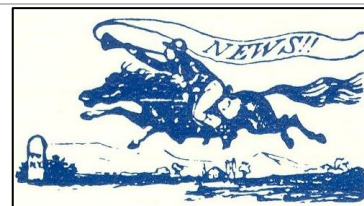


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Announcements

August Picnic and Meeting

Aug. 8, 2026 - No Zoom meeting today. Annual picnic for members and family **at the Silverada Estates Clubhouse.**

Room set up starts around 10:30 a.m. with grilling and food table open around 11 a.m..

Please contact **Maggie Griener** with number of people attending and the potluck food you are bringing. Maggie is baking a couple of pies. Sliced tomatoes, onions and lettuce are signed up. Needed are chips, condiments, deviled eggs, potato salad and macaroni salad. The grilling meats (hamburgers, hot dogs, and maybe some veggie burgers) and buns are provided by the club.

Please bring your own plate, utensils and drink.

Aug. 22, 2026 - In person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, the presentation will be a discussion of the July stamp show.

2026 Elections are conducted each year at the annual picnic.

Vice-President – No nomination yet (2-year term); Secretary– **Maggie Griener** (2-year term); Directors – **Gary Atkinson** and **Joy Sackerson**. The digital Nomination Form is available here:

https://renostamp.org/pdf_files/2026-Nomination-form.pdf

Membership Dues Renewal - The membership year is Aug. 1 to July 31 each year. The renewal dues is \$10 for individuals and \$15 for a family is payable now.

Online Auction #45 – Lot descriptions and images must be submitted to **Dave Parsons** NSSSauction@gmail.com by noon on Aug. 9. The bidding starts at noon on Aug. 11 and ends at noon on Aug. 20.

Stamp Shows:

Nov. 7-8, 2026, SACAPEX, www.sacramentostampclub.org

Nov. 14-15, 2026, Filatellic Fiesta, Santa Clara, CA,
<https://filatellicfiesta.com/>

Dec. 5-6, 2026, PENPEX, Redwood City, CA, www.penpex.org

Post Boy Reporter

July 25 meeting – The refreshments were provided by **Jeanne Paquin**. Attendance was 20 members.

Jeff Waldman, president, made a few announcements. The stamp show summary was postponed until the Aug. 22 meeting since **Erik Fields** was sick and could not attend. **James Steckley** acted as Treasurer to collect dues renewal.

Nominations and Elections are finalized at the annual picnic. Vice-President – No nomination yet (2-year term); Secretary– **Maggie Griener** (2-year term); Directors – **Gary Atkinson** and **Joy Sackerson**.

The picnic was discussed with a volunteer needed to coordinate the potluck list. **Maggie Griener** will need an accurate number of members and family attending since the club provides the grilling meats and buns.

John Walter had a slide presentation on the new stamp issues for August. He showed the digital Post Boy to remind members of the articles written by members and the monthly quiz on “Nevada Post Offices.”

The meeting Raffle had 10 prizes, and a bonus prize was won by **Dave Stafford**; the 50/50 prize money of \$14.00 went to **Howard Grenzsbach**.

July 11-12 – Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show. The new venue at the Reno Sparks Convention Center accommodated 15 dealer tables including the USPS. There were 20 exhibit frames which fit nicely in the room.

Signage was purchased for the new venue. Visitors to the Northern Nevada Comic Con needed to be reminded to stop by our show. Unfortunately, the Comic Con was at the other end of the convention center. But those attendees had to walk by our signage and welcome table which was just off the main lobby.

Exhibit frames were placed in the main hallway with Superhero stamps and covers. One costumed lady allowed a picture in front of the frame.

Other exhibit frames had covers from the Reno Air Races and past stamp show covers.

Dealers were happy and excited about the new venue. There was extra space for some dealers to “spread out” along the walls.



Not sure of the character, but she allowed a picture in front of the Superheroes stamps and covers.



