

Exhibit Awards

Rochester Philatelic Association

- Grand Award (hand-carved wooden stamp box by Russian artist S. Kolesnikoff)
- Reserve Grand (Chinese cloisonné stamp box)
- Single Frame Grand (Limoges porcelain stamp box)
- Frank Tritto Memorial Youth Grand Award (gift certificate)
- Larry R. Moriarty Sr. Memorial Award - Judges' Award of Merit (wooden stamp box)
- Andy Hale Award - Best Non-Postal History Exhibit by a RPA Member (aviation book)
- Dusty Miller Award - Best Postal History Exhibit by a RPA Member (porcelain lilac stamp box)
- Norman E. Wright Memorial Award - Best Railway Exhibit (railway book)
- Rick Kase Most Popular Award - As Voted by ROPEX Attendees (ROPEX paperweight)

American Philatelic Society

- Medal and Ribbon of Excellence - Pre-1900 Material, 1900-1940 Material, 1940-1980 Material, Post-1980 Material
- Medal and Ribbon for Research Excellence

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors

- Award of Honor (2) - Excellence in Presentation Not Winning a Gold (cloisonné pin)
- Creativity in Philatelic Exhibiting Award (gold pin)
- Plans and Headings Award - Best Exhibit Demonstrating These (magnifier)
- Youth Grand and 1st Award- Best Youth Exhibit Winning a Silver or Higher (ribbon, certificate)
- Youth 2nd Award- Second Best Youth Exhibit (ribbon, certificate)

American Philatelic Congress

- Excellence in Written Text (Congress Book)

American Revenue Association

- Best Revenue Exhibit – minimum 3 single or multi-frame entries (medal)

American Topical Association

- First Award- Best Multi-frame Thematic Exhibit- Bronze or Higher (medal, ribbon)
- One-Frame Merit Award- Best 1 frame Thematic- Bronze or Higher (medal, ribbon)

Collectors Club of Chicago

- Exhibit of Merit Winning a Vermeil or Higher Medal and Not Winning the Grand or Reserve Grand (society philatelic handbooks)

Errors, Freaks, Oddities Collectors' Club

- First Place Award for Impactful Use of EFO Material (ribbon, 1 year membership)
- Second Place Award for Impactful Use of EFO Material (ribbon)

Germany Philatelic Society of the USA

- GPS Special Prize for a Meritorious Exhibit of Any Subject Not Winning the Grand or Reserve Grand (publication, 1 year membership)

Lighthouse Stamp Society

- Best Exhibit with a Nautical Component (Fort Niagara Harbour Lights Ceramic Lighthouse)

Nepal and Tibet Philatelic Study Circle

- Award of Excellence- Best Nepal/Tibet/Bhutan/Sikkim Exhibit (English walnut incense burner)

United States Philatelic Classics Society

- Best U.S. Exhibit with Greater than 75% Material up to the First Bureau Issue of 1894 Winning a National Vermeil or Higher and Not Winning this Award in 24 Months (medal)

United States Stamp Society

- Statue of Freedom Award- Best U.S. Multi-frame Exhibit of Postage Stamps, Revenue Stamps or Stamped Paper Winning a National Vermeil or Higher (medal)

Women Exhibitors

- Sterling Achievement Award- Merit for Any Exhibit in Philatelic/Subject Knowledge, Material or Treatment Winning a Bronze, Silver-Bronze or Silver (pin)

ROPEX 2018

May 18-19, Greater Canandaigua Civic Center



ROPEX
STATION

May 18, 2018 - Canandaigua, New York 14424



Honoring the 100th Anniversary of U.S. Air Mail Service
and the 80th Anniversary of
Canandaigua-Rochester Air Mail Service

Friday, May 18

- 10 AM..... Show opens, Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, show entrance
- 10 AM-6 PM... Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
- 2-3 PM..... What Are Revenues? by Ron Leshner (Room 1)
- 6 PM..... Show closes

