ROPEX 2015
Rochester National Stamp Show

An APS “World Series of Philately” Event

May 15-17
Greater Canandaigua Civic Center,
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Elvis Presley – Return to Sender

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Welcome to ROPEX 2015

The members of the Rochester Philatelic Association are happy that you could join us for our annual show. The twenty dealers at this year’s show offer a wide variety of philatelic material and we hope each of you will find something new for your collection. This year you will also find coin dealers who we welcome in broadening our show’s appeal to the public.

Take the opportunity to check out the 194 exhibit frames at this year’s show. The Grand winner among the competitive exhibits will represent ROPEX in the APS “Champion of Champions” competition being held in Grand Rapids, MI in August. For more on all the awards our exhibitors are competing for, please visit the ROPEX page on our website.

ROPEX 2015 welcomes the national convention of the Auxiliary Markings Club (http://www.postal-markings.org/). The organization was founded in 2003 by John Hotchner and Douglas Quine with the goal of helping all to understand the origin and meanings of markings, and facilitating the exchanging of material of interest among members. With over 30 charter members, editor Tony Wawrukiewicz published the first edition of their quarterly Auxiliary Markings newsletter in January 2004. Today members come from across the United States, Canada and several countries around the world. Annual club dues are $18 on January 1, 2015.

ROPEX 2015 souvenir covers honor Elvis Presley and Auxiliary Markings related to his hit song Return to Sender. Covers are $7 per set of 3 and may be bought at the show or by mailing a check and SASE (or add $1 per set) to:

RPA, PO Box 10206 Brighton Station, Rochester, NY 14610

We invite you to join the RPA! Meetings take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months between September and June, and only once in November and December on the second Thursday. New location! Meetings are at the JCC of Greater Rochester in Brighton at 1200 Edgewood Avenue in Room A. Buy/sell/trade runs from 7:00-7:30 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:30 PM. Find out more information and get a membership application at the RPA table!

2015 Schedule & Events

Thursday, May 14
8 AM-6 PM.....ROPEX setup (exhibitors and dealers welcome 1-6 PM)

Friday, May 15 - Rochester Philatelic Association Day (11 AM – 6 PM)
8 AM-6 PM......ROPEX Judges’ Deliberation Room (Judging Room 1)
9:30-11 AM....."Early Bird" Bourse- $20 entry for interested collectors and dealers
11 AM............Show opens, Welcome/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, show entrance
11 AM-6 PM.....Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
2-4 PM............Auxiliary Markings Club Board Meeting (Room 1)

Saturday, May 16 - Auxiliary Markings Club Day (10 AM – 5 PM)
10 AM-6 PM......Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
11 AM-Noon......Auxiliary Markings Club General Meeting (Room 1)
Noon-1 PM.......Empire State Postal History Society Trading Hour and Mtg. (Room 1)
Noon-5 PM.......Cachet Makers’ Bourse
1-2 PM............American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors “Open Forum on Exhibiting” (Room 1)
2-3 PM............ROPEX Judges’ Feedback Forum (Room 1)
6 PM.............ROPEX Awards Banquet (Schooner’s, cocktails 6, dinner 6:30 PM)

Sunday, May 17 - Stamp Collectors’ Day (10 AM – 3 PM)
10 AM-3 PM......Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
1-1:15 PM.........RPA Youth “Design-A-Stamp” Awards Presentation (show floor)
1:30-2:30 PM...."A Visual Tour of the Postmark Collectors Club Museum" by Gary Hendren (Room 1)
3 PM.............Show closes, Exhibit Pickup

2015 ROPEX Committee

Awards: Ada Prill
Publicity: Tom Fortunato
Banquet: Ray Stone
Show Program: Fred Haynes
Bourse: Dave Robinson
Site Coordination: Dave Robinson
Cachet and Cancel Design: Tom Fortunato
Staging: Rick Kase
Cachet Sales: Rick Kase
Treasurer: Dave Robinson
Design-A-Stamp: Frank Tritto, Mary Iman
Volunteers: Chuck Schultz
Exhibits/Judges/Palmares: Tom Fortunato
Youth Activities: Mary Iman
Hospitality Table: Chuck Schultz
At-Large: John Lighthouse, Carl Miller, Rich Spinelli (Ex Officio)

2014-15 Rochester Philatelic Association Officers

President: Rich Spinelli
Board (to June 2015): Chuck Schultz
Vice President: Carl Miller
Board (to June 2015): Rick Kase
Treasurer: Dave Robinson
Board (to June 2017): Bob Kingston
Recording Secretary: Fred Haynes
Past President: Tom Fortunato

2015 ROPEX Judging Panel

John M. Hotchner, Falls Church, VA (Chairman)
Robert P. Meegan, East Aurora, NY
Henry H. Sweeds III, Hannibal, MO
Rodney Paige, Thorold, ON
Alan Warren, Extont, PA
### ROPEX 2015 Dealers

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1. **What are Auxiliary Markings?**  Ralph H. Nafziger
   The exhibit provides an introduction to auxiliary markings by showing a variety of examples from sending to receiving post office. (Non-Competitive)

