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2nd and 4th Saturdays at 10 AM
Silverada Estates Clubhouse
2301 Oddie Blvd., Reno
([map](#)) ([Google Maps](#))
All are welcome!

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Upcoming Events

Sat. Aug. 9 NSSS' 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1 PM
at Silverada. Please RSVP to **Jeanne Paquin**.

Tue. Aug. 12 Online auction begins. Lots are due to
[Dave Parsons](#) by Sat. Aug. 10.

Sat. Aug. 23 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.

Stamp Shows

- Aug. 14–17 [GASS](#) Chicago
- Dec. 6–7 [PENPEX](#) Redwood City
- May 23–30 [Boston World Expo 2026](#)

New NSSS Members

9 Three new members joined the club at the stamp show:

- **Daniel “Dan” Kervee**, Seattle, WA. Collects 1935–1935 Mt. Rainier on cover, 2R-3/USS *Los Angeles*.
- **David Tichane**, Reno, NV. Collects Hungary, etc.
- **Matthew Weidmann**, Reno, NV. Collects world, US, GB, Korea, Mexico, Laos/Vietnam/Cambodia, Azerbaijan, etc.

Elections

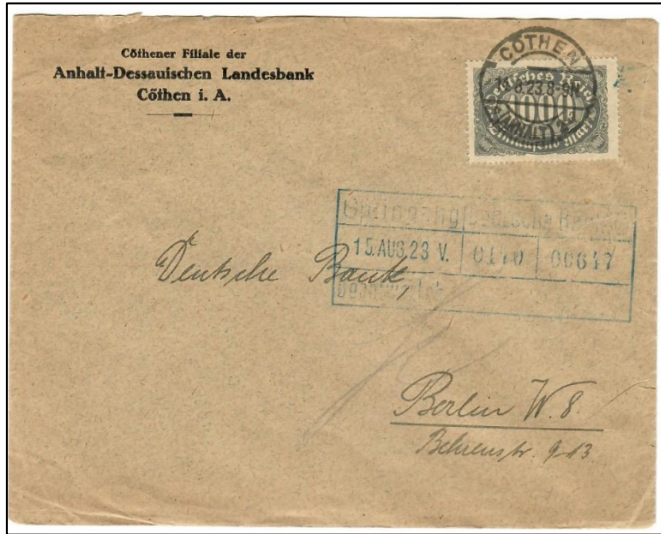
See the 2025 Election Ballot on page 5. Elections will occur at the 50th anniversary celebration on August 9; any early votes must be mailed or emailed in before that date. Elected officers will begin their positions immediately at the conclusion of the election.

