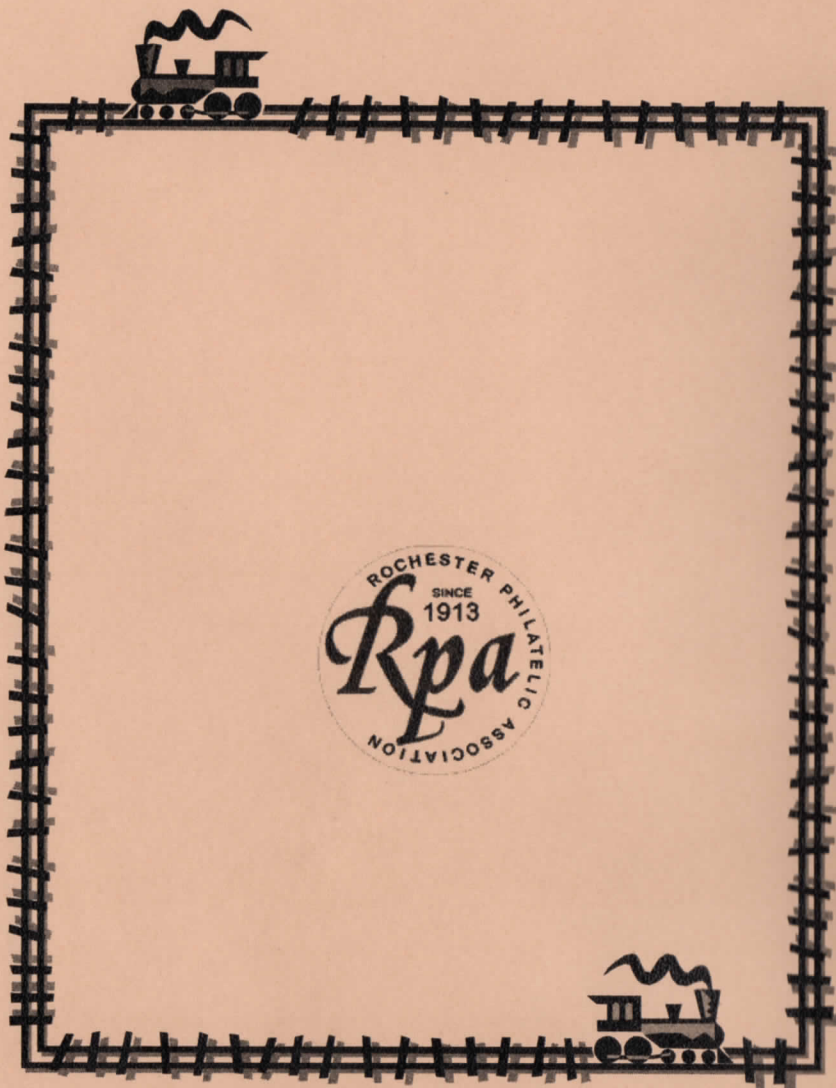


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MARCH 17 - 19, 2000

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A Message from the Chairman...

Welcome to ROPEX 2000!

I invite you to participate in the many activities that are in store for you. And don't forget the exhibits. They represent hours of work and can provide you with valuable information and spark new directions for you. Out in the parking lot on Saturday is the Stamp Mobile, courtesy of the USPS. The youth area can help youngsters and maybe even get moms and dads going. There are society tables where you can speak with representatives of organizations whether you are a member now or wish to sign up. In the lobby area you will find show cancels which can be applied to your covers or you can purchase ours. We also have a limited supply of older covers to add to your collection.

You have come to the largest and best stamp show in Rochester. Talk to folks, get involved and, of course, enjoy your time with us. If you can't do everything on your first visit, remember we'll be here Friday through Sunday and would love to see you more than once. Bring your friends, your children and how about those grandchildren. We are here to help you and to raise your interest in the many facets of the "stamp collecting" hobby which we call Philately.

