

PROSPECTUS - PIPEX 2018

An American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately (WSP) Event
May 11, 12, 13, 2018
Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon
Sponsored by: THE NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS
Hosted by: OREGON STAMP SOCIETY

Important Dates	
Feb, 20, 2018	Deadline for convening societies' exhibit application preference
April 1, 2018	Deadline for exhibit applications and for updated title/synopses pages
May 8, 2018	Deadline for receiving shipped exhibits
May 10, 2018	Personal delivery of exhibits

A. Exhibitors:

- a) Any collector, regardless of residence or club affiliation, is eligible to enter a competitive exhibit by conforming to the requirements of this prospectus. An exhibit that has won the APS Champion of Champions award is not eligible for competition. Exhibits winning PIPEX Grand awards are not eligible for competition for two years after their award. An exhibit winning a grand award in a WSP show in the current exhibiting year is not eligible for competition.
- b) All competitive exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

B. Exhibit Classes:

- a) GENERAL OPEN CLASS is open to any competitive exhibit except those eligible for either the youth or one-frame class. The General Open Class is divided into the following subclasses:

Advertising, Patriotic and Event Covers	Picture Post Cards
Aerophilately	Postal History
Astrophilately	Postal Stationery
Cinderella	Revenue
Display	Thematic
Experimental Exhibits	Topical
First Day Covers	Traditional
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The jury may reclassify any exhibit without recourse.

b) ONE FRAME CLASS

- c) YOUTH CLASS is open to exhibitors who will be age 21 or younger on January 1, 2018. Entry applications for this class must include a statement, endorsed by an adult, that the entry is the property of, and was prepared by, the entrant. Youth exhibitors: please also see the Youth section of the PIPEX website.

C. Entry:

- a) An individual exhibitor may submit one or two multi-frame exhibits and one or two single-frame exhibits. In the event the number of entries exceeds the available space, PIPEX may limit each exhibitor to one multi-frame and one single-frame exhibit; this limitation may be waived for members of convening societies.
- b) All exhibits must be entered by Class and Subclass on the official entry form provided by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee. The correct fees must accompany the entry form.
- c) Entries will be accepted up to April 1, 2018, or until all available space has been filled if that event should occur earlier.
- d) Receipt of entries will be promptly acknowledged. A defined number of frames are reserved for the convening organizations until February 20, 2018.
- e) Signing the official entry form denotes acceptance by the exhibitor of all requirements set out in this prospectus.

f) Each exhibit entry must include (1) the Entry Form, (2) the title page and a one- or two-page synopsis, and (3) the required fee. Entry form and payment must be mailed to George Struble, 210 18th St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Title pages and synopses may also be mailed to the same address, but the PIPEX Committee *prefers* to receive them by email to gstruble@willamette.edu, in Word, PDF, or rtf format attachments to an email message.

Entries submitted without the title page and synopsis will not be accepted. Revised title pages and/or synopses may be forwarded by April 1, 2018 to the mail or email address just given.

D. Frames and Pages:

- a) Exhibits will be displayed in frames that hold 16 pages, maximum 8.5 inches by 11 inches or A4 in size, in 4 horizontal rows of 4 pages each. Wider pages are acceptable if they fit in a row of a frame.
- b) Pages must be numbered consecutively on the back, bear the exhibitor's name on the back (not the front), and be enclosed in transparent sheet protectors.
- c) Each GENERAL OPEN CLASS exhibit is limited to a maximum of ten (10) frames. Each YOUTH CLASS exhibit is one frame, except that experienced youth exhibitors may apply for up to five frames.

E. Exhibit Fees:

(a) All exhibitors are required to pay an entry fee of \$35 (US funds) per exhibit irrespective of the number of frames required. Each frame requested will also be charged at \$5 (US funds) per frame. Thus, single frame exhibits must pay fees of \$40 each, a 5-frame exhibit \$60, and a ten frame exhibit \$85.

(b) Youth Class – \$5 per frame

Note: If the exhibit is to be returned to the exhibitor by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee after the show, the full amount of return postage plus insurance must be remitted with the entry application. Excess amounts over \$1.00 will be refunded.

