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 Americans 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 STAMP SHOW
ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
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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 used 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!
The Postal History of Oneida County, New York, 1796-1900
John B. Ludin, MD

Independent Mails of New York State
J.W. Brown

One Man's Mail - John Mayne, Gilbertsville, NY - Postal History
Albert Guenzburger

Corridor Service - 1838 to 1977
Fred MacDonald

Railway Post Offices of Baltic Provinces in the Russian Empire
E. Lerpiniere

Nevis: The First Type 1d Issues
George W. Bowman

Woldenburg POW Camp
Raymond M. Stone

Hey, Look at Me!
Lorenzo Esteban

United States and Russia: Years of Co-operation
Mark A. Piterman (Winner of RPA One-Frame Competition)

The Development of Airmail in the Philippine Islands--the Early Years, 1919-1935
Edward Lettick

A Modern Swedish Classic: the Tre Kronor Issue 1939-1969
Robert E. Paulson

"Free Mail"
L. Kelly Armstrong, Jr.

Washington DC Machine Cancels 1876-1900
Thomas O. Taylor

The Philately of French Expositions 1855-1952
Stanley J. Luft

The 1904 Stamps of Haiti and their Overprints
Gary J. Anemaet

Cayman Islands Registered Mail 1901-1921
James F. Stern

Danish West Indies Mails, 1790-1917
Warren H. Pearse, M.D.

King George V and VI Canadian Booklets and Panes
Warren P. Fisher

Twentieth Century Sampler of Southeastern Indiana Postal History
Russell G. Ryle

First Issue Nesbitt Stamped Envelopes
Dr. Louis T. Call, Jr.

United States Postal Cards Used Internationally
William J. Hart

British Guiana Postal Stationery
Andrew Jocelyn

Champion of Liberty Issues
Jean T. Gorman

A Multitude of Angels
Alice J. Johnson

Figure Skating
Alice J. Johnson

The Diversity of Ceramics and Ceramic Materials
Thomas M. Fortunato

Woody Guthrie: His Life and His Songs
Stephen L. Suffet
195-198  Drugs Are Dangerous
        Marge Schleining

199-205  Christian Beginnings: From Mary's Yes to the Infant
        Church
        Karen Barber

206  The Development of Dreadnoughts
        Duncan H. Barber

207-213  Stamping Out Tuberculosis
        Florence Wright

DISPLAY CLASS

214-217  A B-I-I-I-I-G Bellyache
        Clyde Jennings and Frances Dixon

218  Jamestown, VA - Cradle of the Nation
        Alice J. Johnson

219-220  Vacation in Spain
        Donald Schurr

YOUTH

221  An Overview of Indiana 4-Bar Cancellations
        John R. Ryle [age 13]

222-223  A Watery School
        Katherine Foor [age 11]

224  Chug-A-Long With Stamps
        Allen Heyler [age 11]

225  Cute Cuddly Cats
        Sara McDonough [age 12]

226  Presidents Come Alive
        Ryan Doan [age 10]

227-230  United States Christmas Stamps
        Sarah E. Smith [age 12]

231-233  Women's Information Line
        Meisha Binkley [age 13]

234-237  A Message About Horses [age 12]
        Emma Jeffries

238-240  Dino-mite
        Brittany Koehler [age 9]

241-242  "Love" of Tennis
        Mark Kell [age 16]

243-245  Fluttering Flight
        Adam Murdock [age 11]

246  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 LeFebre 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 Vermillion

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.
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