2025 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

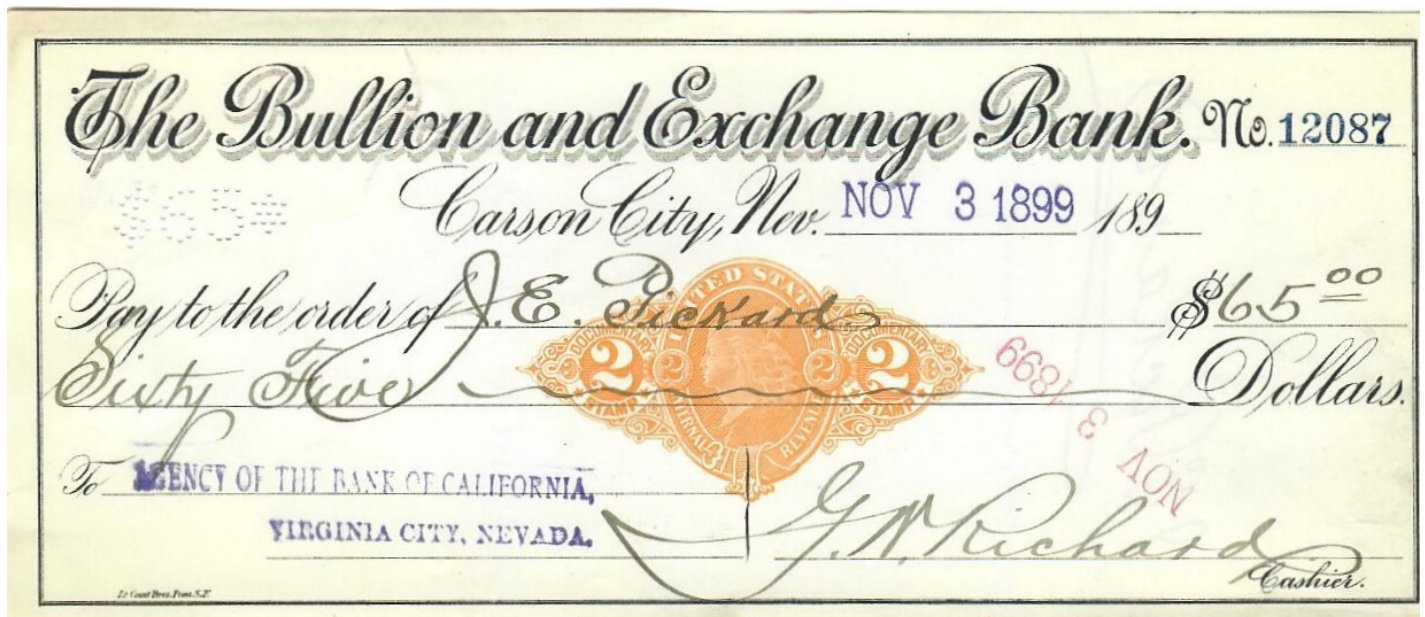
By Erik Fields, Chairman

The 2025 Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show was held July 26 and 27. Eleven dealers and the United States Post Office was on hand to serve 208 visitors on Saturday and another 105 on Sunday.

Of the eleven dealers, eight were returning dealers which included Ed Dimmick, Peter Gutter, Roger and Rachelle Gutzman, Mark and Dale Baker, Kyle Nybo, Dave Blackhurst, and Jeff Waldman. Also returning to the show after many years was Keith Kaufman. In addition, we had two new dealers this year.

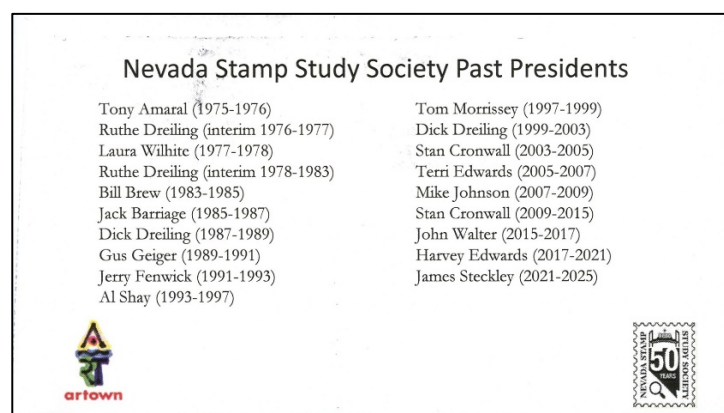
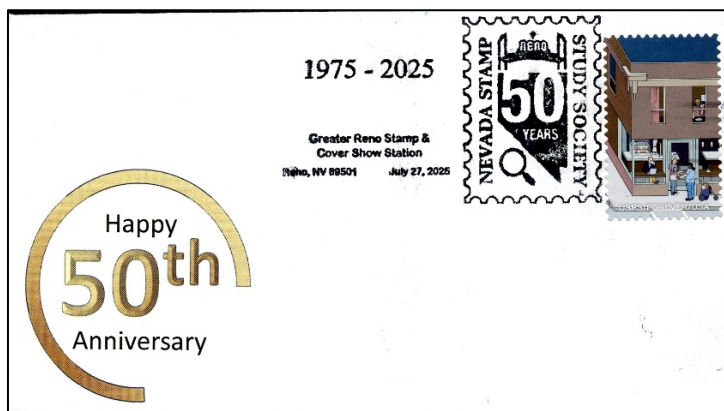
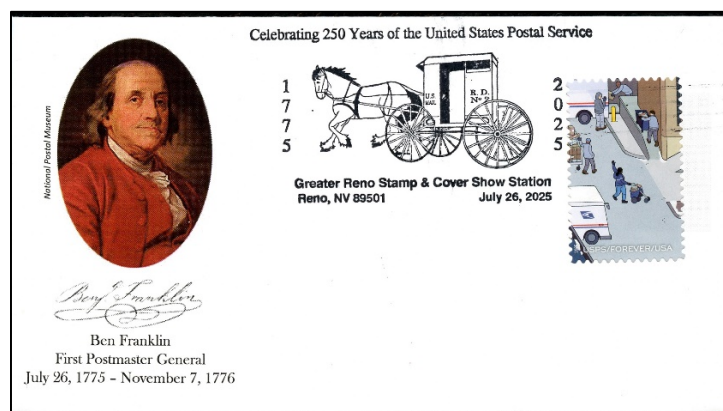


