



NAPEX 2017 PROSPECTUS & ENTRY FORM
An American Philatelic Society-Accredited National Level Exhibition

The National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D.C., Inc.
42nd National Stamp Exhibition

June 9-11, 2017

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner
7920 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102
(DO NOT SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THIS ADDRESS)

ENTRY FORM CLOSING DATE: APRIL 15, 2017

**Applications can also be submitted electronically and all fees paid using PayPal.
Visit <http://www.napex.org/exhibits.html>**

Exhibitor's Name: Email:

Mailing Address: Telephone:

Exhibit Title:.....

Description:

Limit 25 words. May be edited or omitted from the printed program at the show committee's sole discretion.

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Number of Frames Requested:

If you do not wish your name used in the program or palmares, please provide the pseudonym

under which you wish to be listed:

If you do not want the title page and synopsis posted on the NAPEX website, opt out here:

Indicate Classification of Exhibit (see the seventh edition of the **APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting** for explanations of these classes and divisions):

- General
- One Frame
- Youth
- Non-competitive

Please indicate **society affiliations** or other criteria, as they apply. This may be used for determination of award eligibility.

Exhibitor is a member of:

- Collectors Club of New York
- France and Colonies Philatelic Society
- Society for Czechoslovak Philately

Exhibitor is entering as:

- First time exhibitor

FEES REMITTED:

Total enclosed for multiframe exhibits @ \$15.00 per frame (Youth *gratis*) \$.....

Total enclosed for one frame exhibits @ \$30.00 per frame (Youth *gratis*) \$.....

Total enclosed as deposit against return postage and insurance (Mail-ins only) \$.....

Total enclosed for advance purchase awards banquet tickets @ \$60 each
(*Banquet tickets purchased at the show will be \$65*) \$.....

Total enclosed \$

Exhibit will be delivered by: Self Agent* Mail**

Exhibit will be returned by: Self Agent* Mail**

* If this box is checked, provide the Agent's name:

** If this box is checked, ***you must mail the exhibit to arrive between June 2 and June 7, 2017, and*** provide return Express Mail fees. *NAPEX strongly recommends the use of USPS EXPRESS Mail both to and from the exhibition. **The address for mail-in exhibits is: NAPEX, P.O. Box 15030, Silver Spring, MD 20914-5030. If for any reason you cannot ship to the post office box, please contact NAPEX in advance to discuss alternate arrangements.***

I, the undersigned, have read the rules for exhibiting and hereby certify that I am eligible to exhibit under the terms outlined therein. I further understand that if accepted as an exhibitor, I will be responsible for insuring my exhibit, and agree that no liability for loss or damage to any of the materials exhibited will attach to NAPEX and its officers, directors, committee members, or representatives; nor to the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner and its employees or departments.

I agree that the decision of the judges is final and release and hold harmless the judges and the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging.

Exhibitor's Signature: Date:

Please complete this form in type or block letters, and return with *ten copies of the title page and/or synopsis of the exhibit*, and a check *in US funds, made payable to NAPEX*, for all applicable fees to:

**NAPEX
P.O. Box 15030
Silver Spring, MD 20914-5030**

For questions or further information please contact Exhibits Chairman John Schorn at jschorn@gmail.com.

NAPEX 2017
Rules of the Exhibition

A: ELIGIBILITY

1. **NAPEX** is open to all collectors who conform to the rules contained in this Prospectus, and apply on the Official Entry Form, regardless of philatelic affiliation.
2. All material exhibited must be owned by the individual (or an immediate family member) whose name appears on the Official Entry Form. Material with dual or corporate ownership entered for competition is respectfully declined.
3. The exhibit must not contain material being offered for sale during the course of the show.
4. An exhibit whose material was purchased or inherited substantially intact may not be exhibited until at least 50% of its content is composed of material from other sources.
5. Junior exhibitors must be age of 21 or under as of January 1, 2017.
6. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at a previous **NAPEX**, won the APS-sponsored Champion of Champions competition, won an International Grand Prix, or won three Large Gold medals at the international level, are not eligible to compete.
7. No exhibit may be shown competitively in two consecutive years.
8. Exhibitors' names will appear in the program and will be used in conjunction with the awards. To remain anonymous, exhibitors must so advise the Exhibits Committee on the entry form and furnish a pseudonym.

B: EXHIBITS

1. *General Competition Exhibits* must comprise a minimum of two frames and a maximum of ten frames. *Youth Competition Exhibits* must comprise a minimum of one frame and a maximum of five frames.
2. An exhibitor may request consideration of more than one exhibit by submitting separate entry forms for each exhibit. No more than two exhibits per exhibitor will be accepted, whether multiframe, single frame, or a combination.
3. The exhibit must be mounted on pages, numbered on the back in sequential order. Each page must be enclosed in a transparent sheet protector, closed on at least three sides.
4. Exhibits must not show the name of, or otherwise identify, the owner of the exhibit, although the name and address is permitted on exhibited covers.
5. Forgeries must be so identified; failure to do so may result in the exhibit being downgraded or disqualified.
6. With the exception of the final preparation of the exhibit pages, all work must be that of the exhibitor.

