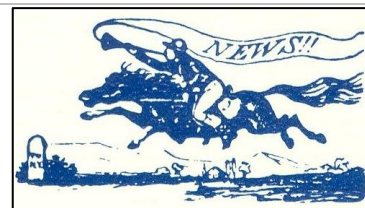


The Post Boy

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July Meetings

July 11-12, 2026, Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show, Reno-Sparks Convention Center. See page 3 for more information.

July 25, 2026 - In person and online Zoom meeting starts at 10 a.m. After announcements, committee reports and raffle, the presentation will be a discussion of the stamp show.

Aug. 8, 2026 – Annual picnic – mark your calendar.

Stamp Shows

Nov. 7-8, 2026, SACAPEX, www.sacramentostampclub.org

Nov. 14-15, 2026, Filatellic Fiesta, Santa Clara, CA,
<https://filatellicfiesta.com/>

Feb. 5-7, 2027 – Arizona National Stamp Show, Mesa; with plans for 30 dealers and about 70 exhibit frames.
<https://arizonanationalstampshow.com/>

2026 Nominations and Elections – It's getting to be that time again for our annual elections at the August 8 picnic. In the meantime, nominations are needed for 4 open positions: Vice-President (2-year term), Secretary (2-year term) and two Directors (3-year terms).

The digital Nomination Form is available here:

https://renostamp.org/pdf_files/2026-Nomination-form.pdf

2026-2027 Membership dues renewal is \$10 for single members and \$15 for family. The membership year starts Aug. 1.

August Online Auction – Auction lots with images, descriptions and minimum bid are due by Aug. 9. The bidding starts at noon on Aug. 11 and ends at noon on Aug. 20. Send lot information to Dave Parsons: NSSSauctions@gmail.com

Post Boy Reporter

June 13 meeting – The refreshments were provided by **Mike Potter** and **Natalie McMillen**. The attendance was 26 members present plus 3 members on Zoom.

John Walter had a slide presentation on the new stamp issues for June and July. He showed the digital Post Boy to remind members of the articles written by members and the monthly quiz on “American Scientists and Inventors.” Our show exhibits will have a Council judge, Nigel Moriarity.

Eric Fields, Show Chair, announced that the 15 dealer tables (including USPS) are all allotted. **Jeanne Paquin** is still soliciting exhibits.

The meeting Raffle was conducted by **George Ray** for 10 prizes, and with a bonus prize which was won by **Erik Firds**; the 50/50 prize money of \$13.00 went to **Eugene Smoots**.

The live auction was conducted by **Mike Potter** and **Gary Atkinson** with assistance by **Nadiah Beekun**. There were 60 member lots with 39 selling for a total of \$524.50. The best auction deal was a binder of 239 Reader’s Digest FDC that sold for \$20. The most expensive lot was 6 WW albums with 10-15K stamps that sold for \$220.

James Steckley’s exhibit on “Name That Town” won a Silver and AAPE pin at SOPEX, Medford, OR, held June 5-6.

June 27 meeting – The refreshments were provided by **James Steckley**, and **Jim Weidner** brought some chocolate chip cookies. Attendance was 29 including one member on Zoom.

A new member joined, **Carrie Brugger**. Nore information about what Carrie collects in the next issue.

Erik Fields reported on the stamp show. Everything seems to be going OK. All the postcards were mailed.

John Walter reminded everyone about the postal rate increase on July 12, the second day of our stamp show. He is still looking for a member to assume the duties of editor for the Post Boy.

The raffle was conducted by **George Ray** for 10 donated prizes with the bonus again going to **Erik Fields** and the 50/50 prize money of \$14.50 going to **Pete Test**.

The all-donation auction had 60 lots selling for \$846.00. The auctioneer was **Gary Atkinson** with **Nadiah Beekun** helping.



Pete Test with some of his winning auction lots.



Auctioneer, Gary Atkinson and helper, Nadiah Beekun.

2026 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

On July 11 and 12 the Nevada Stamp Study Society is hosting our annual show with a new venue at the Reno Sparks Convention Center, 4590 S. Virginia St, Reno. The **parking is free** when telling the attendant you are there for the stamp show. Come early since there is another large event at the same time as our show and they pay for parking. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.



Stamp show banner

Here is a link for more information about the convention center: <https://www.visitreno-tahoe.com/event-venues/reno-sparks-convention-center> Scroll down the webpage for events and the stamp show.

Volunteers are needed on Friday (July 10) starting around 11 a.m. The exhibit frames arrive by noon. The show programs need folding, so there is some easy work to do.

Dealers start arriving by 2 p.m. on Friday and continue until about 6 p.m. There is a full complement of dealers with 15 tables including the USPS.

