



STAMP SHOW

A "Champion of Champions" Event



The Rochester Philatelic
Association's
2011 ROPEX
"Design-A-Stamp" Contest



To: Teachers in Grades 3-12

From: The Rochester Philatelic Association's "Design-A-Stamp" Committee

The Rochester Philatelic Association announces the 2011 ROPEX "Design-A-Stamp" contest. This contest is open to all students in grades 3-12. Finalists will be displayed at the ROPEX Rochester National Stamp Show, held May 13-15, 2011 at The Sports Center on the campus of Monroe Community College. Daily admission is \$3 and free to youth under 18. The "50th Anniversary of Americans in Space" is the theme for this year's show, but need not be the theme of the entry. Read additional information about the RPA and ROPEX at <http://www.rpastamps.org>.

Contest guidelines:

- All stamp designs must be completed on the stamp template. You may reproduce as many copies of the stamp template as needed.
- Draw a design of your choice using pencil, colored pencil, marker, or paint. Photos, computer generated art and/or collage are not acceptable media for this contest.
- All designs must include a denomination (either as: 44¢, 44 Cents, or Forty Four Cents) and the country of origin (either as: USA, United States, or United States of America).
- Each student must complete the entry form and attach it to the back of his/her work.
- Only one design per student may be entered into the contest.
- Submissions can only be entered by a teacher or school on behalf of the student.

Additional non-mandatory guidelines as set forth by the USPS Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, found online at <http://www.usps.com/communications/organization/csac.htm>:

- No living person shall be honored by portrayal on U.S. postage.
- Only events, persons, and themes of widespread national appeal and significance will be considered for commemoration.

Entries are to be submitted by teachers or schools. Every effort will be made to return entries to their respective schools at the conclusion of the contest. ROPEX is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged entries.

All entries must be received by April 15, 2011 and submitted by a teacher or school to:

RPA, P.O. Box 10206 Brighton Station, Rochester, NY 14610-0206

Entries will be divided into in four divisions for students in grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12. Up to ten finalists in each division will be selected and compete for monetary prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 for first, second and third place, respectively, chosen by a panel of RPA members. Teachers will be notified before the show if their student(s) has been selected as a finalist.

Awards will be presented at the ROPEX Rochester National Stamp Show on a date and time to be determined, as we would like the finalists and their families to attend if possible.

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