C: FRAMES AND FLOOR PLAN

1. Exhibits will be displayed in 3ft. by 4ft. standard (Ameripex-type) aluminum frames which hold 16 pages (up to 9 by 12 inches) mounted in rows of four pages. Entries with larger, vertical or odd-sized pages may be accommodated but **must** receive the prior approval of the Committee before they can be accepted.
2. Every effort will be made to avoid splitting an exhibit between rows or turn a corner, but the Committee reserves the right to place exhibits according to its own plan. Committee decisions are final.

D: JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. All exhibits will be judged and awards made in accordance with the current (seventh edition of the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting*).
2. The Committee will make every effort to obtain special awards and make them available to the jury. These awards will be made at the discretion of the jury and in compliance with the criteria established by their donors.
3. The winner of the **NAPEX** Grand Award shall be eligible for, and will be expected to enter, the APS Champion of Champions competition.
4. All awards will be presented at the **NAPEX** Awards Banquet, to be held Saturday, June 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Banquet tickets may be purchased at the show or ordered on and paid for along with the entry form.

E: EXHIBIT CLASSIFICATION

1. In the General Class, exhibit divisions are used to assist in the arrangement of exhibits and to determine eligibility for special awards. Exhibitors should select the division on the entry form that best describes their exhibit. However, the jury may reclassify an exhibit into a different division. The jury's decision will be final and without appeal.

F: LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

1. **NAPEX** will take all practical precautions to ensure exhibit safety and proper handling during the exhibition, including 24-hour professional security surveillance. However, no liability for loss or damage to any of the materials exhibited will attach to National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D.C., Inc. and its officers, directors, committee members, or representatives; or the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner and its employees or departments, for any loss or damage whatsoever to any material, whether submitted for competition or not for competition, arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.

2. No individual security arrangements can be made by an exhibitor without the prior approval of the Committee.
3. Any desired insurance is the exhibitor's sole responsibility. Any coverage obtained should include the period of the show and the time the exhibit is in transit to and from the exhibition, or in storage.

G: LOGISTICS

1. Exhibits will be mounted Thursday, June 8, 2017. The Committee will mount mailed-in exhibits. Exhibitors desiring to mount their own exhibits should arrive at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM.
2. Exhibits will be dismantled starting as soon as possible after the close of the NAPEX exhibition on Sunday, June 11, 2017, in order determined by lottery. For security reasons, no exhibit may be dismantled earlier (travel plans should be made accordingly). The exhibit may be removed thereafter only when signed for by the exhibitor or duly authorized agent (as indicated on the entry form), and only when checked out and released by the Committee.
3. Mailed-in exhibits will be returned using USPS Express Mail. If the exhibitor has made a deposit against return postage charges, they will be billed for postage that exceeds their deposit and receive a refund of any unused portion over \$5.
4. Exhibitors mailing their exhibit should send it to arrive between June 2 and June 7, 2017. **The address for mail-in exhibits is: NAPEX, P.O. Box 15030, Silver Spring, MD 20914-5030**

H: FEES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Space for a 25-word (or less) description of the exhibit is provided on the Entry Form. Due to space limitations, descriptions may be edited or omitted entirely from the printed program at the show committee's sole discretion.
2. To assist the judges in evaluating the exhibits, ten (10) copies of the Title Page and/or synopsis of the exhibit **must accompany** the entry form. These may be modified at a later date, if so desired.
3. General and Picture Postcard Class entry fees are \$15.00 per frame; Single Frame Class entry fees are \$30.00 per exhibit. Youth Class exhibit entry fees are gratis. Banquet tickets are \$60.00. Fees and return postage must be paid at the time of submission of the entry form. Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to NAPEX. Alternatively, payment may be sent via PayPal to paypal@napex.org.
4. Official entry forms and fees may be mailed to: NAPEX, P.O. Box 15030, Silver Spring, MD 20914-5030
5. The Exhibits Chairman may be reached by email at jschorn@gmail.com.
6. Acceptances will be mailed as soon as practical. Entry fees will be returned only in the event an exhibit is not accepted by the show committee. Entry fees will not be refunded for any other reason.
7. The Committee reserves the right not to accept any exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors are advised that entries from members of convening societies will receive preference for frame allocation.

I: GENERAL

1. Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition and not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be decided by the Committee at its sole and absolute discretion, whose decision shall be final.
2. Signing of the Official Entry Form by either the exhibitor or the exhibitor's duly authorized agent shall signify understanding and unqualified acceptance of all rules, regulations, and conditions printed in this Prospectus.
3. Latest details of **NAPEX** may be obtained from the show website: www.napex.org

IMPORTANT DATES

April 15, 2017	Closing date for receipt of Entry Form, title page &/or synopsis
May 15, 2017	Latest date for receipt of revisions of title page & synopsis
June 2, 2017	Earliest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive*
June 7, 2017	Latest date for arrival for mailed-in exhibits*
June 8, 2017	Exhibit mounting; exhibitors mounting their own exhibits may do so between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
June 9, 2017	NAPEX opens at 10:00 am
June 10, 2017	NAPEX Awards Banquet at 7:00 pm (tickets may be purchased on the entry form or at the show).
June 11, 2017	NAPEX closes at 4:00 pm. Exhibit dismantling begins as soon as possible after 2:00 p.m.

*Packages mailed from overseas must clear customs and can take over two weeks to arrive; plan accordingly.