

PROSPECTUS - PIPEX 2023

An American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately (WSP) Event

May 5-7, 2023

NEW VENUE: Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015

Sponsored by: THE NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

- **This is a hybrid show.**
- **ALL exhibits will be mounted virtually on the PIPEX website; they will be judged on the website.**
- **Exhibitors are encouraged *also* to bring their exhibits and mount them on the floor.**
- **Exhibit fees are the same whether mounted on the floor or not.**

Important Dates	
Feb.15, 2023	Deadline for convening societies' exhibit application preference
March 21, 2023	Deadline for exhibit applications and for updated title/synopses pages
April 2, 2023	Deadline for receipt of virtual copies of exhibits
May 2, 2023	Deadline for receiving shipped exhibits
May 4, 2023	Personal delivery of exhibits

A. Exhibitors:

- 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.
- All competitive exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
- Any photo enhancements other than the scans themselves must be noted in the exhibitor's Synopsis or in the exhibit itself.

B. Exhibit Classes:

- GENERAL OPEN CLASS is open to any competitive exhibit except those eligible for either the youth or one-frame class.
- ONE FRAME CLASS
- YOUTH CLASS is open to exhibitors who will be age 21 or younger on January 1, 2023. 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.

In all three competitive classes, exhibits may be in the subclasses Advertising, Patriotic and Event Cover; Aerophilately; Astrophilately; Cinderella; Display; Experimental; First Day Cover; Maximaphily; Picture Postcard; Postal History; Postal Stationery; Revenue; Thematic; Topical; Traditional

- NON-COMPETITIVE CLASS

C. Entry:

- An individual exhibitor may submit up to two multi-frame exhibits and up to two single-frame exhibits.
- All exhibits must be entered by Class on the official entry form provided by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee. The correct fees must accompany the entry form.
- Entries will be accepted up to March 21, 2023, or until all available space has been filled, whichever is first. Priority is given to members of convening societies and residents of the territory served by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs until February 15, 2023. That priority may be extended to other exhibits in the areas of the convening societies.
- Receipt of entries will be promptly acknowledged.

e) Signing the official entry form denotes acceptance by the exhibitor of all requirements set out in this prospectus.

e) 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. Mail payment to George Struble, 1965 Manorview Lane NW, Salem, OR 97304. 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. Entry forms may be either mailed or emailed.

f) **Entries submitted without the title page and synopsis will not be accepted.** Revised title pages and/or synopses may be forwarded by March 21, 2023 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; the constraint is 34 inches for the width of a row. The width of a row in virtual exhibits may be up to a meter.

b) Pages in exhibits to be mounted physically must be numbered 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) The entry fee for adult one- or two-frame exhibits is \$40.00.

The entry fee for adult exhibits of three or more frames is \$30.00 plus \$5.00 per frame. Thus, the fee for a three-frame exhibit is \$45, and a ten-frame exhibit \$80.

The fee is the same whether the exhibit is shown only virtually or both physically and virtually.

b) Youth Class – \$5.00 per frame

c) 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. Exhibition Hours/Physical Exhibit Return:

a) The exhibition will open at 10:00 a.m. on May 5 and will close at 4:00 p.m. on May 7.

b) Exhibitors or their agents may dismount their exhibits 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. If you would need to take down your exhibit before then, consider showing your exhibit only virtually.

G. Delivery of physical exhibits:

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) Exhibits may be delivered by an exhibitor or an agent between the hours of 3:00 and 6:30 p.m., May 4, 2023 at the Monarch Hotel, 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR.

c) Exhibits to be mailed back will be accepted from members of convening societies and residents of the states and provinces served by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs. Mailed exhibits must be shipped prepaid to be received by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee no later than April 26, 2022. Other exhibitors are encouraged to *bring* their exhibits, but have the option to supply their exhibits virtually only.

Mailed exhibits should be sent to:

Capital Manor
1955 Salem-Dallas Hwy NW
Salem OR 97304
Attn: George Struble

Note that this is a different address
than the address for exhibit entry forms

H. Sending your virtual exhibit

- a) Scans should be at least 300 dpi resolution. The script we use for mounting virtual exhibits requires that each page be in a jpg file; files must be named f001.jpg, f002.jpg, ... We will appreciate receiving exhibits with these specifications.
- b) In any row with fewer than four pages, file names should be assigned as if there were four pages: two 17-inch-wide pages, should be, for example, f009.jpg and f011.jpg. If there are three pages in that row, names should be f009.jpg, f010.jpg, f011.jpg. In any case, the first page of the next row should be f013.jpg. If this is confusing to you, please consult George Struble, or read on for another option!
- c) If the directions in a) and b) above are confusing, or if it would be difficult to meet these specifications, relax! We are able to accept exhibits in many formats, including a pdf file for each page or one pdf file for the whole exhibit. We are also able to rename files to meet our specifications. So confer with George Struble; we can most likely take your exhibit in a way that is convenient for you.
- d) We recommend sending your exhibit to gstruble@willamette.edu using the free utility [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com). It is easy to use, and you can send the whole exhibit at once.

I. 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 Monarch Hotel or its employees, for any loss or damage to any exhibit or material submitted in competition or non-competition, from any cause whatsoever.

J. Judging:

- a) A panel of APS accredited judges will make decisions by deliberation and consultation among themselves; their decisions will be final.
- b) 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 (stamps.org/Portals/0/Judging%20Info/Judging-Manual.pdf).

K. 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.
- 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 Great American Stamp Show, August 10-13, 2023 in Cleveland, OH. The winner of the single-frame grand award will be eligible for, and expected to enter, the Single-frame Champion of Champions competition at Chicagopex November 17-19, 2023.

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, 1965 Manorview Lane NW, Salem, OR 97304
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