2. **Bordeaux Postal Markings Before the French Revolution 1690-1792**  Francois Brisse
   The exhibit illustrates the postmarks that were used on mail from and to Bordeaux under the "Poste-aux-lettres" administration, before 1792. (Postal)

3. **Solo Usages of Canada’s One Cent Small Queen: 1870-1897**  Allison Cusick
   The many ways a single one cent stamp could carry the mail in Canada in the late 19th century. (Postal)

4. **1838-42 Wilkes Antarctic Expedition: Its many (often unfavorable) facets**  Hal Vogel
   History of the "Wilkes Antarctic Expedition" (1838-42) from its posted mail, related documents and from other contemporaneous Antarctic expeditions (Display)

5. **The Three Milliemes Army Post Stamps 1936-41**  Richard S. Wilson
   This traditional exhibit shows the various forms of these two special stamps and their use. (Postal)

6. **That’s a Postage Stamp?**  Thomas M. Fortunato
   Fun exhibit displays variety of non-traditional postage stamps-3D’s, holograms, CDs, wood, silver, etc. (Non-comp.)

7. **The International Aerogrammes of China (1948-1949)**  David Y. Lu
   A study of the different issues, rates and uses from the first 1948 issue until the Republic of China government withdrew from China in 1949. (Postal)

8. **Jesus**  Tammy Moll
   The life and ministry of Jesus told with stamps. (Thematic)

9. **Making Whitetail Venison Sausage**  George Dekornfeld
   A single frame thematic exhibit in recipe form. (Thematic)

10. **Twisted Caps–Twisted Mail**  Gary G. Hendren
    An auxiliary marking exhibit that shows the problems that occur when a drink company offers a prize for mailing in a bottle cap. (Postal)
ROPEX 2015 Exhibits (cont.) (* denotes RPA member)

11 Wheat Ridge- The Other Christmas Seal  Alan Moll  
Production and usage of the Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals in booklet format from 1910 to 1942. (Cinderella)

12- Frogs & Toads  Sam Chiu  
Exhibit describes family characteristics of Frogs and Toads and their roles in science, literature, the Arts and more. (Thematic)

17- Letters to the Stars!  Regis Hoffman  
A study of Hollywood fan mail, from the silent era to the modern day. (Display)

23- Postal Markings on Mail from Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon  François Brisse  
Early overseas mail from Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon was routed through Halifax, North Sydney or Saint-John's. The exhibit shows examples of the postal markings (Postal)

25- Guatemalan Auxiliary Markings, 1898-1967  David Fine  
Guatemalan postal markings of the period ca. 1898-1967 applied to mail for promotional, attributional, or directional purposes. (Postal)

32- A Postal History of the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1917  Elmer Cleary  
A history of the Mexican Revolution seen through a study of the usages of its postal issues in the period 1910-1917. (Postal)

40- Baseball Centennial... Every Boy a Cover  Jeff Bennett  
Traditional first day cover exhibit for the 1939 stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of baseball. (Illustrated Mail)

50- Auxiliary Markings on U.S. First Day Covers  Ralph H. Nafziger  
The flow of FDCs through the mails, as evidenced by a wide variety of auxiliary markings and postmarks, is shown. (Postal)

57- Woody Guthrie: His Life and His Songs  Stephen L. Suffet*  
Recounting the life of folk musician Woody Guthrie through his song lyrics (Display)

67- James William Denver- The Man & His Times  William J. Johnson  
Tracing the life and importance of J.W. Denver, a 19th century attorney, politician, duelist, and Civil War General via postal history, letters, and other items. (Display)

75- Distribution and Use of United Kingdom One Penny (1d) Perfins 1868-1880  Larry Rausch*  
This exhibit is intended as a study of Great Britain Penny Red commercial perfins. (Postal)

83- Australia- King George V Side Faced Surface Printed Issues 1914-1937  David G. Nickson  
A traditional study of all values. The many printings are identified after considering plate varieties, colour shades, and dates of issue. (Postal)

91- The Marianne de Dulac: Examples of Postal Usage 1945-1955  Alain Benitah  
Examples of utilization of the different values of the Marianne de Dulac series after its withdrawal, and throughout the different rate changes. (Postal)

93- First Days of the 1929 George Rogers Clark Commemorative  Andrew McFarlane  
A study of a popular commemorative through first day use. (Illustrated Mail)

102- The Sullivan Commemorative of 1929  Alan Parsons*  
Background, production, FDGs (official/unofficial), and commercial uses of this 1929 commemorative issued for the American Revolution's Sullivan-Clinton Campaign 150th anniversary. (Postal)

111- The East Branch of the Delaware River  Ada Prill*  
The East Branch of the Delaware River, including the Pepacton Reservoir, as shown in picture postcards. (Non-Competitive)

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Congratulations to all our ROPEX Youth Design-A-Stamp Competition finalists from the Rochester and Syracuse area and as far away as Missouri. Be sure to check out both the Competitive Exhibits and the Court of Honor Exhibits. There is surely something of interest there for everyone.

If you collect stamps you should join the Rochester Philatelic Association! Pick up an application at the RPA Welcome Table!