



WISCOPEX 2012

Hosted by the Badger Stamp Club

April 15, 2012 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom, 4402 E. Washington Ave., Madison, WI
(Hwy. 151 and across from East Towne Mall)

PROSPECTUS FOR EXHIBITORS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – DATES – TIMES

Submit entries early – exhibit space reserved on a first-come, first-served basis

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- March 15 – closing date for receipt of Entry Form
- April 5 – title/plan page and/or synopsis due (optional for Youth competition)
- April 13 – latest date for receipt of exhibits to be mounted by Exhibits Committee
- April 15 (7 a.m.) – owner or owner-agent mounting begins
- April 15 (8:30 a.m.) – all exhibits must be mounted
- April 15 (2 p.m.) – Judges' Critique at the frames
- April 15 (3:30 p.m.) – Awards Ceremony
- April 15 (4 p.m.) – exhibit dismounting begins

ELIGIBILITY

1. Exhibitors in the **Open (including Display), Single-Frame and Club Team Divisions** must be members in good standing of a club in the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. Any Wisconsin youth (18 or under) is eligible to exhibit regardless of philatelic affiliation. Youth will be judged in the **Youth Division**.

2. Best of Show exhibits from WISCOPEXes 2007-11 are not eligible for the WISCOPEX 2012 **Open** competition unless there is a minimum of 20 percent change, defined as reworking, additional material, philatelic knowledge and research, attested to by the exhibitor.

3. Due to the lack of the required number of qualifying exhibits, WISCOPEX 2012 will not include a **Champion of Champions** competition.

EXHIBITS AND FRAMES

1. All exhibited material must be the property of the exhibitor and must be authentic or otherwise clearly identified.

2. All exhibits must be mounted on 8½-inch by 11-inch pages. Use of sheet protectors is required. Pages must be numbered consecutively on the reverse side and include the name and address of the exhibitor.

3. Each frame holds 16 pages.

FEES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Exhibitors must complete an Entry Form. A separate form must be completed for each exhibit. Entry forms and fees must be received no later than **March 15, 2012**. Checks must be made payable to the Badger Stamp Club. Send entry forms to the WISCOPEX Exhibits co-Chair: Karen Weigt, 4184 Rose Ct., Middleton, WI 53562.

2. Exhibit space will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to five frames per exhibit. (Additional frames may be negotiated after the March 15 entry deadline date.)

3. In case exhibit space is exhausted, later entries will be returned immediately. The Exhibits Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries for any reason and to limit the size of exhibits to encourage maximum participation.

4. Exhibit frames fees are \$8 per frame and \$5 for each additional frame (including non-competitive exhibits); \$2 per frame for youth exhibits.

5. Confirmation of exhibit acceptance will be made to each applicant. Upon receipt of acceptance, the exhibitor must provide a Title/Plan Page and/or a Synopsis to Exhibits co-Chair Karen Weigt by April 5, 2012. Copies will be distributed to judges prior to the show. This requirement is optional for youth exhibitors. The documents may be sent via U.S. Postal Service or email.

LOGISTICS AND LIABILITY

1. All exhibits to be mounted by the Exhibits Committee must be in the hands of the committee by **April 13, 2012**. Such exhibits should be turned over to the Exhibits co-Chair or mailed to the address listed under (1) above.

2. Exhibits will be received and held at the owner's risk and exhibitors must provide their own insurance. All reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of the exhibits and no liability shall attach to the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs for any loss or damage to material submitted for exhibit for any cause or reason whatsoever. This includes the Badger Stamp Club or any of its members or committees, and the Crowne Plaza Hotel and any of its employees.

3. Exhibits that will be mounted by the owner or owner's agent must be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom by **7 a.m. and 8 a.m.** on April 15, 2012.

4. All mounting of exhibits must be completed by no later than **8:30 a.m.** on April 15, and no exhibit may be removed from the frames prior to **4 p.m.** on the day of the show.

5. Entries will be returned as soon as practicable after the close of the show to those exhibitors requesting return by mail. Exhibitors should specify instructions for the return of their exhibits and enclose remittance to cover these charges. There are places to communicate these instructions on the Entry Form.

EXHIBIT DIVISIONS

I. Open (including Display Class): A minimum of two frames but not more than five frames per exhibit. (Only these exhibits are eligible for the Best of Show award, the winner of which may compete for the WISCOPEX 2013 Champion of Champions award.)

II. Single-Frame: Single frames are a maximum of 16 pages. The winner of the Single-Frame Championship will not be able to enter the same exhibit at DANPEX (which sponsors the Single-Frame Championship) for five years unless there is a minimum of 20 percent change in the material defined as re-working, additional material, or incorporating new philatelic knowledge or research as attested to be the exhibitor.

III. Youth: Youth entries must be entered by persons 18 years old or younger. Youth exhibits are judged separately from other exhibits. The same rules and standards, other than WFSC membership, apply to youth as well as adult exhibitors. Pages in each frame may 8 or 16. A parent or guardian must sign the Entry Form.

IV. Club Team: Non-competitive, single-frame exhibits entered by a team of four with a minimum of four pages per person to make four, four-page exhibits per frame.

V. Non-Competitive: As the name implies, these exhibits will not be judged.

JUDGING

1. Two Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs accredited judges will act as jury and the decision of the jury will be final.

2. A judges' critique of exhibits is scheduled for **2 p.m.**

3. Judging and awards will comply with the Rules for Annual Exhibitions as communicated by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Standing Committee on Exhibitions.

AWARDS

1. Open (including Display Class)
one Best of Show
unlimited first-, second-, and third-place ribbons

2. Single-Frame
Single-Frame Champion
unlimited first-, second-, and third-place ribbons

3. Youth
one Youth Best of Show
unlimited first-, second-, and third-place ribbons

4. Special Awards donated by various philatelic organizations/individuals will be offered. Judges will determine which exhibits receive the awards according to criteria specified by the donors. Special awards will be presented at the awards ceremony scheduled at 3:30 p.m.

5. Most Popular Exhibit Award – all exhibits eligible. Voting will be tallied at 3:30 p.m. at the awards ceremony.