

*A Brief Look
at ROPEX
History*

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Hinges & Tongs



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APRIL, 1963 BULLETIN

Hinges & Tangs



Proposed New Newsletter Logo to incorporate 1963 design

**Who knows when the first RPA
Stamp Show was ?**

**It was in December, 1921
And included the “unveiling of
the Municipal Collection”**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Dates Held</u>	<u>Event - Theme</u>
1921	Dec	Unveiling of the Municipal Collection
1933	Nov 13-18	Stamp Expo
1934	Aug 11- Sept 2	Rochester Centennial Hobby Show
1937	May 14	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1938	Mar 21-26	4 th Annual Hobby Show
1938		RPA 25 th Silver Anniversary Exhibition and Banquet
1939	May 11	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1945	Aug 30- Sept 1	7 th Annual Hobby Show
1950	June 3	37 th RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1951		2 nd Niagara Frontier Federation Exhibition
1956	Apr 1-12	Regional FIPEX Junior Exhibition
1957	May 18	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1957	Oct 5-6	8 th Niagara Frontier Federation Exhibition
1958	May 23-25	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1959	Apr 24-26	RPA Exhibition and Banquet - New York Year of History
1960	May 21-22	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1961	May 12-14	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1961	Oct 20-22	12 th Niagara Frontier Federation Exhibition - Now Under One Flag

1962	May 19-20	RPA Exhibition and Banquet
1963	Apr 26-28	RPA 50 th Golden Anniversary and Exhibition
1965	May 1-2	RPA/Finger Lakes Stamp Club Joint Exhibition
1966	Nov 4-6	17 th Niagara Frontier Federation Exhibition - United We Stand
1967	June 23-25	RPA Exhibition and 16 th American Topical Association Convention
1968	Sept 19-22	RPA Exhibition and 82nd APS Convention - United Nations World Weather Watch
1971	Sept 24-26	ROPEX'71 - Monroe County Sesquicentennial
1972	June 16-18	ROPEX'72 and UNIPEX IV Joint Show - 125 th Anniversary of the First U.S. Postage Stamps
1973	June 22-24	ROPEX'73 - The Colonial Post Rider
1974	June 21-23	ROPEX'74 and ATA TOPEX Joint Show - UPU Centennial
1976	Nov 12-14	ROPEX'76 - American Revolution Bicentennial
1978	Apr 14-16	ROPEX'78 - 125 th Anniversary of the New York Central Railroad
1979	Oct 19-21	ROPEX'79 - 50 th Anniversary of the Canadian Bluenose Stamp
1981	Mar 13-15	ROPEX'81 - 100 th Ann. of the Red Cross/200 th Ann. of Yorktown
1982	Mar 26-28	ROPEX'82 - 175 th Ann. of Fulton/200 th Ann. of the US Great Seal

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1983	Mar 25-27	ROPEX'83 - 1880's Handcar/Railroad Transportation
1984	Mar 23-25	ROPEX'84 - 150 th Anniversary of the City of Rochester
1985	Mar 22-24	ROPEX'85 - American Space Achievements/14 cent Iceboat
1986	Mar 21-23	ROPEX'86 - Forms of Transportation
1987	Mar 27-29	ROPEX'87 - Aviation
1988	Mar 25-27	ROPEX'88 - Rail Transportation
1989	Apr 21-23	ROPEX'89 - United Nations World Weather Watch Anniversary
1990	Mar 23-25	ROPEX'90 - 150 Years of Women on Stamps
1991	Apr 5-7	ROPEX'91 - Local Lighthouses "F" Tulip Definitive
1992	Mar 27-29	ROPEX'92 - 500 th Anniversary, Columbus Discovering America
1993	Mar 26-28	ROPEX'93 - 100 Years of Commemoratives 25 th Anniversary, APS Champion of Champions
1994	Apr 8-10	ROPEX'94 - Trains and the Mail

1995	Apr 7-9	ROPEX'95 - Man In Space
1996	Apr 12-14	ROPEX'96 - 100 th Anniversary of the Modern Olympic Games
1997	Mar 7-9	ROPEX'97 - 150 th Anniversary of the First U.S. Postage Stamps
1998	Mar 6-8	ROPEX'98 - 30th anniversary of the movie, "2001- A Space Odyssey", 60th anniversary of the radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds", 90th anniversary of L. Frank Baum's book, "Dorothy & the Wizard of Oz"
1999	Mar 19-21	ROPEX'99 - Apollo Missions 8, 11 and 17
2000	Mar 17-19	ROPEX 2000 - Trains
2001	Mar 16-18	ROPEX 2001 - Christmas Philately
2002	Mar 8-10	ROPEX 2002 - 100 Years of the Teddy Bear
2003	June 20-22	ROPEX 2003 - 175 Years of Railroading in America 100 Years of Manned Flight 50 Years of the Corvette
2004	June 18-20	ROPEX 2004 - Birds of North America
2005	June 10-12	ROPEX 2005 - Kids and Stamps/Sports/Their Pets

