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Thursday – Saturday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



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SHOW HIGHLIGHTS:

- 100 dealer booths
- 8 first day ceremonies
- 800+frames of stamp exhibits & rarities
- Royal Philatelic Society of London Special Exhibits
- First day cover centennial celebration
- Societies/Seminars/Social Gatherings
- Live auction
- Youth area and more!

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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 10-13, at the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland, 300 Lakeside Avenue in Cleveland. Show hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 10 to 4.

The show is family-friendly and free to the public. Admission is free. Registration is required for entry, and pre-registration is recommended to help you save time and avoid on-site registration lines. To register, go to stamps.org/GASS.

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 Cleveland to enjoy all the show and the area has to offer. Here's a few of the highlights:

• No other event can offer more exhibits. You'll find over 800 frames of philatelic exhibits and 50 literature exhibits, vying for three grand awards, three single frame grands, and many more prizes. Topping off the exhibiting competition will be the multiframe Champion of Champions, one of the most prestigious exhibiting honors in the world. A Court of Honor will feature 50 frames of outstanding exhibits from the Royal Philatelic Society of London, as well U.S. rarities: the Inverted Jenny, the discovery sheet of the Hammarskjold Invert and a George Washington free frank.

• Another major feature is the 100-dealer bourse, with leading dealers buying and selling stamps and covers from around the world and ranging in price from a few cents to hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

• Kewriga Auctions will be the official show auctioneer. The auction, scheduled for Saturday, August 12 in a room adjacent to the show hall, will feature fine selections of United States and Worldwide stamps and postal history including extensive collections and large lots.

GASS 2023 will host several First Day of Issue ceremonies:

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• On Thursday at 1 p.m. the United Nations Postal Administration will hold a First Day ceremony for their Body, Mind, Soul set of three stamps and three souvenir sheets.

• Also on Thursday, at 2 p.m., a landmark event will be held by the Faroe Islands, with the issuance of their 1,000th stamp, depicting the cairns of the Faroe Islands–man-made rock formations to guide travelers in the mountains.

• On Thursday at 4 pm, the Marshall Islands will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first Cacheted First Day Cover.

• On Friday at 11 a.m. the USPS will be back with a First Day ceremony for their Thinking of You pane of 20.

 This will be followed on Friday at 2 p.m. with a Faroe Islands souvenir sheet featuring Faroese designer Mortin Mörck's 1,000th stamp.

• Rounding out the First Day Events will be the unveiling by the Rattlesnake Island Local Post of an issue celebrating the 210th anniversay of the Battle of Lake Erie.

· Show cachets and cancels will be available for many of these new issues.

• Attendees also will discover the fun of First Day Cover collecting at the Cachet Makers' Bourse, to be held Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Show Floor.

• More than 50 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 five days of the show.

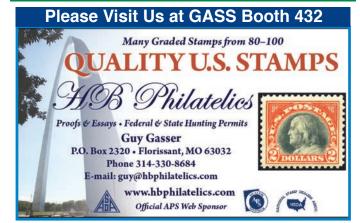
• Yes, five days: on Wednesday, August 9, one day before the GASS opening day, a Learning Seminar, "All About Cancellations" will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by Gary Wayne Loew. It will be held at the Westin Hilton. There is a fee of \$50 for APS members, or \$100 for non-members.

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

• Finally, for the APS leaderhip, "what truly makes GASS great is the opportunity to gain knowledge, foster friendships, and share our love for philately. We can't wait for you to experience all that and more at GASS 2023."

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

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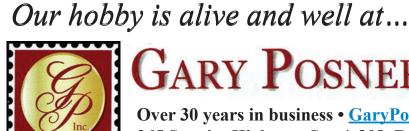


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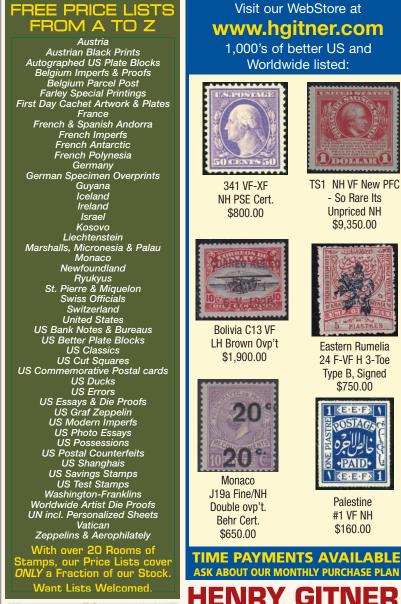
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