Kyle Nybo Stamps



Ed Dimmick Stamps

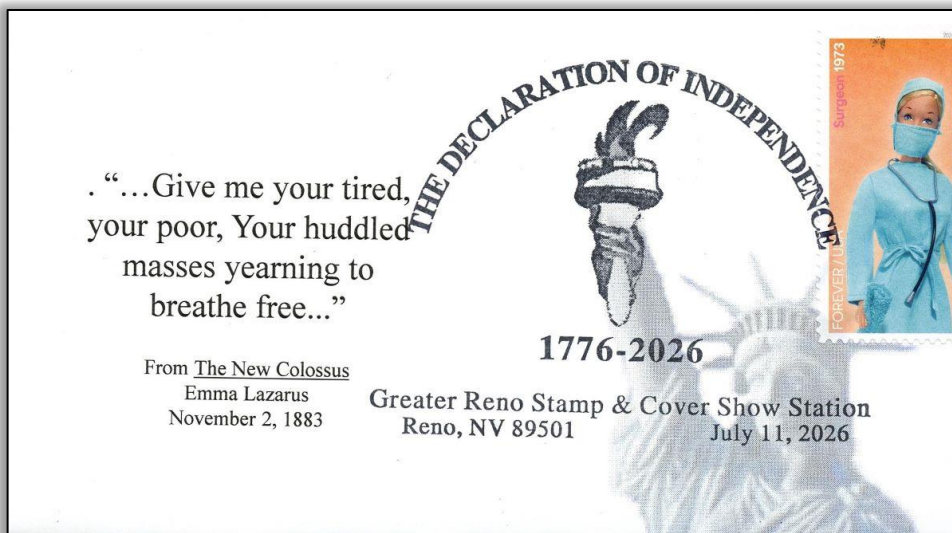


Stamps for Less spread out along one wall.



Some of the exhibit frames. There was a total of 20 frames plus the 4 frames in the lobby of display material.

The highlight of the show, at least for the PB Reporter, was the unofficial first day of issue of the Barbie pane of 10. The official first day was July 11 in Auston, TX. The USPS had a small supply of the panes (which sold out on Saturday). The show cover has the July 11 show cancel – very nice. Covers are still available for \$3.00 each from the treasurer, **Erik Fields**.



This is the cover I purchased at the show.

The show cover for Sunday, July 12 had a different cancel showing the Liberty Bell and using the Declaration of Independence July 4 quill pens.

<https://renostamp.org/covers2026.html>

A full show report will be available in the Sept. Post Boy. The show discussion will take place at the Aug. 22 club meeting.

2026 Stamp Show Exhibits

Frame #	Title	Exhibitor	Award
1 - 2	The Art of Master Engraver Slania	Margaret Griener	
3	How To Build a Philatelic Exhibit	Display only	-----
4	Allied Military Government (1943-1953 Italy)	Joseph Allen	
5	Stamps of Lundy Island; Cinderellas That Gained Respectability	Eric Moody	Not judged
6	Installment Postcards Stretching It Out	Larry Crain	
7	Stamps That Make You Smile	Maggie Griener	
8 - 10	Nevada - Boom And Bust	Harvey Edwards	Gold
11	Integrating The Navy	Harvey Edwards	Gold & Holmsten Award
12	Fruit From Heaven	Terri Edwards	Silver
13 - 14	German Machine Slogan Cancels 1960	Erik Fields	Silver
15 - 17	Stamp Art	Nadiah Beekun	
18 - 20	My Favorite Things	NSSS Club Members	-----
Lobby Frames	Superheroes, Reno Air Races with Tom Morrissey Hand Painted Cachets, NSSS Stamp Show Covers, and Military Mail (WWI, WWII and Vietnam)	John Walter	-----

The Holmsten Award, best exhibit by member of a Council club, was for “Integrating the Navy” by Harvey Edwards.

