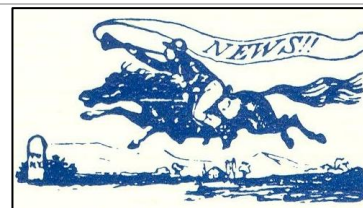


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Announcements

October Meetings

Oct. 10, 2026 - In person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, there is a live auction. Members are allowed 5 auction lots with more added up to 60 total lots. There is a Board meeting after the regular meeting.

Oct. 24, 2026 - In person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, there is a philatelic presentation. Members are allowed 10 lots on the consignment table.

National Stamp Collecting Month is celebrated every October in the United States, a tradition that began in 1981 when Postmaster General William Bolger formally designated the month to encourage “employees and customers alike to discover the joy of stamp collecting – the hobby of a lifetime.”

To celebrate **Jeanne Paquin** has a new display at the Vassar Post Office which is Reno’s main post office.



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Nevada Postal History Society is requesting articles on the subject. Society membership is free and a copy of the digital publication is sent to all our members. Send articles to Scott Prior NevPHJ@Gmail.com.
https://sites.google.com/view/nevphs/home?utm_source=copilot.com

Stamp Shows:

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

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

Feb. 5-7, 2027, Arizona National Stamp Show,

Apr. 23-25, 2027, WESTPEX, San Francisco Marriott Hotel.
www.west.px.org

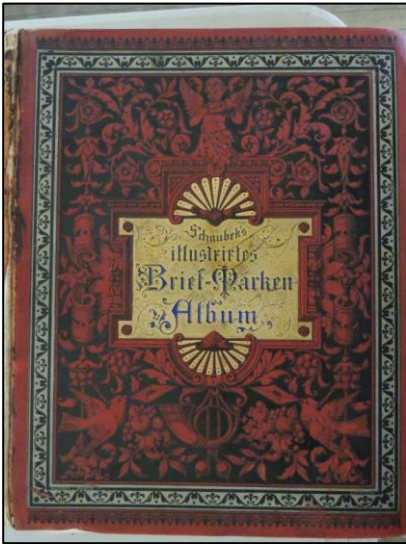
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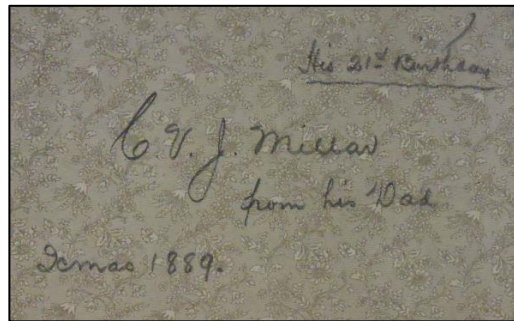
Post Boy Reporter

Sept. 12 meeting – Attendance was 34 including 2 visitors and **Mike Potter's** mom. The main refreshments were provided by **Joe Allen** with **Maggie Griener** bringing homemade muffins and **Mike Bonaventura** bringing homemade brownies.

Jeff Waldman, President, had a few announcements including postponing the Board meeting until after the Oct. 10 regular meeting. **John Walter** had a slide presentation showing the multiple USPS new stamp issues. He also went through the Sept. Post Boy newsletter. Also shown on a slide were the display panels at the Vassar post office with some "My Favorite" pages by **Jeanne Paquin**.



The raffle, administered by **George Ray**, had 10 prizes with the bonus prize to **Gary Atkinson** and the money prize of \$19.00 going to **Joe Allen**.



The live auction had 37 member lots and 6 donations with 38 lots sold for \$559.00. The auctioneers were **Gary Atkinson** and **Mike Potter** with **Nadiah Beekun** helping.

Beautiful antique German album with 1889 signed "from Dad." Sold at the live auction for \$130.

Sept. 26 meeting – The refreshments were provided by **Jeff Waldman**. Attendance was 24 with two visitors. One visitor, Charles, was curious about a stamp which was a used grill but in poor condition. Cory brought a small box of philatelic items inherited from his grandfather. He wanted to know if they had any value.

Jeff Waldman, President, made a few announcements. **James Steckley**, Donation Chair, has a box of low face unused stamps (1¢ to 13¢) with total face of about \$350.00 for auction at the next meeting. Starting bid will be \$20.

