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NATION'S LARGEST POSTAGE STAMP SHOW VISITS RICHMOND VIRGINIA

Richmond, Va. – APS STAMPSHOW, the nation's largest annual event for postage stamp collectors, is coming to the Greater Richmond Convention Center, Thursday-Sunday, August 12-15.

More than 5,000 people from throughout the United States and abroad are expected to attend the show, which will have something for everyone: collectors, dealers, kids and the general public. At the show, you can view rare and valuable stamps, some of which are on loan from the Smithsonian National Postal Museum. In addition, you can learn about the value of the stamps you own at the popular "Stamps in Your Attic," meet Stamp Designer Chris Calle, view a printing press used for printing Confederate postage stamps and currency, shop for stamps and philatelic items, attend educational seminars, tour the more than 14,000 pages of exhibits and pick through thousands of stamps – filling a bucket for only \$1 for youth under the age of 16 (and \$5 for all others).

Young collectors can learn about stamp collecting, compete for prizes, design their own stamps, play electronic stamp games and pick up new items for their stamp collections; all for free!

On Thursday, the United States and Marshall Islands will issue new postage stamps during special ceremonies. The Marshall Island Carousel Horses stamp ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. and the U.S. Postal Service Winslow Homer stamp will be at noon. There is no charge to attend the ceremonies and presiding dignitaries will be available to sign autographs.

Thursday's events include an American Philatelic Society (APS) fundraising dinner with third-generation collector and 24-year APS member Karl Rove, the former Presidential Deputy Chief of Staff. He will share his lifelong collecting of Patriotic and Campaign Covers. Reservations are required for this event and can be made by calling 814-933-3803 or online at <https://www.stamps.org/Stampshow/Tiffany.htm>.

The Society caters to all levels of collectors with educational opportunities, an award-winning, 100-page monthly magazine, certification of stamps, opportunities to buy and sell stamps and the world's largest public philatelic library. Of the Society's more than 500 chapters, sixteen are in Virginia, with members of the Greater Richmond Stamp Club and Confederate Stamp Alliance spearheading the local support of the show. Join us and learn something new about the world's most popular hobby!

Hours for the show are Thursday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission to the show is free. The event is cosponsored by: the American Philatelic Society, The American Stamp Dealers Association and the United States Postal Service, in cooperation with the Smithsonian National Postal Museum and National Stamp

Dealers Association. The show is also the American Philatelic Society's 125th annual convention.

For more information about the American Philatelic Society, contact Ken Martin, Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, at 814-933-3803, kpmartin@stamps.org or online at www.stamps.org.

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The Greater Richmond Convention Center is the Commonwealth of Virginia's largest meeting and exhibition facility. It is centrally located in the state in the capital city of Richmond and sits within a 500-mile radius of more than half of the U.S. population. The state-of-the-art facility features 178,159 square feet of prime exhibit space, a 30,550-square-foot grand ballroom, 50,000 square feet of additional meeting space, a 13,000-square-foot, show-room-style registration lobby and a 250-seat lecture hall. The Center allows the Richmond Region to compete for national, regional and local conventions, trade shows, meetings, corporate events, banquets and sporting events. The GRCC hosts over 500 events annually and can seat upwards of 12,000 guests. The Greater Richmond Convention Center is an ideal location for almost any event. It is managed and operated by Global Spectrum.

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