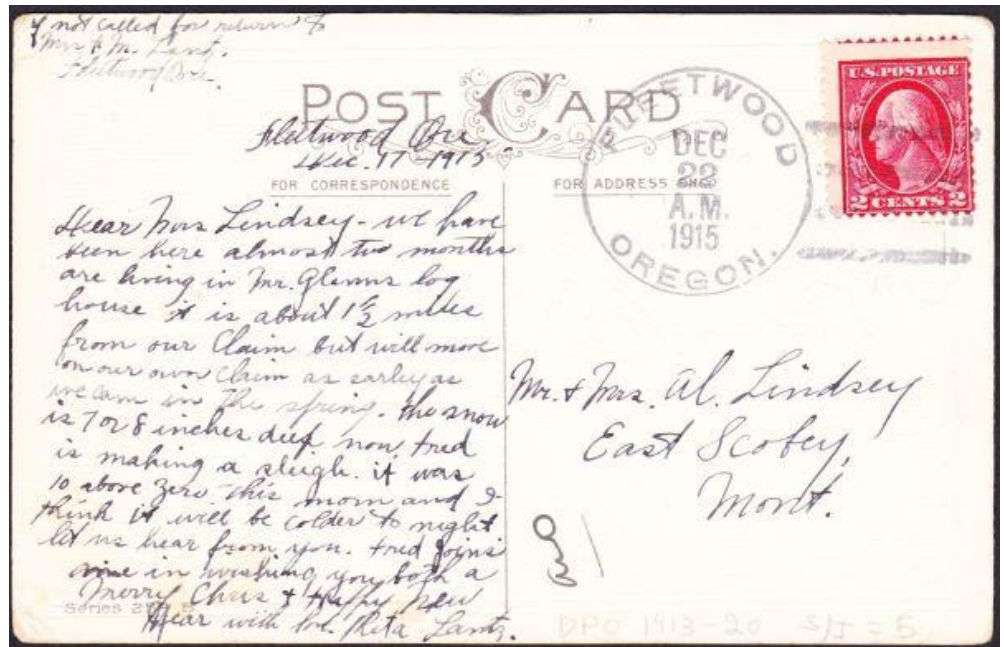
The one frame exhibit by Harvey Edwards.