Paul R. Gerwitz, Chairman

Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 16

8:00 a - 6:00 pm ROPEX Setup (Exhibitors Welcome 2:00 - 6:00 pm)
7:00 - 10:00 pm Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)

Friday, March 17

8:00 - 10:00 am Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)
10:00 a Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
10:30 a Meet the Rochester Postmaster /
USPS Officials Presentation
12:00 pm Lunch Area Available (Lower Level)
1:00 p Exhibitors Luncheon (Lower Level - Dutch Treat)
3:00 p ACE Cover Exchange General Meeting
6:00 p Show Closes
6:00 - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)

Saturday, March 18

8:00 - 10:00 am Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)
10:00 a Show Opens: Youth Activities Throughout the Day
10:00 a Fakes, Forgeries and Counterfeits Study Group Meeting
12:00 pm Lunch Area Available (Lower Level)
12:00 pm Empire State Postal History Meeting
12:00 pm Chapter 53 Central New York First Day Cover Society
Luncheon (Dutch Treat, Off-Site)
1:00 p Mobile Post Office Society Meeting
1:30 p Chapter 53 Business Meeting (Off-Site)
1:00 p APS Town Meeting (Hosted by APS Officers)
2:00 p American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' Semina
- Presented by Ann Triggler
3:00 p Judges Critique
5:00 p Show Closes
6:00 p Pre-Banquet Cocktails (Diplomat Banquet Center)
6:30 p ROPEX 2000 Awards Banquet (Diplomat Banquet
Center)
8:00 - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)

Sunday, March 19

8:00 - 10:00 am Hospitality Room Open (Diplomat Hotel - First Floor)
10:00 a Show Opens
10ish The Marmalades "Show & Tell"
12:00 pm Lunch Area Available (Lower Level)
1:00 p NY Philatelic Bandits Hootenanny & Pizza Party
4:00 p Show Closes

Future ROPEX dates

March 16 - 18, 2001 March 14 - 16, 2003
March 8 - 10, 2002 March 12 - 14, 2004

Exhibits

Youth

- 1 Creatures of the Blue
 Danielle Fulmer (Age 10)
- 2 - 3 Out of This World - Exploring Our Solar System
 Michael Ollies (Age 9)
- 4 - 5 Prehistoric Animals of the Past
 Justin Colton (Age 9)
- 6 - 7 The Development of Railroads in the United States
 Nathan J. Matteson (Age 15)
- 8 - 9 The Games of Winter
 Alyson Colton (Age 12)
- 10 - 11 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
 Kristen Ollies (Age 12)

Open Competition

- 12 - 16 The Danish Bi-Colours 1875-1906
 Henrik Mouritsen
- 17 The Hobby Shop
 L. Kelly Armstrong, Jr.
- 18 - 19 Weird Stuff: Unusual Modern U.S. First Day Cover
(Display Class)
 Lloyd A. de Vries
- 20 What's Up, Doc? The Bugs Bunny Stamp and its Postal Use
 Anonymous
- 21 - 23 Puzzling Postmarks and Other Postal Peculiarities
 Florence Wright
- 24 - 33 Transportation Coil First Day Covers that Refer to Trains
 Raymond M. Stone
- 34 - 35 Selected Rochester (NY) Rail Mail (Non-Competitive)
 Norman Wright
- 36 Readin', (w)Ritin' & Railroadin' (Non-Competitive)
 Norman Wright
- 37 - 44 Corpus Juris
 Joseph F. Frasch, Jr.
- 45 - 52 Portugal Classics
 Stephen S. Washburne

Exhibits

- 53 - 62 US Third Class Mail: the First 100 Year
 Stephen L. Suffet
- 63 - 67 Ellan Vannin: Isle of Man
 William Drummond
- 68 - 72 Air Mail on the Fly - the Adams Air Mail Pick U
 Roger A. Baldwin
- 73 - 78 Federal Republic of Germa - The Posthorn Series
of 1951-52
 Albert Guenzburger
- 79 - 87 Newfoundland Rates
 Randall Martin
- 88 - 92 Palestine, 1918-1948
 Kenneth Magee
- 93 - 97 The Gentleman From Pennsylvania
 Bill DiPaolo
- 98 - 100 Moving the Mails
 Oswald Andrade
- 101 - 108 V-Mail
 George Cosentini
- 109 - 114 Selected Early New York State Railway Cancellations
1830s - 1880s
 Dr. Louis T. Call, Jr.
- 115 Hawaiian Fly and Other Oddities
 Alexander Hall
- 116 Stampless Florida: A Sampling
 Alexander Hall
- 117 - 121 Orange Free State Early Settings of the VRI Surcharges, 1900
 R. Timothy Bartshe
- 122 - 124 Corning, New York (to 1900)
 Alan Parsons
- 125 - 134 US Special Delivery Issues 1885-1917 Including Possessions
 Robert L. Markovit
- 135 - 144 American Intervention in the Caribbean 1906-1934
 Alfred F. Kugel
- 145 How Did That Happen?
 Karen Barber