John Walter showed slides of the last stamp issues in 2026: Christmas (Oct. 2), Know the Facts About Fentanyl (Oct. 6 for 82¢+18¢), and Diwali (Oct. 21). He also discussed Linn's headline news that the USPS will allow living persons on stamp issues and the sale of an Inverted Jenny position 9 "locket" stamp for \$439,200 on Sept. 1.

Mike Potter, Membership Chair, says 57 members have renewed. He will contact the others about the special dues renewal of \$10.

George Ray conducted the Raffle which had 10 prizes with the big winner **Pete Test** who won 3 regular raffle prizes, the Bonus prize and the money of \$12.00. He spent that money and much more on the all-donation auction lots.

The live auction had 59 donated lots including 7 mystery lots (wrapped to disguise the contents). All the lots were sold for \$716.00. **Dave Stafford** was the biggest purchaser, spending over \$300. **Mike Potter** was the auctioneer with **Nadiah Beekun** helping.

New Member Profiles

Marc Lane joined in August. Marc lives in Boise, ID and is a member of APS and ATA . He collects foreign and U.S. Marc is a veteran who served in U.S. Marine Corp, no overseas duty. Marc sent the following information: "I've been collecting stamps since I was 9 years old. I would look through my step-grandfather's stamp collection. He had a wide selection of stamps in his albums. I was totally mesmerized by some of the foreign stamps. I remember him telling me he attended the Summer Olympics in Munich, Germany in 1972. My step-grandfather had a profound influence on me regarding my philatelic endeavors and my worldview of life. Rest in Peace, Papa. Cordially, Marc Lane."

Adam Benjamin joined along with his son Cy. They both joined Sept. 12 where they had fun winning multiple raffle prizes. Adam collects worldwide issues. Cy has multiple raffle prizes from the Sept. 12 meeting to sort through.



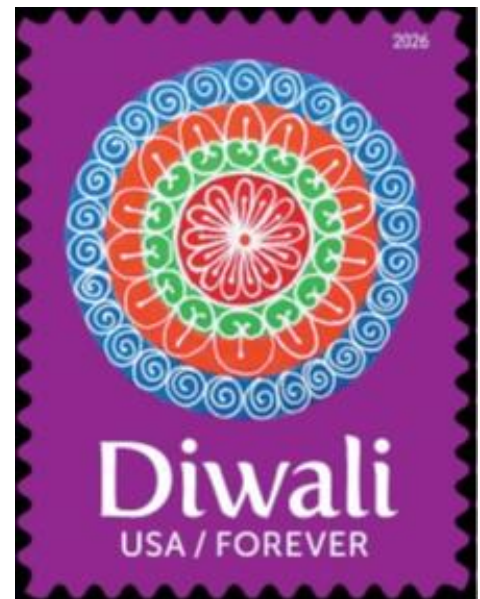
October New Stamp Issues Last issues in 2026



(82¢) forever stamp.
Double-sided pane of
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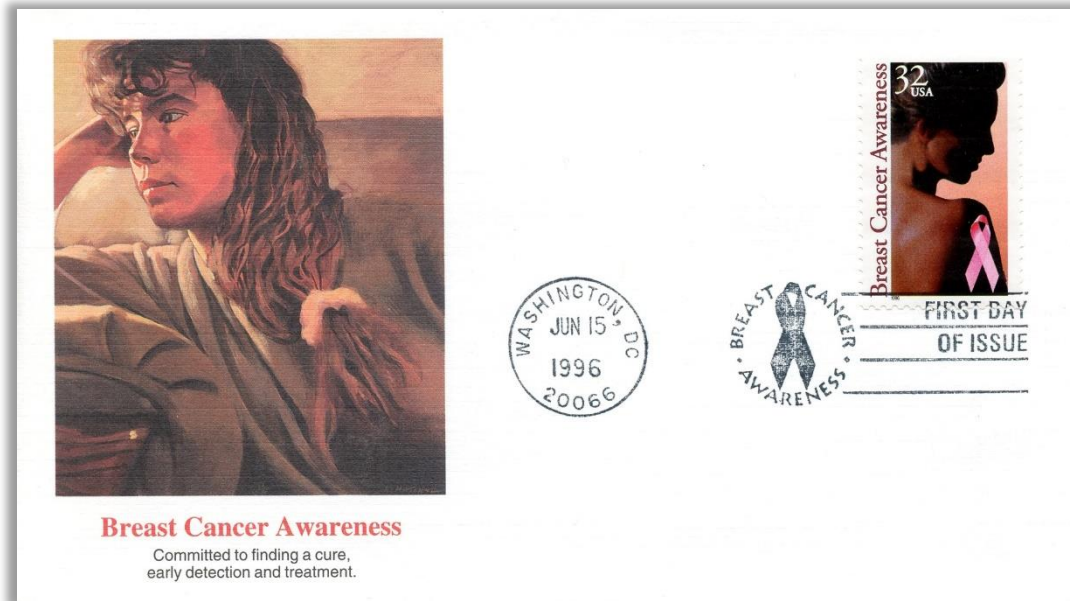
(82¢ + 18¢) Semi-postal
for first-class mail.
Pane of 20.



