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Plan Ahead for The Great American Stamp Show

The biggest stamp show of the year—aptly named the Great American Stamp Show—will be held August 14-17 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center & Hotel, 1551 North Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60173. Show hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 to 4. Admission is free.

Registration is required for entry to the show. You can fill out the Pre-Registration form at stamps.org/GASS; deadline for pre-registration is July 31. This provides you with a pre-made name badge at the Registration Desk so you can head right onto the show floor after picking it up.

Co-hosted by the American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Association, and the American First Day Cover Society, and sponsored by the USPS, collectors from across the USA, Canada and around the world will be converging on Schaumburg to enjoy all the show and the area has to offer.

Located just 30 miles outside Chicago and about 11 miles west of O'Hare International Airport, Schaumburg is the premier suburban business destination in Illinois. It's known for the massive Woodfield Mall, with hundreds of shops and restaurants. Other nearby attractions include Topgolf Schaumburg, Legoland, IKEA, Dave and Buster's, and Olympic Park. The Convention Center and hotel are connected and offer free parking.

Here's a few of the highlights:

- No other event this year can offer more exhibits. You'll find hundreds of frames of philatelic exhibits as well as scores of literature exhibits, vying for golds and many other awards. Topping off the exhibiting competition will be the multiframe Champion of Champions, one of the most prestigious exhibiting honors in the world.

Outstanding exhibits of rarities, include featured exhibits sponsored by the Royal Philatelic Society of London and the U.S. Philatelic Clas-

sics Society. Topicals, Covers, Popular and Youth categories also will be available for your viewing pleasure.

- Another major feature is the 75+ dealer bourse, with leading dealers buying and selling stamps and covers from around the world, ranging in price from a few cents to hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Collectors also may enjoy browsing or buying at the First Day Cover CachetMakers' bourse Saturday, August 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Show Floor.

- GASS 2025 will host several First Day of Issue ceremonies including for the USPS Boston 2026 Stamp Show pair of stamps on Thursday at 11 a.m. and the USPS Luna Moth Non-machinable surcharge stamp on Saturday at 11 a.m.

- Show cachets and cancels will be available for these new issues.

In addition, a Dedication Ceremony will be held for the previously issued 250 Years of Delivering Mail U.S. issues on Friday at 11 a.m., as well as releases for the National Duck Stamp Collectors Society issue Friday at 1 p.m., the 2025 Rattlesnake Island Local Post stamps Friday at 3 p.m., and a new Boston 2026 Label Thursday at 1 p.m.

Also to be announced is the subject of a new issue from the United Nations Postal Administration on Thursday at 3 p.m.

- More than 40 Societies, too numerous to list here, will have a presence at the show, many with information booths and meetings. Scores of meetings and seminars will be held throughout the four days of the show.

- There also will be a Youth Area for budding collectors or to introduce youngsters to a healthy, educational lifetime hobby.

- For more information including hotels, the show schedule, and exhibit information visit stamps.org/GASS. The website also includes a complete listing of philatelic and literature exhibits; an up-to-date listing of participating dealers with booth numbers; society meetings, presentations, first day ceremonies, other events; and much more.

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