Exhibits

- 146 - 155 Bidder Samples and Advertising Specimen Envelopes and Wrappers of the United States
Howard Ness
- 156 - 163 1901 Pan-American Exposition
Mark K. Hoff
- 164 Women Doing Drugs
Anonymous
- 165 - 172 World War II Through American Eyes
Lawrence Sherman (Display Class)
- 173 - 174 Variation on a Theme of (German) Definitives
Arlene Sullivan
- 175 - 177 One Man's Mail
Albert Guenzburger
- 178 Varieties of the 1932 3 Cent Surcharge Issue
Walter Krasowski
- 179 Winner of the Rochester Philatelic Association One-Frame Exhibit Contest
- 180 Canadian Handstamps Representing US Postage
John L. Robertson, MD
- 181 Tin Can Mail - The First Day Connection
Janet Klug
- 182 - 191 Collecting Prexie Postal History
Jeffrey Shapiro
- 192 - 195 Famous Men Named George
Viola Gianetti
- 196 Railway Postmarks of Luxembourg
Thomas J. Post
- 197 - 198 Postcards From the San
Florence Wright (Display Class)
- 199 - 208 Three-Cent Varieties of the 1954 Liberty Series
C. David Eeles
- 209 - 216 An Overview of Irish History: 1790-1940 (Display Class)
George Nicholson

Jury Panel

Chairman - Jeanette Knoll Adams - Indianapolis, IN

Jeanette's philatelic credentials in judging and exhibiting are well known and we are fortunate to have her as Chairman. ROPEX can be proud that we saw into the future in the late 80's, when we gave Jeanette her first Chairmanship.

W. Danforth Walker - Lisbon, MD

Dan is an accomplished judge at all levels of competition, particularly in the field of postal history. His exhibit of Grenada took the Champion of Champions Award at StampShow in Orlando in 1998. Dan has also given many seminars to Western New York collectors

Paul Tyler, MD - Albuquerque, NM

Paul was originally a Navy physician with a hobby of traditional philately. His hobby has now taken over as his vocation for, besides being a talented judge and exhibitor, Paul is also the Executive Director for the American Topical Association.

Robert Meegan - Buffalo, NY

Bob has been a member of RPA and has supported ROPEX with his gold award exhibits of the US 19th century rates and the Bank Note issues. He judges at both Local and National levels and served for many years as the President of the Buffalo Stamp Club.

Thomas Fortunato - Rochester, NY

Tom's expertise in the field of thematics has been well established both in exhibiting and judging. His broad knowledge of world-wide philately will be an asset to the Jury panel. As an active RPA and ROPEX member, Tom is well known in the Rochester area.

Alison Cusick, Apprentice Judge - Columbus, OH

Alison has had a First Day Cover column in *Linn's Stamp News* for many years and is an accomplished judge in that field, holding the American First Day Cover Society judge's accreditation. This will be Alison's first APS apprenticeship and we welcome her.

Thomas Allen, Apprentice Judge - Cleveland, OH

Tom has been very active in the Garfield Perry Philatelic Association in the March Party for many years. He is a talented gold award exhibitor - particularly with his postal history of Cleveland. This is Tom's first APS apprenticeship and we also welcome him.

Awards

Grand Award

Best exhibit at ROPEX: the winner will be eligible to participate in the APS "Champion Of Champions" competition during its annual convention and StampShow in Providence, RI in August.

Reserve Grand Award

Second-best exhibit in show

Lawrence R. Moriarity, Sr. Memorial Award

Special excellence of United States material in an exhibit which is not the recipient of the Grand or Reserve Grand Awards.

Rochester Philatelic Association Awards

National Level Competition Medals:

Gold	Silver -Bronze
Vermeil	Bronze
Silver	

Single Frame Class Medals:

Gold	Silver -Bronze
Vermeil	Bronze
Silver	

Display Class Ribbons:

First	Second	Third
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(All ROPEX 2000 exhibitors will receive appropriate ribbons and certificates.)

Andy Hale Award

Philatelic excellence in a general exhibit by an RPA member.

