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Welcome to ROPEX 2002...

A Message from the Chairman

Dear fellow philatelists and friends,

The ROPEX Committee and members of the Rochester Philatelic Association welcome you to another stamp exhibit and bourse here in Rochester, New York.

It has been 33 years since the RPA conceived the Champion-of-Champions idea, and this event continues to grow each year.

We hope you will take some time to study the exhibits that have been assembled and entered into competition by the exhibitors. We wish the ROPEX 2002 Grand Award winner the best of luck in the APS Champion-of-Champions competition in Atlantic City!

Also, we urge you to visit the many dealers present here - you never know what treasures await you at their tables.

There are several meetings available during ROPEX that may interest you, as well.

And, let's not forget the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening which offers you another great opportunity to enjoy each other's company as our hard-working judges' efforts are announced.

Thanks for coming!

- Raymond M. Stone, Chairman



ROPEX 2001 Committee

Raymond M. Stone - Chairman

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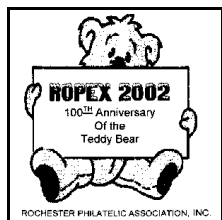
The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.
is a not-for-profit organization, established in 1913.

Meetings are held on 2nd Thursdays and 4th Wednesdays
during the months of September through June.

No meetings are held during July and August.
Regular meeting times are 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

ROPEX 2002 Cachet Covers

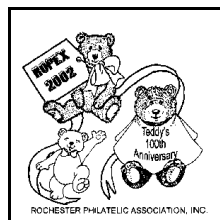
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Schedule of Events

Thursday, March 7

7:30 - 10:30 am Hospitality Room Open [Diplomat Hotel - First Floor]
8:00 am - 6:00 pm ROPEX Setup (Exhibitors Welcome 2:00 - 6:00 pm)

Friday, March 8

8:00 - 10:00 am Hospitality Room Open [Diplomat Hotel - First Floor]
10:00 am Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
12:00 pm Exhibitors Luncheon [Lower Level - Dutch Treat]
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch Area Available [Lower Level]
3:00 pm ACE - Art Cover Exchange General Meeting
6:00 pm Show Closes
7:30 - 10:30 pm Hospitality Room Open [Diplomat Hotel - First Floor]

Saturday, March 9

8:00 - 10:00 am Hospitality Room Open [Diplomat Hotel - First Floor]
10:00 am Show Opens: Youth Activities Throughout the Day
11:00 am Empire State Postal History Meeting [Hospitality Room]
12:00 - 2:00 pm Chapter 53 Central New York First Day Cover Society Luncheon [Dutch Treat, Off-Site]
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch Area Available [Lower Level]
1:00 pm APS Town Meeting (All welcome)
- Featuring APS Executive Director Bob Lamb
2:00 pm American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' Seminar
2:00 pm Federation of Central NY Philatelic Societies Meeting [Hospitality Room]
3:00 - 4:30 pm Judges Exhibit Critique
3:00 pm Mobile Post Office Society Meeting [Hospitality Room]
5:00 pm Show Closes
6:00 pm Pre-Banquet Cocktails [Diplomat Banquet Center]
6:30 pm ROPEX 2002 Awards Banquet [Diplomat Banquet Center]
8:00 - 11:00 pm Hospitality Room Open [Diplomat Hotel - First Floor]

Sunday, March 10

8:00 - 10:00 am Hospitality Room Open [Diplomat Hotel - First Floor]
10:00 am Show Opens
11:00 am The Marmalades "Show & Tell"
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch Area Available [Lower Level]
12:00 - 2:00 pm NY Philatelic Bandits Hootenanny & Pizza Party [Hospitality Room]
4:00 pm Show Closes



Future ROPEX Dates

March 14 - 16, 2003 • March 12 - 14, 2004

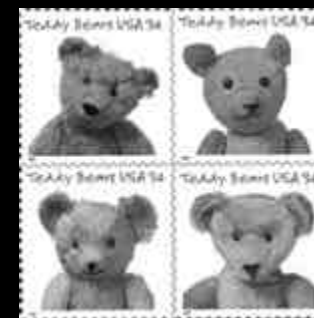
Exhibits (by Frame Number)