(82¢) forever stamp.
Pane of 20.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Margaret Griener and John Walter



Special first day cancel; Cachet by Fleetwood.

The 32¢ Breast Cancer Awareness Stamp issued on June 15, 1996, (Scott 3081) was the U.S. Postal Service's first national stamp devoted to breast cancer awareness.

- **Purpose:** To increase public awareness of breast cancer, early detection, and screening.
- **Campaign:** The stamp was launched as part of a four-month national public-service campaign encouraging mammograms and self-exams.
- **Distribution:** The Postal Service issued 95.6 million stamps nationwide.

This 1996 issue is the precursor to the later Breast Cancer Research semipostal (1998–present), which does raise funds.



Special first-day cancel; Cachet by ArtCraft.

The Breast Cancer Research Semi-postal stamp (B1) was issued July 29, 1998, in Washington, DC. As of the end of August 2026, more than 1.2 billion Breast Cancer Research stamps had been sold, bringing the total revenue raised to more than \$99.9 million.

By law, 70% of the net amount raised is transferred to the National Institutes of Health and 30% is transferred to the Medical Research Program at the Department of Defense. This first semipostal issue has become the most successful and longest-running U.S. semipostal stamp.

Relevance To Military Health

Breast cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in women and is the deadliest cancer in females under 40. The incidence rate of breast cancer is higher in female Service Members 40-59 years of age than in the general population. The incidence rate for active-duty females is seven times higher than the average rates of 15 other cancer types across all Service Members. The outcomes of BCRS-funded research ultimately benefit active-duty Service Members and their Families, Veterans and the American public.

The funds allocation has been consistent since the stamp's creation under the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act (1998) and continues through its current authorization (extended to 2027).

Collectors and advocates often use the stamp during Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October), and many people choose it for personal mailings to show support. Writers have noted how even a small gesture—like choosing this stamp—can spark conversations and encourage proactive health actions.

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Linn's Stamp News, Oct. 12, 2026, pg. 10-11.



Enlargement of “Breast Cancer - Fund the Fight Find a Cure” current (B5) semi-postal stamp. Re-issued with same design as B1.



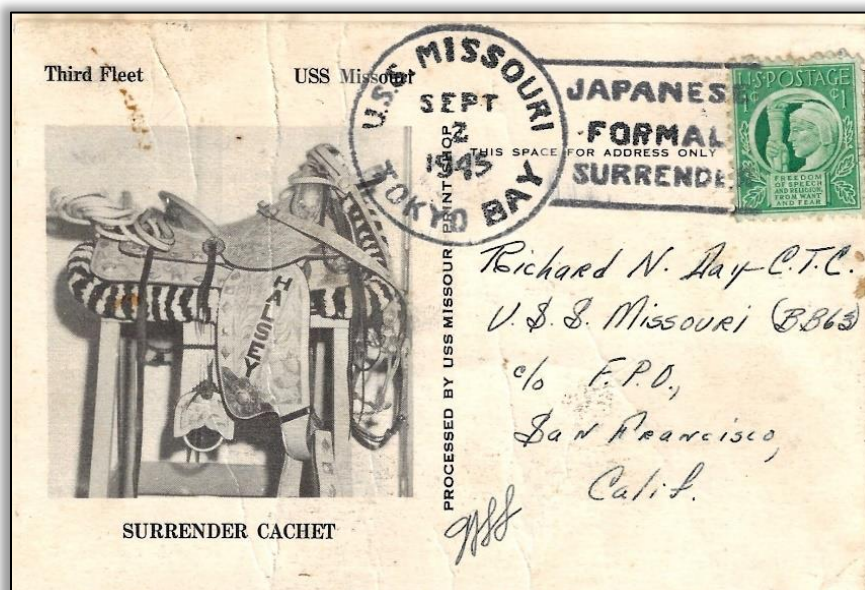
The first stamp issued specially mentioning “Stamp Collecting.” Fleetwood cachet.

