

Philatelic Exhibitor's Prospectus
Our 126th Anniversary

Chicago Philatelic Society
CHICAGOPEX 2012
November 16-18, 2012

Rules and Regulations Governing Philatelic Exhibits

1. Each prospective exhibitor must submit an entry application, properly completed, accompanied by ten copies of the title page of the exhibit (and synopsis if available). Neither the exhibitor's name nor any other personally identifiable information may be included in the exhibit or the synopsis. A separate application must be submitted for each entry. Each exhibit must be the property of the exhibitor. The CHICAGOPEX Philatelic Exhibits Committee will decide whether an application is accepted or rejected; no reason need be given for a rejection. Decisions of the CHICAGOPEX Philatelic Exhibits Committee are final.
2. Exhibits must be mounted on standard size album sheets, encased in transparent sheet protectors for mounting in the frames. CHICAGOPEX frames have an inside display dimension of 35" wide, 56³/₄" high and 1/2" deep (88×145×1cm). Each frame will hold 16 pages of size 9"×11¹/₂" (22.5×28cm) or smaller, in four rows of four pages each. In determining the number of pages a frame will accommodate, measure the album page exclusive of the hinge or binding margin. A small amount overlapping of album pages is permitted.
3. The entry fee is \$15 per exhibit plus \$10 per frame, except for applicants under the age of 21 for whom the fee is \$1 per frame. The Exhibits Committee reserves the right to limit the number of frames per exhibit to the available space, or to refund entry fees of exhibits which in the opinion of the Exhibits Committee cannot be accommodated. Failure to exhibit after an entry has been accepted will cause forfeiture of all entry fees.
4. A panel of APS accredited judges will act as jury. The decisions of the jury shall be final. The exhibitor agrees to release and hold harmless the judges, the American Philatelic Society and the Chicago Philatelic Society, their officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to the exhibitor's reputation or that of the exhibitor's exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging. The Grand Award recipient will be eligible to participate in the APS' "Champion of Champions" World Series of Philately.
5. Exhibits will be mounted on the evening of Thursday, November 15, 2012, between 4:00pm and 7:00pm. After the exhibitor checks in at the Exhibits Committee table, a member of the Chicago Philatelic Society will assist the exhibitor to mount his or her exhibit.
6. No exhibit may be removed prior to the close of the exhibition on Sunday, November 18, 2012, at 3:00pm. Travel plans should be made accordingly. Please note that our show site is at least 30 minutes from O'Hare Airport.
7. The application deadline is August 15, 2012. Applicants will be notified of acceptance as soon as possible, but no later than September 15, 2012.
8. Mailed in exhibits must be sent prepaid, and will be returned at the expense of the owner. Only mail via USPS will be accepted. Mailed in exhibits must be sent so that they will arrive between November 12 and 14, 2012, to the address supplied in the acceptance letter. We welcome exhibits from overseas collectors, but are unable to deal with customs matters; we therefore suggest that some third party be arranged to act as "Commissioner" for such exhibits.
9. Each exhibitor must arrange for private insurance during transit to and from the exhibition, and at the exhibition itself.
10. Due precautions will be taken to protect exhibits against loss or damage, including security guards on 24-hour duty. No responsibility of any kind or character shall attach, however, to CHICAGOPEX, the Chicago Philatelic Society, the Westin Chicago Northwest, or to any of their officers, agents, members or employees, for any loss, damage or costs arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.
11. The exhibitor's signature on the application constitutes acceptance of the Rules and Regulations in this prospectus.

Awards

Regular Awards: CHICAGOPEX is an "Open Class" competitive exhibition. An unlimited number of Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze medals will be made available to the jury. Each entry will be judged on its own merits, regardless of the classification. **Special Awards:** CHICAGOPEX Grand (President's Award), Reserve Grand (Felix Ganz Award), Single-Frame Grand, and Best Youth Exhibit award (Bette & Ralph Herdenberg Award); **Chicago Philatelic Society Awards:** Best Exhibit by a CPS member other than the Grand or Reserve Grand; Best Exhibit by a First Time Exhibitor at National Level; Exceptional Research; other awards, including APS, AAPE and specialist society awards will be made available as determined by the Awards Committee.

Area:

- A. Latin America
- B. General

Class/Division:

1. APS General Class – Postal and Postal History Division
2. APS General Class – Revenue Division
3. APS General Class – Thematic Division
4. APS General Class – Display Division
5. APS General Class – Cinderella Division
6. APS General Class – Illustrated Mail Division
7. Single Frame
8. Youth
9. Picture Postcard

Completed Application to:

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