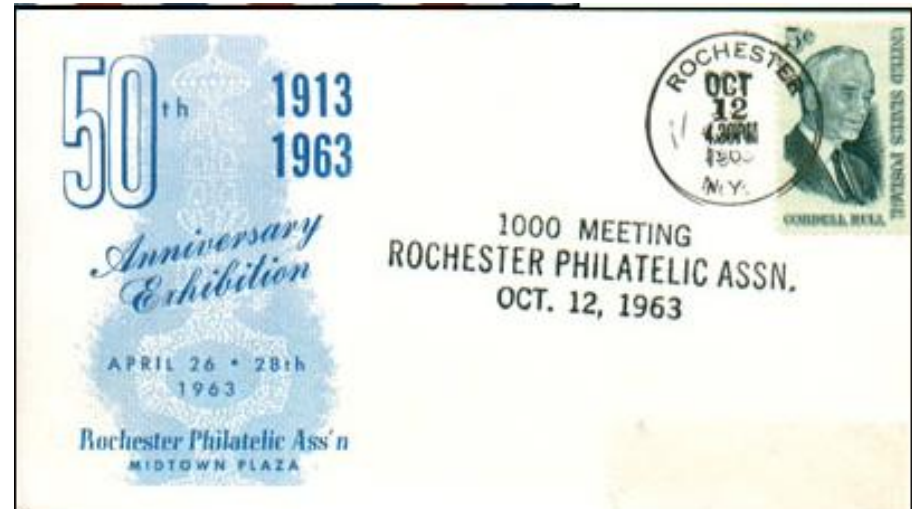
2007	May 18-20	ROPEX 2007 - 50 Ann. of Sputnik, Ice Hockey, 100th Ann. of Scout Camps
2008	May 16-18	ROPEX 2008 - 100th anniversary of the Washington-Franklin definitives, Switzerland, Scouting
2009	May 15-17	ROPEX 2009 - Abraham Lincoln on Stamps and Coins
2010	May 14-16	ROPEX 2010 - 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America, 15th Anniversary of Stamp Camp USA
2011	May 13-15	ROPEX 2011 - 50 Years of Americans in Space
2012	May 18-20	ROPEX 2012 - 100th Anniversaries of The Titanic and the Rochester Numismatic Association
2013	May 17-19	ROPEX/NTSS 2013 - Two Shows in One, Trains
2014	May 16-18	ROPEX 2014 - Hot Cars
2015	May 15-17	ROPEX 2015 - Elvis Presley- Return to Sender
2016	May 20-22	ROPEX 2016 - National Park Service 1916-2016
2017	May 19-20	ROPEX 2017 - 200th Anniversary of the Start of Erie Canal Construction
2018	May 18-19	ROPEX 2018 - 100th Anniversary of Scheduled Air Mail Service in the U.S.

1963



**50th Anniversary
Exhibition
April 26th, 1963**

**1000th Meeting
Oct 12th, 1963**



ROPEX, circa 1970 (over 45 years ago)



**1978
ROPEX**

**John Kellas
and
Rochester
Mayor
Tom Ryan**



1993 ROPEX



Rick Kase

Larry Moriarty

Bernice Watson

Gordon Morison

**1996
Eastview
Mall**



Tom Fortunato shows off some of the thousands of stamps that he has collected and studied. He and other members of the Rochester Philatelic Association celebrated National Stamp Month last week at EastView Mall.

