

AMERICOVER 2026
BALPEX Exhibition Aug 7-9, 2026
Linthicum Heights, Maryland

	<u>Claude C. Ries Chapter Grand Award and Large Gold Medal</u>	
James S. Hering MD	<i>The Two Cent Hardings</i>	[93 points]

	<u>Richard H. Thompson Reserve Grand and Large Gold Medal</u>	
Charles J. O'Brien III	<i>U.S. Sesquicentennial Issue Exposition- 1926</i>	[93 points]

	<u>Curtis B. Patterson Single-Frame Grand Award and Gold Medal</u>	
Michael Ley	<i>The Difficult First Day Covers with Both the 30¢ and 50¢ Taft Prexies</i>	[88 points]

	<u>Single Frame Competition</u>	
Edward Mendlowitz Silver	<i>Presidential Inaugural and Swearing-In Covers 1901-1925</i>	[69 points]
Ralph Nafziger Gold	<i>Combination First Day Covers of the Fourth Bureau Issue</i>	[85 points]

	<u>Multi-Frame Competition</u>	
	Large Gold Medal	
Charles J. O'Brien III	<i>Joint Issues with the United States</i>	[92 points]
Ron Klimley	<i>The 2¢ General Pulaski Stamp</i>	[91 points]
Rick Gibson	AFDCS Award of Excellence [pre-classic period, 1847-1931] <i>Smokey Bear Issue of 1984</i>	[91 points]
John M. Hotchner	AFDCS Award of Excellence [modern era, 1981-present] <i>The U.S. Cipex Souvenir Sheet of 1947: Development, Production, First Days, & Contemporary Use</i>	[91 points]
	AFDCS Award of Excellence [modern era, 1946-1980]	

	Gold Medal	
Philip Leber	<i>Telegraph Centenary Issue of 1944</i>	[88 points]
	AFDCS Award of Excellence [classic period, 1932-1945]	
Kathryn Johnson	<i>The G.A.R. and U.C.V. Issues: Their First Day Covers and Uses</i>	[89 points]
Ron Klimley	<i>Ellis Animated Cachets</i>	[87 points]
Bob Helms	<i>A Tribute to Dorothy Knapp-Eagles Aviation and Airmail</i>	[88 points]
	AFDCS Award of Excellence [hand-drawn/hand painted cachets]	
D.A. Lux	<i>The 20¢ Brooklyn Bridge Stamp of 1963 and it's First Days-A 100 Year Celebration</i>	[87 points]
Cynthia Scott	<i>The 1987 Bret Harte \$5 Stamp on FDC's With Cachets</i>	[86 points]

	Large Vermeil Medal	
Todd Ronnei	<i>A Century of Minnesota First Days 1925-2025</i>	[82 points]
John Schorn	<i>The Thomas A. Edison Stamp of 1947</i>	[82 points]
Edward Mendlowitz	<i>Ritz Cachets: Complete Covers from 1956-1961, 1966</i>	[82 points]
James S. Hering MD	<i>"Combo" First Day covers of the Fourth Bureau Era</i>	[84 points]

	Large Silver Medal	
Lloyd de Vries	<i>Weird Stuff First Day Covers</i>	[71 points]

	<u>Marge Finger Most Popular Award</u>	
Rick Gibson	<i>Smokey Bear Issue of 1984</i>	