

Out of the Past

By David Safford

I came across some photos of old-time stamp dealers in Reno. Here are their stories:

Ralph Lewis was a postcard and antique dealer. He was a mail carrier in Reno for 25 years. His retail store was on the corner of Liberty and California Streets, downtown Reno. He moved to Depoe Bay, Oregon to retire, but then opened the *Time Capsule Antiques and More* store with his wife, Maria. The address is 3560 N Highway 101, Ste 2, Depoe Bay, OR 97341.

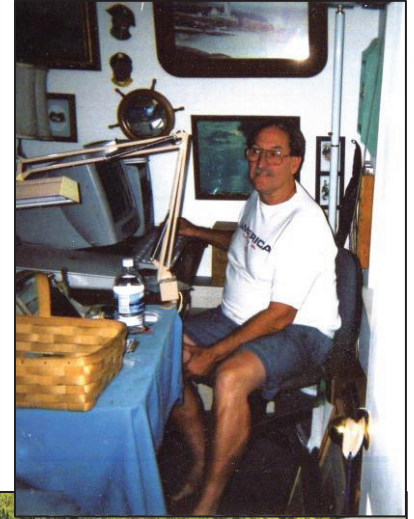
The website yelp.com has some interesting comments from tourists shopping at his store.



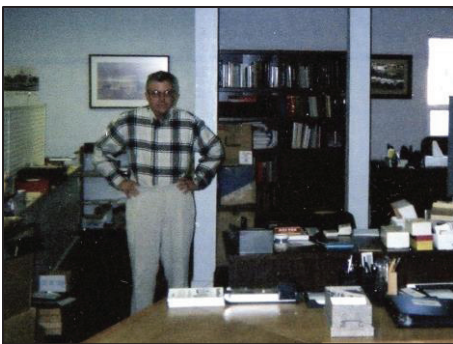
<https://www.yelp.com/biz/time-capsule-antiques-and-more-depoe-bay> Photos taken by Jane M. in June 2024.

“This store offers a one-of-a-kind experience. Visitors can explore diverse coin and postcard collections, admire stoneware, and lose themselves in the magic of vintage finds.”

On the right is Roger when he lived in Reno.



Roger Lauderdale in his stamp shop in Reno, c. 2002. His first store was on Arlington & California Streets which he opened in 1972. He worked as an auditor at Harrah's Club in Reno before retiring. He still had his stamp store when he passed away in 2006.



I (Dave Stafford) became a postcard dealer in 1972 when Roger suggested to me about having postcard auctions in a publication called “*Barr's Postcard News & Ephemera*,” Roger supplied the postcards and paid for the advertising. How could I refuse that offer? I only did 3 auctions. I had over 5,000 people sending their want lists to me. I told Roger let us just start sending the cards to these people on approval instead of waiting a month for our auction to close in *Barr's*. He agreed. In return if I bought any Nevada material, I would show it to Roger first to see if he wanted to buy it. He collected Nevada postcards and post-

marks.

We became partners in the material that I bought at auctions, antique shows and yard sales. He also bought items at show, etc., that we were partners in. He was a great and honest guy who I learned a lot from.

After Roger's passing, I received all of his reference books and material and donated some to the Nevada Stamp Study Society via Dick Dreiling.