The Saddle That Went to Tokyo Bay (and returned to Reno)

Editorial by Mark Maestroni, Universal Ship Cancellation Society Log, September 2026

(See below for a Reno connection. The editorial is reprinted with permission.)

One of the pleasures of collecting naval covers is discovering the story behind an otherwise curious cachet. The postcard illustrated here, canceled aboard USS *Missouri* on September 2, 1945—the day Japan formally surrendered—provides a particularly "colorful" example.



Thanks to Steve Shay for permission to illustrate both sides of the postcard. Only the address side was in the Log editorial.

The black & white cachet depicts a western saddle made for Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey, commander of the Third Fleet. Its origins can be traced to a remark Halsey made at a Washington press conference in March 1945. Asked whether Emperor Hirohito's palace was a military objective, Halsey replied that it was not, adding that he would hate to have them kill Hirohito's white horse, because he wanted to ride it.

The quip quickly attracted national attention. In **Reno, Nevada**, the Chamber of Commerce turned it into an incentive for the Seventh War Bonds drive. If Washoe County residents met their war bond quota, the Chamber promised to have a western saddle made for Halsey's anticipated ride through Tokyo.

The quota was exceeded, and Reno saddlemaker Fred Lohlein of Bools & Butler was commissioned to produce an elaborate saddle. It was shipped across the Pacific and reached Halsey aboard *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay in time for the surrender ceremonies.

Halsey never did ride Hirohito's horse. But the saddle nevertheless became part of the celebration marking the war's end—and even found its way onto philatelic souvenirs prepared aboard *Missouri*. This example bears the ship's September 2, 1945 "Tokyo Bay" cancellation and identifies the image as the "Surrender Cachet."

It is a wonderful reminder that sometimes a cachet is much more than decoration. It can lead us down an unexpected path connecting a wartime wisecrack, a Nevada war bond campaign, a handmade saddle, a famous battleship—and one of the most important days of the twentieth century.

More About the Reno Connection

By John Walter

I wanted to find more information about the Reno manufacturer. Here is the rest of the story.

Bools & Butler was a historic early 20th-century saddlery and harness maker which operated out of locations including 31 W. Plaza Street and later 119 Sierra St. in downtown Reno.

Master saddle maker Fred Lohlein built the saddle, which featured 116 pieces of engraved silver by Hoot Newman of Newman's Silver Shop, a matching bridle by the Reno Junior Chamber of Commerce, and ornate buckskin gloves by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.



The historic saddle was shipped aboard the *USS Catamount* to Tokyo Bay for the Japanese surrender, later housed at the U.S. Naval Academy Museum, and eventually returned to display at the Nevada State Museum in time for Nevada's sesquicentennial celebration in 2014. The saddle was on display around the state mainly state museums and some rodeos.

Here is the most recent photo I could find when displayed at the Nevada Historical Society in Nov. 2023.

References for Reno Gazette Journal articles in 2014 when the saddle was returned:

<https://www.rgj.com/story/life/2014/03/11/admiral-halseys-saddle-reporting-for-duty/6263587/>

<https://www.rgj.com/story/life/2014/09/08/years-halsey-saddle-returns-reno/15298599/>



The message side of the postcard reads:

GREETINGS From the Flagship *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay

We have reached the zenith of our triumphs, and the Stars and Stripes fly over Tokyo Bay today. Since December 7, 1941, we have had a long, grim, bloody struggle, and untold sacrifices. Great acts of courage and valor have been shown by the men of the U.S. Armed Forces in reaching our goal – the Official Surrender of the Japanese Forces on September 2, 1945.

Dealing With Dealers

By Margaret Griener

I love to shop, especially for stamps. I can spend hours browsing stamp sites, looking for items in my areas of interest and wondering whether I can stretch my budget just enough to justify buying the piece that has suddenly become something I really, really “need.”

