



Prospectus and Entry Form 2017 Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition February 2, 3 & 4, 2018

At the
Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
801 North Tamiami Trail (US 41)
Sarasota, Florida 34236
An American Philatelic Society World Series Show
Rules and Regulations Covering the Exhibit

Eligibility

1. The Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition (SNSE) is open to all collectors, regardless of philatelic affiliation, who conform to the rules contained in this Prospectus. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to reject any Exhibit in whole or in part, and refund all fees, without giving reasons.
2. All material exhibited must be owned by the person whose name appears on the Official Entry Form.
3. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at a previous SNSE, the APS Champion of Champions, an National or International Grand Prix, or three International large gold medals are ineligible to compete.
4. Youth exhibitors must be under 21 on January 1, 2018, and have never exhibited as an adult.
5. Exhibitor's name will appear in the Program as per their instructions on the Official Entry Form.

Frames and Floor Plan

1. The exhibition will consist of approximately 200 frames.
2. Exhibits will be mounted in standard AMERIPEX type aluminum frames which hold 16 pages (up to 9 x 12 inches) in four rows of four (or equivalent).
3. When mounted every effort will be made to insure that no exhibit will be split between rows, or turn a corner.
4. The Committee reserves the right to place exhibits according to its own plan, and its decision is final.

Exhibits

1. Adult multi-frame exhibits must comprise a minimum of two frames with a maximum of ten frames. Youth exhibits must comprise a minimum of one frame with a maximum of five frames. One frame adult exhibits are entered in a separate class.
2. An exhibitor may request consideration of more than one exhibit providing a separate Official Entry Form is submitted for each exhibit. ***No more than two exhibits will be accepted from the same person.***
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, preferably closed on three sides.
4. Forgeries must be so identified; failure to do so may result in the exhibit being disqualified.
5. Exhibits must not show ownership or identification, although names & addresses are permissible on covers.

Security and Liability

1. Due precaution will be taken to guard exhibits against loss or damage, including 24 hour security at the Municipal Auditorium. However, no liability shall attach to the Sarasota Philatelic Club, Inc. ; the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition: the City of Sarasota (owner of the exhibition hall); or anyone connected with the show.
2. Insurance of any material is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor and should include time in transit, storage, and while the exhibition is in progress.

Judging and Awards

1. The Committee will appoint a panel of no fewer than five APS accredited judges and an appropriate number of apprentice judges, with a Chief Judge presiding over the panel.
 2. Judging will be on an open Competition basis. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits, against accepted standards of philatelic achievement, and in accordance with the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting -7th Edition. The decisions of the judges are final and without appeal.
 3. Exhibits will be judged on the basis of eight levels of award : Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver/Bronze, and Bronze. There will be no limitation on the number of awards that may be made at any level.
 4. The Committee will make every effort to obtain special awards and make them available to the jury.
 5. A Grand award will be given to the multi-frame exhibit determined by the judges to be the best in the General Class. A Reserve Grand award will be given to the next best exhibit. A Single Frame Grand Award will be give to the best exhibit in the Single Frame Class.
 6. The winners of the Grand Awards shall be eligible for, and are expected to enter, the respective APS Champion-of-Champions competition.
2. ***Eight (8) copies of a Title Page and/or Synopsis of the exhibit must accompany the Official Entry Form.*** The Title Page/Synopsis should be no more than one (1) page (both sides is fine) & will be distributed to judges prior to the show to aid them in understanding the exhibit. Subsequent updates are accepted. (Non USA entrants may submit a single copy)
 3. For exhibits to be returned by mail, full anticipated postage, and insurance fees, must be remitted with the application. Exhibits will only be returned through the USPS.
 4. All applications will be processed on an “as received” basis. Exhibits will be returned as soon as possible after the close of the show in the manner dictated by the owner. A list of award winners will be sent with each mailed exhibit.
 5. Signature on the Entry Form constitutes acceptance of these RULES & REGULATIONS

All awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet, Saturday, February 3, 2018