Saturday, May 19

- 9:15 AM..... ROPEX Awards Ceremony (Room 1)
- 10 AM..... Show opens
- 10 AM-3 PM... Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations
- 11 AM-Noon.. Empire State Postal History Society Trading Hour and Regional Meeting (Room 1)
- Noon-1 PM... American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors "Open Exhibiting Forum" (Room 1)
- 1-2 PM..... Judges' Feedback Forum (Room 1)
- 2-2:15 PM..... RPA Youth "Design-A-Stamp" Awards Presentation (Youth Area)
- 3 PM..... Show closes, Exhibit Pickup

Sponsored by the Rochester Philatelic Association

Welcome to ROPEX

Thanks for visiting ROPEX 2018! Enjoy everything the show offers—diverse dealers, fine exhibits and the fellowship of philatelists from around the country. If you're local, join us the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of most months at 7 PM at the JCC, 1200 Edgewood Ave. Yearly membership is only \$20. Sign up today at the RPA table!

ROPEX 2018 Show Committee

Awards: Ada M. Prill
Bourse: Dave Robinson
Cancel/Cachet Designs: Amy Rau
Cachet Sales: Carl Miller
Design-A-Stamp: Mary Iman
Exhibits/Judges: Tom Fortunato
Hospitality Table: Chuck Schultz
Publicity: Tom Fortunato

Site Coordination: Dave Robinson
Treasurer: Dave Robinson
Volunteers: Chuck Schultz
Youth Activities: Mary Iman and RPA Members
At-Large: Paul Brach, Fred Haynes, John Lighthouse, Rich Spinelli (Ex Officio)

ROPEX 2018 Dealers

- 1 **Tom's Stamps** PO Box 470, Butler, PA 16003-0470
tomsstamps@zoominternet.net (724) 287-1931
Classic US mint/used and worldwide stamps, lots
- 2 **Dave & Joni Allego** PO Box 69, Salem, OH 44460
dallego@neo.rr.com (234) 567-4181
Worldwide covers, cinderellas, picture postcards, ephemera
- 3 **S & C Resnick** 2783 W Lake Rd, Cazenovia, NY 13035
resn@aol.com (315) 655-2810
Postal history, stamps, ephemera
- 4 **Lou Atvell** 24 Bayberry Dr, Rochester, NY 14609-2002
latvell@twc.com (585) 288-4240
US and worldwide
- C1 **Armstrong Cachets** PO Box 24663, Rochester, NY 14624-4663
karmstr2@rochester.rr.com
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- 5 **Thomas Lasseur Philatelic Services** 596 Middle Rd, Union, ME 04862
todd@toddcoverly.com (207) 542-5244
Worldwide wholesale lots
- 6 **Canterbury Stamps** 10 Chaucer Rd, Nashua, NH 03062
adaptron@comcast.net (603) 888-4317
Worldwide, US (singles and mint sheets), topicals
- 7 **McCloud Stamps & Covers, Coins** 109 Maple Center Rd, Hilton, NY 14468
jstoltz@rochester.rr.com (585) 507-3533
US, Canada, Br. Commonwealth, France, US coins

33-40 Washington & Franklin Coils: Third Bureau Perforated Issues 1908-1922

Gregory Shoults - *Twinsburg, OH*

The traditional exhibit features the coil stamps, production material, with domestic and foreign uses of the third Bureau coil issue.

41-45 "FIRE!": Advertising and Illustrated Mail Document Fire-related Subjects, 1817- Early 1930s

Paul Goodwin - *Coventry, CT*

The evolution of fire-fighting apparatus and equipment, fire prevention and mitigation from 1817-early 1930s.

46-50 Regular Issues of the American Banknote Company, 1879-1893

Tim Carey - *Clarence, NY*

Essays, plate proofs, color and plate variations, fancy cancellations, multiples, and usage on cover of the American Banknote Company.

51-58 Multiples of the United States Private Die Proprietary Revenue Stamps: Their Purpose, Use, and Variety

Paul Weidhaas - *Newfield, NY*

A comprehensive exhibit of the "match and medicine" revenue stamps; their purpose, use, and variety in pairs, strips, and blocks.

59-66 The Prexie Coils

Bill DiPaolo - *University Park, FL*

Stamps and usages of the coil format stamps of the 1938 Presidential series.

