

San Diego Stamp Show 2025 Palmares

February 22, 2025

Grand Award

Lester Lanphear III - US Officials 1873 to 1884

Reserve Grand Award

Michael Mahler - California's Gold Rush Revenues

Single Frame Grand Award

Hugh Lawrence - China's Non-denominated Domestic Air Letter Sheets (1948-56)

Most Popular Exhibit

Darrell Ertzberger –

Beguiling Orbs of Beauty

Most Popular Dealer

Quality Philatelics

Multi-Frame Exhibits

Large Gold

Lester Lanphear III - US Officials 1873 to 1884 (96)

Michael Mahler - California's Gold Rush Revenues (96)

Dan Walker - Hyderabad: A Princely Indian State (96)

Michael Mahler - Philatelic Scripophily: Taking a Bite from the Bulls and the Bears.
Revenue-Stamped Stock Certificates of the Civil War Tax Era, 1862–1872 (96)

Sam Melamed - Giants of the Sky! Zeppelin Airships and Their Mail: Demonstration Flights 1900 -1931 (95)

Hugh Lawrence - The Hyperinflation that Helped Birth 21st Century China (93)

Art Bunce - Watermarks and Countermarks of the AQ Lettersheets of the Republic of Venice, 1608-1797 (93)

Randy Woodward - Paper to Gold – The Transition of the RSFSR Ruble to the Gold Ruble (92)

Charles O'Brien III - The Eagle Has Landed (92)

Kurt Streepy - 1924 Panama Arms Issue for Use in the Canal Zone (91)

Bradley Wilde - SCADTA: To, From, and Through the Isthmus of Panama (91)

Bob Mustacich - Freak or Fake? Using Fingerprinting to Distinguish between Original and Fraudulent Perforations (90)

Gold

Art Bunce - Chile: The Pan American Conference Issue Of 1923 (88)

Greg Balagian - Lion as a Subject of Inaugural Stamp Issues (87)

Bradley Wilde - Lindbergh's 1929 Inaugural Roundtrip Flight to the Canal Zone (87)

Donald Chafetz - Palestine Printed Matter 1889 - May 15, 1948 (86)

Francis Adams - The United Nations and Palestine: 1947-1951 (85)

Large Vermeil

Mark Loomis - The Bible; From Antiquity to Modern Culture (82)

David Solano - Official Forms for the Provision of Mexican Postal Services (82)

Large Silver

Greg Balagian - Hand-Painted, Hand-Colored, and Hand-Drawn Covers with Animal Name Postmarks (70)

Silver

Edward Rosen - Airmail Services to Palestine/Israel During the Transition Period
March - August 1948 (69)

Silver-Bronze

Edward Rosen - Stamp Collecting in the Holyland... Ottoman Empire to 1975
Israel (63)

Single Frame Exhibits

Large Gold

Hugh Lawrence - China's Non-denominated Domestic Air Letter Sheets (1948-56)
(92)

Michael Mahler - The Rest of the Story: The Remarkable Nevada Revenue-
Stamped Lease and its Extraordinary Backstories (91)

Vesma Grinfelds - Latvia: The First Banknote Stamp and Its Overprints (90)

Gold

Vivek Chopra - The First Attempt to Print Stamps in India: The Lion and Palm Tree
Essays (88)

Mark Loomis - The Southern Rhodesia 50th Anniversary of the Occupation of
Matabeleland Commemorative (88)

Vivek Chopra - Stamps of The Indian Princely State of Jhalawar (85)

Large Vermeil

Paul Holland - Pre-Production items for Chad's Spectacular 9-Color Engraved
PHILEXOCAM Souvenir Sheet (82)

Mike Bass - The Battles of Gaza 1917 (80)

Vermeil

Bruce Wasserman - The Rapid Censorship of Civilian Mail in World War II: 1939 -
1941 (77)

Lester Wadsworth - Companhia de Moçambique Air Mail (77)

Large Silver

Terry Hursh - Tracing My Father's WWII Foot Steps in Coco Solo (73)

Juan Cabuto - Two Elusive Modern Mexican Stamps (73)

Frederick Lawrence - Brazil, 1982 Scouting Issue (71)