- 1-4 *Early Mineables* ~ Eleanor A. Steeb
 5-7 *A Perfect "10"* ~ Don Many
 8-11 *A Multitude of Angels* ~ Alice Johnson
 12-14 *Maps* ~ Abhishek P. Rathod
 15-19 *European Castles: Their Evolution and History* ~ Vincent DeLuca
 21-27 *It's In The Cards* ~ Edward Tricomi
 28-34 *De La Rue Key Plates - Victorian and Edwardian Period* ~ Graham Locke
 35-44 *Otsego County, NY* ~ William H. Bauer
 45-54 *Switzerland, 1882-1924: The Cross & Numeral* ~ Harlan F. Stone
 55-63 *German Togo 1885-1914* ~ Paul Larsen
 64-73 *The Dominion of Canada: The Small Queens 1870-1897* ~ Ronald Brigham
 74-80 *1954 Liberty Series Usages* ~ Shawn P. Sweeney
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 88-97 *U.S. Third Class Mail: the First 100 Years* ~ Stephen L. Suffet
 98-106 *The Massachusetts Island Counties: Postal History to 1890* ~ Douglas & Nancy Clark
 107-110 *The 1930 Parliamentary Millenary Issues of Iceland: The Hesshaimer Set* ~ Nan Butkovich
 111-115 *Great Britain - Underpaid International Mail GPU to World War I* ~ J. Kenneth Snelson
 116-124 *Playing Card Revenues* ~ Edward Tricomi
 125 *Theodore Roosevelt's Timeline* ~ Marge Schleining
 126-132 *First Issue U.S. Stamped Envelopes 1853-1860* ~ Dr. Louis T. Call
 133-135 *Regular Issues of the American Bank Note Company, 1879-1893* ~ Tim Carey
 136 *Tango!* ~ Vincent DeLuca
 137 *New York State RFD Hand Cancels* ~ William J. Hart
 138 *First Days of the 1929 George Rogers Clark Commemorative* ~ Andrew McFarlane
 139 *The International Aerogrammes of China (1948-1949)* ~ David Lu
 140-143 *The Stamps and Post Offices of Australian Forces in Japan* ~ Janet Klug
 144-150 *Usage of the 1928 U.S. Beacon Airmail* ~ Andrew McFarlane
 151-155 *3 cent Handcar - Rochester's First Transportation Coil* ~ Raymond M. Stone
 156-157 *Women of the West* ~ Marge Schleining
 158 *Creatures of the Blue* ~ Danielle Fulmer (Age 11)

Teddy Bear Stamps



New Zealand
 "Safety" Error, 1996
 (Scott #B154, B155)



US Block
 Scheduled for release on
 August 15, 2002



Isle of Man, 1979
 Scott #156



Germany, 1979
 Scott #2038



Japan, 1980
 Scott #1410



Sweden, 1995
 Scott #2135



Australia, 1999
 Scott #1773

Teddy Bear Quiz

(Answers below)

- How many countries have issued stamps with teddy bears on them?
 - 6
 - 23
 - 47
 - 61
 - 101
- What was the first country to issue a stamp with a teddy bear on it?
 - Australia
 - Czechoslovakia
 - Germany
 - Sierra Leone
 - United States
- What year was the first teddy bear stamp issued?
 - 1847
 - 1902
 - 1932
 - 1958
 - 1966
- How many stamps worldwide have been issued with a teddy bears on them?
 - 32
 - 58
 - 80
 - 119
 - 134
- What is the highest-valued teddy bear stamp?
 - Canada, Scott #574 issued in 1975
 - Czechoslovakia, Scott #850 issued in 1958
 - New Zealand, Scott #B154, B155 issued in 1966
 - Finland, Scott #956 issued in 1995
 - Niger, Scott #C113 issued in 1969

Exhibits (Alphabetical, by Exhibitor)