Jim Forte from Las Vegas, brought in a diverse selection of quality covers. On cover that caught my eye was a German cover from the small town of Köthen. It was franked by a single 1000-mark stamp (Scott #204). This rate was only in effect from August 1 through August 24, 1923, during Germany's inflationary period (See image on left).



Another newcomer was Peter Schwartz of Los Angeles. Peter brought in a fabulous selection of nineteenth century United States Stamp proofs. However, his specialty was United States revenue stamped paper. In the nineteenth century, stamped paper was an efficient way of collecting documentary taxes by having the document pre-stamped with the required tax, as with the check from The Bullion and Exchange Bank of Carson City for \$65 (see above image).

The Post Office was on hand to sell stamps and apply this year's cancel on our show covers. Saturday's cover commemorated the 250th anniversary of the United States Post Office. Sunday's Cover celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Nevada Stamp Study Society.



July 26 cover, front and back, with special cancel.

July 27 cover, front and back, with special cancel.

The exhibit area had 26 frames with 11 exhibits plus two frames with "Favorite Things." Once again, Dave Gehringer manned the Kid Table, introducing folks of all ages to the hobby of stamp collecting.

Frame	Exhibit Title	Exhibitor
1-4	Come Meet 56 Chinese Ethnic Groups	John Walter
5	Items I Collected	Jeanne Paquin
6	Majestic Predators: Manchurian Tiger in Philately	Donovan Sehr
7-8	My Favorites – One Page Exhibits	John Walter
9-10	German Bundespost Special Machine Cancels of the 1960's	Erik Fields
11	Soldier Mail WWI to Vietnam	John Walter
12	The Fruit of Heaven	Terri Edwards
13-14	The Art of Master Engraver Czesław Ślania	Maggie Griener
15-19	First Day Cover Cachets and Their Makers	Dick Dreiling
20	Station Agent Postmarks on the Late 19 th Century – The Various Designs	Stewart Chang
21	Name That Town	James Steckley
22	How Do You Celebrate?	Jeanne Paquin
23-25	Ensign Howard M Kellar, USMS, WWII 1941-1946 – Memories and Letters Home	Howard Kadohiro
26	How To Build a Philatelic Exhibit	AAPE

Also of note is that this may be the last year we can have the show at the Hall of Fame room at the National Bowling Stadium. The Hall of Fame contents have been moved to the main hall in Arlington, Texas to make room for 1st floor retail space.



Some of the 26 exhibit frames.



Busy dealer tables on Saturday.



Dealer Peter Schwartz (LA Philatelics) holding his book on cigar stamps.



Opening time on Saturday with a line out the door!

