

# BALPEX 2013

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

August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup> 2013

At the Hunt Valley Inn

245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland

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

### Annual Conventions of:

American Society of Polar Philatelists

Eire Philatelic Association

Military Postal History Society

Universal Ship Cancellation Society

### Judges

Janet Klug, Chairman

Edward Fisher

Robert Henak

Kenneth Nilsestuen

Hal Vogel

Regis Hoffman, Apprentice

IMPORTANT DATES* * * IMPORTANT DATES	
Saturday June 29 <sup>h</sup> , 2013	Closing date for entries, subject to prior sellout
Monday, July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Last date for Exhibit Acceptances to be mailed
Saturday August 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2013	Latest date for receipt of revised Title/Synopsis pages
Thursday, August 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Earliest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive
Tuesday, August 27 <sup>th</sup> 2013	Latest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive
Thursday, August 29, 2013	Exhibit mounting 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Friday, August 30 <sup>th</sup> 2013	BALPEX opens at 10 AM
Saturday, August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	BALPEX Awards Dinner at 7:30 PM, order tickets on entry form
Sunday September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013	BALPEX closes at <b>3:00 PM</b> and exhibit dismantling begins
Tuesday September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2013	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. **One-Frame Class** 6 Maximum of 12 exhibits accepted into this class. Preference given to exhibits from convening society members.
- D. **Non Competitive** 6 8 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 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 2013 are only eligible to enter the German American Salon.

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 Class D which is 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 \$15 **per exhibit** plus \$10 **per frame** applies to all classes 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 August 5th, 2013. 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 1st, 2013 at 7:30 PM. 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 16<sup>th</sup> and before August 29<sup>th</sup> 2013 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 2013

To be determined at a later date

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 August 30th. No exhibit will be dismantled until after the close of the show at 3 PM on Sunday September 2nd. 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 [psw789@comcast.net](mailto:psw789@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 2013 General Chairman, BPS Clubhouse 3440 Ellicott Center Drive, Suite 103, Ellicott City, MD 21043 or (410) 465-5712 or (443) 844-5131, or email [BALPEX@verizon.net](mailto:BALPEX@verizon.net).

**BALPEX 2013 Entry Form – August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**

**Closing date for entries: June 29th, 2013, subject to prior sellout.**

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

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**  **Youth Class**  **German American Salon**

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Enclose seven (7) copies of your Title/Synopsis page or provide upon acceptance of the exhibit. (Class A, B or C)**

My exhibit will be delivered by:  myself  agent\*  Express mail  Registered mail  Commissioner  
My exhibit will be returned by:  myself  agent\*  Express mail  Priority, Insured  Commissioner  
**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 per frame. The Youth Class is free.	\$
Exhibit Fee (N/A for Youth Class)	\$ 15.00
Amount enclosed for Return postage if applicable	\$
Amount enclosed for BALPEX Awards DINNER at \$55 each. Number needed: _____	\$
<b>Total:</b> Please make out check (in US funds drawn on a US bank) payable to <b>BALPEX 2013:</b>	\$

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 9th, 2013.

I am a member of :  ASPP  EPA  MPHS  USCS

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, Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn and/or their officers, members, or employees liable for any loss of or damage to this exhibit:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of this application: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

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 Medals.

**One-Frame Class** ó A Best One Frame Class and an unlimited number of Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze Medals.

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

**American Society of Polar Philatelists Awards: a Grand and Reserve Grand**

**Eire Philatelic Society Awards**

**Military Postal History Society Awards**

**Universal Ship Cancellation Society Awards**

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