- 35-44 *Otsego County, NY* ~ U.S. postal history as documented on the mail of Otsego County through town marks, rates, services and uses.
William H. Bauer
- 64-73 *The Dominion of Canada: The Small Queens 1870-1897* ~ A traditional exhibit displaying essays, proofs, printing varieties and flaws as well as uses of this definitive issue.
Ronald Brigham
- 107-110 *The 1930 Parliamentary Millenary Issues of Iceland: The Hesshaimer Set* ~ In 1930 Iceland issued a set of 16 stamps commemorating the 1000th anniversary of the Icelandic Parliament.
Nan Butkovich
- 126-132 *First Issue U.S. Stamped Envelopes 1853-1860* ~ Examples of dies, knives, Nesbit seals, watermarks, papers and more.
Dr. Louis T. Call
- 133-135 *Regular Issues of the American Bank Note Company, 1879-1893* ~ Illustrates the regular issue stamps produced by the ABNC from 1879-1893. Essays, multiples, plate flaws and usage on cover are depicted.
Tim Carey
- 98-106 *The Massachusetts Island Counties: Postal History to 1890* ~ Postal history from Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and the Elizabeth Islands tells a tale of inbound and outbound ship and boat mail through its whaling industry glory days.
Douglas & Nancy Clark
- 15-19 *European Castles: Their Evolution and History* ~ Evolution and history of castles from primitive fortifications to Renaissance, including contributions on defensive architecture by Romans, Byzantines and Arabs.
Vincent DeLuca
- 136 *Tango!* ~ A brief history of the sensuous dance.
Vincent DeLuca
- 158 *Creatures of the Blue* ~ This exhibit is about creatures that live in water part or all of their lives. I hope it makes people more aware of their importance.
Danielle Fulmer [Youth - Age 11]
- 137 *New York State RFD Hand Cancels* ~ Government and private issue hand cancellations are used to illustrate all facets of RFD service in New York State.
William J. Hart

Answers: 1-d, 2-b, 3-d, 4-e [Note - three US stamps have been issued: 1981 Christmas non-denominated (Scott #1940), 1994 Christmas stocking (Scott #2872) and 1998 Celebrate the Century (Scott #3182). A teddy bear anniversary block is scheduled for release by the USPS on August 15, 2002], 5-c [\$1,800 - 15 sheets of 100 were issued in two post offices before New Zealand Post recalled the stamps due to a design error in the way the teddy bear was using a car seat belt; 961 were sold before the recall. A souvenir sheet depicting them was also printed but not sent to post offices for sale. Scott #B154 is water-activated; Scott #155 is self-adhesive.]

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- 8-11 *A Multitude of Angels* ~ A thematic look at angels, their origins, myth and legend through the millennia.
Alice Johnson
- 140-143 *The Stamps and Post Offices of Australian Forces in Japan* ~ A special study of the stamps and post offices of Australians serving with the British Commonwealth force in Japan.
Janet Klug [Not in competition]
- 55-63 *German Togo 1885-1914* ~ Forerunners, definitives and postal markings of the German Period. Includes seapost, Stationsstempel, Botentenpost, incoming mail and a World War I usage.
Paul Larsen
- 28-34 *De La Rue Key Plates - Victorian and Edwardian Period* ~ This exhibit explores the development of De La Rue's key plate system from its introduction in 1879 until the end of the reign of King Edward VII.
Graham Locke
- 139 *The International Aerogrammes of China (1948-1949)* ~ One frame exhibit highlighting international aerogrammes from this turbulent period in China's history.
David Lu
- 5-7 *A Perfect "10"* ~ A thematic view of the history and development of women's artistic gymnastics.
Don Many
- 138 *First Days of the 1929 George Rogers Clark Commemorative* ~ A one frame study of one of America's most popular commemoratives through first day uses.
Andrew McFarlane
- 144-150 *Usage of the 1928 U.S. Beacon Airmail* ~ Usages shown capture the growing use of airmail within, from and to the U.S. as well as document the success and failures of airmail service during this time.
Andrew McFarlane
- 81-87 *New York & Chicago Railway Post Office* ~ The development of the Railway Mail Service between New York City and Chicago via the NY Central Railroad and predecessor lines.
Thomas J. Post
- 12-14 *Maps* ~ A philatelic presentation on the history of maps and mapmaking, including their origins, past, present and future.
Abhishek P. Rathod

Origin of the Teddy Bear

There are conflicting stories regarding who created the first Teddy bear, but the two most accepted come from the United States and Germany. Both credit former US President Teddy Roosevelt for the birth of the Teddy bear.

In 1902 President Theodore Roosevelt was in Mississippi conducting meetings over a boundary dispute. He took a day to relax by engaging in one of his favorite activities, bear hunting. It was not a productive day for the President; he could not find a single target.

The hunters that were with him wanted to help him get his trophy, so they captured a young bear and tied him to a tree. When Teddy Roosevelt saw the bear he refused to shoot it. He didn't feel that shooting a captured bear was true to the sport, so he had the hunters let the bear go free.

