

NAPEX 2012 PROSPECTUS & ENTRY FORM
National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D.C., Inc.
An American Philatelic Society Accredited National Level Exhibition

JUNE 1-3, 2012

SHOW VENUE (DO NOT MAIL EXHIBITS TO THIS ADDRESS):

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner
 7920 Jones Branch Drive
 McLean, Virginia 22102

ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 1, 2012
PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Email address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone No: _____

Exhibit Title: _____

Exhibit Description: _____

Number of Frames Requested: _____

If you don't want your name used in the program or palmares provide a pseudonym: _____

If you don't want your title page and synopsis posted on the NAPEX website, opt out here

Indicate Classification of Exhibit (see current edition of **APS Manual of Philatelic Judging** for explanations of these classes and divisions):

<input type="checkbox"/> General Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Frame Class
<input type="checkbox"/> Postal Division <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Division <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic Division <input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Mail Division <input type="checkbox"/> Cinderella Division <input type="checkbox"/> Display Division	<input type="checkbox"/> Postal Division <input type="checkbox"/> Revenue Division <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic Division <input type="checkbox"/> Illustrated Mail Division <input type="checkbox"/> Cinderella Division <input type="checkbox"/> Display Division
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Class (under 21) -- Indicate your age as of 1 June 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Competitive Exhibit
<input type="checkbox"/> Picture Postcard Class	

Please indicate any **society affiliations**. This may be used for determination of award eligibility.

Are you a member of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> United States Philatelic Classics Society
<input type="checkbox"/> United States Stamp Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriers and Locals Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Confederate Stamp Alliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Philatelic Federation-affiliated club or society

<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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Are you:

- A first time exhibitor
- Entering a one frame exhibit in the NAPEX Alphabet Challenge (2012 letter is "A")

FEES:

Amount enclosed for frame fees at \$15.00 per frame (Youth gratis): \$ _____

Amount enclosed for one frame exhibit(s) at \$30 per frame (Youth gratis): \$ _____

Amount enclosed for return postage and insurance: \$ _____

Amount banquet tickets at \$65 each (Number required: _____): \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Exhibitor plans to attend NAPEX: Yes No

Exhibitor plans to stay at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner (show rate of \$140/night): Yes No

Exhibit will be delivered by: Self Agent* Mail**

Exhibit will be returned by: Self Agent* Mail**

* If this box is checked, please provide the name of the Agent: _____

** If this box is checked, ***you must mail the exhibit to arrive between May 23 and May 30, 2012, and*** provide return Express Mail fees. *NAPEX strongly recommends the use of USPS EXPRESS Mail both to and from the exhibition.*

I, the undersigned, have read the rules for exhibiting and hereby certify that I am eligible to exhibit under the terms outlined therein. I further understand that if accepted as an exhibitor, I will be responsible for insuring my exhibit, and agree that no liability for loss or damage to any of the materials exhibited will attach to National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D.C., Inc. and its officers, directors, committee members, or representatives; or the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner and its employees or departments.

I agree that the decision of the judges is final and release and hold harmless the judges and the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging.

Exhibitor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete this form in type or block letters, and return with **ten copies of the title page and/or synopsis of the exhibit**, and a check payable to NAPEX drawn on a U.S. bank for all applicable fees to:

**NAPEX
ATTN: EXHIBITS
PO Box 16661
Arlington VA 22215-1661**

Fees may also be paid via PayPal using the address: paypal@napex.org.

For questions or further information contact Exhibits Chairman Ken Gilbert at 703-476-4252 or by email at kdgmbq@aol.com.

NAPEX 2012
Conditions for Exhibiting

A: ELIGIBILITY

1. **NAPEX** is open to all collectors regardless of philatelic affiliation who conform to the rules contained in this Prospectus, and apply on the Official Entry Form.
2. All material exhibited must be owned by the person (or an immediate family member) whose name appears on the Official Entry Form. Material with dual or corporate ownership entered for competition is respectfully declined.
3. The exhibit must not contain material being offered for sale during the course of the show.
4. An exhibit whose material was purchased or inherited substantially intact may not be exhibited until at least 50% of its content is composed of material from other sources.
5. Junior exhibitors must be under the age of 21 on June 1, 2012.
6. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at a previous **NAPEX**, won the APS-sponsored Champion of Champions competition, won an International Grand Prix, or won three Large Gold Medals at the international level, are not eligible to compete.
7. No exhibit may be shown competitively in two consecutive years.
8. Exhibitors' names will appear in the program and will be used in conjunction with the awards. To remain anonymous, exhibitors must so advise the Exhibits Committee on the Entry form and furnish a pseudonym.

B: EXHIBITS

1. *General Class Exhibits* must comprise a minimum of two frames and a maximum of ten frames. *Youth Class Exhibits* must comprise a minimum of one frame and a maximum of five frames.
2. An exhibitor may request consideration of more than one exhibit by submitting separate entry forms for each exhibit. No more than two exhibits per exhibitor will be accepted, whether multi-frame, single-frame, or a combination.
3. The exhibit must be mounted on pages, numbered on the back in sequential order. Each page must be enclosed in a transparent sheet protector, closed on three sides.
4. Exhibits must not show the name of, or otherwise identify, the owner of the exhibit, although the name and address is permitted on exhibited covers.
5. Forgeries must be so identified; failure to do so may result in the exhibit being downgraded or disqualified.
6. With the exception of the final preparation of the exhibit pages, all work must be that of the exhibitor.
7. The Entry Form for Literature competition should be obtained from Daniel A. Piazza, PO Box 76846, Washington, DC 20013-6846, or from literature@napex.org.

