

# San Diego Stamp Show 2023

## PROSPECTUS

An APS 'World Series of Philately Philatelic Exhibition

February 24 - 26, 2023

### Rules and Regulations

**1. Eligibility:** Any collector is eligible when conforming to the rules and regulations here in. All material shown must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. Exhibitor's names shall not appear on the faces of pages. Applications must be submitted on an official entry form (or copy), and each exhibit requires a separate form. A current copy of the exhibit's Title and Synopsis pages **MUST** accompany the entry form to be considered for acceptance. Uploading of these documents on our website is preferred.

**2. Frames & Pages:** Competitive frames hold 16 pages (page size up to 9" x 12" or A4) in four rows of four pages each, or larger pages (12" x 12" - 12 pages per frame or 11" x 17" - 8 pages/frame) are acceptable. Each page must be protected within a transparent page protector with the exhibit page number on the reverse. Exhibitors are limited to two multi-frame exhibits and two one-frame exhibits. Multi-frame exhibits are limited to a maximum of ten (10) frames.

**3. Fees:** Adult: - **\$15 Application fee/exhibit plus \$25.00 per frame [multiframe exhibits], or \$35/frame for single frame exhibits; Junior exhibits - \$1.00 per frame (No application fee).** Failure to exhibit after notification of acceptance will forfeit all entry fees. Completed forms with full payment including return postage (checks payable to San Diego Stamp Show, Inc.) must be provided with the exhibit application as per our web site

**4. Acceptance:** The Exhibits Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit without explanation. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent accordingly. Fees will be returned in full for all unaccepted entries.

**5. Classification:** Judging will be on an open competition basis and exhibits may be grouped or arranged as required for convenience of viewing. Exhibit class may be reassigned by the jury at their discretion.

**6. Delivery of Exhibits:** Exhibitors are responsible for mounting and unmounting their own exhibits, unless mailed or other arrangements are made prior to acceptance. Exhibits sent by express, insured or registered mail must use the mailing information provided in the acceptance letter, to arrive between February 15 and 20, 2023. Personally delivered exhibits will be received at the Hilton San Diego Mission Valley Kensington Ballroom, Thursday, February 23, 2023 from 3pm until 6pm. Please check in with the Exhibits Chairman on arrival at the facility.

**7. Security and Liability:** Neither San Diego Stamp Show Inc, Hilton San Diego Mission Valley, American Philatelic

Society, nor any of the volunteers, members, participating societies, committees, officers or employees of these organizations shall be liable for any loss or damage to exhibits arising from any cause whatsoever. No personal tools are allowed in the exhibit hall. Every reasonable precaution, including contracted security personnel, will be employed to safeguard all exhibits against loss while being mounted, in the frames and during take down.

**8. Judging:** Exhibits will be judged in open competition, as per current "APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting" as published on the American Philatelic Society website [www.stamps.org] by a panel of five (5) APS accredited judges. Decisions of the jury are final, and panel discussion is strictly confidential.

**9. Awards:** Nine levels of unlimited standard awards are at the disposal of the jury as appropriate for individual divisions: Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze, Bronze and Diploma. The only direct competition between exhibits will be for the Grand Award, the Reserve Grand and the single frame Grand Award, individual special and society awards, including but not limited to those listed in the program. The Grand Award winner will be eligible to compete in the APS World Series of Philately. The Single Frame Grand Award will be eligible to compete in the AAPE Single Frame Champion of Champions competition.

**10. Return of Exhibits:** Exhibitors may pick up exhibits on Sunday February 26, 2023 between 3pm and 5pm, by presenting proper identification. Exhibitors not retrieving exhibits personally or via agents, must prepay return shipping. Exhibits will be returned no later than Friday, March 3, 2023 by the same method as originally delivered. Exhibitors must clearly identify the delivery and return method for exhibits. **If no return instructions are received, or prepayment is insufficient, exhibits will be returned via parcel post, insured for \$100.00.**

**11. Youth:** Youth shall be less than 18 years of age on January 1, 2023. Signature of a parent or guardian is required along with youth date of birth are required on the entry form.

**12. General:** All questions not provided for in these rules and regulations shall be decided by the San Diego Stamp Show Exhibition Committee. Signing the exhibit entry form denotes acceptance of all rules, regulations and committee rulings.

Address all questions concerning exhibiting to:

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