2001 ROPEX



Welcome Table

Tom Fortunato, George Fekete
Brad Sterling, Rick Kase

2003 ROPEX



Ray Stone

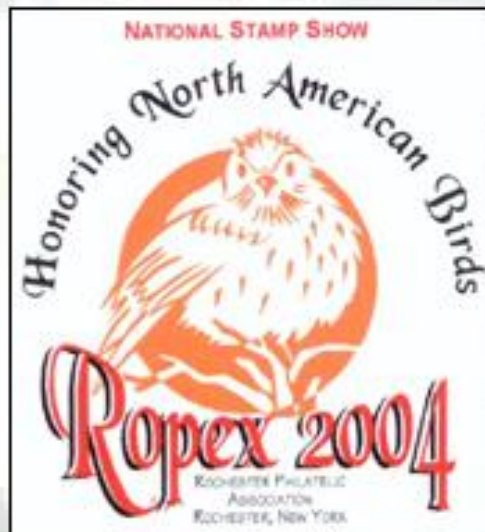
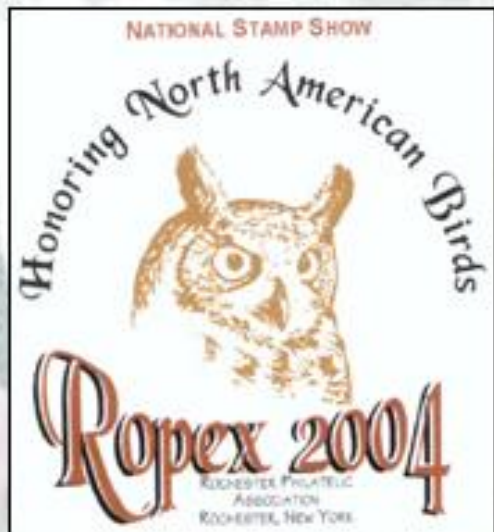
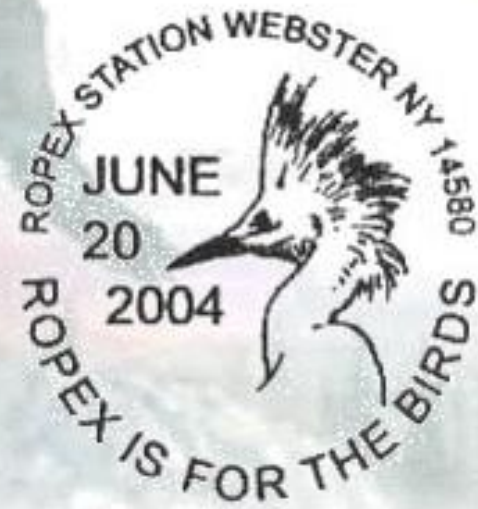


Rick Kase

2004 ROPEX

Who knows the 2004 theme ??

ROPEX 2004 Cancels & Cachets



ROPEX 2007



ESL Sports Centre, Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Rd.

ROPEX 2009

Who knows the 2009 theme ??

2009 Cancels & Cachets



Honoring
Abraham Lincoln
MAY 15, 2009
ROCHESTER NY 14623



Honoring
Abraham Lincoln
ROPEX STATION
MAY 16, 2009
ROCHESTER, NY 14623



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Abraham Lincoln,
ROPEX Honors 2009
Lincoln Cent Redesign

ROPEX 2011

Design-A-Stamp Rules [Entry Form](#)