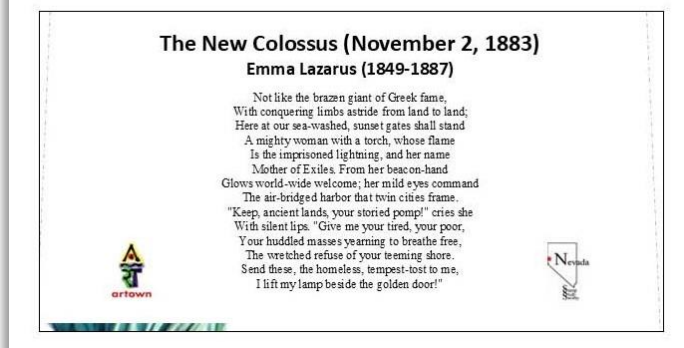
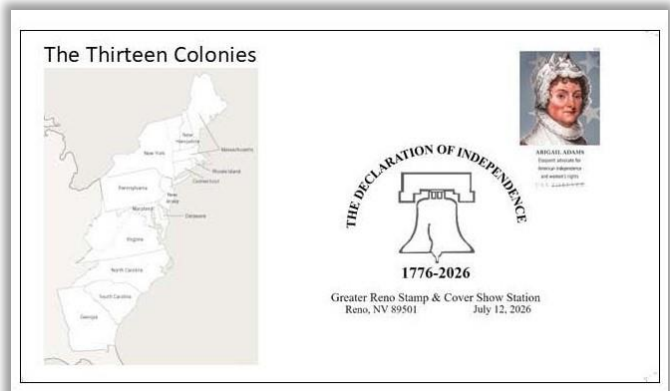
Before arriving at the show, consider some tips for a successful show visit. Create a want list. Pack a pair of tongs. Set your budget. Be prepared to convey to the dealer your collecting interests and standards, i.e., mint, NH, used, F-VF, VF, superb, graded, etc. If the dealer doesn't have your item(s) 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 to your needs and want list. 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. Scroll down the webpage to see everything.

Exhibit frames will number about 30 for judged exhibits plus a few more for display exhibits including My Favorite Page and past show covers. If you have some one-page favorites page, please bring them on Friday.

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. 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>

In addition to the dealer area and exhibits, we will also have a youth table with **Dave Gehringer** in charge. Please consider helping Dave so he can visit the dealers. Information about introducing new collectors to the hobby will be available including free stamps, album pages and hinges.

A cachet cover with a special show cancellation for each day will be offered, along with hourly door prizes. The show covers are \$3.00 each or two covers for \$5.00. The covers will be cancelled on each day by the USPS postal clerks.



Above are the draft show covers for each day, showing front with special cancel and tentative stamp. The reverse of each cover has information about the USA 250th Anniversary celebration. The July 11 cancel features an image of the Statue of Liberty, and the July 12 cancel shows the Liberty Bell and on the reverse an illustration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Some members have expressed 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 about a break even point). 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.

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.

250th Anniversary of America's Independence

Our nation was passionately formed by many individuals and leaders. Our founding fathers' names are very familiar to us. There are some individuals who played a major role in establishing our independence. These seven people played significant roles in securing and ensuring independence and building the new government. Each individual was honored on one or more U.S. postage stamps.

- **George Washington:** Commander of the Continental Army and America's first president, most consider him to be the "Father of the Country."
- **Thomas Jefferson:** Principal author of the Declaration of Independence and the third U.S. president.
- **John Adams:** Champion of independence, a key diplomat, and the second U.S. president.
- **Benjamin Franklin:** Renowned inventor, diplomat, and the oldest delegate at the Constitutional Convention.
- **James Madison:** Known as the "Father of the Constitution" for his pivotal role in drafting the document and the Bill of Rights.
- **Alexander Hamilton:** A leading advocate for the Constitution, author of many Federalist Papers, and the first Secretary of the Treasury.
- **John Jay:** President of the Continental Congress, co-author of the Federalist Papers, and the first chief justice of the United States.

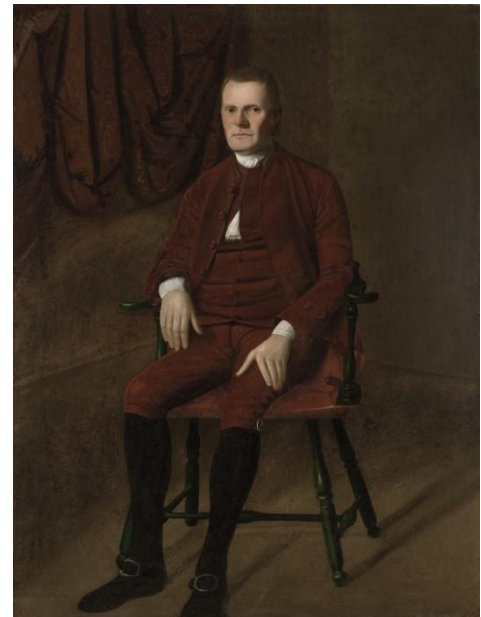
Who Was Roger Sherman?

