

*National Stamp Show*

# ROPEX '97

**Celebrating**  
 the  
**150th**  
**Anniversary**  
*of the first United States Postage Stamps*

*Diplomat Banquet Center*  
**March 7-9**

*Presented by the Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.*



# ROPEX STAMP SHOW

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
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Dear Fellow Philatelist:

Welcome to ROPEX'97! A new time! A new place! I was there in '68, of course a much younger man. I've seen the changes over the years, from the Strathallan to the Manger. Then the Americana to the Chamber of Commerce to the Holiday Inn. (I was not there for Midtown!) Now to the Town of Gates and the Diplomat Banquet Center. More room! More parking! (And free, too!) A new beginning.

Take the time to enjoy the Court of Honor with the fabulous "Disney" exhibit. A total of 3,920 pages of exhibits including 26 frames of junior exhibits - a new high for a ROPEX show. With all the dealers, and no distractions, you can indulge in your favorite hobby to your hearts content.

Then, make sure to be here on Sunday. Another first for Rochester, ROPEX, and the R.P.A.! An afternoon with the candidates - the A.P.S. candidates.

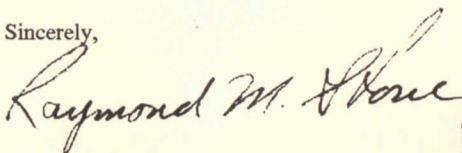
The leading edge of philately occurs in Rochester. From 1968 all the way to 1997! Welcome to another part of stamp collecting history.

I also want to thank all the members of the ROPEX'97 Committee. Without their assistance, this would not have been accomplished. And my fellow R.P.A. members, thanks for your support and help in this new undertaking.

Thanks, especially, to my daughter, Sharon Casey, for her design of the souvenir card and show program cover. And last, but not least, my wife, Kathleen. For putting up with all the meetings for the past ten months - as well as the 26+ years of my collecting.

ENJOY!

Sincerely,



Raymond M. Stone  
Chair, ROPEX'97



## ROPEX'97 Schedule of Events

All meetings will take place in the lower level rooms.

### Friday, March 7

- 8-10AM.....Coffee in Hospitality Room at Best Western
- 10 AM..... Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 1:30PM..... Exhibitors' Luncheon - Stoney's Family Restaurant
- 7 PM..... Show closes

### Saturday, March 8

- 8-10AM..... Coffee in Hospitality Room at Best Western
- 10 AM..... Show opens, youth activities throughout the day
- 10 AM..... "Why Exhibit Non-Competitively" by Ken Lawrence
- 11 AM..... Fakes, Forgeries & Counterfeits Study Group meeting
- 12 Noon..... Empire State Postal History/Mobile Post Office Society Joint Meeting
- 12 Noon..... Chapter 53 Central New York First Day Cover Society Luncheon (Dutch treat)
- 1:30 PM..... Youth Design-A-Stamp Contest Awards Presentation
- 1:30 PM..... Chapter 53 Business Meeting (off site)
- 2 PM..... American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' Seminar presented by Dr. Peter McCann & John Hotchner- & "What Judges Look for in an Exhibit"
- 2 PM..... Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies Meeting
- 3 PM..... Judges' Critique
- 4:30 PM..... Exhibit Walkthrough for Beginners
- 6 PM..... Show closes
- 7 PM..... ROPEX'97 Awards Banquet
- 7-12PM..... Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel-First Floor)

### Sunday, March 9

- 8-10AM..... Coffee in Hospitality Room at Best Western
- 10 AM..... Show opens
- 10 AM..... International Society of Portuguese Philately Meeting & Seminar
- 10:00ish..... The Marmalades Show & Tell
- 11 AM..... APS Candidate's Forum
- 1 PM..... NY Philatelic Bandits Hootenanny & Pizza Party/Stamp Swap
- 4 PM..... Show closes

## Celebrating 150 Years of US Postage Stamps

ROPEX and indeed the entire US philatelic community honors the sesqui-centennial of our first postage stamps. To paraphrase, "We've come a long way, baby!"

