

2014 Mid Cities Stamp Expo

November 8 – 9, 2014

27th Annual Exhibition and Bourse

PROSPECTUS

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



Grapevine Convention Center -- 1209 South Main St. -- Grapevine, TX
RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: Mid-Cities Stamp Club / c/o Ray Cartier /
2509 Buffalo Drive / Arlington, TX 76013

This exhibit is to be entered in the following category:

1. DIVISION: Multi-Frame Display One Frame Youth (16 & under)

- Class 1 – United States & Possessions
- Class 2 - Britain & Commonwealth
- Class 3 - Other foreign
- Class 4 - Postal Stationery
- Class 5 - Postal History

- Class 6 – Topicals
- Class 7 - First Day Covers
- Class 8 - Illustrated Mail
- Class 9 - Astrophilately
- Class 10 - Other

(Specify) _____

NAME: _____ Phone: _____

ADDRESS: _____ email: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

APS# _____ TPA# _____ ATA# _____ MCSC# _____

Other Societ(y)(ies) _____

TITLE OF EXHIBIT: _____

Description (25 words or less): _____

OF FRAMES (16 PAGES PER FRAME) NEEDED? _____ *16 page minimum per frame per judging rules.*

1ST TIME EXHIBITOR? _____ If age 16 or under indicate date of birth: _____

(CONTINUED OVER)

- I or my agent, _____ will deliver remove my exhibit.
- I will mail my exhibit via the USPS.
- Return my exhibit per my written instructions. List my name anonymously.

Multi-frame and one-frame exhibit fees are \$6.00 per frame. (See 1 and 4 page Entry Exhibit Sheet for those exhibits). Youth exhibits are FREE for 1st 2 frames. Additional frames are \$3 each.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB

FRAME FEE:	\$ _____
RETURN RECEIPT (OPTIONAL)	\$ _____
RETURN POSTAGE (IF REQUIRED)	\$ _____
INSURANCE (OPTIONAL)	\$ _____
BANQUET TICKETS: Qty _____ at \$20.00 each =	\$ _____
Total enclosed: =	\$ _____

For an entry to be considered, this entry form or a facsimile and the appropriate fees must be received no later than Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, unless authorized by the Exhibits Chair. Each entry must be on a separate form.

My signature below indicates my understanding of, and compliance with, the rules and regulations as set forth herein, and that I acknowledge I am responsible for insuring my exhibit, and that I will not hold the MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB, the GRAPEVINE CONVENTION CENTER, nor any officer, member, employee, agent or associated person of the same, liable for loss of or damage to this exhibit.

Signature: _____ Date _____

EXHIBITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. ELIGIBILITY**
- A. Exhibiting in the Mid-Cities Stamp Expo is open to all collectors regardless of club affiliation or residence. However, exhibits having previously won a Grand Award at this show are ineligible to compete for the Grand Award in subsequent shows.
 - B. Each exhibit must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and may not contain any material which is to be offered for resale by a philatelic dealer. All work contained within the exhibit shall represent the owner's efforts.
 - C. Any counterfeit and/or bogus material must be clearly identified as such.
 - D. Anonymous exhibits will be accepted. Other exhibitors will be listed by name.
 - E. Mini-exhibits must be developed specifically for that type of competition and are open to the General Public.

- 2. CLASSIFICATIONS**
- A. Exhibits shall be divided into multi-frame, display, one-frame and youth divisions. Exhibits shall be further divided into classifications primarily for the convenience of setup and viewing by the public. Classifications shall not affect the criteria used in evaluating exhibits for general awards.
 - B. Exhibitors may enter in as many classifications as desired, subject to the frame limits indicated in Rule IV. E, but a separate entry form is required for each exhibit.
 - C. The jury panel or Exhibits Chair may reclassify exhibits that in their opinion are not entered in the proper class.
 - D. 1 & 4-page mini-exhibits will be separate from 1 or multi-frame divisions but are not divided into further classifications and require a separate entry form for MINI-EXHIBITS.