Roger Sherman was one of these important but lesser known leaders. He does not have any U.S. stamp issued in his honor.

Born in 1721, he was an early American politician, lawyer, and a Founding Father of the United States. Representing Connecticut, he is the only person to sign the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution. He also signed the 1774 Petition to the King. Sherman is one of only two men in history to sign all four founding documents (the other is Robert Morris).

Sherman was born into a family of farmers in Massachusetts. Sherman's education did not extend beyond his father's library and grammar school, and his early career was spent as a shoemaker. However, he had an aptitude for learning, access to a good library and a Harvard-educated parish minister, Rev. Samuel Dunbar, who took him under his wing.

In 1743, his father's death led to Sherman moving with his mother and siblings to New Milford, Connecticut. There, in partnership with his brother William, he opened the town's first store, a cobbler shop. He was able to buy land and to earn a good reputation in the area. Sherman published a series of almanacs between 1750 and 1761.

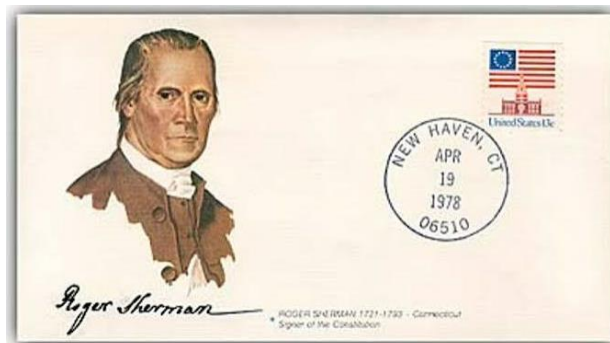


Portrait painted by Ralph Earl, Yale University Art Gallery.

Despite no formal legal training, he was urged to read for the bar exam by a local lawyer and was admitted to the bar of Litchfield, Connecticut, in 1754, during which he wrote "A Caveat Against Injustice" and was chosen to represent New Milford in the Connecticut House of Representatives. Sherman was also appointed treasurer of Yale College, and awarded an honorary Master of Arts degree. He was a professor of religion and engaged in lengthy correspondence with some of the theologians of the time.

Connecticut sent him to the Continental Congress, and he was a member of the Committee of Five that drafted the Declaration of Independence.

Sherman served as a delegate to the 1787 Philadelphia Convention, which produced the United States Constitution. After Benjamin Franklin, he was the second oldest delegate present at the convention.



Cachet portrait of Roger Sherman with 13-Star Flag over Independence Hall coil stamp (Sc 1625). The stamp was issued in 1975. The cancel is on his birthday,



