

ROPEX 2017 - Sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association

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ROPEX EXHIBITOR PROSPECTUS - RULES and REGULATIONS

1. ROPEX 2017 is being held May 19-20 at The Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N Bloomfield Rd, Canandaigua, NY.

Submitting an Entry

2. All entries must be made on an official paper or electronic entry form. Submitting or electronically filing an entry form denotes acceptance of this prospectus. Each frame holds 16- 8 1/2" x 11" pages. Single frame exhibits are \$25. Multi-frame exhibits of 2-6 frames are \$15 per frame; exhibits of 7-10 frames are a flat \$100 fee, with a maximum of 10 frames per exhibit. For junior exhibitors (21 years old or younger as of January 1 in the year ROPEX is being held) the frame fee is \$5 per 16 page frame.

3. Early application is recommended. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit. Additions of competitive entries received within two months of the show are subject to the approval of the Judging panel or alternately entered as non-competitive.

4. Exhibitors are asked to submit one copy of a synopsis or plan page, and a title page to be reviewed by the ROPEX committee for consideration, preferably when they apply. Electronic versions of these pages sent in Word or PDF formats would be appreciated. ROPEX requests the exhibitor's permission to post these forms on the ROPEX web site. Exhibitors' names, titles and exhibit descriptions will also be listed on the ROPEX web site, in the show program, and possibly in pre-show and post-show publicity.

5. A ROPEX committee representative will inform an accepted exhibitor when, how and where to send in the appropriate frames fee.

6. Materials exhibited must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. An exhibitor's name may not appear within the exhibit, however names and addresses on covers are allowed.

7. All exhibits will be displayed using standard 3' wide by 4' tall frames holding 4 pages per row. Oversized pages/items (anything larger than 8.5"x11") require the advanced approval of the Exhibit Committee. Each exhibit page must be inserted into a protective transparent sleeve or envelope, preferably enclosed on three sides. Index card stock is recommended as a stiffener for each exhibit page. Pages should be in "mountable" order, numbered progressively on the reverse. Expertizing certificates should be in the sleeve behind the appropriate page.

8. Failure to present an exhibit after an entry has been accepted forfeits the entry fee paid.

Mail-In Exhibit Instructions

9. Details for mail-in exhibitors will be sent out about one month before the show. Do not send exhibits before receiving this info.

10. Exhibits being returned to their owner must be prepaid with complete return postage and/or appropriate forms/labels. Such arrangements must be made prior to the closing of the show. We do not post by USPS registered mail.

Walk-in Exhibit Instructions

11. Personally delivered exhibits or those through authorized agents will only be received by the Exhibit Committee between the hours of 1:00 PM. and 5:00 PM on the Thursday preceding the show. In many cases judging begins by 7 PM that day.

Judging

12. The jury will consist of a panel of a minimum 3 APS accredited judges and up to two apprentices. Judges' decisions shall be final.

13. Exhibits in the national General Class will be judged independently using APS standards of philatelic exhibiting. These will be judged on the basis of eight levels of awards, and sufficient awards at each level will be placed at the disposal of the judges. The grand award will be presented as the "best in show" and become our representative in the next APS "Champion of Champions" at STAMPSHOW in August. Additional special awards will be given exhibits meeting specific criteria at the discretion of the judges. All exhibitors will receive a copy of the exhibition program and Awards Palmares.

Show Closing

14. Exhibits will be dismantled starting at 6:00 PM Saturday, and as a security and safety precaution, only when all visitors have exited the exhibits area. No exhibit may be removed prior to that time without the approval of the show exhibits chairman or his/her designee. It will then be released by the Exhibit Committee only when signed for by the exhibitor or his duly authorized representative.

Insurance & Security

15. Exhibitors must provide their own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safety of all exhibits, including security around the clock. However, no responsibility shall be attached to the Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc., its members, ROPEX, the ROPEX Show Committee and/or its representatives, the Exhibit Committee, the show facility, its employees, or all other voluntary assistants, for any loss of, or damage to, an exhibit arising from any cause whatsoever.

16. Questions concerning the exhibition and not provided for by these Rules and Regulations will be decided by the ROPEX Show Committee.

Awards Presentations

ROPEX will host an awards ceremony, banquet or similar event when exhibitors may receive their award(s) in person. Details will be sent to all interested exhibitors prior to the show. Exhibitors not in attendance will receive their awards by mail or through an agent.

Exhibitor Disclaimer – By submitting an application, the exhibitor agrees to the following:

I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and 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.



STAMP SHOW

A "Champion of Champions" Event

ROPEX Exhibitor Entry Form

Fill out one form for each exhibit entry. By submitting this form, the exhibitor confirms he/she has read and will abide by the ROPEX Prospectus. If mailing, send to Tom Fortunato, 28 Amberwood Pl, Rochester, NY 14626 along with your entry fee and one copy of your title page and synopsis/plan page. Electronic versions may be emailed with this submission to stampmf@frontiernet.net.

Name * Address *

City * St/Pr * Zip+4 *

Email * First Time National Exhibitor * Yes No

Phone (Day) * Phone (Evening) * Attend ROPEX? * Yes No Unsure

Exhibit Title *

Exhibit Description (max. 25 words) *

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Exhibit Type * Competitive Non-Competitive # Frames Required * Youth Age (as of Jan. 1 of the show year)

Exhibit Size and Fees * Adult Single Frame (\$25) Adult 2-6 Frames (\$15/frame) Adult 7-10 Frames (\$100 flat fee) Youth (under 21, \$5/frame)

Exhibit Classification * Charity/Promotion/Cinderella Display Illustrated Mail Postal Postcard Revenue Thematic Unsure

Method of Delivery * I will bring it in person USPS Priority FedEx USPS First Class USPS Express UPS
 Agent (name)

Method of Return (FedEx and UPS must be prepaid. USPS registered mail is not possible.) * I will pick it up in person USPS Priority FedEx USPS First Class USPS Express UPS
 Agent (name)

If Exhibit is to be Returned by USPS I will pay return postage by check I will send postage with my exhibit

Extra Services if Return by USPS (check all that apply) None Needed Delivery Confirmation Certified Insured (amount) \$

Society Memberships (check all that apply) RPA AAMS AAPE AFDCS APS ARA ATA ESPHS
 PHS RPSC UPSS USPCS USSS WE Other(s)

Comments or Questions

I authorize ROPEX to post my title, synopsis and/or plan pages on its web site. * Yes No

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