Virginia Gubler Award

Best thematic or topical exhibit by an RPA member

ROPEX Youth Award

Junior Reserve Grand.

RPA Junior Award

Most promising exhibit.

RPA Casey Jones Railroad Unit Certificate Award

Best exhibit embracing the railway topic.

L.R.M. Award

Most popular exhibit, as voted upon by the attending public.

Awards

Special Society Awards

American Philatelic Society Awards

Pre-1900 period	1940 - 1980 period
1900 - 1940 period	Post-1980 period
APS Research Medal	

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Awards

Awards of Honor (2)
AAPE Creativity Award
Youth Grand Award
(Winner represents ROPEX in AAPE youth Champion Of Champions competition.)

American First Day Cover Society Awards

Best Exhibit of First Day Covers
Second Place Certificate
Honorable Mention Certificate

American Philatelic Congress Award for excellence in written text in an exhibit

American Topical Association Awards

First, Second and Third place Medals and Ribbons
Youth Medal and Ribbon
One-Frame Merit Awards

British North America Philatelic Society Award for best BNA exhibit

Bureau Issues Association Award for best U.S. exhibit (from 1894)

Empire State Postal Society Awards (as warranted)

International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors Award for best use of worldwide stamps in a youth exhibit

Junior Philatelists of America Awards

Mobile Post Office Society Award (if appropriate)

Postal History Society Award

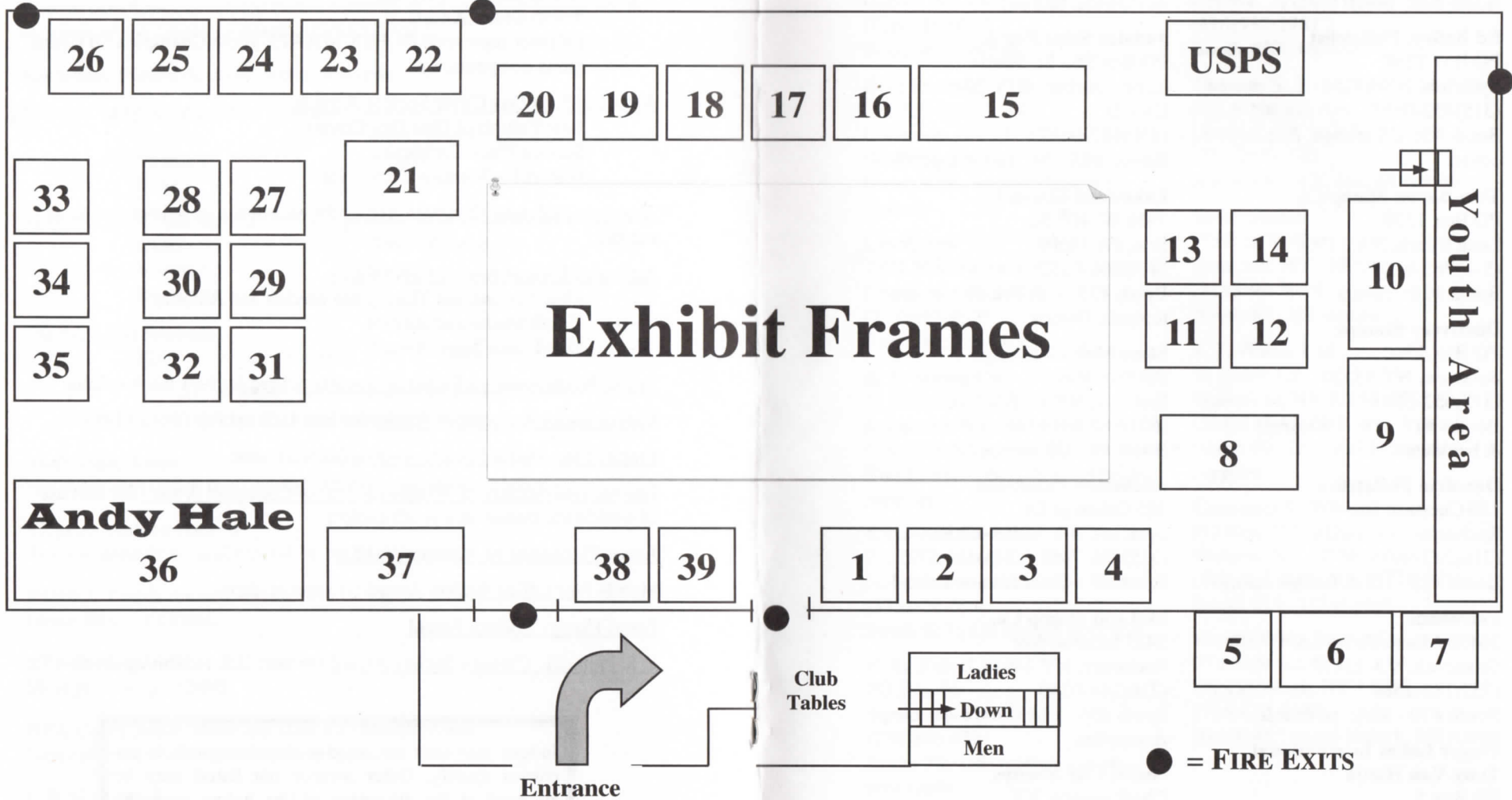
U.S. Philatelic Classics Society Award for best U.S. exhibit up to 1894