The *Washington Post* printed the incident for the world to see. Along with the story was a cartoon illustrated by political cartoonist Clifford Berryman. He drew a picture of a bear cub with round eyes and large ears tied to a tree. Next to the cub stood Teddy Roosevelt. The article and cartoon were printed in the November 16, 1902 issue of the *Washington Post*.

Meanwhile, a Russian immigrant named Morris Michtom and his wife, Rose, owned a confectionery and stationery shop in Brooklyn, NY. Rose saw the article in the *Washington Post* and decided to make a jointed, stuffed bear in the image of the bear cub in the cartoon. When she finished it, she attached a for sale sign to it and put it in her shop window, calling it Teddy's bear. Alongside it she put the newspaper clipping. It sold immediately.

Sales of Teddy's bear boomed and soon were taken over by the Butler Brothers, US toy wholesalers. In 1903 they formed the Ideal Novelty and Toy Company and in 1938 changed the name to the Ideal Toy Company.

The Germans' version of how the Teddy bear was born is a little different. They claim the first Teddy bear was created by the Steiff Co., owned by Margarete Steiff.

Margarete was crippled from a childhood bout of polio and was confined to a wheelchair. She enjoyed sewing and began making stuffed toys from felt. Her nephew, Richard Steiff, was an artist and drew some sketches of animals after watching them at a local zoo. One of the animals was a bear. Margarete created a stuffed bear based on Steiff's drawing.

This bear was exhibited in a toy fair in Germany in 1903. It caught the attention of George Borgfeldt, a US wholesaler. He ordered 3000 of the bears to be sold in the United States. Because of the Berryman cartoon, stuffed bears were big sellers in the US and Steiff supplied many of them. As a result, in 1907, Steiff started calling the bears they made Teddy bears.

It remains unknown which version is accurate, but it seems to be no coincidence that the height of the Teddy bear craze coincided with Roosevelt's second term in office, 1905-1909. This causes many to believe that Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States, is truly the father of the Teddy bear.



Jury Panel

The ROPEX 2002 Jury is well-balanced with all major exhibiting disciplines well-represented. The nationally-accredited Judges have come from the East coast, the mid West and the far West.

Thomas C. Mazza, Chairman

Tom's areas of expertise include a very broad knowledge of US postal history. He also has a great ability to assess the structure of an exhibit to bring it to its full potential. This will be Tom's first visit to ROPEX as a judge.

Janet R. Klug

Janet specializes in many areas but her prime expertise is in traditional exhibiting, particularly in the Pacific region. She is the Chairman of the Committee for the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges. We are indeed very fortunate to have her on our 2002 Jury panel.

Col. Stephen Luster

It has been over 15 years since Steve came as a judge to ROPEX, and we welcome his return. He brings extensive knowledge on both thematic and postal history disciplines. Steve is also an accredited international judge.

Alfred F. Kugel

Al was an apprentice judge at ROPEX '96 and we welcome him back as a fully-accredited most-proficient judge. His specialty is military postal history, particularly of Europe, and his numerous exhibits have won many awards.

Kent Wilson

Kent brings to ROPEX his broad knowledge of US traditional philately. His journey to Rochester is the longest, as he comes from Billings, Montana. This will be Kent's first visit to ROPEX and we welcome him.

Mark Hoff, Apprentice

Mark will serve his first apprenticeship at ROPEX 2002. Many of you will remember his beautiful exhibit of the Pan American Exposition material that was shown at ROPEX 2001. We wish him well in his apprenticeship.



Exhibits (Alphabetical, by Exhibitor)

- 125 *Theodore Roosevelt's Timeline*
Marge Schleining
- 156-157 *Women of the West* ~ A story of women who lived in the West: Indians, immigrants and adventurers; also, women writers, artisans and entertainers who enjoyed the freedom of the West.
Marge Schleining
- 111-115 *Great Britain - Underpaid International Mail GPU to World War I* ~ The application of the GPU (later UPU) rules for taxing underpaid international mail and the tax marks used by the British Post Office.
J. Kenneth Snelson
- 1-4 *Early Mineables* ~ A look at early man's treasures and adornments moving to modern uses of mineables.
Eleanor A. Steeb
- 45-54 *Switzerland, 1882-1924: The Cross & Numeral* ~ Production and use of a philatelic workhorse.
Harlan F. Stone
- 151-155 *3 cent Handcar - Rochester's First Transportation Coil* ~ A first day cover exhibit displaying a variety of cachets and stamp combinations for this definitive issue.
Raymond M. Stone
- 88-97 *U.S. Third Class Mail: the First 100 Years* ~ Development of 3rd class mail as a class of U.S. domestic service, 1863-1963, with a very brief look at forerunners, 1845-1863.
Stephen L. Suffet
- 74-80 *1954 Liberty Series Usages* ~ Covers both domestic and international usages of the series including classes of service and fees for services.
Shawn P. Sweeney
- 21-27 *It's In The Cards* ~ An exhibit of stamps, covers, souvenir sheets, and more related to the joy of "playing cards."
Edward Tricomi
- 116-124 *Playing Card Revenues* ~ Classic study of stamps used to collect the tax on playing cards from 1862-1965.
Edward Tricomi