Court of Honor – Non Competitive

Darrell Ertzberger - Beguiling Orbs of Beauty

Darrell Ertzberger - Berlin Views: Five Pfennig Crown & Numeral Printed-to-Private Order Cards

Francis Adams - Cancellation Devices of the International Institute of Agriculture, 1906-1946

Charles O'Brien III - Design, Essays, Proofs & Production for the Lexington-Concord Issues of 1925

Francis Adams - Eskimo - Arctic Peoples of the Ice and Snow

Lester Lanphear III - New South Wales Penalty Clause Mail, 1898 to 1902

Mark Banchik - Pretty in Pink; The \$4.30 Mexican 'Exporta' Strawberry Airmail Stamp

Francis Adams - The Complete T. rex

Francis Adams - The Leticia Incident - the Colombian-Peruvian Border Conflict of 1932-1934

Francis Adams - The Mesozoic Times - The Magazine Where Prehistory Meets Philately

Francis Adams - The Oceanographic Institute and Museum of Monaco

Francis Adams - The Seven Schwabians and a Forgotten Rake

Michael Mahler - The U.S. \$15 Mortgage Stamp, 1862-1872: A Fiscal History
Perfect Storm

Sponsored Awards

[American Air Mail Society Medal of Excellence](#)

Sam Melamed - Giants of the Sky! Zeppelin Airships and Their Mail:
Demonstration Flights 1900 -1931

[American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Treatment Award](#)

Dan Walker - Hyderabad: A Princely Indian State

[American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Creativity Award](#)

David Solano - Official Forms for the Provision of Mexican Postal Services

[American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor](#)

Mike Bass - The Battles of Gaza 1917

Terry Hursh - Tracing My Father's WWII Foot Steps in Coco Solo

[American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Encouragement Award](#)

Edward Rosen - Airmail Services to Palestine/Israel During the Transition Period
March - August 1948

[American Philatelic Society Award of Excellence: Pre-1900](#)

Lester Lanphear III - US Officials 1873 to 1884

[American Philatelic Society Award of Excellence: 1900-1940](#)

Sam Melamed - Giants of the Sky! Zeppelin Airships and Their Mail:
Demonstration Flights 1900 -1931

[American Philatelic Society Award of Excellence: 1940-1980](#)

Hugh Lawrence - China's Non-denominated Domestic Air Letter Sheets (1948-56)

[American Philatelic Society Award of Excellence: Post-1980](#)

Charles O'Brien III - The Eagle Has Landed

[American Philatelic Society Research Award](#)

Bob Mustacich - Freak or Fake? Using Fingerprinting to Distinguish between Original and Fraudulent Perforations (90)

[United Postal Stationery Society Porter Venn Single Frame Award](#)

Hugh Lawrence - China's Non-denominated Domestic Air Letter Sheets (1948-56)

[American Revenue Society Medal](#)

Michael Mahler - California's Gold Rush Revenues

[American Topical Association Multi-Frame First Award](#)

Greg Balagian - Lion as a Subject of Inaugural Stamp Issues

[American Topical Association Multi-Frame Second Award](#)

Francis Adams - The United Nations and Palestine: 1947-1951

[American Topical Association Multi-Frame Third Award](#)

Mark Loomis - The Bible; From Antiquity to Modern Culture

[Canal Zone Study Group Award](#)

Kurt Streepy - 1924 Panama Arms Issue for Use in the Canal Zone

[American Philatelic Congress](#)

Randy Woodward - Paper to Gold – The Transition of the RSFSR Ruble to the Gold Ruble

[United States Philatelic Classics Society Award](#)

Lester Lanphear III - US Officials 1873 to 1884

[United States Stamp Society](#)

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[WE - Women Exhibitors Award](#)

Greg Balagian - Hand-Painted, Hand-Colored, and Hand-Drawn Covers with
Animal Name Postmarks

[WESTPEX Award](#)

Michael Mahler - Philatelic Scripophily: Taking a Bite from the Bulls and the Bears.
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Jury

Jan Hofmeyr, British Columbia, Canada - Chair

John Hotchner, Virginia

Lisa Foster, Washington

Igor Grigorian, California

Michael Bloom, Oregon