67-76 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamps

Charles J. Ekstrom III - *Glastonbury, CT*

Traditional exhibit showing the federal duck hunting stamps from its inception in 1934 through 2017.

77-86 Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War 1862-1872

John Lighthouse* - *Rochester, NY*

This revenue fiscal history exhibit is focused on the First Issue revenue stamped documents taxable under the Tax Act of 1862, Schedule B.

87-88 Nepal Moth Series- What Could Go Wrong?

Douglas Hatch - *Cortland, NY*

Using a company in India that never printed postage stamps, the three souvenir sheets promoting moths of Nepal had some problems.

89-95 Rates and Usages of the One Cent United States Presidential Stamp: 1938-1958

Stephen L. Suffet* - *Sunnyside, NY*

Postal history exhibit shows usages of the 1¢ Prexy to document the basic U.S. postal rate structure of the time.

96-104 Wei Hai Wei, China, 1895-1949

Sam Chiu, Ph.D. - *North York, ON*

Postal history for the British leased territory of Wei Hai Wei is shown for its British and Chinese Post Offices.

105-114 United States Domestic Letter Rates, Act of 1792 Through the Act of 1872

Robert P. Meegan* - *East Aurora, NY*

A study of domestic letter rates from the First Federal Act to 1883, and the social and economic factors applicable to the U.S. postal system.

The Judges

Stephen Reinhard (jury chair, Mineola, NY) is past President of the American Philatelic Society, having also served as APS Vice President and CANEJ Chairman and holding top level positions in many premier national and international philatelic groups, including The Collectors Club, Philatelic Foundation, the FIP Aerophilately Commission and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Ronald E. Leshner (Easton, MD) specializes in revenue philately. His writings and research frequently appear in "The American Philatelist," "The American Stamp Dealer & Collector," "The American Revenuer" and "State Revenue News." He has twice been a guest curator with The Smithsonian National Postal Museum, most recently the revenue stamp frames in the Gross Gallery.

Jeffrey Shapiro (Marlborough, MA) is a 30+ year American Philatelic Society member and current Vice President. A member of four Boston-area stamp clubs and several national organizations, Jeff is current Vice President of the United States Stamp Society, a Board member of the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum and for the past 20 years chairman of another APS WSP exhibition, "Philatelic Show," held annually in Boxborough, MA.

Court of Honor Exhibits

- H1 North America Catapult, LZ 127 and LZ 129 Zeppelin Mail, to and from Mexico**
Chief Judge Stephen Reinhard - *Mineola, NY*
Aerophilately to and from Mexico via ship to shore catapults, the Graf Zeppelin and Hindenburg used to expedite air mail service from 1929 to 1936.
- H2-H5 1938's National Air Mail Week** Judge Jeffrey Shapiro - *Fayetteville, MA*
A selection of covers prepared to celebrate the 20th anniversary of air mail service in the United States, May 15-21, 1938.
- 7 3.2 Wine - The "Midnight" Compromise: A Fiscal and Commercial History**
Judge Ronald E. Leshner - *Easton, MD*
The story of the payment of tax on 3.2% alcohol wine and fermented fruit juice over seven months in 1933 near the end of Prohibition.

Competitive Exhibits (* denotes a Rochester Philatelic Association member)