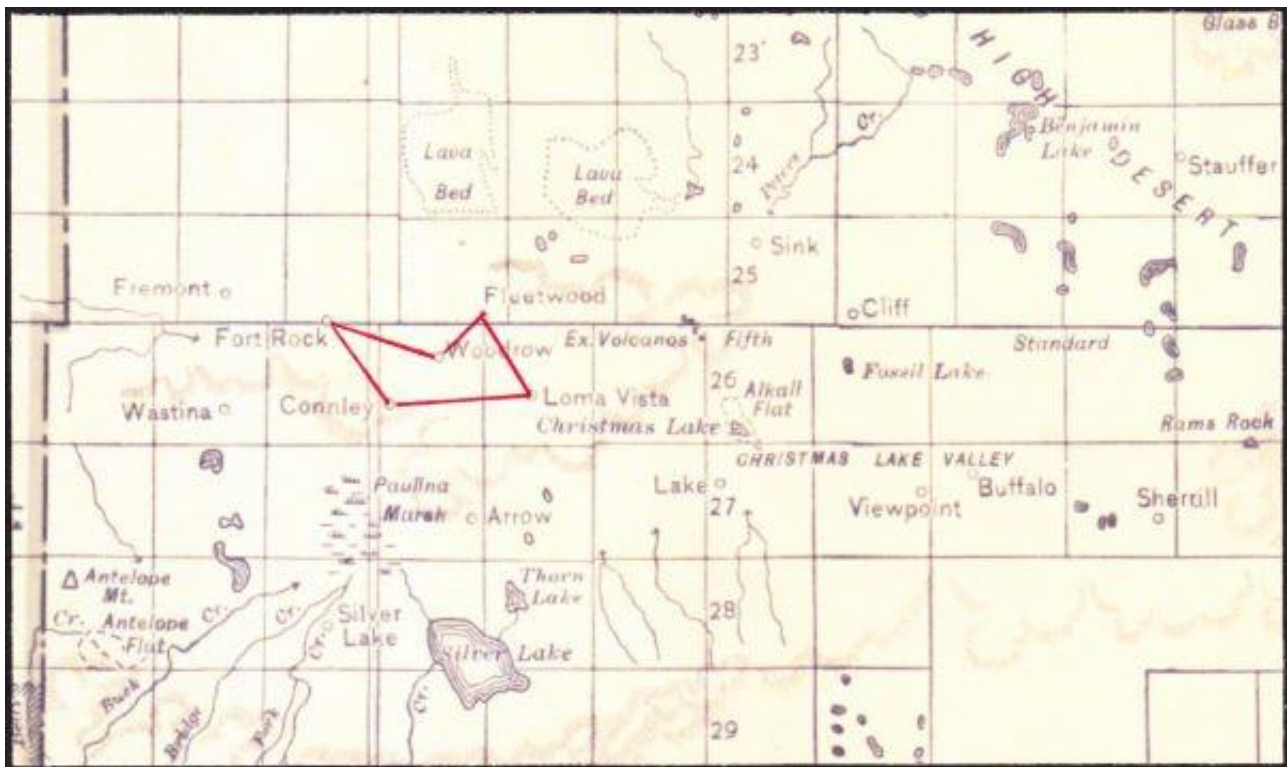
Homesteaders in Fleetwood, OR

By Patrick Crosby

The hand cancel shown on a Christmas greetings postcard is from Fleetwood, OR a discontinued post office (DPO) that was in operation from 1913 to 1920. In 1915 Fleetwood had a population of about 40, although it did serve as the center for a large, desolate area. Using postcards for Christmas greetings was popular and this one was overpaid by 1¢.



Why would someone want to move to an ancient inland lake area that now includes alkali lakes, volcanoes, sand dunes, and lava beds? Some maps of the time called it "The Great Sandy Desert". Why move to an area with only sagebrush and bunch grass at about 4,500 ft. elevation with temperatures reaching at or below freezing 260 days a year? The answer is almost-free land, but don't forget that when you get to town you'll have to employ a "locator" to find your claim.



Claim Map

Thanks to the Enlarged Homestead Act of 1909 the federal government was providing 320-acre parcels in marginal areas where they wanted folks to move and where they felt dryland farming was practical. A person or family could pay a \$10 fee, move to the land within six months, improve the claim (later to be a homestead) within 5 years and reside on their claim for three years to become owners. A government report in 1906 stated that the area received 10-20 inches precipitation annually, which was way too optimistic. Articles in Bend, OR newspapers touted opportunities for farming wheat, berries, cherries, apples, pears, plums and prunes – all without irrigation! Similar articles appeared across the country.

Fleetwood started out as a commercial center in 1911. Mortimer and Helen Fleet established a store in Fleetwood and Helen was appointed Postmaster of the fourth-class post office December 2, 1913. The U.S. Post Office Department established a Star Service (private contractor) to transfer mails via "Fort Rock, by Woodrow, to Fleetwood, returning by Loma Vista and Connley, to Fort Rock equal to 17 ms. [miles], and back at 3 t a w [times a week]".

Reta Lantz sends Christmas Greetings to her friends in East Scobey, MT, which was also in an area being developed by Homestead Acts. On December 17, 1915 she writes:

Dear Mrs Lindsey – we have been here almost two months are living in Mr. Glenns log house it is about 1½ miles from our Claim but will move on our Claim as earley as we can in the spring. The snow is 7 or 8 inches deep now. Fred is making a sleigh. It was 10 above zero this morn and I think it will be colder to night.