2025 Election Ballot Nevada Stamp Study Society

This ballot is to be executed on August 9, 2025, at the club's 50th Anniversary Celebration party which will begin at 1 p.m. at the Silverada Clubhouse (regular meeting location).

For the office of **PRESIDENT**:

vote for one **Jeanne Paquin** ☐

Jeff Waldman ☐

For the office of **TREASURER**: **Erik Fields** ☐

For the office of **DIRECTOR**: **Dave Gehringer** ☐

Vote in person at the 50th Anniversary celebration on August 9.

If you vote by mail, the ballot must be received by August 8.

Nevada Stamp Study Society, PO Box 2907, Sparks, NV 89432

Vote by email before August 8 to NvStampSociety@gmail.com

The elected officers will assume their office when duly elected on August 9.

Note: The Bylaws state: *"Any member of the Nevada Stamp Study Society in good standing, who is 18 years of age or older, shall be eligible to hold any office in the Society or to serve on any committee, provided however, that a candidate for the office of **PRESIDENT** shall have previously served either as an elective officer, or as a member of the Board of Directors, or as chairman of a standing committee."*

The Board by unanimous consent has waived the requirement for President, since at the time of nomination there were no candidates for president. The Board is allowing both candidates for president to appear on the ballot.

Jeanne Paquin – Currently serves as Secretary, Picnic Coordinator, stamp show Exhibit Chair and chairs the club's 50th Anniversary celebration this year.

Jeff Waldman – Member for the last few years, has dealer booth at the last two stamp shows, helps with donation pickups in the Carson City and Minden areas. See Candidate Statement for more information.

Erik Fields – Currently serves as Treasurer for past 4 years. Stamp Show Chair for last 6 years. Does accounting at meetings for live auctions.

Dave Gehringer – Currently serves as a Director, Program Chair, and supervises the Youth Table at club stamp show.

Candidate Statement for Jeff Waldman:

"I have been collecting stamps for about 55 years, and have been an online stamp dealer for 18 years under the name Bay Stamps on both eBay and HipStamp. Being recently priced out of San Diego, we are now living happily in Indian Hills, south Carson City with the sweeping views of the Sierras. Folks are so much friendlier up here, and the birds and animals coming through our backyard is such a pleasure! Having come from a city with just one season, I finally got my experience shoveling snow!

Although I started collecting at a young age with Liberty, Statesman and Citation albums, it was my pride and joy to finally own International Parts I and II. As I began filling them, I quickly fell in love with pre-1945 US and Worldwide classic stamps and never looked back. If stamps have more than two colors or are photogravure printed, they aren't collected...but here's a secret that you can't tell my "classic" stamp friends: I have smaller collections of tall ships, coral reefs, and stamps-on-stamps that I continue to enjoy.

I spent my early years between Sausalito, Palo Alto, and Santa Cruz before living in London, England for two years attending the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (I sing, act, and play guitar). Having bombed out it Hollywood in the mid-1970's, I returned to college and received a B.S. in Earth Science from UCSC and got my Masters in Geology at Oregon State University. I worked for years as a scientist at environmental consulting firms and finally worked for Naval Facilities Engineering (NAVFAC) in San Diego for about 15 years. I finally retired on December 31st, which is giving me time to get all these stamps organized, scanned, and listed!"



Candidate Photos:



Jeanne Paquin



Dave Gehringer

Postcrossing: Nevada Postcrossers

Please join Sophia Goodwin and other stamp and postcard lovers on Sunday, September 28 at 2:30 pm at the downtown Reno library!

POSTCROSSING

CALLING ALL POSTCARD & STAMP LOVERS!

To celebrate World Postcrossing Day, we plan to hold a meet up at the library on Sunday, Sept. 28th at 2:30pm to share our love of postcards and stamps!

If you would like, you may bring a few postcards to share with the group. Newbies are welcome to come and learn about this hobby.

Contact Sophia Goodwin 801-874 5439 or join our Facebook Group, Nevada Postcrossers!