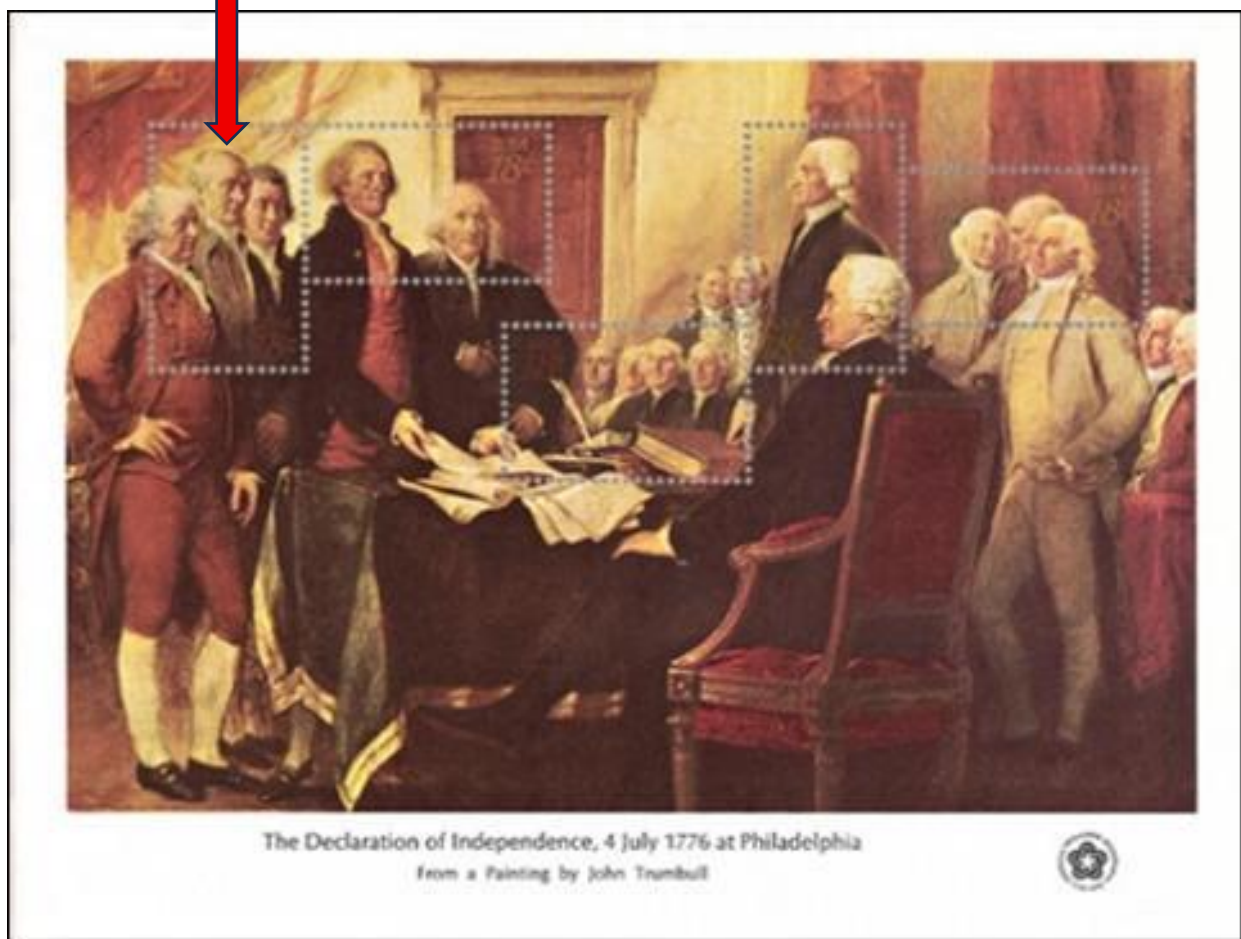
George Sherman in Trumbull painting.



"The Declaration of Independence" by John Trumbull (1819), depicts the Committee of Five presenting its work to Congress. Sherman is second from the left in enlargement.

Sherman's views were heavily shaped by Connecticut's position as an isolationist state. Connecticut operated almost without much need from other states, using its own ports to trade with the West Indies instead of utilizing ports in Boston, and feared that "... the mass of people lacked sufficient wisdom to govern themselves and thus wished no branch of the federal government to be elected directly by the people."

He also appears on the July 4, 1976, Declaration of Independence 3rd stamp.



Another instance of his image is the 1976 American Bicentennial Issue souvenir sheet from the Trumbull painting.

His name does not appear in the subject index in *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps and Covers*.

References:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roger_Sherman

Email from: Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History, 241 Wellesley St, Weston, MA 02493

July Quiz: Nevada Post Offices

By Eric Moody

1. The first post office in Nevada, which postmarked its early letters “Carson Valley,” opened in 1852 in this small settlement.
(a) Carson City (b) Silver City (c) Genoa (d) Gardnerville
2. The post office of this town, which was situated near the junction of the Muddy and Virgin rivers in southern Nevada, famously cancelled its last letters in 1938 as the rising waters of newly-created Lake Mead lapped at its doorstep.
(a) Callville (b) Rioville (c) Logandale (d) St. Thomas
3. This currently active post office began life on a ranch in Lincoln County in 1893, with the ranch owner serving as “postmistress,” but by 1909 was operating in recently-formed Clark County.
(a) Boulder City (b) Mesquite (c) Las Vegas (d) Moapa
4. In 1951 a stamp (#999) commemorating Nevada’s “first settlement”, and featuring a design based on a painting by Nevada artist Hans Meyer-Kassel, had its first day of issue in this town.
(a) Carson City (b) Genoa (c) Virginia City (d) Reno
5. The principal post office of eastern Nevada’s booming White Pine mining district in the late 1860s was located in the district’s largest town. Active until 1931, that post office was in
(a) Ely (b) Treasure City (c) Ruth (d) Hamilton
6. Nevada’s stamp in the postcard-style “Greetings from America” set of 2002 features, along with mountains, native vegetation and a neon cowboy, Las Vegas’s famous roadside welcome sign. The stamp was first issued in
(a) Las Vegas (b) Carson City (c) Henderson (d) Reno
7. A letter mailed from the post office in Washoe County’s seat of government in 1870 would have carried the postmark of
(a) Reno (b) Franktown (c) Wadsworth (d) Washoe City
8. A Nevada post office produced the first day cancellations of 1959’s Silver Centennial stamp (#1130), which commemorated the discovery of silver on the Comstock Lode. The post office was in the old mining town of
(a) Gold Hill (b) Tonopah (c) Virginia City (d) Silver Peak
9. Sparks’ first post office opened in 1903, when the rapidly growing railroad town was still called
(a) East Reno (b) Harriman (c) End-of-Track (d) Wedekind
10. From 1952 to 1961 Las Vegas had a branch post office at a theme park with retail shops that was located on the grounds of this major hotel-casino. The park, which sought to re-create an Old West “village,” was affiliated with the
(a) Desert Inn (b) Thunderbird (c) El Rancho Vegas (d) Last Frontier
11. The post office in this agricultural and mining community began operating in Pershing County in 1919. (a) Lovelock (b) Fallon (c) Paradise Valley (d) Seven Troughs