What did the Lantz's find in Fleetwood when they arrived in late 1915? A small town with a store including a post office, the Cougar Valley School, a blacksmith shop, a baseball team, and a community dance hall where gatherings sometimes lasted until breakfast. The years from 1908-1914 had been good crop years for rye, alfalfa, wheat, and root vegetables. Crops had their pests, but the biggest problem was the rabbits who would take row after row of crops night after night. Unusual, but necessary, community events were the rabbit drives where everyone formed a large circle holding a club in one hand part of fencing in the other hand, moving towards the middle and killing thousands of rabbits at each gathering. For a few years there was a market for rabbit pelts, but then the rabbits became diseased.

Unfortunately for the Lantz's, 1915 was also the first of many drought years--lasting into the 1920's. Also, during this period there were the hardships of the 1918 worldwide flu epidemic. The only physician in the valley was Dr. Thom, who is credited for losing one patient during the epidemic. The homesteaders mostly took care of themselves but knew to act quickly and travelled miles for a doctor in case of a rabid coyote bite.

Many men left their wives and children to the hard task of running the farm while they worked and lived elsewhere, perhaps Bend, OR, about 70 miles away, or even Reno or Virginia City, NV. The men needed to make some money and the rest of the family stayed to “prove up” the claim. Then as the drought intensified many homesteaders began leaving. Some left many belongings behind in their cabins because they fully intended to return but never did.

The post offices along the Star Route began closing. First Woodrow (discontinued 5-26-1916), then Loma Vista (9-1-1918) and Connley and Fleetwood on the same day (7-31-1920).

Also, in 1920 Mortimer and Helen Fleet moved to Lakeview 100 miles south in the same Lake County. The school closed in 1929, then was sold and combined with two other schoolhouses for the Fort Rock grange.

Fleetwood was totally abandoned by 1938, the same year the federal government started buying back many homesteads in northern Lake County, including the Fleetwood town site, and returning the lands to the public domain.

And now dryland farming has returned with large circular-irrigated alfalfa fields. Only the small town of Fort Rock still exists (pop. 134). The town is named after a near-circular volcanic tuff ring that rises 200' from the flat Fort Rock Valley desert floor--akin to the walls of a fort and at times used as a corral. It was once an island in a lake with artifacts found dating back from different eras up to 13,000 years ago. Fort Rock State Natural Area is noted for its dark skies and stargazing.

There is a Fort Rock Homestead Village Museum with many rescued and donated buildings including the only remaining Fleetwood structure, the St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church building, later renamed St. Bridget's, which is available for weddings.

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The Bluenose II

By James Steckley

Bluenose II is a replica of the fishing and racing schooner **Bluenose**, commissioned by Sidney Oland and built in 1963 as a promotional yacht for the Oland Brewery. The Oland family used **Bluenose II** as both a private yacht and as promotion for their beer brand.

First brewed by sailing enthusiast and brewer Sidney Culverwell Oland in the 1950s, Schooner beer was named after the famous racing and fishing vessel the schooner **Bluenose**.

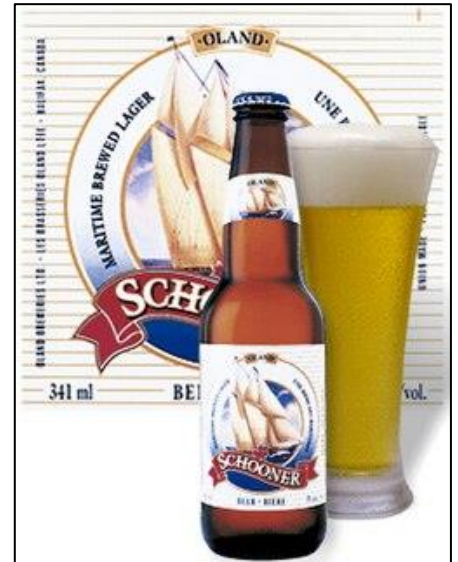
An illustration of the ship is found on the beer label as well as the cap. Sidney Oland donated the schooner to the Province of Nova Scotia in 1971. The Oland family sold their breweries to Labatt in 1971, and Schooner Lager has since been produced under the InBev umbrella.



The 50¢ Bluenose stamp from the author's collection, Scott #158, was issued in 1929.