- 1 St. Louis Pioneer Air Mail, October 4-8, 1911** Gary G. Hendren - *Maryland Heights, MO*
A look at the markings and usages of mail posted during the pioneer air mail event in St. Louis in 1911.
- 2 Along The Shantung Railway, China: German Postal Administration 1900-1914**
Louis P. Pataki - *Norwalk, CT*
Postal History. Development of the postal system associated with the Shantung Railway.
- 3 Toward United Nations** Fran Adams - *San Diego, CA*
The Five Cent Commemorative Issue of 1945.
- 4 Making Whitetail Venison Sausage** George DeKornfeld - *Hobart, NY*
A thematic exhibit in recipe form.
- 5 The Mesozoic Times** Fran Adams - *San Diego, CA*
The Magazine Where Prehistory meets Philately (Issue #1, 2016).
- 6 Compulsory Registration – Israel** Howard Rotterdam - *Hollywood, FL*
An examination of Israeli Compulsory Registration - An unusual postal service heavily used in Israel in the 1950's.
- 8 The Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park and Its Three Naval Vessels**
Jacob Liebson (Youth-Age 11) - *Solon, OH*
Covers relating to the three US navy vessels now museum ships at Buffalo, New York.
- 9 The 8.4 Cent Americana Piano Coil** Rebecca Liebson (Youth-Age 14) - *Solon, OH*
Traditional exhibit of the bulk rate 8.4 cent piano stamp of 1978, with varieties, precancels, and uses.
- 10-13 Andrew Jackson and the Black Jacks** John Flannery III* - *Rochester, NY*
A brief yet comprehensive overview of the design, essays, proofs, specimens, varieties and uses of this iconic stamp issue of 1863.
- 16-20 Compliments of the Season: Christmas & New Year Greetings from U.S. Rural Carriers**
Darrell Ertzberger - *Arlington, VA*
This exhibit explores Christmas New Year greeting souvenirs and postcards given by rural carriers to their patrons from early 20th century to present day.
- 21-28 The 9-Cent Alamo Stamp and Its First Day Covers** Jane King Fohn - *Converse, TX*
A study of the stamp itself, first day memorabilia, first day covers, and the stamp used on domestic and international mail.
- 29-30 Abraham Lincoln on United States Stamps** Ed Bailey* - *Syracuse, NY*
Abraham Lincoln as depicted on over 50 U.S. stamps in chronological order in a variety of formats.
- 31-32 United States Two Cent Reds 1901-1932** Ed Bailey* - *Syracuse, NY*
All two cent red stamps issued by the U.S. between 1901 and 1933 meant to pay the domestic letter rate shown in many formats.

- 8 Doubleday Postal History** PO Box 70, Rindge, NH 03461
doub@worldpath.net (603) 899-9085
US postal history
- 9 Al Greco Stamps** 1190 Nolan Rd, Macedon, NY 14502
alfredgreco@verizon.net (315) 986-7948
US and worldwide stamps, US and Canadian revenues
- 10 1840-1950 Mostly Stamps** PO Box 423, Milford, NH 03055-0423
hstamps@jlc.net (603) 673-7180
US, British Empire, worldwide and Scott catalogues
- 11 Laurence L. Winum** PO Box 247, Walden, NY 12586-0247
winum@frontiernet.net (800) 914-8090
US and Germany stamps and covers
- 12 R.J. Associates** PO Box 774, Bradford, PA 16701-0774
cry@atlanticbb.net (814) 362-4471
US, topicals, foreign classics
- 13 Donofrio Philatelics** 110 Chestnut Dr, Rochester, NY 14624
loofer@rochester.rr.com (585) 747-7218
US, Canada and worldwide stamps
- 14 Ed Bailey, Philatelist** PO Box 2338, Syracuse, NY 13220
merristamp@aol.com (315) 452-0593
US and worldwide stamps, US coins
- 15 Stamp Smith** 1212 NE 96th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64155-2149
smidale@umkc.edu (816) 734-4536
Topicals, US, worldwide and covers

The American Topical Association's table is right next to **Stamp Smith**. Dale Smith is president of the ATA, the world's largest philatelic organization specializing in collecting by subject. Find out more about the ATA by visiting with Dale and learning about the many benefits of ATA membership.

