

WISCOPEX 2023

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs
May 6-7 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sat.) and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Sun.)
Hotel Retlaw, One North Main St., 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 29 – final date for receipt of Entry Form
- April 29 – final date for receipt of title page, synopsis or plan (optional for Youth)
- May 3 – final date for receipt of exhibits to be mounted by Exhibits Committee
- May 5* – owner or owner-agent mounting begins
- May 6 (9:30 a.m.) – all exhibits must be mounted
- May 6 (2 p.m.) – Judges' Critique at the frames
- May 6 (6 p.m.) – Awards Banquet (social hour at 5 p.m.)
- May 7 (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 2018-2022 are not eligible for the WISCOPEX 2023 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 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 April 29, 2023. 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 29, 2023. 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. The 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 the hands of the chairman by May 3, 2023. Such exhibits should be turned over 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 Retlaw Hotel - 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 6, and no exhibit may be removed from the frames prior to 3 p.m. on May 7.
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 is space to communicate these instructions within the margins 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: Single frames are a maximum of 16 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. Pages in each frame may be 8 or 16. A parent or guardian must sign the Entry Form for youth aged 17 and under.

IV. Non-competitive Two-, Four- or Eight-page exhibits are intended for beginning exhibitors.

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

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. 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

one Best of Show

unlimited first-, second-, and third-place ribbons

2. Single-Frame

one 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

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 5 p.m. on May 6.