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## Got a Vegas History Question? Pose it to the Authentication Authority, Mark Hall-Patton, at Casino Collectibles Show this Summer

Come puzzle the "Pawn Stars" history expert at the world's largest casino memorabilia expo.

LAS VEGAS (April 4, 2024) — Mark Hall-Patton earned his nickname as the "Beard of Knowledge." The retired Museum Administrator for the Clark County Museum system played a cameo role verifying historical items in over 200 episodes of "Pawn Stars," the History Channel's reality show. Think you have a Vegas history question or tchotchke that will stump him? Share it with the famous celebrity historian at the Casino Collectibles Association's casino memorabilia show from Noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas.



This is the 31<sup>st</sup> annual show, and this year it's

dedicated to 1931, the year of the big bet on legal gaming in Nevada. The World's Largest Casino Chip and Collectibles exhibition, a not to be missed event for anybody who is fascinated by gaming history, runs Thursday through Saturday, June 13 - 15, 2024. Mark your calendar and plan to see, touch and feel the greatest collection of casino memorabilia and ephemera ever assembled in one room.

Known for his wide-brimmed Amish hat and long, white beard, Hall-Patton has become the most-recognized public museum spokesman in America and is fond of sharing tidbits and educating people about history in the Las Vegas area. "I've been to the Casino Collectibles Association's show before, and I can tell you there's a lot of fascinating casino history on display," said Hall-Patton. "This show is a must-see event for casino history buffs," he added. Show visitors can talk with Mark Hall-Patton, get



an autographed photo, or take selfies from 12 a.m. to 2 p.m. After registering, admission is \$10, and show hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Casino Collectibles Show features the iconic artifacts and memories that bring casino history, and memories, to life. Many are symbols of past gaming grandeur that are gone or becoming rare; souvenirs from when the casinos wanted customers to pocket their branded keepsakes as reminders of a memorable experience. Things like gaming chips of all denominations, gaming tokens, dice, slot cards, playing cards, matchbooks, ashtrays, menus, dinnerware, swizzle sticks, casino photos, post cards, signs, table felt – just about anything a casino could put its name on.

The Casino Chips and Collectibles Show registration and admission is open to the public June 13, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (admission \$10), June 14, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (admission \$5) and June 15, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (admission is free). Location is Exhibit Hall C at the South Point Hotel Casino, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Download high resolution photos of the world's largest casino chip and collectables show at https://ccgtcc.com/uploads/event/18/CCA-Convention-Photos-for-Media-Use

## ABOUT THE CASINO COLLECTIBLES ASSOCIATION

The <u>Casino Collectables Association</u>, (CCA) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) club devoted to the fast-growing hobby of collecting casino memorabilia. The club is a resource for information and history of gaming artifacts, including one of the largest archives of gaming manufacturer records and casino gaming chips. Become a member and take advantage of the experts who volunteer their expertise in this fascinating hobby. For more information, visit the club's recently updated website at <a href="https://www.ccgtcc.com">https://www.ccgtcc.com</a>.

An educational project of the CCA, the <u>Museum of Gaming History</u> (MoGH) comprises an expanding series of fascinating casino memorabilia kiosk exhibits in Las Vegas located within The El Cortez and Plaza casinos, and at the Mob and National Atomic Testing museums. The MoGH also puts on free gaming history seminars at the annual CCA show and maintains the ChipGuide, the world's largest catalog of casino chips and collectibles.



Editor's note: The Casino Collectibles Association is the dba of the Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club.

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