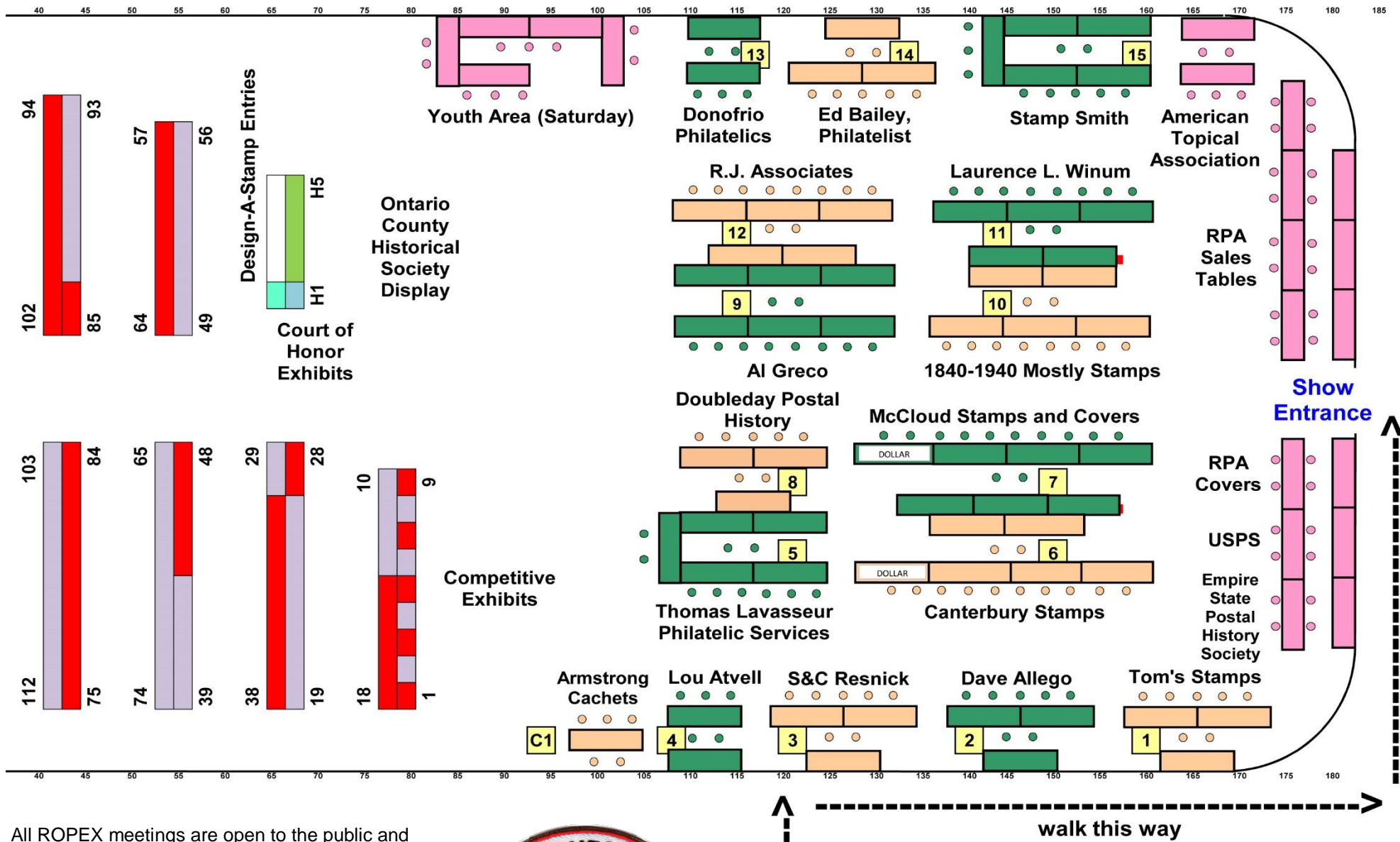
We are grateful to two Canandaigua based organizations for their participation at ROPEX 2018.

The Ontario County Historical Society at 55 North Main Street (585-394-4975) has a display of local air mail related material in front of our Court of Honor.

The Granger Homestead and Carriage Museum at 295 North Main Street (585-394-1472) hosted a reception for ROPEX visitors on Thursday.

Both have philatelic displays related to the 1938 air mail anniversary and area communities at their respective museums. Call for further information and hours of operation.





All ROPEX meetings are open to the public and take place in Meeting Room 1 off the main hallway. See the schedule of events found on the program cover.

Make sure to visit the RPA tables for 10 cent worldwide stamps, a large selection of used US stamps from the past 30 years, covers, better items and collections for sale. All proceeds support the club's year-round club activities. Donations are accepted and may be tax deductible under 501(c)3 guidelines.



The RPA was saddened to lose three very active members since our last ROPEX, Rick Kase, Bob Kingston and Frank Tritto. All were former club and committee officers. They will be especially missed this year.

Building Entrance

Meeting Room 1

walk this way