

BALPEX 2009

An American Philatelic Society Accredited National Level Exhibition
Sponsored by The Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc.

Prospectus and Entry Form

Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend

September 4th - 6th 2009

at Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn

245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland

Exit 20E off I-83 north of I-695

Annual Convention of:

China Stamp Society

Annual Fall Meeting of:

American Air Mail Society

Judges

Jay Stotts, Chair

Sam Chiu

David Herendeen

Kenneth Nilsestuen

James R. Pullin

IMPORTANT DATES* * * IMPORTANT DATES	
Wednesday July 1st , 2009	Closing date for entries, subject to prior sellout
Monday, July 19th, 2009	Last date for Exhibit Acceptances to be mailed
Saturday August 1st 2009	Latest date for receipt of revised Title/Synopsis pages
Thursday, August 20th, 2009	Earliest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive at Bank
Tuesday, September 1st 2009	Latest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive at Bank
Thursday, September 3 rd , 2009	Exhibit mounting 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Friday, September 4th , 2009	BALPEX opens at 10 AM
Saturday, September 5th , 2009	BALPEX Awards Dinner at 7:30 PM, order tickets on entry form
Sunday September 6 th , 2009	BALPEX closes at 4:00 PM and exhibit dismounting begins
Tuesday September 8 th , 2009	Mailing date for returned Mailed-in Exhibits.

Exhibition Classes:

- A. **General Class** - 2 frame minimum and 10 frame maximum. Youth exhibits have a 1 frame minimum. All Divisions will be accepted: Postal, Revenue, Thematic, Display, Illustrated Mail, and Cinderella/Charity/Promotional.
- B. **Post Card Class** - 2 frame minimum and 10 frame maximum. Youth exhibits have a 1 frame minimum
- C. **Non-competitive Class** – 8 frame maximum; the committee reserves the right to limit the number of exhibits accepted into this class.
- D. **One-Frame Class** – Maximum of 12 exhibits accepted into this class. Preference given to exhibits from convening society members.
- E. **Honor Class** - exhibits that have won the Grand Award at BALPEX, won the APS Champion of Champions, an FIP Grand Prix, or three (3) FIP Large Gold Medals, in the five years prior to September 2009. Eight frame maximum.

Judging the Exhibition

Each exhibit in the General Class and Post Card Class will be judged independently against accepted standards of philatelic achievement. The only direct competition between any of the exhibits will be for the Grand Awards and the Special Awards. The Jury has been asked to judge each exhibit separately and present to each exhibit in these Classes the Award that they believe it warrants. There are no limits on the number of awards that may be given at any level: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The Grand Award is limited to entries in the General Class.

Each exhibit in the One-Frame Class (C) will be judged independently using standards based on the current APS criteria. **Five levels** of award are possible: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The Best One Frame exhibit is invited to the Single Frame Champion of Champion competition at Ameristamp Expo.

Rules and Regulations

1. BALPEX is open to all exhibitors who abide by the rules herein.

2. All material exhibited must be the bona fide property of the individual exhibitor or immediate family members. Exhibits containing material belonging to two or more persons are welcome in the Non-Competitive Class.

3. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse any exhibit at its discretion, and may reject any exhibit, in whole or in part, without giving reason. In such cases, refund of entry fee will be made.

4. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at BALPEX, won the APS Champion of Champions, an FIP Grand Prix, or three (3) FIP Large Gold Medals, in the five years prior to September 2009 are only eligible to enter the Honor Class.

5. Except for Youth Class and the One-Frame Class, the minimum number of frames is 2. The maximum number of frames for an exhibit is 10, except for Non-Competitive and Honor Classes which are 8.

6. Exhibitors may enter no more than two (2) exhibits in the General Class and two (2) exhibits in the One Frame Class.

7. An entry fee of \$10.00 per frame applies to all classes except One Frame which is \$15, except the Youth Class which is complimentary. Entry fees are payable in advance (with the entry form). If return mailing is desired prepayment of the correct amount is required. Exhibits will be returned by Express Mail unless otherwise instructed by Exhibitor. ***Registered Mail is NOT an option for return – this restriction was effective from 2004.***

8. Exhibitor's names will appear in the program and will be used in conjunction with the presentation of awards, unless notified by the exhibitor on the entry form that a pseudonym is desired.

9. It is strongly recommended that the exhibitor provide the judges a copy of the Title page and/or synopsis page. Eight (8) copies are requested; at entry or upon acceptance, but no later than July 26th, 2009. Pages received after that date will not be distributed to the judges in advance of the show.

10. Exhibit pages, when mounted in the frames should not show the name of the owner.

11. Forgeries and counterfeits should be plainly identified, or the exhibit may be subject to downgrading or disqualification.

12. Pages will be displayed in Ameripex type frames, mounted in four (4) rows each holding four (4) pages up to 9"x12". Exhibit pages must be numbered on the back in sequential order, and enclosed in transparent sheet protectors.

13. Most awards will be presented at the BALPEX awards Dinner, Saturday September 5th, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Maryland Room of the Hunt Valley Inn where the show is held. Dinner tickets should be ordered and paid for with the Official Entry Form.

14. The Baltimore Philatelic Society, the convening societies, the Hunt Valley Inn or any of their members and/or employees will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any material submitted for exhibit. The Exhibit Committee will exercise all reasonable care in the handling and mounting of all entries, while enroute from the bank, and to the post office, including the employment of guards on 24 hour duty while the exhibits are on display. Exhibitors desiring insurance must make their own arrangements. See Rule 15.

