

COLOPEX is an APS–Accredited National Stamp Exhibition
sponsored by
The Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc.

COLOPEX 2012 — PHILATELIC EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS Regulations, Awards List, and Entry Form

1. Any and all exhibits and displays in the Court of Honor, the Invited Non–Competitive Class, and the Official Class are hors de concours. Exhibits already eligible for the Champion of Champions competition of the 2012 World Series of Philately will be accepted only hors de concours. All other exhibits must be at least one frame and are eligible for the COLOPEX 2012 open competition awards. An exhibit which has won a Grand Prix National or a Grand Prix International or three or more Large Gold Awards in international exhibitions, or which has been exhibited in the FIP Championship Class, is ineligible to receive the COLOPEX 2012 Grand Award. Certain awards are restricted to exhibits by members of certain philatelic organizations and/or to exhibits in certain categories — see awards list.
2. All exhibits in the competition for the awards must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.
3. An exhibit which has been purchased intact may not be exhibited at a nationally accredited exhibition for two years from the date of purchase unless the exhibit has been substantially altered by the addition of new material or new text.
4. The Exhibits Committee reserves the right to refuse part or all of any exhibit without reason.
5. Every exhibition frame will hold 16 each 9–inch by 12–inch album pages. Special approval from the Exhibits Committee must be obtained in advance for exhibits consisting of large or odd sized album pages or material.
6. An Entry Form for each exhibit, together with the entry fee of \$10.00 per frame for multiple frame exhibits, \$12.00 for single frame exhibits and \$2.00 per frame for Youth Exhibits from individuals 21 years of age or younger, must be received by the Exhibits Chairman BEFORE April 30, 2012.
7. The Exhibits Committee requires each exhibitor to submit, with the entry form, seven (7) copies of the title page and synopsis. That information will be forwarded to the judges in order to assist the judges in making a more informed evaluation of the exhibit concerned.
8. Each exhibit, except in those instances where the conditions of the following paragraph apply, is to be brought to the exhibition venue between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2012. All fees for frames and additional services must be paid in full prior to mounting of an exhibit. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WHATSOEVER MAY AN EXHIBIT BE REMOVED BEFORE THE CLOSE (4 p.m.) OF THE EXHIBITION ON SUNDAY, June 10, 2012.
9. An exhibit which is not being delivered and mounted by the owner or the agent of the owner is to be mailed to:
COLOPEX 2012
Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 20711
Columbus, Ohio 43220–0711

10. This address is the ONLY address at which the COLOPEX 2012 Exhibits Committee will accept a mailed exhibit. Mailed exhibits should be sent to arrive at the address AFTER June 4, 2012 BUT NOT LATER THAN June 6, 2012. Furthermore, such a mailed exhibit must be accompanied by written instructions concerning the return of the exhibit after the close of the exhibition. A check made payable to the Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc. to cover the return postage costs for the exhibit must be included with a mailed-in exhibit.
11. Each page of a mailed exhibit MUST be enclosed in a protective, transparent sheet protector and numbered giving the frame and page number for that page. If, however, due to packaging considerations, an oversize page of the exhibit is packaged out of sequence order, then a blank page with the clear notation (for example, "Oversize page — Frame 3, Page 2 goes here") must be placed in the corresponding position with the regular size pages in order to specify the position of such an oversize page.

The Exhibits Committee cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for the handling and proper mounting of an exhibit whose individual pages are not enclosed in protective, transparent sheet protectors and whose pages are not numbered according to the preceding directions.

12. Each exhibitor will provide his or her own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safety of the exhibits; however, no responsibility shall be attached to The Columbus Philatelic Club, Inc., the show venue, or their agents. Special security for an individual exhibit is available, at the expense of the exhibitor. However, such arrangements must be finalized at least two weeks prior to the opening of the exhibition.
13. The competitive exhibits will be judged and given awards by a jury of five APS-accredited judges whose decisions will be final.
14. Failure to exhibit after an entry has been accepted or failure to comply with the details of paragraph 8 or 9 will cause all entry fees to be forfeited.
15. Exhibitors are restricted to a maximum of two competitive multi-frame exhibits of not more than ten 16-page frames and two one-frame exhibits.
16. The signing of the Entry Form by the exhibitor shall signify the acceptance of these regulations and the following release;

I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and hereby release and agree to hold harmless the judges and the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging.

