## St. Louis Stamp Expo, Auction April 1-3

The St. Louis Stamp Expo will be held the weekend of April 1-3 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri. Show hours are Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 10 to 4. A special hotel room rate of \$89 per night at the Renaissance has been negotiated. To take advantage of that rate, call the hotel directly at 1-800-468-3571 for reservations and ask for the "stamp show rate."

The Expo features 50 dealer booths, a public stamp auction held by Regency-Superior, 2,600 pages of award-winning exhibits, a Games & Giveaways Youth Room, USPS substation, exhibitors' awards banquet, and speakers and seminars.

The Expo is hosting the annual convention of the Confederate Stamp Alliance. In addition, the American Topical Association, the Tennessee Postal History Society, Missouri & Illinois Postal History Societies and the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors will conduct meetings at the Expo. An ATA Roundtable also will be held on Sunday, April 3.

The Expo is an official APS World Series of Philately Exposition. The Grand Award winner is eligible to compete in the APS Champion of Champions competition in August. This year's exhibition jury consists of Jury Chairman Rich Drews, Peter McCann, Ron Cipolla, Matt Kewriga, Michael Morrissey, and Apprentice Raymond Pietruszka.

The Exhibitors' Awards Banquet will take place at the Renaissance Hotel on Saturday evening, April 2 at 6 p.m. Banquet tickets may be purchased at the show check-in booth.

In addition to their auction, Regency-Superior will be hosting a free appraisal clinic throughout the weekend. Collectors are welcome to bring their stamp collections, autographs, coins & currency, space & Hollywood memorabilia to the Expo for valuation. Consignments will also be accepted at this venue for future auctions.

Once again, the St. Louis Stamp Expo will welcome school children from local elementary schools on Friday, April 1. Activities, videos, games, and informative guided tours of the philatelic exhibits are planned for the children, who also will receive a free bag full of giveaways including stamps, albums and literature—everything needed to start the youth in stamp collecting.

A 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. seminar on Saturday, April 2, is scheduled for the Boy Scouts Merit Badge program and will be conducted by local philatelists. Past years' programs have filled up quickly. Scouts interested in attending must make reservations. For further details on the merit badge seminar, please contact David Whitney at 314-553-1925 or <u>dcwklw@yahoo.com</u>.

All children under the age of 16 will be admitted to the Expo free of charge. The admission fee for adults will be \$5 per person good for all three days of the show. Free parking is available with validation at the show hotel.

This year the Expo is commemorating the Centennial of the National Park Service. A cacheted cover with a USPS pictorial cancellation will be available.

For more information on the Expo, or an advance copy of the show program, please call the St. Louis Stamp Expo at 800-782-0066 or 314-361-5699, email: <u>expo@regencystamps.com</u>, or visit their website at <u>www.stlstampexpo.org</u>.

## **Regency-Superior Auction**

Regency-Superior will conduct a two-day Public Auction at the St. Louis Stamp Expo 2015, at the show hotel for the Expo. The auction has more than 3,600 lots of U.S., British & Worldwide singles, covers, country collections, and box lots.

Session I (Saturday, April 2 at 11 a.m.) features a gorgeous St. Louis Bear provisional (Scott 11X5), with an attractive St. Louis cancel. There are also several significant 1¢ 1851 is-

> sues offered, including a Type I (Scott 5), Type Ia (Scott 6) and Type III (Scott 8, Pos. 99R2). Other standouts include the finest-appe



include the finest-appearing example of the Type IV 10¢ 1855 (Scott 16, right, SCV \$15,000, estimate \$20,000); a PSE graded 98 example of the 1875 re-issue of the 5¢ 1861 (Scott 105); a 30¢ grilled Large Bank

Note (Scott 143); and one of the very few sound, used examples of the  $4\phi$  1908 issue with Schermack perforations (Scott 314A, left, SCV \$52,500, estimate \$45,000). There is much more, including EFOs, proofs, CSA, Possessions, revenues and others.

Session II (Sunday, April 3 at 11 a.m.) begins with a wide selection

of British and foreign singles, as well a great selection of U.S. single and specialty covers, and many foreign covers. This



includes a 36-lot specialty section of material specifically related to the 1938 6¢ Eagle airmail (Scott C23), all part of the collection of a major exhibitor, and a great opportunity for anyone working on this stamp. One lot, for example, is this used imperforate horizontally block on cover (C23a, presale estimate \$4,000-6,000)! There are many more unusual items. And, of course, there is the extremely popular U.S. and

worldwide collections and accumulations section, which features everything from very affordable, eclectic accumulations to major collections that will hammer for thousands of dollars.

Two examples from the foreign singles



e foreign singles section are a rare Canada 1932-48 Postal Note 5¢ blue vertical pair, imperf between—only four pairs known—es-



timated value \$1,250; and an Iran 1950 10r carmine & blue green with inverted center, in mint NH condition, Scott 927a, SCV \$3,500, estimated value \$1,500.

The auction is available for viewing at the firm's St. Louis gallery from March 1st through Tuesday, March 29th, then on the show floor at the Expo beginning Friday, April 1st. As always, the entire auction also is available online for viewing and bidding at <u>www.RegencySuperior</u>. <u>com</u>, and includes full lot descriptions, estimates, color photographs and opening bids. To receive a complimentary auction catalog, please call Regency-Superior at 800-782-0066; Fax 314-361-5677; or write to Regency-Superior, 229 N. Euclid Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108.



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