12. Short-lived Bullfrog County of the 1980s had no towns, no people – and no post offices. Mail for its government officials, who were all appointed by Nevada’s governor, had to be sent to the county seat – which was an address in
 (a) Las Vegas (b) Reno (c) Carson City (d) Beatty

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

Vassar Post Office Display for July

Jeanne Paquin changed the display to show patriotic covers to celebrate USA’s 250th Anniversary.



Below are the display frames for June featuring some Favorite Pages with historic covers.



July New Stamp Issues



USPS Rate Increases

July 12 is the change date

First class letter - 78¢ to 82¢

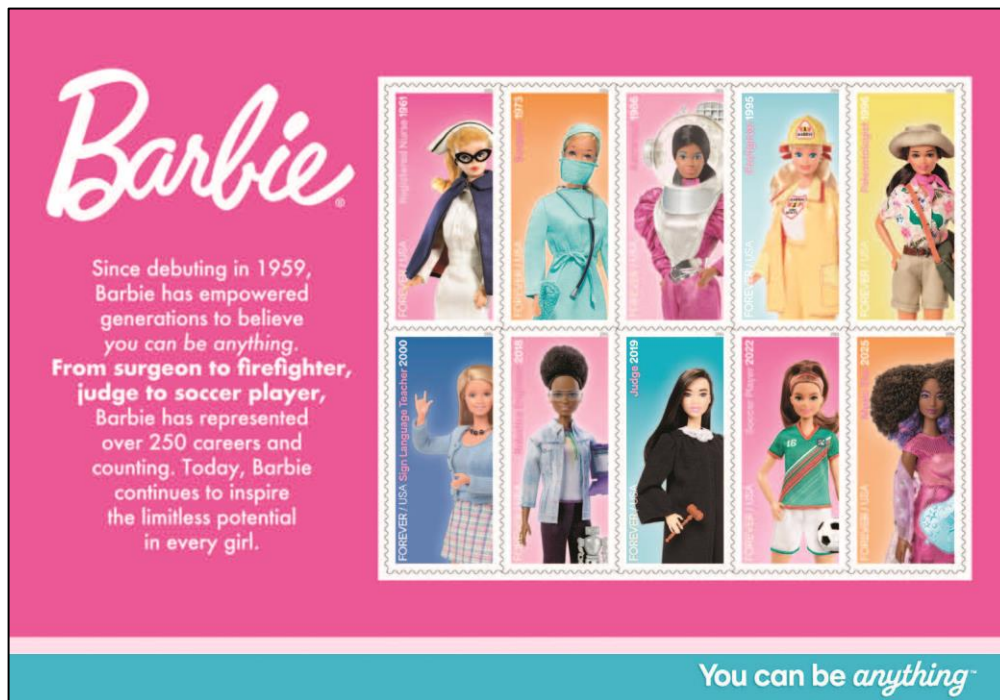
Post card - 61¢ to 65¢

International rate –

Letter up to 1 oz & postcard - \$1.70 to \$1.75

(78¢) Declaration of Independence for 250th Anniversary of America's Independence.

Issue date is July 4. Issued in panes of 20.



Issue date: July 11

(78¢) Barbie pane of 10 designs

Reminder: Our stamp show starts on July 11. Will these stamps be available at the show?

Then on July 12 the price of the stamp will increase to 82¢ each. Which means you cannot purchase the Barbie stamps at 78¢ unless you are in the first day city of Austin, Texas.

So stock up on the 78¢ Forever stamps on July 11 and save 5%.