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.

Floor Plan

ROPEX 2000

A World Series of Philately Show



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Railway Philately

Railway Philately combines two great hobbies into one – the love of th research, reference and romance of the railroads and railways, and the excitement of stamp collecting, both of which are attractive to young and old aficionados alike.

Railroads have always been fascinating. Crowds flocked to see the pioneer locomotives in the early 19th century, just as they continue to do to watch today's specials and tourist trains (sometimes even still powered by restored steam engines).

Many of us, who as youngsters decades ago exchanged waves with the engineers of the large passing locomotives, have become part of the growing body of informed enthusiasts who have re-opened short railroad lines, fostered the revival of working steam, and monitored every aspect of modern rail operations with a knowledgeable and critical eye. Others have found collecting trains on stamps to be an interesting extension of the model railroading hobby.

For much of the 19th and 20th centuries, the railroads carried the bulk of th U.S. Mail – either pre-sorted in pouches for pickup and delivery along the trips, or as Railway Post Office (RPO) mail, sorted en route. Collecting, researching and exhibiting such transit mail markings, covers and related ephemera is a large sub-theme which appeals to many railway philatelists and postal historians

Many others are attracted by the wide variety of material available. There are, at this time, more than 20,000 known railway theme stamp varieties. When one adds covers, errors, proofs and other specialty items, the collecting potential becomes almost limitless. The following is a partial listing of some of this variety, and other linkages to "railway philately":

Stampless covers, route agent markings, RPO cancels, railroad corner cars, meters, perfins, express covers, advertising covers, patriotic, special events, show covers, postal stationery, first-day covers, maximum cards, railroad stock certificates, railway letter stamps, parcel stamps, railroad advertising labels, other cinderellas, revenues, proofs, errors, classic, "ordinary" train stamps and a superabundance of other railway ephemera.

Fortunately, there is much specialized literature, available worldwide, pertaining to the numerous facets of this wonderful "dual hobby"

. . . So "All Aboard!" The train may be getting ready to leave the station

by Norm Wright, Author-Editor
World Railways Philatelic
(RPA Handbook 138)

A Message from the Postmaster

The Rochester Post Office wishes to thank the Rochester Philatelic Association and its members for inviting us to ROPEX 2000. The Rochester Post Office is committed to providing philatelic services to the stamp enthusiasts in the Rochester community and, through the USPS sponsored STAMPERS program, hopes to further involve children of all ages in the hobby of stamp collecting. To all the RPA members, vendors, and visitors to ROPEX 2000, enjoy the show and have a wonderful time.

John Montague
Postmaster
Rochester, NY

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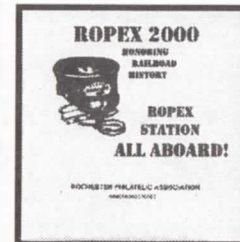


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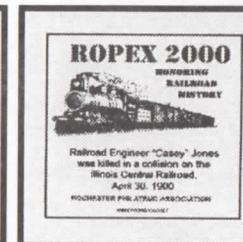
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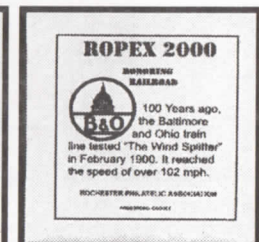
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