2024 Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show
Report – July 27-28

Thanks to **Erik Fields**, Show Chair, the stamp show was a success. The personnel at the Hall of Fame Museum at the National Bowling Stadium had the bourse and exhibit area ready the day before the show. All the dealer booths had tables and chairs in place with table cloths and skirting already done. The show was an official event of Reno Artown – entire month of July with events and entertainment. The stamp show was listed in the Artown pamphlet distributed around Reno.

For the first time, a few dealers were arriving on Friday by 8:30 a.m. I have never seen dealers that early.

Arriving Friday afternoon to help set up the 38 exhibit frames were: **Mike Potter, Erik Fields, John Walter, Howard Grenzebach, Will Eubanks, Dave Gehringer,** and **Nadiah Beekun**. The show program was printed by **Nadiah Beekun**. Folding the programs were **James Steckley**, **Jeanne Paquin** and **Howard Grenzebach.**

The exhibits were mounted by **John Walter, Jeanne Paquin, Howard Grenzebach**, and **Will Eubanks**. There were 17 exhibits/displays plus 7 frames with "My Favorite Thing" pages provided by **John Walter**, **Jeanne Paquin**, **Howard Grenzebach** and **Dave Gehringer**.

Our assigned exhibit judge arrived Friday afernoon with cold symptoms. By Saturday he was getting worse with the congestion and on Sunday morning he informed us he tested positive for Covid. So none of the exhibits were judged.

Erik Fields had hospitality items available for the dealers on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The show opened Saturday morning with a huge sign advertising the free stamp show on the street in front of the bowling stadium. A block away on Virginia Street was the annual Wing Fest with many food booths and music and other entertainment. This led to some street closures which did not seem to affect those attending the show.

There was free parking in the stadium garage (same building as the museum).The Saturday opening had some attendees waiting in the stadium lobby. There were two display frames in the lobby to keep the people occupied before entering the show area. Within a short period of time the dealer tables and the USPS were bustling with attendees.

Large sign on the street in front of the bowling stadium. We were one block east of the Wing Fest which was on Virginia Street.

It was busy all day on Saturday with 162 attendees counted. The first day count was slightly better than last year (144).

The Sunday attendance of 85 was about the same as last year (86).

Dave Parsons and James Steckley at the registration desk on opening day.

Dave Gehringer was at the Kids Table the entire show. He not only talked with the families that stopped but also answered questions from other attendees. Families who stopped by the area received free stamps, albums and a few other items Dave was giving away.

Family who had two children at the show. The 4½ year old selected a couple of envelopes and wrote each family name on the envelope. Dave was impressed.

A quilt sign for the Kids Table was made by Susie Gehringer.

Across from the registration desk were two frames with past show covers. This is the first time covers from the first NEVPEX show in 1979 were displayed. Nice to see the Nevada Stamp Study Society sponsored two Post Office first-day-of-issue ceremonies and hosted the American Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society in the 1980s.

The Society changed the show name from NEVPEX to the Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show in 2001.

Exhibit and Display Frames

Frame #	Title	Exhibitor
1 - 3	Nevada - Boom and Bust (Pre-Statehood - 1930s)	Harvey Edwards
4 - 5	Leather Post Cards	Dave Gehringer
6	Christmas Is - Santa Claus	Jeanne Paquin
7	Soldier Mail - WWI, WWII and Vietnam	John Walter
8	Train Mail - Delay in Service	Stewart Chang
9	Owney Postal Dog **People's Choice Award**	Stewart Chang
10 - 11	My Personal Favorites	Howard Grenzebach
12 - 13	German Bundespost Special Machine Cancels of the 1960s	Erik Fields
14	Reno Championship Air Races - Hand Painted Tom Morrissey Covers	John Walter
15	Overprints of Mexico's Hildalgo 5-centavo War Issue 1911-1917	Robert N. Pope
16 - 18	Presidents of the U.S. - 1st to 40th	John Walter
19 - 21	An Engineering Victory of the First Order: Hoover Dam	Terri Edwards
22	My Favorites	Jeanne Paquin
23 - 26	Discover Our Capitols	Jeanne Paquin
27	Integrating the U.S. Navy	Harvey Edwards
28	Honoring Veterans	John Walter
29 - 30	American Indians	John Walter
By the Ball	2 frames - My Favorites	Dave Gehringer and John Walter
Reg. Desk	2 frames - Past Show Covers	John Walter
Lobby	2 frames - My Favorites	John Walter

There was a full complement of 10 dealers plus the USPS. Two new dealers this year were Bay Stamps with **Jeff Waldman** and Stamps for Less with Dave Blackhurst. Dave traveled from Sandy, UT. The dealers came from Oregon, California, Utah, Texas and Nevada.

Jeff Waldman with attendees.

Dave Blackhurst talking with Gary Atkinson.

Kurt Harding, from Texas, assisting customers.

"Owney, The Postal Dog" exhibit was awarded the People's Choice Award. First 2 pages of exhibit shown.

Thanks to club members who volunteered on more than one day to help, especially packing things up and the take down of the exhibit frames on Sunday: (on the left) **Erik Fields**, **Howard Kadohiro**, **Mike Potter**, **Nadiah Beekun** and **Dave Parsons**.