F. Delivery:

a) Exhibitors can deliver their exhibits in person or via an agent. Otherwise, exhibits should be sent via USPS mail or express carrier such as FEDEX. Other material should not be enclosed in the same package with the exhibit.

b) Mailed exhibits must be shipped prepaid to be received by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee no later than May 8, 2018. Exhibits delivered by an exhibitor or an agent may be handed to the PIPEX Exhibit Committee between the hours of 3:00 and 7:00 p.m., May 10, 2018 at Red Lion Hotel on the River - Janzten Beach.

c) Exhibitors who want to mail their exhibits to PIPEX should contact the PIPEX Exhibits Chair at gstruble@willamette.edu for instructions.

G. Exhibition Hours/Exhibit Return:

a) The exhibition will open at 10:00 a.m. on May 11 and will close at 4:00 p.m. on May 13.

b) Exhibitors or their agents, on providing proof of identity, may obtain their exhibit from the PIPEX Exhibit Committee immediately after the close of the exhibition.

c) No exhibit or part thereof may be mounted, dismounted, or removed during official show hours. Those with tight airline schedules will be allowed access to takedown at 3:30 p.m. Otherwise please do not exhibit if you will need to take your exhibit down before 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2018.

H. Insurance:

a) Exhibit owners must provide their own insurance.

b) All reasonable precautions will be taken for safeguarding the exhibits while they are in the possession of the PIPEX Committee. The exhibit area and bourse will have 24-hour security guards.

c) The exhibitor agrees that no responsibility of any kind or character will attach to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs nor to any officers or members of the same, nor to the Oregon Stamp Society or to any of its officers or members, nor to the PIPEX Committee or to any of its members, nor to the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions, nor to The Red Lion on the River Hotel or its employees, for any loss or damage to any exhibit or material submitted in competition or non-competition, from any cause whatsoever.

I. Judging:

- a) A panel of APS accredited judges will make decisions by deliberation and consultation among themselves; their decisions will be final.
- b) Judges will be provided the exhibit title and synopsis pages to assist in their preparation. Title pages will also be made available on the PIPEX website unless the exhibitor indicates on the Entry Form that s/he wishes to opt out.
- c) Judging will be in accordance with the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting, Seventh Edition (August 2016)*. It is strongly recommended that exhibitors study this latest edition, available on the APS web site (www.stamps.org).

J. Awards:

- a) For the GENERAL OPEN CLASS the PIPEX Exhibit Committee will place at the disposition of the judges, PIPEX large gold, gold, large vermeil, vermeil, large silver, silver, silver-bronze and bronze medals plus ribbons, certificates of award, certificates of appreciation and other awards, including the Grand and Reserve Grand award.
- b) For the SINGLE FRAME CLASS, judging will be based on the same eight levels of awards, with a Grand award for the best single frame exhibit.
- c) All awards will be granted in accordance with merits of the exhibit, without regard to Subclass. No award in a subclass will be made if, in the opinion of the judges, the exhibits are of insufficient merit.
- d) The winner of the multi-frame PIPEX Grand Award will be eligible for, and is expected to enter, the APS Champion of Champions competition at the APS StampShow, August 9-12, 2018 in Columbus, OH. The winner of the single-frame PIPEX Grand Award will be eligible for, and is expected to enter, the APS One-frame Champion of Champions competition at the AmeriStamp Show, February 15-17, 2019 in Mesa, AZ. **The PIPEX Committee will provide the StampShow and AmeriStamp entry fees for the PIPEX Grand Award winners.**

K. Awards Banquet:

- a) An Awards Banquet, at which exhibitors will be recognized and presented with awards and prizes, will be at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. The Banquet will be preceded by a no-host bar and reception.
- b) Tickets may be \$50 each, but that price is subject to change. Exhibitors are encouraged to attend. Tickets may be ordered using the Exhibit Entry Form.

L. Ruling Authority:

Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition which are not provided for by the requirements of this prospectus will be decided by the PIPEX Host Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.

M. Questions:

Send all correspondence to: Exhibits Chair George Struble, 210 18th St. NE, Salem, OR 97301
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