Awards

Grand Champion - winner represents ROPEX at STAMPSHOW 2002 in Atlantic City, NJ [Handmade Teddy Bear]

Reserve Grand - Second Best in Show [Handmade Teddy Bear]

Rochester Philatelic Association Awards

- LRM Popularity Award - Most Popular As Voted by ROPEX Attendees [Plaque]
- ROPEX Youth Award - Youth Reserve Grand [Monetary Gift]
- Virginia Gubler Award - Best Thematic Exhibit by an RPA Member [Perpetual Pewter Tray]
- Andy Hale Award - Excellence in a General Exhibit by an RPA Member [Perpetual Plaque]
- Larry R. Moriarty Sr. Memorial Award - Excellence in an Exhibit Not Winning Grand or Reserve Grand [Handmade Teddy Bear]

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Awards

- Award of Honor - Excellence in Presentation not Earning a National Gold [Cloisonné Pin]
- Award of Honor - Excellence in Presentation not Winning a National Gold [Cloisonné Pin]
- Creativity in Philatelic Exhibiting Award [Gold Medal]
- AAPE Youth Grand - Winner Represents ROPEX in the AAPE Youth "Champion of Champions" [Certificate and Ribbon]

American First Day Cover Society Awards

- Best Exhibit of First Day Covers [Medal Paperweight and Certificate]
- Second Place Award [Certificate]

American Philatelic Congress Award

- Excellence in Written Text in an Exhibit [*Congress Book*]

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 - 1940-1980 Material
- Medal and Ribbon of Excellence - Post-1980 Material
- Medal and Ribbon for Research Excellence

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American Topical Association Awards

- First Place Award Earning a National Bronze or Higher [Medal and Ribbon]
- Second Place Award [Medal and Ribbon]
- Third Place Award [Medal and Ribbon]
- One Frame Merit Award [Ribbon]

British North America Philatelic Society Award

- Best BNA Exhibit [Ribbon]

Empire State Postal History Society Awards

- Best Exhibit of New York State Postal History Earning a National Vermeil or Gold [Waterford Bowl]

Postal History Society Award

- Best Exhibit of Postal History Earning a National Vermeil or Gold [Medal]

United Postal Stationery Society Award

- Marcus White Award - Best Postal Stationery Exhibit Earning a National Vermeil or Gold Not Previously Winning a UPSS Showcase Award [Medal]

United States Philatelic Classics Society Award

- Best U.S. Exhibit up to the First Bureau Issue of 1894 Earning a National Vermeil or Gold and Not Winning this Award in the Previous 24 Month Period [Gold Medal]

United States Stamp Society Statue of Freedom Award

- Best U.S. Exhibit from 1894 Onwards [Medal]

