

2024 GASS purchases

By Dave Gehringer

Dave Gehringer gave the presentation about his experiences at 2024 Great American Stamp Show. He participated in the live GASS auction and won an auction lot.



Dave Gehringer showed a few of his purchases from GASS. The most interesting stamp with a personal story is Scott 404 mint from the Panama-Pacific International Exhibition held between Feb. 20 and Dec. 4, 1915. It was held near Marina Green, on 635 acres, just touching San Francisco Bay.

It was held to commemorate two things. First the completing of the Panama Canal and secondly to show the new San Francisco which emerged after the 1906 earthquake.

Rodan's "The Thinker" statue is still there as a remembrance 109 years ago. Nineteen million attended between Feb and Dec. 1915.

The stamp is titled "Discovery of San Francisco Bay."

Scott 404 in mint condition is the most valuable regularly issued 20th century US commemorative stamp.



Now the personal touch and why Dave loves this stamp series.

This family photo shows Andrew & Marie Gehringer with children Elaine, Norbert and Hilda. Norbert is Dave's father.

The photo was taken when the family visited the exhibition in 1915.

Another major purchase was this Scott 449 mint vertical pair issued in 1915. (This was a scan from Dave.)

