WISCOPEX 2024

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs
May 4-5 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sat.) and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Sun.)
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 625 Rolling Meadow Drive, Fond du Lac, Wis.

PROSPECTUS FOR EXHIBITORS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – DATES – TIMES

Submit entries early	–	exhibit space reserved on a first-come, first-served basis
Exhibits Chairman	–	John Paré, 405 Perimeter Rd., Mount Horeb, WI 53572 608-852-7358, pare16@mhtc.net
April 23	–	final date for receipt of Entry Form
April 23	-	final date for receipt of title page, synopsis or plan (optional for Youth)
May 1	–	final date for receipt of exhibits to be mounted by Exhibits Committee
May 3*	–	owner or owner-agent mounting begins
May 4 (9:30 a.m.)	–	all exhibits must be mounted
May 4 (2:00 p.m.)	_	Judges' Feedback at the Frames
May 4 (6 p.m.)	–	Awards Banquet (social hour at 5 p.m.)
May 4 (3 p.m.)	–	exhibit dismounting begins

*late afternoon or as soon as exhibit frames are up and security is available

ELIGIBILITY

1. Adult exhibitors must be a member of a WFSC member club or a WFSC member-at-large. Wisconsin youth (18 or under) are eligible to exhibit regardless of philatelic affiliation. Youth will be judged in the Youth Division.

2. Best of Show exhibits from WISCOPEX 2019-2023 are not eligible for the WISCOPEX 2024 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.

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 or 11-inch by 17-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 (8.5x11) pages or 8 (11x 11) pages. Either is acceptable.

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 April 23, 2024. Make checks payable to the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs. **DO NOT SEND CASH.** Send entry forms and check to the WISCOPEX Exhibits Chairman John Paré, 405 Perimeter Rd., Mount Horeb, WI 53572, 608-852-7358, pare16@mhtc.net.

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 chairman 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 $12 for the first frame and $8 for each additional frame (including Division IV non-competitive exhibits). There is a $10 fee for the first exhibit of less than 16 pages and, thereafter, there is no additional fee. Youth exhibits are free.

5. Confirmation of exhibit acceptance will be made to each applicant. The exhibitor must provide a Title Page or exhibit plan and/or a Synopsis to Exhibits Chairman John Paré by April 23, 2024. Copies will be distributed to judges prior to the show. This requirement is optional for youth and non-competitive two-, four-, or eight-page exhibitors. Documents may be sent via U.S. Postal Service or email.

LOGISTICS AND LIABILITY

1. All exhibits to be mounted by the Exhibits Chairman must be in his hands by May 1, 2024. Such exhibits should be given to the exhibits chairman or mailed to the address listed under FEES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES 1.

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, and the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center - their officers, members, employees or volunteers — for any loss or damage whatsoever to material submitted for exhibit.

3. All mounting of exhibits must be completed by no later than 9:30 a.m. on May 4, and no exhibit may be removed from the frames prior to 3 p.m. on May 5.

4. 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**: A minimum of two frames. Only these exhibits are eligible for the Best of Show award.

II. **Single-Frame**: Sixteen pages.

III. **Youth**: Youth entries must be entered by persons 21 years old or younger. Youth exhibits are judged separately from other exhibits. The same rules and standards, other than WFSC membership, apply to youth. A parent or guardian must sign the Entry Form for youth aged 17 and under.

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

V. **Non-competitive Two-, Four- or Eight-page exhibits**. Intended exhibitors intending to gain experience in exhibiting.

SPECIAL SHOW THEMED EXHIBITS

The show theme for Wiscopex 2024 is **Wisconsin: America's Invention Land** in honor of Wisconsin's rich invention history. In choosing this theme, we hoped to attract exhibits which showcase that history.

Invention themed exhibits can be entered in any division. However, the Federation will waive the $10 entry fee for any Division V, Non-competitive Two, Four or Eight page exhibit that showcases a Wisconsin invention.

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. The judges' feedback will occur at the frames as 2 p.m. on Saturday. Exhibitors will be given notice of any changes to this plan.

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**
   Best of Show – one award
   First-, second-, and third-place ribbons to open class exhibitors.

2. **Single-Frame**
   Best Single Frame exhibit – one award
   KEN GRANT WISCOPEX BEST SINGLE-FRAME AWARD

   Purpose: To honor the memory of Kenneth B. Grant for outstanding service to philately in Wisconsin and nationally, and to provide a Best Single-Frame Award for the WISCOPEX single-frame exhibit category.

   Eligibility: The best of at least two single-frame exhibits entered at the annual WISCOPEX as determined by the judges and placing first- or second-place.

   First-, second-, and third-place ribbons to all single frame exhibitors

3. **Youth**
   Youth Best of Show – one award
   First-, second-, and third-place ribbons to all youth exhibitors

4. **Special Awards**
   Awards donated by philatelic organizations and 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. on Saturday night.

5. **Roland Essig Most Popular Exhibit Award** – all exhibits eligible. Votes will be tallied at 5 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and the award presented at the Saturday night awards ceremony.