At a stamp show, walking into the main room and seeing the booths, dealers, and other stamp collectors feels like philatelic heaven. Most of my shopping experiences have been positive, but some dealers leave me with the impression that they would rather not deal with women collectors. When I approach a table and the dealer avoids eye contact, ignores me, or acts as though I am invisible, I can only assume they are not interested in helping me. Maybe I am wrong, but that is the impression I get. And when I am repeatedly called “little lady” or “sweetheart,” it does not feel professional. Once, before I had even begun browsing, a dealer asked whether I was shopping for my husband. Seriously?

I do not know the percentage of women collectors compared with men, but in our club of about 70 members, perhaps eight or ten women regularly attend meetings. I know they are every bit as serious about collecting as the men are. Women collectors buy stamps from dealers, too—really.

So, Mr. Dealer, when I walk up to your table, a smile and a simple greeting go a long way: “Hi, how are you? Have a seat. What are you looking for today?” You may be glad you asked. My stamp budget is always ready for me to push the envelope one more time.



Maggie “shopping” at WESTPEX 2026.

Although not part of the search results, major stamp societies (APS, RPSL, BNAPS, etc.) have repeatedly stated in newsletters, annual reports, and membership surveys that:

- Membership is heavily male, often 80–90% men.
- Women’s participation is growing but still a small minority.
- Youth programs show more gender balance, but adult collectors remain male-dominated.

Margaret Griener is currently the Secretary of the NSSS.

October Quiz: Millennial Monochrome

By Eric Moody (eric@renostamp.org)

Even though 2001 marked the beginning of a promising, bright new millennium, numerous stamps produced that year by countries around the globe were subdued, single color offerings reminiscent of earlier times. The 2001 issues featured in this quiz don't have much of anything in common except their uniformly monochromatic appearance.

1. A stamp (#1910) depicting a Painted Stork in a dull bistre-brown was issued by this country.
(a) Germany (b) India (c) Netherlands (d) Japan
2. The U.S. released several one-color stamps in 2001: four green or carmine George Washington definitives; and a commemorative honoring this civil rights leader.
(a) Martin Luther King (b) Rosa Parks (c) Roy Wilkins (d) John Lewis
3. This country issued a set of all-green stamps (#1128-1132) celebrating philately.
(a) Mongolia (b) Canada (c) Great Britain (d) Bolivia
4. Italy released a 3-stamp set depicting some of the country's most famous
(a) war memorials (b) bridges (c) schools (d) Roman amphitheaters
5. The United Nations (New York headquarters) issued a blue stamp (#808) commemorating this former secretary general.
(a) Trygve Lie (b) Kurt Waldheim (c) Dag Hammarskjöld (d) U Thant
6. This country celebrated the first Stamp Day of the 21st century with an issue (#3081) featuring an historic mailbox – the nation's first – in the city of Mayorga.
(a) Argentina (b) Portugal (c) Spain (d) Philippines
7. A bluish gray stamp (#282) depicting the Kerguelen Arch, a natural rock formation, appeared from the:
(a) Australian Antarctic Territory (b) French Southern and Antarctic Territory (c) Ross Dependency (d) British Antarctic Territory
8. The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development was commemorated on an imaginatively designed blue stamp (#2786) from
(a) Brazil (b) Netherlands (c) Germany (d) Russia
9. The 1908 wreck of the *Marie Therese* sailing ship is shown on a stamp (#713) from this sea-going territory of the Americas.
(a) Greenland (b) Falkland Islands (c) Bermuda (d) St. Pierre and Miquelon
10. Armenia produced a black and white stamp (#638) celebrating the sixth annual world championships of this competitive activity.
(a) roller skating (b) table tennis (c) wushu (kung fu) (d) Greco-Roman wrestling

11. Two stamps (#2404-2405) - one blue, the other red – which depict Bronze Age rock carvings from the Tanum World Heritage Site were issued by
(a) South Korea (b) Sweden (c) Vietnam (d) Germany
12. The 30th anniversary of the prestigious Prince Albert I Oceanographic Prize was celebrated on a stamp (#2214) from
(a) Great Britain (b) France (c) Luxembourg (d) Monaco

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

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

October Vassar Post Office Display

Jeanne Paquin changed the post office display with material to celebrate National Stamp Collecting Month. Displayed are the Wonders of Nature full panes for the Sonoran Desert, Great Plains Prairie, Longleaf Pine Forest, Pacific Coral Reef, Kelp Forest, and Northern Deciduous Forest.