Fees and Entry Procedures

1. Entry must be made on the Official Entry Form supplied by the Committee, accompanied by all fees paid in full. The exhibit entry fee is \$25.00 for a one or two frame exhibit and \$10.00 per frame for adult exhibits of three or more frames and no frame charge for youths. Entry application, accompanied by fees in FULL, must be received no later than December 1, 2017 As exhibit space is usually at a premium, early application is recommended. There will be no refund of frame fees for exhibits withdrawn after December 10, 2017.
1. Mailed-in exhibits must be sent prepaid. Exhibits should be sent to: SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, P.O. BOX 20625, Bradenton, FL 34204, and they should arrive between January 12 and January 24, 2018
 2. Exhibitors should not enclose any messages with mailed-in exhibits other than reminders of special mounting instructions, if applicable, since the packages will not be opened until mounting begins.
 3. Exhibits will be mounted by owner, agent, or a club member on Thursday February 1, 2018, between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. No Exhibit will be mounted on Friday morning without prior approval of the Committee.
 4. Exhibits will be dismounted as soon as the hall has been cleared and secured following the conclusion of the show on Sunday, February 4, 2018 (approximately 3:00 pm). For security reasons no exhibit will be dismounted earlier (and travel plans should be made accordingly).
 5. The order in which exhibits are dismounted is at the sole discretion of the Committee.

Logistics



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Frame #	_____
Received	_____
Ck#	_____ Amt _____

Entry Form

Please enter the following exhibit, subject to the rules and regulations of the Exhibit Prospectus and the terms and conditions contained in this application to which I agree to be bound. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE!!

Name _____ Birthdate if under 18 _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Title of Exhibit _____

General Class One Frame Class Youth Class Non-Competitive

Please reserve a one or two frame exhibit at \$25 1 Frame 2 Frame \$ _____

Please reserve three to 10 frames _____ at \$10 per frame\$ _____

Postage for return of exhibit:\$ _____

Tickets for Saturday evening Banquet at \$50 each # Steak _____ # Fish _____\$ _____

NO CHARGE for YOUTH Exhibits TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

NOTE: Exhibits will not be accepted without a Title Page and/or a Synopsis.

My exhibit will be delivered by:

Exhibitor Agent

Agent Name _____

Mail _____

My exhibit should be returned by:

Exhibitor Agent

Agent Name _____

Express Mail Priority Mail

Insured for \$ _____

All materials for safe return of exhibit must be enclosed when it is mailed or delivered. Please do NOT include correspondence as exhibits are opened the day of the show.

You have my permission to list my name in the program: Yes ___ No _____. If "no" list me as "anonymous" or as _____

Would you like hotel information? Yes ___ No _____. First time exhibitor at WSP show? Yes ___ No _____.
Do you belong to a stamp club that is a member of the Florida Federation of Stamps Clubs? _____

Are you a member of COPAPHIL , CZSG , or SCC which are meeting at SNSE in 2018? Please check if yes.

Membership in (circle): APS, AAMS, ATA, AAPE, AFCDS, PHS, USSS, USPCS, UPSS, Others _____

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Make checks payable in US Dollars to: Sarasota Philatelic Club, Inc. and mail entry form to: Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition, P.O. Box 20625, Bradenton FL 34204, ATTN Pat Walker, Exhibits Chairman.

Due precaution will be taken to guard against loss or damage of exhibits. No responsibility of any kind or character shall attach, however, to the Sarasota Philatelic Club Inc; The Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition; the City of Sarasota: or anyone connected with this show. In addition Exhibitor acknowledges that the Sarasota Philatelic Club, Inc: the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition and the City of Sarasota: do not maintain insurance covering Exhibitor's property and that it is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to obtain property damage insurance covering any such possible losses.

Signature of Exhibitor _____ Date: _____

If under 18, Guardian/parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY SHOW COMMITTEE	
Mounted by: _____	Dismounted by: _____
Returned by: _____	Date returned _____