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([map](#)) ([Google Maps](#))
All are welcome!

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Upcoming Events

Tue. Apr. 8–Thu. 17 Online Auction #39. Lots due to **Dave Parsons** by Sun. Apr. 6. Limit 20 lots per member. Bidding will begin Apr. 8 at noon and end Apr. 17 at noon.

Sat. Apr. 12 In-person and Zoom meeting starts at 10 AM. After announcements there will be a live auction. Members can have up to 5 lots on the table—more can be added to a total of 60 lots.

Sat. Apr. 26 WESTPEX weekend! In-person meeting starts at 10 AM (Zoom not available). **James Steckley**

will give a show-and-tell presentation entitled “James on Clocks”. Members can have up to 10 lots on the consignment table.

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Sat. May 10 In-person and Zoom meeting starts at 10 AM. After announcements there will be a presentation by **John Walter**, **Dave Gehringer**, and **Jeanne Paquin** about WESTPEX. Members can have up to 10 lots on the consignment table. The spring Board meeting will follow (note date change from April 26).

Sat. May 24 In-person and Zoom meeting starts at 10 AM. After announcements we will have our second all-donation live auction with about 60 lots (note date change from April 26).

Stamp Shows

Apr. 25–27	WESTPEX	San Francisco
May 2–4	PIPEX	Portland
May 23–25	Rocky Mtn.	Denver
Jun. 6–7	SOPEX	Medford
Jul. 26–27	Reno	Reno
Aug. 14–17	GASS	Chicago

Coming up soon—our 50th anniversary!

Our 50th anniversary (1975–2025) will take place this August. **Jeanne Paquin** and **Maggie Griener** are still looking for volunteers and ideas. (Theme? Decor? Budget? Venue? Cake? Caterer? Activities? Commemorative cover? Door prizes?) Please contact Jeanne (vp@renostamp.org) if you have suggestions or would like to volunteer! Additionally, we'll need to determine if the celebration will replace the regular August picnic or occur before/after it.

The Post Boy Reporter

Saturday, March 8

Attendance was 24 members, plus three Zoom attendees. An additional two new members joined at the meeting—**Natalie McMillen** (née Potter, daughter of **Mike Potter**) and **Izabell “Izzy” Steele**. Both are new to the hobby and came with plenty of excellent questions (“What are ‘perfs’ and how are they measured?”). Please greet and welcome them warmly when you can!

Howard Grenzbach brought refreshments. **Scott Matthews** and **Eric Moody** brought in new donations they had collected. Donations Chair **James Steckley** announced that an additional 45 blue-sheet lots still remain, so a second all-donation auction will be held on May 24 in lieu of consignment. Due to WESTPEX, the spring Board meeting was moved from April 26 to May 10. During the raffle, **Scott Matthews** won the bonus and **Will Eubanks** won the money (\$20). Afterwards, there was a lively live auction with all 10 donation lots and 50 of 60 member lots sold. Bids totaled \$488.50. The auctioneer was **Gary Atkinson** assisted by **Nadiah Beekun**.

Saturday, March 22

Attendance was 21 members, plus two Zoom attendees. One visitor/potential new member attended the meeting—**Joy Sackerson**. Joy started collecting in 1955 and has recently gotten back into the hobby. Refreshments were provided by **Will Eubanks** (doughnuts) and **Maggie Griener** (homemade brownies). Membership Chair **Mike Potter** reminded everyone about the upcoming refreshed membership directory. Please contact him (potter0465@sbcglobal.net) if you have information

that needs to be updated. Donations Chair **James Steckley** announced two new donation-related items: a donation from Diane in Carson City, plus a non-member wishing to sell items (including a fairly large selection of GB) through the auction. These auction lots were available for preview and will be auctioned on April 12. After the raffle (**Dave Stafford** won the bonus and **Maggie Griener** the money), **Dave Gehringer** gave a presentation on fancy cancels ([Figures 1](#) and [2](#)).



Figure 1: This “running fox” cancellation was skillfully crafted by Dudley Fox of Hockanum, Connecticut. He not only held the position of Postmaster, but was also a talented silversmith.



Figure 2: Dave Gehringer giving his presentation on fancy cancels.

Ticket to *Breakfast in Hollywood*

by Patrick Crosby

Tom Breneman (1900–1948) was an American radio personality as a host for various audience participation radio programs, an early one being *Laugh Club of the Air* from New York City in 1931. But Hollywood was for Tom and by 1941 he was host of *Breakfast at Sardi's* (a famous restaurant at the time) which morphed into *Breakfast in Hollywood*. The show became wildly popular allowing Tom to expand into other enterprises including Tom Breneman's Restaurant in 1945 near Sunset and Vine from where he began broadcasting.