15. Exhibitors desiring to mount their own pages must so indicate in the Entry Form. All other exhibits must be in the hands of the designated Bank after August 20th and before September 1st 2009 Exhibitors sending exhibits to the bank are required to have their exhibit fully insured before the bank will accept the exhibit. Please package carefully and ship to:

BALPEX 2009
Address will be supplied later –

Do not enclose any message requiring an answer prior to mounting. as the bank acts as a custodian only, and packages are not opened until mounting begins.

16. Exhibits may be mounted by owners or agents between 4 and 7 PM on Thursday September 3rd. No exhibit will be dismantled until after the close of the show at 4 PM on Sunday September 6th. A BALPEX Committee member must be present and will assist the owner/agent in mounting and dismantling.

For additional information about exhibiting at BALPEX please contact Pat Walker at email psw123@comcast.net or phone (410) 442-1034 or FAX (410) 489-5318 or write to P.O. Box 99, Lisbon MD 21765. For any other information regarding BALPEX, please contact Bob Gibson BALPEX 2009 General Chairman, 1224 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore MD 21202 or call (410)332-4741, or email BALPEX@verizon.net.

BALPEX 2009 Entry Form – September 4th through 6th 2009

Closing date for entries: July 1st, 2009, subject to prior sellout.

Send completed application to:
BALPEX Entry
Patricia Stilwell Walker
P.O. Box 99
Lisbon MD 21765-0099

Please enter the following exhibit in the **General Class**, in the following **Division**:
 Postal Revenue Thematic Display Illustrated Mail Cinderella/Charity/Promotional
 One Frame Class **Post Card Class** **Non-Competitive Class** **Honor Class** **Youth Class**

Title: _____

Number of frames requested: _____ **Description for Program (be brief!):**

Enclose eight (8) copies of your Title/Synopsis page or provide upon acceptance of the exhibit.

My exhibit will be delivered by: myself agent* Express mail Registered mail
My exhibit will be returned by: myself agent* Express mail Priority, Insured
The committee will NOT return any exhibit by Registered mail; the packaging requirements are too onerous.
*Name of agent (please print!): _____

Amount enclosed for Frame fees at \$10.00/frame , \$15 One Frame Class .The Youth Class is free:	\$
Amount enclosed for Return postage if applicable	\$
Amount enclosed for BALPEX Awards DINNER at \$45 each. Number needed: _____	\$
TOTAL: please make check (in US funds, drawn on a US bank) payable to BALPEX 2009:	\$

If you do **not** want your name to appear in the program, please check here:
What pseudonym do you want listed instead - please print!: _____

Exhibit Owner: _____
Street address: _____
City, State and Zip: _____
E-mail address: _____
Phone number in the rare event you must be contacted: _____

Entries will be acknowledged upon receipt and checks deposited. Notices of acceptance/rejection may be mailed at a subsequent date but no later than July 19th, 2009.

I am a member of BPS AAMS China Stamp Society
This is the first time I have exhibited at the national level (WSP show):

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, have read the rules and regulations and understand that it will be my responsibility to insure my exhibit; and I will not hold the Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc. any participating Society, the Hunt Valley Inn and/or their officers, members, or employees liable for any loss of or damage to this exhibit:

Signature: _____ (Required) Date of this application: _____

If Youth Exhibitor, date of birth: _____ Signature of parent or guardian: _____

BALPEX Awards

General Class - A Grand Award, a Reserve Grand Award and an unlimited number of Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze Awards.

One-Frame Class – A Best One Frame Class and an unlimited number of Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze Awards.

Post Card Class – an unlimited number of Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze Awards, at Committee discretion a Best of Class award.

Honor Class - A Trophy for the best exhibit, a Gold Award to all other exhibits.

China Stamp Society Awards

China Stamp Society Best Exhibit of China Award – Chinese Art Object

Best Exhibit of China CSS membership is not required.

Paul Ke-Shing Chang Chinese Postal History Award - cash

For a multi-frame postal history exhibit of Chinese postal history. CSS membership is not required. An exhibit may only receive this award once

Norman W. Townsend Memorial Award – Chinese Art Object

For first time exhibitors of Chinese subject material. CSS membership is required. The recipient must have been a member on the date the entry form was submitted, as well as a current member at the time of the award.

CSS Chia Nan Chapter Award (Los Angeles) - Chinese Art Object

Best exhibit of Chinese Philatelic Material issued since the 1911 Revolution. CSS membership is not required.

James R. Lee Memorial Award - CSS Chiu Chin Shan Chapter (San Francisco) - Certificate

An award to the best China Exhibit or to the China Exhibit that displays a high degree of artistic achievement in its design and presentation. The certificate shall not be given to an exhibit that receives the Best Exhibit of China Award. A single-frame exhibit is eligible for the award. CSS membership is not required.

CSS Republic of China (Taiwan) Chapter Award – Chinese Art Object

Best exhibit of Postal History or Postal Stationery. Must have also won a Gold medal in the exhibition. CSS membership is not required.

China Stamp Society Scholarship Award - Youth

A \$1,000 check payable to the college or university of the exhibitor's choice for the payment of fees, books, etc. The scholarship is not transferable. CSS membership is required.

To be eligible, the exhibitor must be at least 16 years of age but no older than 21 years of age and be a member of the Society. Age eligibility will be based on the date of the show opening. The exhibit must be of Chinese philatelic material and consist of a minimum of three frames and receive at least a Silver Medal. No more than one scholarship will be awarded each year for exhibiting. Only one scholarship will be awarded to any one member.

American Air Mail Society Awards

AAMS Grand Award –clock

Best Airmail Exhibit

AAMS Medals – unlimited number of Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, Bronze

PLUS many Special Awards for General Class Exhibits regardless of Society Affiliation