17. For the answers to questions pertaining to this prospectus and entry form, please contact COLOPEX 2012 at PO Box 20711, Columbus, OH 43220-0711, or the exhibits co-chairs [at jfrasch@ix.netcom.com](mailto:jfrasch@ix.netcom.com) or pgault@columbus.rr.com. For all other matters regarding COLOPEX 2012, contact COLOPEX 2012 at PO Box 20582, Columbus, OH 43220-0582,

COLOPEX 2012 AWARDS

I. OPEN COMPETITION AWARDS — awarded on an open show basis without regard to exhibit classification or the various Club, Society, and/or Special Awards:

- A. COLOPEX 2012 Grand Award for Best of Show. The recipient of this award is expected to enter the exhibit at the next Champion of Champions competition at APS StampShow 2012.
- B. COLOPEX 2012 Reserve Grand Award for second place Best of Show.
- C. COLOPEX 2012 One Frame Grand Award. The recipient of this award (provided there are a minimum of 6 each one frame exhibits entered at COLOPEX 2012) is expected to enter the exhibit at the next One Frame Champion of Champions competition at Ameristamp Expo in 2012.
- D. Collector's Club of Chicago Philatelic Exhibitors Award, (if approved by CCOC).
- E. GOLD, VERMEIL, SILVER, SILVER-BRONZE, and BRONZE medals for General and Display Classes.

II. COLUMBUS PHILATELIC CLUB, SOCIETY, AND SPECIAL AWARDS:

- A. American Air Mail Society Awards.
- B. American Philatelic Society Medals of Excellence.
- C. American Philatelic Society Research Award.
- D. American Philatelic Congress Award.
- E. American Topical Association Awards.
- F. American First Day Cover Society Award(s).
- G. American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Awards of Honor and Creativity in Philatelic Exhibiting Medal.
- H. American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Title Page Award
- I. United States Stamp Society Freedom Medal for best U. S. exhibit
- J. Germany Philatelic Society Chapter Award
- K. Postal History Society Medal
- L. ROSSICA— Society of Russian Philately Award.
- M. Ryukyu Philatelic Specialist Society President's Award
- N. U. S. Philatelic Classics Society Special Medal.
- O. United Postal Stationery Society Awards
- P. China Stamp Society, Inc. Award.
- Q. Columbus Philatelic Club Awards — these awards are presented to exhibits from individuals who, by December 31, 2011, have paid the current dues of the Columbus Philatelic Club:
 - 1. * Anita Horn Memorial Plaque for best topical/thematic exhibit.
 - 2. Columbus Philatelic Club Gold, Silver, and Bronze ribbons.
 - 3. * Columbus Award of Excellence for Best of Show Exhibit by a CPC member.
 - 4. * Discovery Award for best, first-time exhibitor.
 - 5. * President's Award for best exhibit by a youth member.
 - 6. * Postal History Award for best postal history exhibit.
 - 7. * Research Award for best exhibit showing excellence in research.

8. * Albert W. Myers First Day Cover Award

* Awarded only if at least two eligible exhibits are entered.

Q. The Edward E. Kuehn Award for best eligible exhibit by a member of the Columbus Philatelic Club, or the Edward E. Kuehn Chapter of the Germany Philatelic Society, Inc. Originality, humor, and/or novelty in the presentation of the exhibit shall be the over-riding consideration of the judges in the selection of the exhibit to be presented this award. In addition, the material of the exhibit shall be one of the following: revenue stamps, local postage stamps, Cinderella stamps, forgeries (identified as such), or other non-standard material. An exhibit of standard, traditional material shall be considered only if the presentation shows originality, humor, and/or novelty. Originality of presentation shall include the detailed study of minute varieties in the design of a single stamp or set of stamps.

R. Youth Exhibit Awards for exhibitors up to and including 21 years of age. The recommendations of the American Philatelic Society Youth Activities Committee will be used to judge youth exhibits in two general categories: 1) topical-thematic collections, and 2) traditional, general, air mail, and special collections. The following awards will be available for youth exhibits:

1. * Best Exhibit by a Youth Exhibitor. The exhibit which receives this award will be invited to participate in the American Youth Stamp Exhibiting Championships at the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Convention, with the frame fees (up to a maximum of five frames) for the exhibit paid for by COLOPEX.

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2. Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, Bronze, and Certificate Awards.

S. Such additional awards as may become available between release of this prospectus and completion of the manual for briefing the COLOPEX 2012 judges.

COLOPEX 2012 ENTRY FORM (Continued)

Please check all of the following boxes which apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I will mail this exhibit as specified in the regulations of the COLOPEX 2012 prospectus. | <input type="checkbox"/> With the exhibit, I will send postage fees and instructions for the return of this exhibit. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will mount this exhibit in exhibition frame(s) myself. | <input type="checkbox"/> I will take down this exhibit myself. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please send information about ordering tickets to the COLOPEX 2012 Awards Banquet. | <input type="checkbox"/> Please send information about Hotels. |

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

E-Mail: _____

Payment Enclosed:

_____ Frames at \$10.00 = \$ _____ Payment Enclosed.

_____ Single Frames at \$12.00 = \$ _____ Payment Enclosed.

(\$2.00 per frame for Youth Exhibits.)

By signing this entry form, I affirm that this exhibit complies with all of the regulations stated in the COLOPEX 2012 prospectus.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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