The shown postcard (Figure 3) was first used as a ticket for breakfast and the broadcast at the restaurant, then Ruth mailed it to the folks back home in Arkansas and, as suggested on the card, it was kept as a souvenir. But who hosted the program? Unfortunately, Tom Breneman died of an apparent heart attack in April of 1948 and the ticket is for July 23, 1948. The host was likely comedian Garry Moore who soon switched to television with his own show and later hosted *I've Got a Secret* and *To Tell the Truth*.

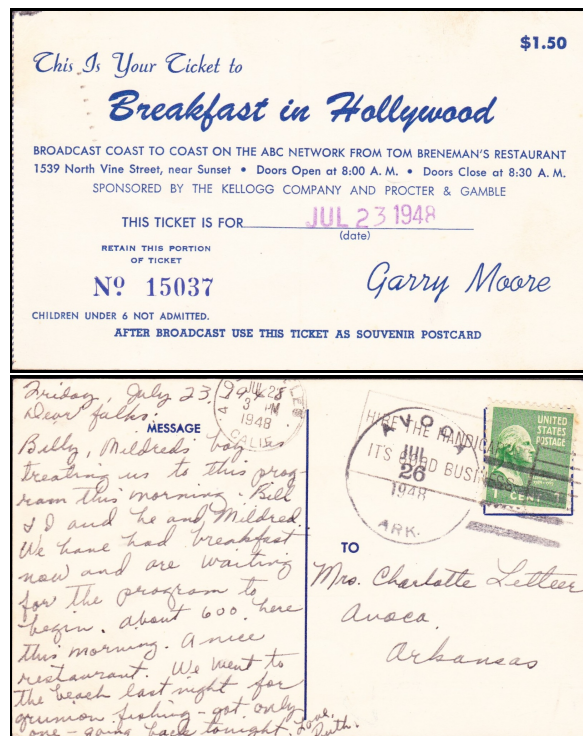


Figure 3: *Breakfast in Hollywood* ticket.

Manzanita Lakes

by Patrick Crosby

A quiet place on the University of Nevada, Reno campus is around small Manzanita Lake. The postcard view (Figure 4) also shows Manzanita Hall on the left and Lincoln Hall on the right. Today these buildings are still in use, but many other buildings fill in every open area—except around Manzanita Lake.

After winning \$13 at the Reno casinos [\$170 in 2025] and buying this postcard, Edna travelled to Lassen Volcanic National Park. Although Lassen is a volcano and is known for its many geothermal features, there is also the lower elevation, beautiful Manzanita Lake section with camping, cabins and a store. From 1934 to 1967 there was also a post office and this is where the postcard's Manzanita Lake, Calif. 1948 postmark came from.



Figure 4: Manzanita Lake postcard.

Quiz: Nick-Nacks

by Dave Gehringer

- What U.S. ship was depicted on the 1869 pictorial 12¢?
 - Southeastern*
 - Adriatic*
 - Cunard*
 - Tamalpais*
- The first Christmas stamps issued by the U.S. were printed in
 - 1960.
 - 1962.
 - 1963.
 - 1964.
- Slogans were used for various reasons on booklet page stamps. Slogan #5 was
 - “Add ZIP to your mail. Use zone numbers for ZIP codes.”
 - “Mail early in the day.”
 - “Use ZIP code.”
 - “Paying bills—use postal money orders. Safe—shore—convenience.”
- In 1946, rectification tax stamps were issued to indicate payment of the tax on distilled spirits that were condensed and purified for additional blending through repeated distillations. How many values were issued?
 - 16
 - 18
 - 20
 - 24
- The first U.S. postcard to carry a portrait of a U.S. President depicted
 - Washington.
 - Adams.
 - Jefferson.
 - Lincoln.
- The earliest joint issue with another country was in 1959. The shared theme was the St. Lawrence Seaway. The shared country was
 - Sweden.
 - Mexico.
 - Spain.
 - Canada.
- What was the period of use of the “double-line” watermark (Wmk. 191)?
 - 1910–16
 - 1880–1905
 - 1967–76
 - 1895–1910
- The Postmaster General who was suspected of granting special privileges to certain authorities during the 1930s was
 - Hubert Work.
 - Harry S. New.
 - Walter F. Brown.
 - James A. Farley.
- Western Cattle in Storm* is the title given to a stamp which first appeared at the
 - Columbian Exposition in Chicago.
 - Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha.
 - Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo.
 - Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis.
- A new type of stamp was issued in 1998. It was to benefit study in a new medical field. Sales of this new “B” class stamp was to help
 - heroes of 2001.
 - stop family violence.
 - save vanishing species.
 - breast cancer research.

