

## Going to Our Stamp Show

On July 27 and 28 the Nevada Stamp Study Society is hosting the 2024 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 University Way with free parking in the bowling stadium garage. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.



Entrance to the Bowling Stadium with our show banner.

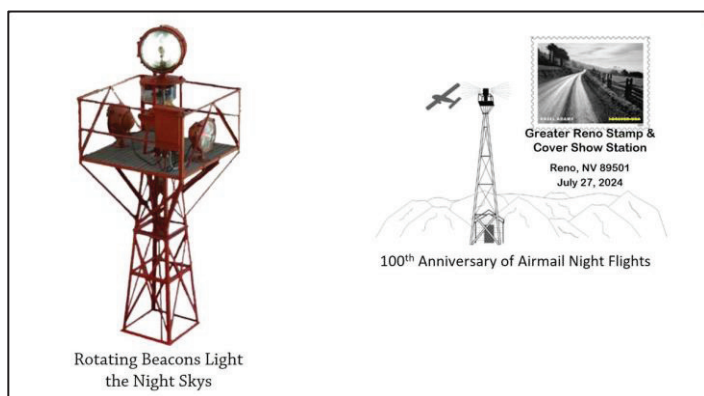
The staff at the bowling stadium have the room set up with the dealer booth spaces in place by Friday morning. Volunteers are needed on Friday starting around 11 a.m. The exhibit frames usually arrive by noon. The show programs need folding, so there is some easy work to do.

Dealers start arriving by 2 p.m. and continue to about 6 p.m. We have some paid workers to help with the dealer move in.

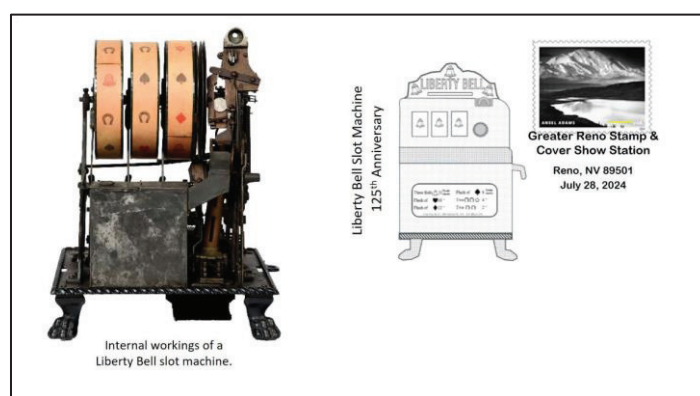
It's a good idea to come early in the day since the parking garage can fill up as other events occur downtown. The only afternoon Reno Aces baseball game is on Sunday at 4 p.m.

In addition to the dealer bourse and exhibits, we will also have a youth table and information to introduce new collectors to the hobby. Free stamps, album pages and hinges will be available.

A cachet cover with a special show cancellation for each day will be offered, along with hourly door prizes.



The July 27 cover with a special cancellation commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Airmail Night Flights across the U.S. Reno was a stop on these flights. This mockup cover has an Ansel Adams stamp.



The July 28 cover with a special cancellation commemorates the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first slot machine, called the "Liberty Bell." The mockup cover above has an Ansel Adams stamp.

The show covers are \$3.00 each or two covers for \$5.00.

Before arriving at the show, consider some tips for a successful show visit. Create a want list. Pack a pair of tongs. Set your budget. Be prepared to convey to the dealer your collecting interests and standards, i.e., mint, NH, used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. If the dealer doesn't have your item(s) in stock, they may be able to watch for it and contact you if the item appears. Bring cash for most purchases, 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 a discount 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 inventories, and they cannot bring everything to the show. If you click on the show page at <https://renostamp.org/show.html>, you will find a diagram of the dealer table placements and a list of the dealers with emails.

Some members have expressed a concern about 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, our show does not make money for the club (last year it was a loss of \$400). 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.

There are many folks in our community who have inherited a stamp collection from a family member or a friend and have no idea what they have or what they should do with it. For some, our stamp show is their “Eureka” moment of realizing they may have something special and not a random mess of little pieces of paper. In addition, any event, successful or not, contributes to making our community a more exciting place to live.

Our stamp show is an official Reno July Artown event. The stamp show is listed in the Artown pamphlet and is on their website: <https://artown.org/event-details.asp?ID=5187>. In previous years many attendees have said they are at the stamp show after seeing it listed in the Artown pamphlet.

Don’t forget the exhibits. There is space for up to 40 exhibit frames (16 pages per frame).

Club members are encouraged to write about one or more of their favorite items which tells why they 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. Our website has some examples of “My Favorite Thing” pages and a few full exhibits at <https://renostamp.org/exhibits.html>.

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



Two exhibit frames from last year’s show with some “My Favorite Thing” pages.