

# Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2008

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN PHILATELIC EXHIBITIONS (ROMPEX), INC.

An American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately Stamp Show

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Denver, Colorado

### EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- Any exhibitor is eligible to enter up to two exhibits by conforming to these rules and regulations. All exhibits must be entered on the official entry form or a copy thereof. Each exhibit must be entered on a separate form.
- All material must be the property of the exhibitor or of members of an immediate family living in the same household.
- Exhibitor's names shall not appear on the faces of pages, though names and addresses are permissible on covers.
- Counterfeits must be plainly identified as such, or the exhibit may be disqualified.
- Exhibits that have won any of the following are ineligible for competitive awards at Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2008: Grand Award at a WSP show (*during the current exhibition year*); STaMpsHOW Champion of Champions Award; International Grand Prix (*National, International, or Classes of Honor*); Three International Large Gold Medals.
- Exhibitors are eligible for competition as a Novice if they have never won a medal (*Bronze or higher*) at an APS WSP exhibition.

#### 2. EXHIBITS

- **Frames** - Frames hold 16 pages each based on a 9" x 12" page size. Larger pages will be accepted upon written request to the Exhibits Chairman. Each page must be consecutively numbered on the back and must be protected within a transparent cover, preferably closed on two sides and the bottom.
- **Entry Fees** - One-frame exhibits are \$15.00 per exhibit. Two-frame exhibits are \$20.00 per exhibit. All other exhibits are \$8.00 per frame. Junior exhibitors (age 15 and younger at the time of the show) may exhibit free of charge provided the exhibit is a reasonable number of pages in length. Failure to exhibit after notification of the exhibit's acceptance will result in forfeiture of the entry fee. Completed entry forms with payment attached, payable to ROMPEX, must be received by the Exhibits Chairman by April 15, 2008. Should exhibit frames be sold out before that date, entry fees will be returned. A junior exhibitor's parent or guardian must also sign the junior's entry form. The Exhibits Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit in whole or in part, in which case entry fees will be refunded.
- **Synopsis/Title Pages** - Exhibitors **must** send eight copies of their synopsis (no more than 3 pages) and, if available, title page (and exhibit plan for thematic exhibits), with their completed entry form. **An entry received without a synopsis/title page will not be accepted until the synopsis/title page is received.** These pages may be preliminary.
- **Delivery of Exhibits** - Send mail-in exhibits to Jerry Eggleston, Exhibits Chairman, P.O. Box 829, Breckenridge, CO 80424-0829 to arrive no earlier than May 6, 2008 and no later than May 13, 2008. Exhibits may be personally delivered to the Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, 15500 E. 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue (I-70 and Chambers Road) between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2008. Exhibitors who prefer to use other means should arrange with the Exhibits Chairman.
- **Return of Exhibits** - No exhibit will be removed from the frames until the exhibit area has been cleared of all visitors after the exhibition closes at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, 2008. Exhibits not being returned by mail must be picked up by 4:30 p.m. Exhibitors not planning to retrieve their exhibits personally or via agents on Sunday, May 18, 2008 must prepay the return postage of their exhibits. ROMPEX will mail these exhibits after the show closes and no later than May 21, 2008. Exhibits will be returned via USPS Express Mail or USPS insured Priority Mail. **Exhibits will not be returned via USPS Registered Mail.** United Parcel Service is prohibited from carrying stamp exhibits and Federal Express prefers not to.

**3. JUDGING and AWARDS** - Competitive exhibits will be judged in one of six competitive divisions by a panel of five or more APS-accredited judges against the standards established for that division, as described below. Decisions of the judges will be final. They may reclassify exhibits for the benefit of the exhibitors. The winner of the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Grand Award will be eligible to participate in the APS Champion of Champions competition at Hartford, Connecticut, in August 2008.

**Exhibit Divisions:** 1) Postal, 2) Revenue 3) Thematic 4) Display 5) Illustrated Mail, and 6) Cinderella

**Competitive Class** - For those exhibitors who wish to compete under the rules established by the APS for World Series of Philately exhibitions, exhibits will be from one of the six exhibit divisions listed above. Exhibits must be from a minimum of two to a maximum of ten frames. Five medal levels will be awarded at the discretion of the judges: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze. The only direct competition amongst the exhibits will be for the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Grand, Reserve Grand, and Junior Grand awards, and for specialty awards (according to the criteria established by the donor societies).

**Single Frame Class** - The Rocky Mountain Stamp Show jury will judge single-frame exhibits separately per newly proscribed 2005 APS/CANEJ score sheet. Exhibits will be in one of the six exhibit divisions listed above. Five levels of awards will be available at the discretion of the judges: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The judges will also select the best single-frame exhibit for the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show One-Frame Grand Award, Colorado Postal History Society Award (best single-frame exhibit of Colorado postal history), and other specialty awards according to the criteria established by the donor societies.

**Court of Honor and Non-Competitive Class** - The Exhibits Committee will accept non-competitive exhibits by special arrangement only. Court of Honor exhibits are high quality exhibits selected by the featured and attending societies. If you have questions, contact the Exhibits Chairman at the address below.

**4. SECURITY and LIABILITY** - Neither Rocky Mountain Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc. (ROMPEX), its member clubs, any society participating in the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show, the Holiday Inn - Denver International Airport, nor any of their committees or employees shall be liable for any loss or damage arising from any cause whatsoever. Every precaution, including armed guards, will be provided to safeguard all exhibits against loss or damage while being mounted, in the frames, and during takedown. ***EXHIBITORS DESIRING INSURANCE SHOULD PROVIDE THEIR OWN COVERAGE.***

#### **5. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

- Please pay particular attention to how you enter your name, exhibit title, and the brief (about twenty-five words) description. How you enter it on the entry form is how it will appear in the show program and publicity releases.
- The Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2008 bourse will consist of 40 or more dealers and a USPS philatelic booth. Exhibition activities will include lectures and seminars, judges' critique, and the Saturday evening awards banquet.
- Featured and attending societies include the Civil Censorship Study Group, the Military Postal History Society, SAS/Oceania, and the Polonus Society,
- All exhibitors will receive free admission to Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2008 for themselves and a guest, a copy of the exhibition program, one set of cacheted exhibition covers, the palmares, and a certificate of participation.
- An advance registration package will be forwarded early in 2008 to all exhibitors planning to attend Rocky Mountain Stamp Show 2008. This package contains a Holiday Inn reservation form, and price and ordering information for the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show Awards Banquet, Sunday breakfast, and exhibition cachets.

**6. QUESTIONS and INFORMATION** - If you have any questions, contact Jerry Eggleston, RMSS 2008 Exhibits Chairman, P.O. Box 829, Breckenridge, CO 80424-0829 (970-453-1206) or via e-mail at [jfe3@mindspring.com](mailto:jfe3@mindspring.com).