The quiz is worth 120 Auction Bucks. Please give your answers to **Maggie Griener** at the next meeting or email them to postboyquiz@renostamp.org.

March Quiz Answers

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

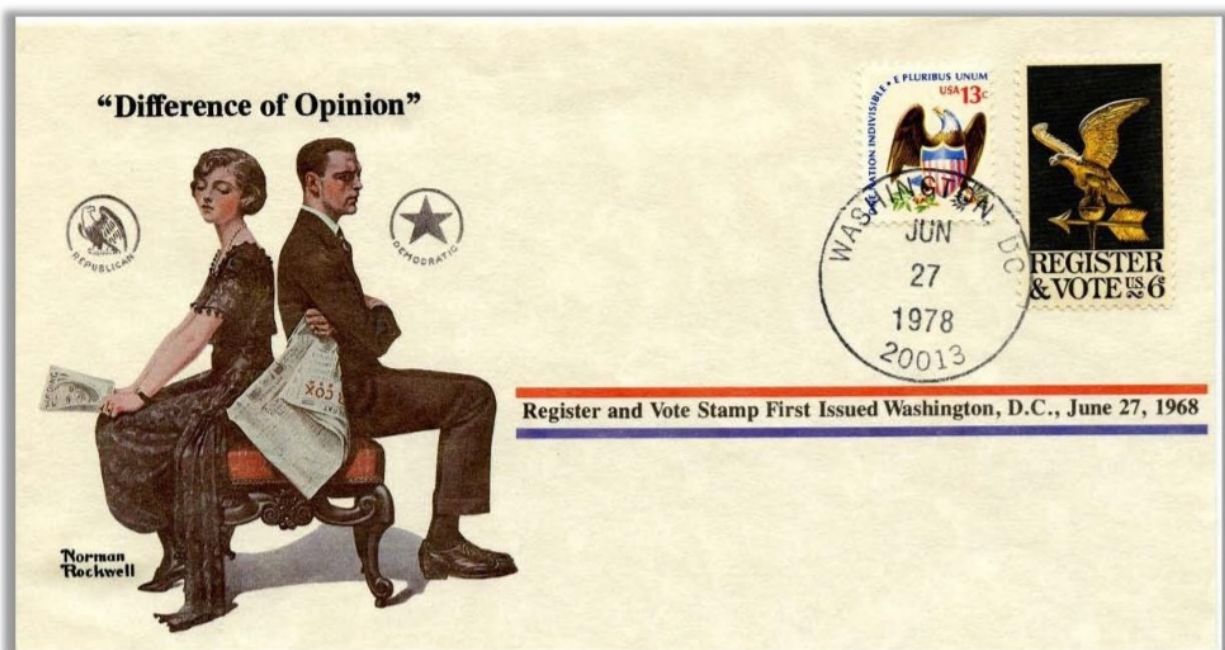
My Favorite Things

by John Walter

Norman Rockwell Cachet and Related U.S. Commemorative Stamp

Normal Rockwell painting that was published on the cover of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

His illustrations capture timeless human experiences, while those showing contemporary events or styles gain interest over time.



"Difference of Opinion"

This was Norman Rockwell's first election cover, painted for *The Saturday Evening Post* issue of October 9, 1920.

The feelings of the young couple at odds in this painting are universally understood. However, the picture becomes more significant when put into a historical context. The date was October 1920, only two months after the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote.

The young wife's downcast eyes indicate the sincerity she feels when taking issue with her husband on this subject. In one month, she will be voting for the first time in her life. Her demeanor shows how seriously she is taking her new responsibility.

Interesting touches of the time are added by the Warren Harding poster in her hand, the newspaper with the name of James M. Cox in his, and the official Eagle symbol which represents the Republican party, and the Star represents the Democratic emblem.

The 1968 Register and Vote stamp was the second commemorative issued within a four-year period for the primary purpose of reminding citizens of their privilege and duty to participate in elections and to exercise their voting power.

The design of the stamp is a vivid but simple rendering of a weathervane against a black background. The stamp was issued on June 27, 1968, in Washington, D.C. and removed from sale seventeen months later.

Vassar Post Office Display

by John Walter

Topics for this month were baseball and American lighthouses.

