

2 First Days at St. Louis Stamp Expo, Mar. 22-24

The St. Louis Stamp Expo will be held the weekend of March 22-24 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, Missouri. Show hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 10 to 3.

The Expo features more than 40 dealers offering stamps and covers from around the world as well as a USPS substation. The show will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Eads River Bridge, which is seen on the \$2.00 Trans-Mississippi Issue. The theme will be carried out on show cachets and cancels.

On Friday, March 22, the show will host a First Day of Issue ceremony for the 1 ounce First Class rate Celebration Blooms and the 2 ounce rate Wedding Blooms stamps. All attendees will receive a free Ceremony Program.

There also will be 160 Frames of exhibits. As the winner qualifies for the annual APS Champion of Champions competition in August at the Great American Stamp Show, visitors can be assured of high level of material that will be on display.

The participating societies this year are the Civil War Philatelic Society, the American Revenue Association, the State Revenue Society and the Poster Stamp Collectors Club. Members will be among the exhibitors as well as conducting meetings and seminars that are open to everyone.

Collecting information will be available to beginners of all



ages. For youngsters, a Youth Room will be staffed by club members throughout the three days of the show.

Another service provided by knowledgeable club members are speakers and seminars, as well as free appraisals.

All children under the age of 16 will be admitted to the Expo free of charge. The admission fee for adults is \$5 per person, good for all three days of the show. Free parking is available with validation at the show hotel. For more information on the St. Louis Stamp Expo, visit www.stlouisstampexpo.org.

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