C: FRAMES AND FLOOR PLAN

1. Exhibits will be displayed in 3ft. by 4ft. standard (Ameripex type) aluminum frames which hold 16 pages (up to 9 by 12 inches) mounted in rows of four pages. Entries with larger, vertical or odd-sized pages may be accommodated but **must** receive the prior approval of the Committee before they can be accepted.
2. Every effort will be made to avoid splitting an exhibit between rows or around a corner, but the Committee reserves the right to place exhibits according to its own plan. Committee decisions are final.

D: JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. All exhibits will be judged and awards made in accordance with the current edition of the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging*.
2. The Committee will make every effort to obtain special awards and make them available to the jury. These awards will be made at the discretion of the jury and in compliance with the criteria established by their donors.
3. The winner of the **NAPEX** Grand Award shall be eligible for, and will be expected to enter, the APS Champion of Champions competition.
4. All awards will be presented at the **NAPEX** Awards Banquet, to be held Saturday June 2, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Banquet tickets may be purchased at the show or ordered on and paid for with the entry form.

E: EXHIBIT CLASSIFICATION

1. In the General Class, exhibit divisions are used to assist in the arrangement of exhibits and to determine eligibility for special awards. Exhibitors should select the division on the entry form that best describes their

exhibit. However, the jury may reclassify an exhibit into a different division. The jury's decision will be final and without appeal.

F: LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

1. NAPEX will take all practical precautions to ensure exhibit safety and proper handling during the exhibition, including 24-hour professional security surveillance. However, no liability for loss or damage to any of the materials exhibited will attach to National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D.C., Inc. and its officers, directors, committee members, or representatives; or the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner and its employees or departments, for any loss or damage whatsoever to any material, whether submitted for competition or not for competition, arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.
2. No individual security arrangements can be made by an exhibitor without the prior approval of the Committee.
3. Any desired insurance is the exhibitor's sole responsibility. Any coverage obtained should include the period of the show and the time the exhibit is in transit to and from the exhibition, or in storage.

G: LOGISTICS

1. Exhibits will be mounted Thursday, May 31, 2012. The Committee will mount mailed-in exhibits. Exhibitors desiring to mount their own exhibits should arrive at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner on that day between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
2. Exhibits will be dismantled starting as soon as possible after the close of NAPEX on Sunday, June 3, 2012, in order determined by lottery. For security reasons, no exhibit may be dismantled earlier (travel plans should be made accordingly). The exhibit may be removed only when signed for by the exhibitor or duly authorized agent (as indicated on the entry form), and only when checked out and released by the Committee.
3. Exhibits will be returned as directed by the exhibitor on the entry form, provided payment in full has been received. It is strongly recommended that USPS Express Mail service be used.
4. Exhibitors mailing their exhibit should send it to arrive between May 23 and May 30, 2012. The address is:

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Arlington VA 22215-1661**

H: FEES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Space for a 25-word (or less) description of the exhibit is provided on the entry form. This description (subject to editing, if necessary) will be used in the official NAPEX program.
2. To assist the judges in evaluating the exhibits, ten (10) copies of the Title Page and/or synopsis of the exhibit **must accompany** the entry form. These may be modified at a later date, if so desired.
3. General and Picture Postcard Class entry fees are \$15.00 per frame; Single Frame Class entry fees are \$30.00 per exhibit. Youth Class exhibit entry fees are *gratis*. Banquet tickets are \$65.00. Fees and return postage must be paid at the time of submission of the entry form. Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to NAPEX.
4. Official Entry Forms and fees must be mailed to:

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5. The Exhibits Chairman may be reached at 703-476-4252 or by e-mail: kdqmbg@aol.com.
6. Acceptances will be mailed as soon as practical after April 1. Entry fees will be returned only in the event an exhibit is not accepted by the show committee. Entry fees will not be refunded for any other reason.
7. The Committee reserves the right not to accept any exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors are advised that entries from members of convening societies will receive preference for frame allocation.

I: GENERAL

1. Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition and not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be decided by the Committee at its sole and absolute discretion, whose decision shall be final.
2. Signing of the Official Entry Form by the exhibitor or the exhibitor's duly authorized agent shall signify understanding and unqualified acceptance of all rules, regulations, and conditions printed in this Prospectus.
3. Latest details of **NAPEX** may be obtained from the show website: www.napex.org

J: IMPORTANT DATES

April 1, 2012	Closing date for receipt of entry form, fees, title page, and synopsis
May 1, 2012	Latest date for receipt of revisions to title page & synopsis
May 23, 2012	Earliest date for mailed-in exhibits to arrive*
May 30, 2012	Latest date for mailed-in exhibits to arrive*
May 31, 2012	Exhibit mounting; exhibitors mounting their own exhibits may do so between 3:00 and 7:00 pm.
June 1, 2012	NAPEX opens at 10:00 am
June 2, 2012	NAPEX Awards Banquet at 7:30 pm (tickets may be purchased on the official entry form or at the show).
June 3, 2012	NAPEX closes at 4:00 pm. Exhibit dismantling begins as soon as possible after 4:00 p.m..

*Packages mailed from overseas must clear customs and even when sent by air, can take more than two weeks to arrive. *Please allow sufficient time.*