



WISCOPEX 2016

Hosted by the Fond du Lac Stamp Club

April 30 - May 1, 2016

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sat.) and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Sun.)
Holiday Inn, 625 Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du Lac, WI

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 31 | – closing date for receipt of Entry Form (except DANEPEx Best of Show) |
| March 31 | – title/plan page and/or synopsis due (optional for Youth competition) |
| April 28 | – latest date for receipt of exhibits to be mounted by Exhibits Committee |
| April 30 (8 a.m.) | – owner or owner-agent mounting begins |
| April 30 (9:30 a.m.) | – all exhibits must be mounted |
| April 30 (6 p.m.) | – Awards Banquet (social hour at 5:30 p.m.) |
| to be determined | – Judges' Critique at the frames |
| May 1 (3 p.m.) | – exhibit dismounting begins |

ELIGIBILITY

1. All adult exhibitors must be either a member of a WFSC member club or a WFSC member-at-large. 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 2011-15 (no show in 2013) are not eligible for the WISCOPEX 2016 **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. To be eligible for the **Champion of Champions** competition, an exhibit must have either:

- won Best of Show at a WFSC local club show between the dates of May 18, 2015 to March 31, 2016 (except for DANEPEx '16 to be held April 10)
- won Best of Show at WISCOPEX 2015, or
- at MILCOPEX 2015, won the highest award among entries by WFSC members in Open 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 31, 2016 (except DANEPEx '16 Best of Show). Checks must be made payable to the Fond du Lac Stamp Club. Send entry forms to the WISCOPEX Exhibits Chairman David Borchert, N7763 Lakeshore Dr., Fond du Lac, WI 54937, 920-921-0526, david.borchert@yahoo.com.

2. Exhibit space will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 \$10 for the first frame and \$7 for each additional frame (including non-competitive exhibits); youth exhibits and non-competitive four- or eight-page exhibits are free.

5. Confirmation of exhibit acceptance will be made to each applicant. The exhibitor must provide a Title/Plan Page and/or a Synopsis to Exhibits Chairman David Borchert by **March 31, 2016**. Copies will be distributed to judges prior to the show. This requirement is optional for youth and non-competitive four- or eight-page 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 28, 2016**. 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 Fond du Lac Stamp Club, the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs, and the Holiday Inn – their officers, members, employees or volunteers – for any loss or damage whatsoever to material submitted for exhibit.

3. Exhibits that will be mounted by the owner or owner's agent must be at the Holiday Inn Conference Center by **8 a.m.** on April 30, 2016.

4. All mounting of exhibits must be completed by no later than **9:30 a.m.** on April 30, and no exhibit may be removed from the frames prior to **3 p.m.** on May 1.

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. (Only these exhibits are eligible for the Best of Show award, the winner of which may compete for the WISCO-PEX 2017 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. Pages in each frame may be 8 or 16. A parent or guardian must sign the Entry Form.

IV. Non-competitive Four- or Eight-pages: Intended for beginning exhibitors. Suggested theme for 2016 is anything related to the letter "F."

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

VI. Champion of Champions: (See Eligibility 3.)

JUDGING

1. The jury will consist of at least two judges, at least one of whom will be accredited by the WFSC. All jury decisions will be final.

2. Exhibitors will be notified of the date and time of the judges' critique of exhibits prior to the show date.

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. Champion of Champions
one Champion of Champions and Prize
first-place ribbon

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

3. Single-Frame
Best Single-Frame Exhibit
unlimited first-, second-, and third-place ribbons

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

5. 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.

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