

## **Washington 2006 Update 15 Released with Latest Schedule, Appearance and Auction Information**

Washington 2006, the world philatelic exhibition scheduled for May 27 to June 3 at the Washington, DC Convention Center, has issued its 15th Member Update. It may be viewed and downloaded on the show's web site at <http://www.washington-2006.org>.

The complete schedule of activities and events takes up nine of its ten pages. It contains many new listings and several date, time, and room number changes.

Show visitors can meet with a race car driver, an astronaut, local radio DJs, collectible specialists, numerous stamp artists, and colorful characters throughout all eight days of Washington 2006.

NASCAR Busch series champion David Green will autograph your souvenirs on Tuesday, May 30 between 10 AM-12 PM and 1 PM-3 PM. The USPS race car simulator can be driven by "big kids" and adults daily between 10:30 AM-12:30 PM and 2:30-5:30 PM.

Former NASA astronaut Henry (Hank) Hartsfield, Jr. will be at Washington 2006 on Technology Day, Wednesday, May 31, signing autographs from 1 PM-2 PM in the Kids Zone. He is a veteran of three missions logging 483 hours total in space on Shuttles Columbia (STS-4 in 1982), Discovery (STS-41D in 1984) and Challenger (STS-61A in 1985).

The American Stamp Dealers Association welcomes members of the public to their daily "What's in Your Attic?" service. Stamps, covers, postcards, stock and bond certificates, and other paper collectibles can be brought in for expert evaluations by specialists in those areas. Radio station 98.7 WMZQ Country is a co-sponsor of the service.

The U.S. Postal Service has invited several of its stamp designers to attend Washington 2006 and participate in autograph sessions. They include: Sally Andersen-Bruce, Serigo Baradat, Steve Buchanan, Lonnie Busch, John Dawson, Carl Herrman, Phil Jordan, Ethel Kessler, Terry McCaffrey, Sherrie Russell Meline (2007 Duck stamp), Rebekah Nastav (Jr. Duck stamp), Derry Noyes, Tim O'Brien, Michael Osbourne, Howard Paine, David Pacheco, and Dick Sheaff. The schedule of events has specific appearance dates and times. Chris Calle, another popular stamp artist especially of space-related designs, can be found at the APS booth most days of the exhibition.

Kids will enjoy seeing some of their favorite characters as they visit Washington 2006. Refer to the schedule of events for specific appearance dates and times: Postman Pat(r), now seen each weekday on HBO Family, the UK's best-loved mail carrier makes his first-ever live appearance in the U.S. at Washington 2006; Ranger Rick(r) of the National Wildlife Federation; Mr. Zip of the U.S. Postal Service; Curious George of Universal Studios (only on Saturday, June 3); and Mickey Mouse courtesy of The Walt Disney Company (only on Friday, June 2).

Notable is the finalized schedule for the various official auctions planned during Washington 2006. All take place in the Auction Area in Hall C.

### **Monday, May 29**

H.R. Harmer/Greg Manning Family of Auctions, 1 PM-6 PM, Sale #2965.  
Classic European and worldwide stamps and postal history featuring the Sima and Michael Axelrad stock.

H.R. Harmer/Greg Manning Family of Auctions, 6:30 PM-9 PM, Sale #2963.  
United States stamps and postal history featuring the Crescent City Collection.

**Tuesday, May 30**

Matthew Bennett Auctions, 11 AM-6 PM, Sale #305 The "Malibu"  
Collection of North America (to 6 PM/18:00).

**Wednesday, May 31**

H.R. Harmer/Greg Manning Family of Auctions, 4 PM-5:50 PM, Sale #2964.  
Dominican Republic stamps and postal history.

Greg Manning Auctions, Inc./ Greg Manning Family of Auctions, 6 PM-9:30 PM, Sale  
#184.

Collections of the World featuring the reference collection of Dr.  
Varro E. Tyler and portions of the Crescent City Collection and the Sima & Michael  
Axelrad stock.

**Thursday, June 1**

Spink Auctions, 4 PM-6 PM.

Stamps and Covers of the World Auction number 6010, with between 150 to 200 lots  
with a total value estimated between \$1-2 million.

**Friday, June 2**

Schuyler Rumsey Philatelic Auctions, 11 AM-7 PM.

Two-part auction sale of over 800 lots featuring The Renard Collection of the United  
States 1851 Three Cent Issue and other U.S. and foreign stamps and covers.

After more than 10 years of planning, thousands of man-hours of committee work and  
tens of thousands of other volunteer man-hours stateside and around the globe,  
Washington 2006 is nearly ready to open its doors. Additional volunteer support is  
welcome before, during and after the exhibition.  
Simply check in at the Volunteer Room.

It is still not too late to make plans to visit and take part in this extravaganza. The  
show's slogan rings as clear now as it did a decade  
ago: Stamps-and so much more! We welcome the world to Washington 2006!

Direct web links mentioned in this Press Release:

Update 15 (PDF): <http://www.washington-2006.org/memberupdates/update15.pdf>

Update 15 (WORD): <http://www.washington-2006.org/memberupdates/update14.doc>

Complete Schedule of Events: <http://www.washington-2006.org/wschedule.htm>

Guest/Character Appearances: <http://www.washington-2006.org/wyouth.htm>

Stamp Artists: <http://www.washington-2006.org/wstamps.htm>

What's in Your Attic: <http://www.washington-2006.org/wattic.htm>

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