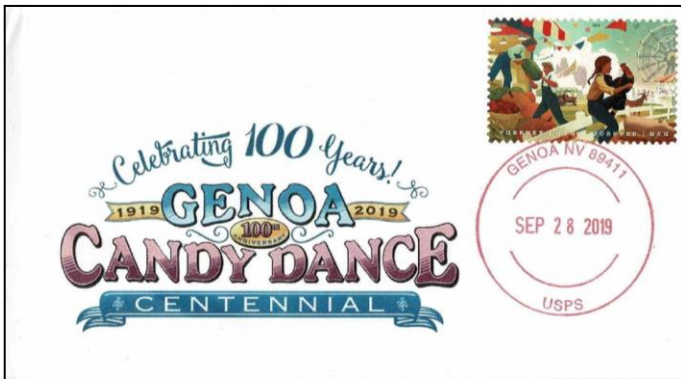


Candy Dance 100th Anniversary

By Dave Gehringer



In the first part of September, I noticed in our monthly community magazine, “Valley Scoop,” that the Genoa Candy Dance would soon be upon us and that this would be the one hundredth celebration of that event. In 1919, the residents of Genoa, Nevada’s first settlement, put on a community event to make money to electrify the downtown streets of Genoa. Homemade cookies and candy were sold to all and a dance was held to celebrate the event. That continues to this day with a grand crafts fair with many local contributors selling their creations.

This, of course, led me to the conclusion that this 100th Anniversary should be commemorated with a Philatelic Cover.

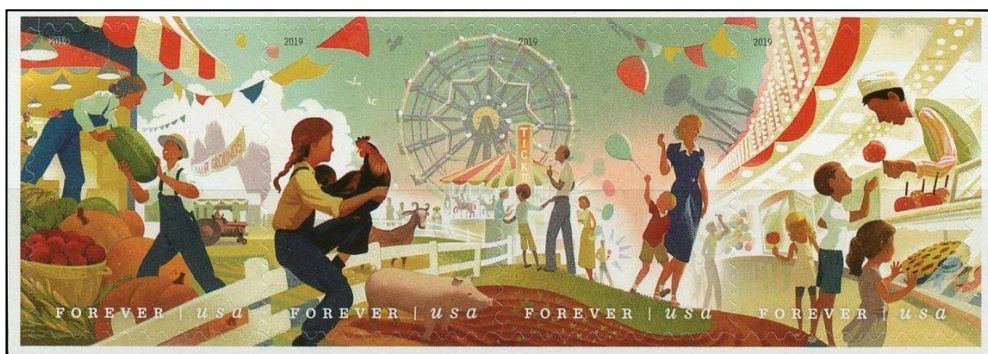
On Friday, Sept. 13th, I drove to Genoa and met the postmaster at the modern Post Office just south of town. He was an older gentleman and worked the front counter with only one other employee. He was interested in my project and agreed to help. Since Candy Dance was Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28th & 29th, I needed to secure a cancel for that time period.

The post Office was open on Saturday morning and he agreed to my using his cancelling device Saturday, opening day of the festivities.

I found the town manager, Mr. Chevallier, who was closing his office, told him the plan and agreed to talk with him Monday. Unfortunately, it was not possible to meet with him.

I really wanted to provide some sort of centennial memento or keepsake for those at the event who were interested.

I then called Harvey Edwards who did such a good job with the Reno Stamp Show covers. We pulled graphics from Genoa’s web site. Stamps used were from a recent issue by USPS picturing state and county fairs. We were off to the races. Here, you see the finished product.



The four State and County Fair stamps issued July 25, 2019