Those first issues of 1847 depicting Ben Franklin on the 5 cent and George Washington on the 10 cent stamp took a bit of getting use to. Often, the receiver and not the sender had to pay for the honor of getting mail up until this time. Few mailers purchased stamps in advance (remember, that was a lot of money back then), preferring to bring letters directly to the post office and having the clerk cut and affix stamps to the envelopes,

Stamps have very much evolved since then, not only from a printing and security perspective, but for convenience as well. Imagine the delight of postal clerks and their patrons when the first perforated stamps were available! Now look at today's "hottest" items, self-sticks. The first self-stick die cut stamps were issued by Sierra Leone in 1964, much to the disapproval of many. The brief US experiment with self-sticks depicting a weathervane in 1974 was considered a failure at the time.

So what can we expect in the next 150 years? Will stamps be exclusively computer generated? Will E-mail be the death knell of the USPS and mail as we've known it for centuries? One can only speculate.

Our show cancel depicts a lighthouse and train, two popular topicals. Thematics is probably the most popular and fastest growing sector of philately. The USPS realizes this, and new stamp issues reflect their appeal. Thank goodness we will never again exclusively lick (or stick) dead presidents and statesmen as our forefathers had to!

## ROPEX'97 EXHIBITS

### COURT OF HONOR

- 1-10 The Sun Never Sets on Mickey Mouse: Walt Disney's  
Worldwide Empire  
Ken Lawrence

### RPA MEMBERS' SHOWCASE (NON-COMPETITIVE)

- Display Case ✓ 3-D Philately  
Throckmorton J. Dallywhipple, III
- 11 ✓ 1995 U.S. Great Lakes Lighthouses Issue  
L. Kelly Armstrong, Jr.
- 12 ✓ 1995 U.S. Civil War Issue  
L. Kelly Armstrong, Jr.
- 13 ✓ Minerals  
Eleanor A. Phelps
- 14 ✓ The U.S. Poultry Centennial Issue of 1948  
Chicken Little

### OPEN COMPETITION

- 15-20 S Adirondack Region Postal History  
Stephen K. Matte
- 21 sb New York State Rural Free Delivery Hand Cancels  
William J. Hart
- 22-31 G The Half-A Collection  
Clyde and Jay Jennings
- 32-41 G Nauru Before World War II  
Carrington
- 42-46 ✓ Companhia Do Nyassa  
Robert Fruehauf

- 47-56 ✓ The Postal History of Oneida County, New York, 1796-1900  
John B. Ludin, MD
- 57-62 G Independent Mails of New York State  
J.W. Brown
- 63-65 SB One Man's Mail - John Mayne, Gilbertsville, NY - Postal History  
Albert Guenzburger
- 66-71 ✓ Corridor Service - 1838 to 1977  
Fred MacDonald
- 72-77 S Railway Post Offices of Baltic Provinces in the Russian Empire  
E. Lerpiniere
- 78 G Nevis: The First Type 1d Issues  
George W. Bowman
- 79-82 S Woldenburg POW Camp  
Raymond M. Stone
- 83-85 S Hey, Look at Me!  
Lorenzo Esteban
- 86 B United States and Russia: Years of Co-operation  
Mark A. Piterman (Winner of RPA One-Frame Competition)
- 87-94 G The Development of Airmail in the Philippine Islands--the Early Years, 1919-1935  
Edward Lettick
- 95-99 S A Modern Swedish Classic: the Tre Kronor Issue 1939-1969  
Robert E. Paulson
- 100-102 SB "Free Mail"  
L. Kelly Armstrong, Jr.
- 103-108 ✓ Washington DC Machine Cancels 1876-1900  
Thomas O. Taylor

- 109-115 G The Philately of French Expositions 1855-1952  
Stanley J. Luft
- 116-123 S The 1904 Stamps of Haiti and their Overprints  
Gary J. Anemaet
- 124-132 G Cayman Islands Registered Mail 1901-1921  
James F. Stern
- 133-139 ✓ Danish West Indies Mails, 1790-1917  
Warren H. Pearse, M.D.
- 140-143 SB King George V and VI Canadian Booklets and Panes  
Warren P. Fisher
- 144 SB Twentieth Century Sampler of Southeastern Indiana Postal History  
Russell G. Ryle
- 145-154 ✓ First Issue Nesbitt Stamped Envelopes  
Dr. Louis T. Call, Jr.
- 155-164 S United States Postal Cards Used Internationally  
William J. Hart
- 165-170 ✓ British Guiana Postal Stationery  
Andrew Jocelyn
- 171 Cert. Champion of Liberty Issues  
Jean T. Gorman
- 172-174 SB A Multitude of Angels  
Alice J. Johnson
- 175-179 S Figure Skating  
Alice J. Johnson
- 180-184 ✓ The Diversity of Ceramics and Ceramic Materials  
Thomas M. Fortunato
- 185-194 ✓ Woody Guthrie: His Life and His Songs  
Stephen L. Suffet