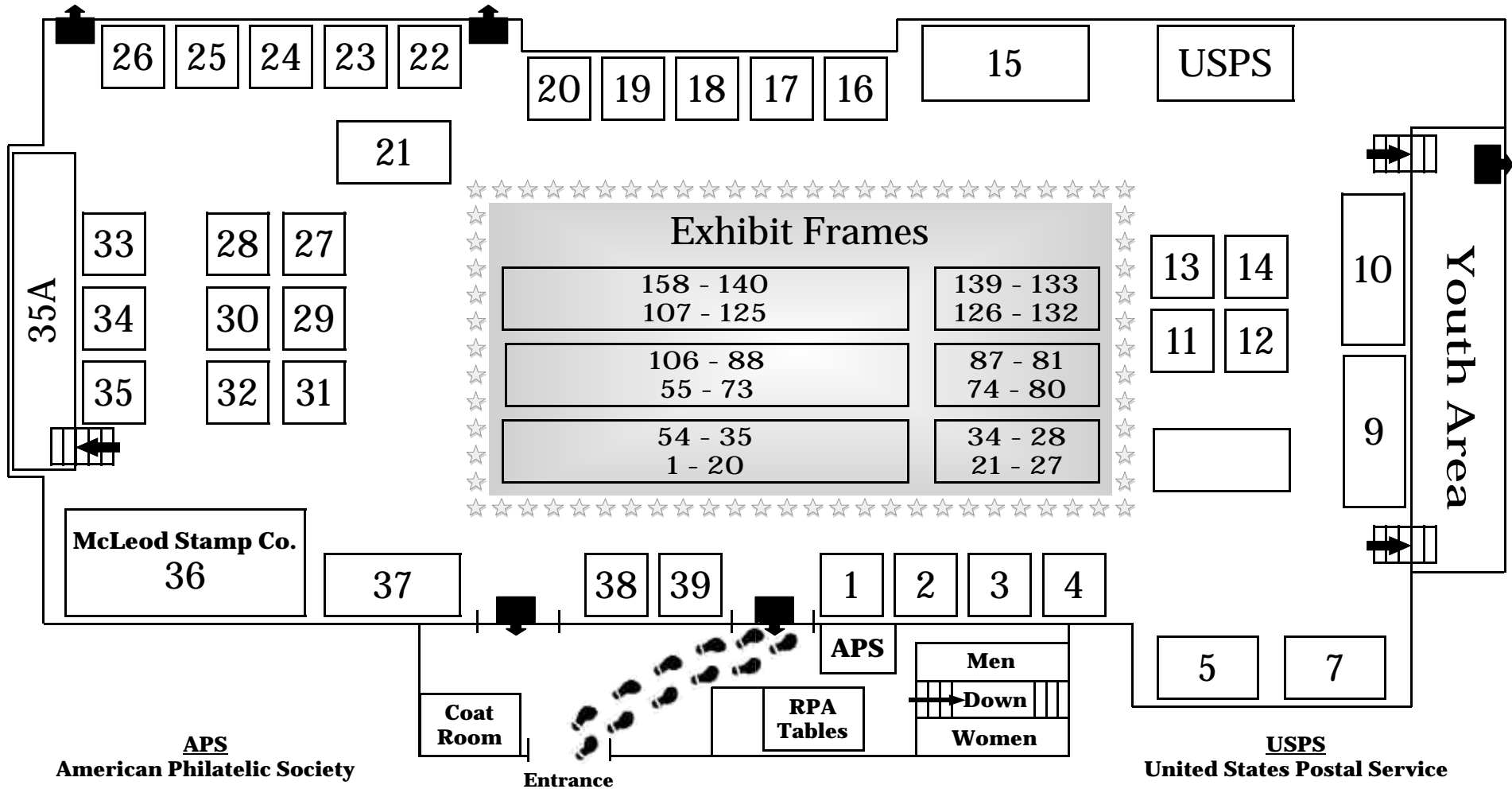


Judges may elect not to give certain awards if no entries qualify. Other awards not listed may be awarded at the discretion of the judges with the consent of the ROPEX Committee.

Floor Plan ROPEX 2001

A World Series of Philately Show

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Booth Assignments (See pp. 12 - 13 for dealer information)

- 1. East-West Philatelics
- 2. Mark Szuba
- 3. Ed Bailey, Philatelist
- 4. Steve Malack Stamps
- 5. Finger Lakes International
- 7. D&M Philatelics
- 9. Whit's Covers
- 10. Edward Beiderbecke

- 11. Bill Biddle
- 12. Hampshire Stamps
- 13. South County Philatelics
- 14. Lawrence Winum
- 15. Al Greco Stamps
- 16. Joseph Y. Rudnick
- 17-18. Discovery Stamps
- 19. Pack-Rat Covers

- 20. Amis Stamps
- 21. David & Joni Allego
- 22-24. Roy's Stamps
- 25-26. Lynn's Covers
- 27. Reid Stamps
- 28. R. Swed
- 29. Donofrio Philatelics
- 30. Phantom Stamps

- 31. Tom's Stamps
- 32. Kingbrook Mail Bid Sales
- 33-34. The Cover Connection
- 35. Lakewood Stamp Co.
- 35A. John Nunes
- 36. McLeod Stamp Co.
- 37. Les Rosen
- 38-39. R. S. Stamp Co.