Aaron Kahler
Grade 10- 1st



Brian Malgieri
Grade 10- 2nd



Kameron Lewis
Grade 12- 1st

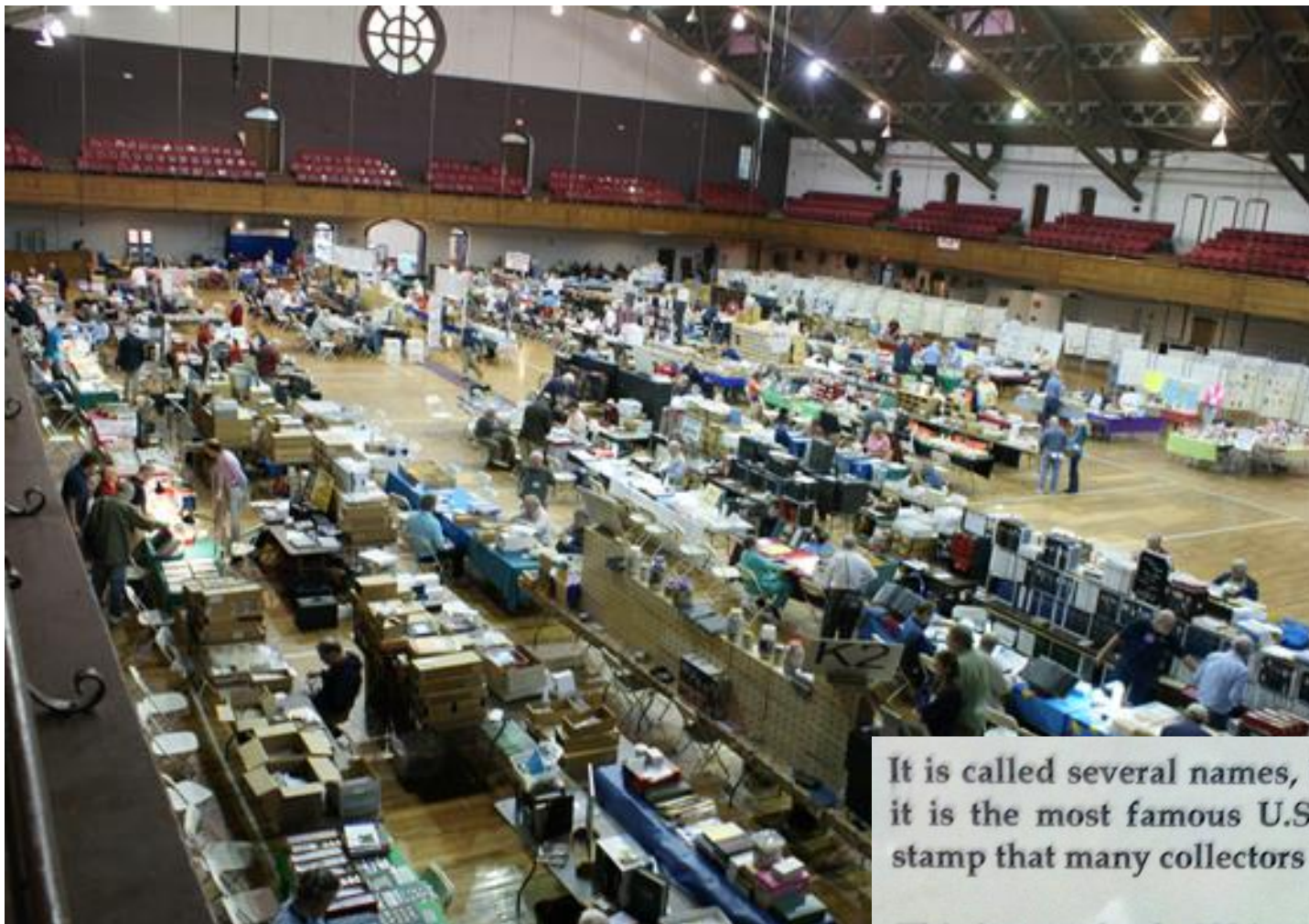


Stephanie Hopkins
Grade 12- 2nd

Here are our 1st and 2nd place finalists in the two higher grade categories. All come from Start Monroe #1 Boces.



Three of the four winners attended ROPEX in person, with their teacher standing in for Brian.



ROPEX 2013, shared with ATA at The Armory

It is called several names, but without a doubt, it is the most famous U.S. stamp ever. It is a stamp that many collectors dream about.

This is one of only 100 in existence.



Position 65 owned by the APRL



USPS Image

First Day of Issue "A Flag for All Seasons"

set of 4 Forever
booklet stamps
Friday, May 17
10:30 AM

(Free public ceremony before
the show opening.)

ROPEX 2013



ROPEX 2014 Youth Area at The Armory



Bill Iman

**Mary
Iman**

Dave Robinson

ROPEX 2015 at the Canandaigua Civic Center



Florence Wright

ROPEX 2015



Mary Iman

ROPEX 2015



Frank's WWII buddy

Frank Trito

ROPEX 2016



Harry Tong tables

McCloud tables

ROPEX 2016

Ray Stone

Tom Fortunato

Chuck Schultz

Carl Miller



Working hard or hardly working ??

ROPEX 2016



**Design winners with Frank Tritto
and Mary Iman**



ROPEX 2017



Carl's office

ROPEX 2017



Exhibit awards were handed out by Tom and Rich Spinelli. Judges Schultz, Martin and Chiu.

ROPEX 2017



Two lessons

- 1) Stamp Collectors come in all ages.
- 2) If you come Thursday to help set-up you get first crack at the material on the club table.

ROPEX 2018



ROPEX 2018



Mary And Bill are ready !!

ROPEX 2018



ROPEX 2018 Dealers



Lou Atvel



Dale Smith



Larry Winum



Post Office

ROPEX 2018



Does anyone know this guy ?

John Stoltz

ROPEX 2019

ROPEX National Stamp Show

Fri. & Sat., May 17-18, 2019 Hours 10-6, 10-3

Greater Canandaigua Civic Center
25 North Bloomfield Road

\$2 Daily Admission, Under 18 Free
Free Parking



150th and 50th Anniversary Themes:
Transcontinental Railroad, Man on the Moon



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ROPEX 2019 Commemorative Covers

designed by Amy Rau