To learn more about postcard trading please visit www.postcrossing.com



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Quiz: Fund-Raising Stamps

by Eric Moody

Issued by some countries with regularity, by others never, semi-postal stamps (also called charity stamps) have been around for well over a century. Carrying a surcharge on the regular postal rate, they have been used to raise funds for a variety of causes and organizations, ranging from war victim, indigent, and disaster relief to cultural institutions and groups, medical research, health programs, and environmental causes. Semi-postals from around the world are the subject of this quiz.

1. Considered by many to be the first semi-postal issue, a British stamped pictorial envelope of 1890 celebrating the Golden Jubilee of that nation's "penny postage" did not actually feature a surcharge on its one penny stamp. The envelope, however, sold for a shilling and the difference was donated to
 - (a) the financially stressed Royal Mail.
 - (b) the British Red Cross.
 - (c) a Post Office widows and orphans fund.
 - (d) the Boy Scouts.
2. A set of semi-postals (#B22–B26) was issued in 1947 by this eastern European country to benefit its beloved National Theater.
 - (a) Hungary (c) Czechoslovakia
 - (b) Poland (d) Bulgaria
3. This country, one of many affected by the massive Indian Ocean tsunami of December 2004, issued a semi-postal stamp with attached label (#B243) in 2005 to raise money for the victims of that natural disaster.
 - (a) Thailand (c) Malaysia
 - (b) Indonesia (d) Sri Lanka
4. A semi-postal (#B1145) that benefitted services for the blind and had its face value indicated in Braille was produced by this European country in 1998.
 - (a) France (c) Sweden
 - (b) Belgium (d) the Netherlands
5. In 1962 this predominantly Muslim Asian nation released several semi-postals (#B138–B141) to raise funds for the new Istiqlal Mosque in its capital city.
 - (a) Indonesia (c) Malaysia
 - (b) Pakistan (d) Afghanistan
6. The first United States semi-postal stamp, supporting breast cancer research, was issued in
 - (a) 1960. (b) 1975. (c) 1988. (d) 1998.
7. From 1965 to 1979, this country issued semi-postals (#B134, B151, B173, etc.) to raise money for war-torn North Vietnam.
 - (a) China (c) East Germany
 - (b) Cuba (d) North Korea
8. This semi-postal (#B13) of 1996, which was issued to aid literacy programs, has a die-cut opening in its center that represents a missing puzzle piece. It is from
 - (a) the United States. (c) France.
 - (b) Canada. (d) Brazil.
9. During the mid- to late-1930s, semi-postal stamps (#B12–B19, B23–B32), which were intended to raise funds for winter welfare, appeared from this Nazi-friendly issuer.
 - (a) Spain (c) Danzig
 - (b) Italy (d) Hungary
10. An Amur tiger cub is depicted on a U.S. semi-postal of 2011 (#B4) that raised funds for the Multinational Species Conservation funds of the
 - (a) World Bank.
 - (b) United Nations.
 - (c) U.S. Department of State.
 - (d) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
11. In 1938 this now-extinct European political entity issued several semi-postals (#B66–B69) to raise money for the construction of a hospital for railroad employees.
 - (a) Yugoslavia (c) German Austria
 - (b) Czechoslovakia (d) Bohemia & Moravia
12. A semi-postal (#B47) issued in 1973 raised funds for the victims of a volcanic eruption on Iceland's Heimaey Island that year. The stamp came from
 - (a) Iceland. (c) Denmark.
 - (b) the United Nations. (d) Greenland.

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

Vassar Post Office Display for August

With Hot August Nights this month, the obvious display at the main post office is Classic Cars. Most local members attend this event which is concentrated in Sparks and downtown Reno at all the major casinos. There are multiple sound stages around town with local and visiting tribute bands. The music is great, and the 7,000 registered classics cars bring back a lot of memories from when we were young.

Have fun with the post office display and relive your youth at the HON events.

