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Plan Now to Exhibit at STAMPSHOW 2009 in Pittsburgh



Prospectuses and entry forms are now available for the Open Philatelic Exhibition and Literature Exhibition at APS STAMPSHOW 2009 August 6–9, 2009. Co-sponsored by the United States Postal Service and the American Stamp Dealers Association, the 123rd annual American Philatelic Society convention, exhibition and bourse will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, 1000 Fort Duquesne Boulevard, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The deadline for the receipt of completed entry forms and fees is May 1 for philatelic exhibits, and May 8 for philatelic literature. However, the STAMPSHOW philatelic exhibition is almost always oversubscribed, and the Open Competition is frequently filled by April.

Because entries are accepted in the order in which they are received, prompt submission is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

In the Philatelic Exhibition, Peter McCann of Florida will chair a jury consisting of judges Ed Andrews of Pennsylvania, Tim Bartshe of Colorado, Al Kugel of Illinois, Kent Wilson of Montana, Steve Schumann of California, Ross Towle of California, David Herendeen of Nevada, and Richard E. Drews of Illinois.

The philatelic exhibition will consist of approximately 900 frames. Of these, 300 are reserved for the annual Champion of Champions competition between prior grand award winners of all World Series of Philately national shows for the previous year.

The remaining 600 frames will be broken down roughly as follows: General Class — 450, Youth — 40, Single Frame — 20, Postcard — 50 and Noncompetitive — 40. All General Class divisions including Postal, Cinderella, Display, Illustrated Mail, Postcard, Revenue, and Thematic are welcome, although it is anticipated that the bulk of these frames will be for the Postal Division. The grand award winner at STAMPSHOW 2009 will qualify to participate in the World Series of Philately competition at APS STAMPSHOW 2010 to be held August 12-14, 2010, at the Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia.

Exhibitors who want to see how their exhibit might fare in international competition can exercise the “FIP” option for a \$25 fee, in addition to and independent of the regular judging. The results, which include a point breakdown and written comments, are only for the information of the exhibitor. FIP Option judges will be Jim Mazepa of Florida, and Roger Schnell of Florida.

The Literature Exhibition showcases philatelic publications, including handbooks, special studies, catalogs, periodicals, articles, columns and radio or television productions since January 1, 2007. Ken Trettin of Iowa will chair the jury consisting of judges Dan Warren of Virginia and Guy Dillaway of Massachusetts. Electronic media are eligible for submission as well as printed media. Two copies of each item in the Literature Exhibition must be submitted for judging no later than May 8, 2009.

Exhibitors may obtain prospectuses and entry forms online at www.stamps.org/stampshow/exhibits.htm, by writing to the American Philatelic Society, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823-1367, calling 814-933-3803 extension 217, sending a fax to 814-933-6128, or by e-mail message to stampshow@stamps.org.

In addition to the thousands of pages of exhibits, STAMPSHOW 2009 in Pittsburgh will include approximately 175 dealer booths, over 100 society meetings and seminars, and many other popular activities for collectors of all ages and interests. For information on APS STAMPSHOW 2009 show hotels, visit www.stamps.org/stampshow/Travel.htm.