- 195-198 *SB* Drugs Are Dangerous  
Marge Schleining
- 199-205 Christian Beginnings: From Mary's Yes to the Infant Church  
*SB* Karen Barber
- 206 *SB* The Development of Dreadnoughts  
Duncan H. Barber
- 207-213 *S* Stamping Out Tuberculosis  
Florence Wright

### DISPLAY CLASS

- 214-217 *2nd* A B-I-I-I-I-G Bellyache  
Clyde Jennings and Frances Dixon
- 218 *2nd* Jamestown, VA - Cradle of the Nation  
Alice J. Johnson
- 219-220 *3rd* Vacation in Spain  
Donald Schurr

### YOUTH

- 221 *S* An Overview of Indiana 4-Bar Cancellations  
John R. Ryle [age 13]
- 222-223 *SB* A Watery School  
Katherine Foor [age 11]
- 224 *SB* Chug-A-Long With Stamps  
Allen Heyler [age 11]
- 225 *B* Cute Cuddly Cats  
Sara McDonough [age 12]
- 226 *S* Presidents Come Alive  
Ryan Doan [age 10]
- 227-230 *F* United States Christmas Stamps  
Sarah E. Smith [age 12]
- 231-233 *V* Women's Information Line  
Meisha Binkley [age 13]

- 234-237 *V* A Message About Horses [age 12]  
Emma Jeffries
- 238-240 *S* Dino-mite  
Brittany Koehler [age 9]
- 241-242 *S* "Love" of Tennis  
Mark Klell [age 16]
- 243-245 *SB* Fluttering Flight  
Adam Murdock [age 11]
- 246 *SB* Civil War Era  
Brian Shedlock [age 9]

### JUDGES

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## ROPEX 1997 AWARDS FOR EXHIBITORS

### Grand Award

### Reserve Grand

### Rochester Philatelic Association Awards

Larry R. Moriarty Sr. Memorial Award  
Best Youth Exhibit Not Winning the North American Youth Stamp Exhibiting Competition (special gift donated by the friends of Larry Moriarty)

George LeFebvre Award - Best Non-Thematic Exhibit by an RPA Member (perpetual plaque)

Virginia Gubler Award - Best Thematic Exhibit by an RPA Member (perpetual pewter tray)

ROPEX Youth Award

RPA Junior Award

LRM Popularity Award - Most Popular As Voted by ROPEX Attendees (plaque)

### American Philatelic Society Awards

Medal and Ribbon of Excellence - Pre-1900 Material

Medal and Ribbon of Excellence - 1900-1940 Material

Medal and Ribbon of Excellence - Post-1940 Material

Medal and Ribbon for Research Excellence

### American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Awards

Award of Honor - Excellence in Presentation (gold pin)

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Creativity in Philatelic Exhibiting Medal

### American Topical Association Awards

First Place Medal and Ribbon

Second Place Medal and Ribbon

Third Place Medal and Ribbon

Youth Medal and Ribbon

One Frame Merit Awards (ribbons)

### Maurice Apfelbaum Award

Best First Time Exhibitor (gold medal)

### Bureau Issues Association Awards

BIA Statue of Freedom Award - Best U.S. Exhibit (medal and certificate)

### Empire State Postal History Society Awards

Silver Award - Best Exhibit of New York State Postal History (Silver Plate)

Certificates of Participation

### International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors Youth Merit Award

Best Display of Worldwide Stamps (certificate)

Junior Philatelists of America Awards

Blue Ribbon

### H.E. Harris Ribbon

### North American Youth Stamp Exhibiting Competition

Winner Represents ROPEX in the Competition

### Postal History Society Medal

Best exhibit of Postal History

### U.S. Cancellation Club Award

Best Exhibit of Cancellations and/or Markings (medal)