The ship has one of the largest mainsails in the world, measuring 386 square meters (4,150 ft²). She has a total sail area of 1,036 square meters (11,150 ft²).

The model of the Bluenose II, built by the author, was an on and off project over an eight-year period.



Bluenose II was launched at Lunenburg on 24 July 1963, built to original plans and by some of the same workers at Smith and Ruhland. The original captain of **Bluenose**, Angus J. Walters, was consulted on the replica's design.

Angus James Walters (1881–1968) skippered the **Bluenose** from 1921 to 1938.

Walters captained **Bluenose** to five international sailing championships and was undefeated for seventeen years.

August Quiz: Scandinavian Birds

By Eric Moody

These questions involve stamps from the larger “Nordic” Scandinavia, which encompasses not only Denmark, Sweden and Norway, but also Finland and Iceland.

1. In 1956 each of the five Scandinavian nations produced a common design “Northern Countries” 2-stamp set that featured flying
(a) seagulls (b) swans (c) whooping cranes (d) eagles
2. This country’s Christmas stamps for 1984, a set of four, featured birds.
(a) Denmark (b) Finland (c) Norway (d) Sweden
3. A chick of this orange-billed shorebird that bears a “bird of prey” name is shown on a 1980 Norwegian stamp (#759).
(a) Fish Hawk (Osprey) (b) Oyster Catcher (c) Killdeer (d) Sparrow Hawk
4. A 1978 Swedish stamp (#1249) promoting tourism in Vastergotland province shows a flock of these birds on the ground and in the air.
(a) ducks (b) pigeons (c) geese (d) cranes
5. This game bird is depicted on one of the stamps (#1015) in a Danish “Wild Animals” set from 1994.
(a) grouse (b) wild turkey (c) partridge (d) pheasant
6. An extinct fowl is depicted on Denmark’s Faroe Islands stamp #573, issued in 2012. It is a
(a) Passenger Pigeon (b) Great Auk (c) Imperial Woodpecker (d) Elephant Bird
7. A 2004 set of “Forest Animals” stamps from Finland includes this large, dark bird.
(a) crow (b) blackbird (c) raven (d) Black Vulture
8. This very efficient catcher of fish is the subject of a 1975 Danish stamp (#580).
(a) heron (b) seagull (c) pelican (d) kingfisher
9. A souvenir sheet that contains six different stamps featuring this noisy bird was produced by Finland in 2001.
(a) crow (b) rooster (c) woodpecker (d) owl
10. This colorful European songbird that has a similar-looking but distant New World cousin is depicted on a 2005 stamp (#2505) from Sweden.
(a) cardinal (b) oriole (c) tanager (d) meadow lark
11. A set of “Birds of the Baltic Shores” stamps, featuring an osprey, godwit, Merganser Duck, and shelduck, was issued in 1992 by
(a) Norway (b) Iceland (c) Sweden (d) Finland
12. This multi-hued waterfowl is shown on a 1977 Icelandic stamp (#500) that promotes wetlands conservation.
(a) Mallard Duck (b) Harlequin Duck (c) Canada Goose (d) Great Blue Heron

July quiz answers: 1. c, 2. d, 3. c, 4. b, 5. d, 6. b, 7. d, 8. c, 9. d, 10. d, 11. a, 12. c.

Each correct quiz answer is worth 100 Auction Bucks. Please complete the quiz and give your answers to **Maggie Griener** at the next in-person meeting or email to: postboyquiz@renostamp.org

Vassar Post Office Display for August

Jeanne Paquin changed the two display frames at the main Reno post office to show Cats on Stamps.



August new post office issues:

Aug. 7 – Forever Diagonal Flag on stamped envelope in 10 different formats with/without window, in 3 different sizes (6¾, 9 and 10). Sold in packs of 5 (for each format) for \$5.30.



Aug. 21 - Sarah Orne Jewett, single design **(\$1.40)**
3-ounce forever rate in pane of 20.
Literary Arts series

