



HOTEL RETLAW
FOND DU LAC, WIS.

WISCOPEX 2014

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs
in cooperation with the Fond du Lac Stamp Club

May 17-18, 2014

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sat.) and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Sun.)
Retlaw Plaza Hotel, One North Main St., Fond du Lac, WI

PROSPECTUS FOR EXHIBITORS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – DATES – TIMES

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

Exhibits Committee – Chrmn. Brian Liedtke, 4625 So. Scot Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151, 262-794-3345,
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| May 1 | – closing date for receipt of Entry Form |
| May 7 | – title/plan page and/or synopsis due (optional for Youth competition) |
| May 15 | – latest date for receipt of exhibits to be mounted by Exhibits Committee |
| May 17 (8 a.m.) | – owner or owner-agent mounting begins |
| May 17 (9:30 a.m.) | – all exhibits must be mounted |
| May 17 (6 p.m.) | – Awards Banquet (social hour at 5:30 p.m.) |
| May 18 (1 p.m.) | – Judges' Critique at the frames |
| May 18 (3 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 2008-12 (no show in 2013) are not eligible for the WISCOPEX 2014 **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 2014 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 May 1, 2014. Checks must be made payable to the WFSC. Send entry forms to the WISCOPEX Exhibits Chairman Brian J. Liedtke 4625 So. Scot Dr., New Berlin, WI 53151, 262-794-3345, bjlstamps@yahoo.com.

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 April 17 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 Chairman Brian J. Liedtke by **May 7, 2014**. 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 **May 15, 2014**. Such exhibits should be turned over to a member of the Exhibits Committee 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 Fond du Lac Stamp Club or any of its members or committees, and the Retlaw Plaza Hotel and any of its employees.

3. Exhibits that will be mounted by the owner or owner's agent must be at the Retlaw Plaza Hotel Ballroom by **8 a.m.** on May 17, 2014.

4. All mounting of exhibits must be completed by no later than **9:30 a.m.** on May 17, and no exhibit may be removed from the frames prior to **3 p.m.** on May 18.

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 2015 Champion of Champions award.)

II. Single-Frame: Single frames are a maximum of 16 pages.

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 **1 p.m.** on **May 18**.

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
Best Single-Frame Exhibit
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 6 p.m.

5. Most Popular Exhibit Award – all exhibits eligible. Voting will be tallied at 6 p.m. at the awards ceremony.