### U.S. Philatelic Classics Society

Best U.S. Exhibit Up to the First Bureau Issue of 1894 (gold medal)

### United Postal Stationery Society Awards

**Marcus White Award** - Best Postal Stationery Exhibit Earning a Gold or Vermeil

**Blue Certificate** - Best Postal Stationery Exhibit Not Winning the Marcus White Award

**Red Certificate** - Best Postal Stationery Exhibit Not Winning the Marcus White or Blue Cert.

Judges may elect not to give certain awards if no entries qualify. Other awards not listed may be awarded at the discretion of the judges with the consent of the ROPEX Committee.

## SHOW COMMITTEE

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| 13 | Green's Stamps-Covers<br>7600B Treetop Court<br>North Royalton Ohio 44133 | U.S. Postal History<br>Foreign Postal History<br>216/ 237-5147 |
| 28 | Kendall Stamp Co.<br>DeWitt Mall<br>Ithaca, NY 14850                      | Stamps<br>Covers<br>607/ 277-3301                              |
| 27 | Gary Kunzer<br>P.O. Box 814<br>Webster, NY 14580                          | U.S.-World stamps<br>Collections<br>716/ 244-5488              |
| 35 | Lakewood Stamp Co.<br>P.O. Box 302<br>Erie, PA 16512                      | U.S. stamps<br>British Colonies<br>814/ 866-0352               |
| 4  | Steve Malack Stamps<br>P.O.Box 5628<br>Endicott, NY 13763                 | U.S. stamps<br><br>606/ 862-9441                               |
| 7  | Carl Mickelson<br>105 Oakridge Dr.<br>Syracuse, NY 13209-1719             | Ireland<br>Great Britain<br>315/ 488-7066                      |
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| 19 | Pack-Rat Covers<br>P.O. Box 369<br>Gobles, MI 49055                       | Covers, Covers, Covers<br><br>616/ 521-6023                    |
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| 37 | Les Rosen<br>7724 Matchwood Lane<br>Liverpool, NY 13090                   | First Day Covers   |
| 33 | W.D. "Bill" Snyder<br>446 W. Market St.<br>York, PA 17404                 | Philatelic Covers<br><br>717/ 848-6816                         |
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| 30 | John L. Rudnicki<br>29 Marmaduke St.<br>Toronto, Ontario<br>Canada M6R 1t1       | Polish stamps<br><br>416/ 532-2781                   |
| 32 | Herbert W. Sass<br>97 Fir Tree Pt. Rd.<br>Rock Stream, NY 14878                  | Topicals<br><br>606/ 243-8691                        |
| 16 | Tom's Stamps<br>Thomas S. Sivak<br>138 N. Duffy Rd.<br>Butler, PA 16001          | U.S. stamps<br>Foreign stamps<br>412/285-4400        |
| 2  | Mark Szuba<br>P.O. Box 3532<br>Syracuse, NY 13220                                | U.S.stamps<br><br>315/ 451-0834                      |
| 3  | Philatelics International<br>Martin Toly<br>P.O. Box 2111<br>Liverpool, NY 13089 | U.S. stamps<br><br>315/ 652-8261                     |
| 38 | Village Stamps<br>22 Oriskany Blvd.<br>Yorkville, NY 13495                       | U.S. stamps<br>Supplies<br>315/ 736-1007             |
| 25 | Joseph Volutza Philatelics<br>P.O. Box 4103<br>Mt. Penn, PA 19606                | U.S. stamps<br>Covers<br>610/ 370-1344               |
| 9  | S.J. Willis Ltd.<br>18 Robin Lane<br>Waterford NY 12188-1512                     | World Stamps<br><br>516/ 237-1516                    |
| 14 | Laurence L. Winum<br>P.O. Box 247<br>Walden, NY 12586                            | U.S. stamps<br><br>1-800-914-8090                    |
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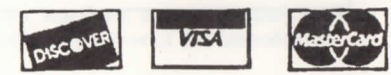
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Programs consist of guest speakers, slide shows, auctions and APS sales books. Group trips to stamp shows and a club library are only a few of the benefits of belonging to the RPA.