

Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2012

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An American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately Stamp Show

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NON-COMPETITIVE CLASS-----EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS

RMSS invites a limited number of non-competitive exhibits. This is an opportunity for collectors to show their material and develop an interest in competitive exhibiting. This is not for exhibits that have been competitively shown previously. There is no restriction on the type of material or subject matter. Given the open nature of this class we encourage creativity in the subject matter and presentation.

Exhibits will be 1-4 frames and will receive a Certificate. Fees are 50% of those listed on the entry form. These exhibits are only eligible for the most popular award. A critique may be arranged at the show table.

The **below information** is for the competitive classes and contains the fee structure and contact information.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- Any exhibitor is eligible to enter up to two exhibits by conforming to these rules and regulations. All exhibits must be entered on the official entry form or a copy. Each exhibit must be entered on a separate form.
- All material must be the property of the exhibitor or of members of an immediate family living in the same household.
- Exhibitor's names shall not appear on the faces of pages, though names and addresses are permissible on covers.
- Counterfeits must be plainly identified as such, or the exhibit may be disqualified.
- Exhibits that have won any of the following are ineligible for competitive awards at Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2012: Grand Award at a WSP show (*during the current exhibition year*); STaMpsHOW Champion of Champions Award; International Grand Prix (*National, International, or Classes of Honor*); Three International Large Gold Medals.
- Exhibitors are eligible for competition as a Novice if they have never won a medal (*Bronze or higher*) at an APS WSP exhibition.

2. EXHIBITS

- **Frames** - Frames hold 16 pages, based on a 9" x 12" page size. Larger pages will be accepted upon written request to the Exhibits Chairman. Each page must be consecutively numbered on the back and must be protected within a transparent cover, preferably closed on two sides and the bottom.
- **Entry Fees** - One-frame exhibits are \$15.00 per exhibit. Two-frame exhibits are \$20.00 per exhibit. All other exhibits are \$8.00 per frame. **Non-competitive exhibits are ½ the above stated fees.** Junior exhibitors (age 15 and younger at the time of the show) may exhibit free of charge provided the exhibit is a reasonable number of pages in length. Failure to exhibit after notification of the exhibit's acceptance will result in forfeiture of the entry fee. Completed entry forms with payment attached, payable to ROMPEX, must be received by the Exhibits Chairman by April 15, 2012. Should exhibit frames be sold out before that date, entry fees will be returned. The Exhibits Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit in whole or in part, in which case entry fees will be refunded.
- **Synopsis/Title Pages.** Are encouraged but not required for non-competitive exhibits.
- **Delivery of Exhibits** - Send mail-in exhibits to Sherri Soraci Jennings, Exhibits Chairman, P.O. Box 1076, Longmont, CO 80502 to arrive no earlier than May 2, 2012 and no later than May 9, 2012. Exhibits may be personally delivered to the Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, 15500 E. 40th Avenue (I-70 and Chambers Road) between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012. Exhibitors who prefer to use other means should make arrangements with the Exhibits Chairman.
- **Return of Exhibits** - No exhibit will be removed from the frames until the exhibit area has been cleared of all visitors after the exhibition closes at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, 2012. Exhibits not being returned by mail must be picked up by 4:30 p.m. Exhibitors not planning to retrieve their exhibits personally or via agents on Sunday, May 13, 2012 must prepay the return postage of their exhibits. ROMPEX will mail these exhibits after the show closes and no later than May 15, 2012. Exhibits will be returned via USPS Express Mail or USPS insured Priority Mail. **Exhibits will not be returned via USPS Registered Mail.** United Parcel Service is prohibited from carrying stamp exhibits and Federal Express prefers not to.

3. JUDGING and AWARDS. A certificate of partition is given. One may ask at the show table to arrange to have there exhibit judged.

Exhibit Divisions within the General Class: 1) Postal, 2) Revenue 3) Thematic 4) Display 5) Illustrated Mail, and 6) Cinderella

General Class - For those exhibitors who wish to compete under the rules established by the APS for World Series of Philately exhibitions, exhibits must be from a minimum of two to a maximum of ten frames. Five medal levels will be awarded at the discretion of the judges: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze. The only direct competition amongst the exhibits will be for the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Grand, Reserve Grand, and Junior Grand awards, and for specialty awards (according to the criteria established by the donor societies).

Picture Postcard Class - For those exhibitors who wish to compete in this class, exhibits may be from one to a maximum of ten frames. Exhibits within this class are not eligible for the Grand Award selected for the best exhibit in the General or Single Frame Classes. Other donor society awards may be given per society guidelines.

Single Frame Class - The Rocky Mountain Stamp Show jury will judge single-frame exhibits separately except for those displaying picture post cards which are not eligible for the Grand Award assigned to the Best Single Frame Exhibit. The judges will also select the best single-frame exhibit for the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show One-Frame Grand Award, Colorado Postal History Society Award (best single-frame exhibit of Colorado postal history), and other specialty awards according to the criteria established by the donor societies.

Court of Honor and Non-Competitive Class - The Exhibits Committee will accept non-competitive exhibits. Court of Honor exhibits are high quality exhibits selected by the featured and attending societies. If you have questions, contact the Exhibits Chairman at the address below.

4. SECURITY and LIABILITY - Neither Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc. (ROMPEX), its member clubs, any society participating in the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, the Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, nor any of their committees or employees shall be liable for any loss or damage arising from any cause whatsoever. Every precaution, including armed guards, will be provided to safeguard all exhibits against loss or damage while being mounted, in the frames, and during takedown. ***EXHIBITORS DESIRING INSURANCE SHOULD PROVIDE THEIR OWN COVERAGE.***

5. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Please pay particular attention to how you enter your name, exhibit title, and the brief (about twenty-five words) description. How you enter it on the entry form is how it will appear in the show program and publicity releases.
- The Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2012 bourse will consist of 40 or more dealers and a USPS philatelic booth. Exhibition activities will include lectures and seminars, judges' critique, and the Saturday evening awards banquet.
- Featured and attending societies include Scandinavian Collectors Club and Mexico Elmhurst Philatelic Society International.
- All exhibitors will receive free admission to Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2012 for themselves and a guest, a copy of the exhibition program, one set of cacheted exhibition covers, the palmars, and a certificate of participation.
- An advance registration package will be forwarded early in 2012 to all exhibitors planning to attend Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2012. This package contains a Holiday Inn reservation form, and price and ordering information for the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Awards Banquet, and exhibition cachets.

6. QUESTIONS and INFORMATION - If you have any questions, contact Sherri Soraci Jennings, RMSS 2012 Exhibits Chairman, P.O. Box 1076, Longmont, CO 80502 (720-256-7435) or exhibits@rockymountainstampshow.com.