- 3. ENTRY**
- A. Applications for entry must be made on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM or facsimile with the appropriate ENTRY FEES PAID at the time of application. Three clear photocopies of the first exhibit page should also be enclosed or, if not available, be sent separately by October 18th. We also recommend a separate SYNOPSIS be sent in 3 copies to assist judges in better evaluating exhibits.
 - B. Entries will be accepted until October 18, 2014. Exhibits not previously shown at an MCSC Expo will be given a priority in being accepted. Previously shown entries will then be considered based on dates received. Entries received thereafter may be accepted on a space-available basis.
 - C. Notice of acceptance will be sent to exhibitors. No exhibits are to be forwarded until such notice has been received.
 - D. The Exhibits Chairperson reserves the right to reject any entry before the opening of the exhibition and to return the entry form together with the related fees.
 - E. Failure to exhibit after notification of acceptance will result in forfeiture of all entry fees.
 - F. Noncompetitive exhibits may be accepted only by invitation.

4. FRAMES AND PAGES.

- A. Each frame is to accommodate 16 pages of 11 by 8 ½ inches, or 12 pages of up to 11.5" height by 11" width.
- B. Modular or oversize poster displays (up to the frame dimensions) may be accepted from exhibitors who have made an arrangement in advance with the Exhibits Chairperson and who deliver such entries in person or by an agent.
- C. Each page of an exhibit shall:
 - Be numbered consecutively on the back
 - Bear the exhibitor's name on the back
- D. Enclosure of exhibit pages in transparent sheet protectors is strongly recommended.
- E. Each exhibitor is limited to a total of 10 frames for all exhibits entered.

5. FEES

- A. Entry fees are \$6.00 per frame for multi-frame or single frame exhibits (adults). The first two frames for age 16 and under youth are free, and a \$3 per frame free for each youth frame thereafter.
- B. All fees, payable to the MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB, must be submitted with the application for entry to MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB and submitted with the application for entry to: Mid-Cities Stamp Club, c/o Ray E. Cartier, 2509 Buffalo Dr., Arlington, TX 76013**
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6. DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS

- A. Exhibitors shall assume all responsibility for getting their exhibits to the exhibition hall, either by mail or personal delivery.
- B. Personally delivered exhibits will be mounted by the owner or his designated agent at the Grapevine Convention Center on November 7, 2014 between 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM. With prior approval of the Exhibits Chairperson, one or two exhibits may be approved to be mounted on Saturday, November 8th between 8:00AM and 9:15AM. All set-up will end at no later than 9:30 AM.**
- C. Mailed exhibits should arrive no later than noon on Thursday, November 6th, 2014 and must be sent insured and/or registered via the United States Postal Service, to MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB c/o Ray E. Cartier, 2509 Buffalo Dr., Arlington, TX 76013**

7. REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

- A. No exhibit, nor any part thereof, shall be removed from the exhibition hall prior to the closing of the show at 4:00 PM on Sunday, November 9th. Rarely the Exhibits Chairperson may make an exception for exceptional circumstances.
- B. Exhibitors desiring to remove their material in person, or through an agent, must provide authorization on the entry form. The exhibitor or his agent may then remove the exhibit only upon providing proof of identity and signing a release form.
- C. Exhibitors desiring return of exhibits by mail must provide a sufficient provision for return postage via priority or expedited mail. Use of parcel post is not recommended at all.

8. INSURANCE, LIABILITY AND SECURITY

- A. Insurance of exhibits is the responsibility of the exhibitors.**
- B. All reasonable care will be taken to safeguard each exhibit, however, neither the Mid-Cities Stamp Club nor the Grapevine Convention Center nor any officer, member, employee, agent or associated person of the same, is liable for loss of or damage to any exhibit material arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.**
- C. Security service will be provided from 9:00 PM on Friday, November 7, 2014 to 8:00AM on Saturday, November 8, 2014 and on Saturday, November 8, 2014 to 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

9. AWARDS

The best and second best multi-frame division exhibits will receive the Grand Award and the Reserve Grand Award respectively. Special awards will be made available to the best exhibits in the display, one-frame and youth Divisions. Gold, silver and bronze awards will be presented on an open show basis. A number of philatelic societies will be offering special awards, which may be subject to certain requirements limiting their availability. Mini-exhibits will have separate awards.

10. JUDGING

A. A jury panel of American Philatelic Society accredited judges will evaluate exhibits, according to accepted standards of the American Philatelic Society. The panel will make decisions by deliberations and consulting among themselves.

B. The criteria of the sponsoring groups will be considered when evaluation exhibits for special awards.

C. Special criteria will be used to evaluate exhibits entered in the youth and one-frame exhibits.

D. No award shall be made if, in the opinion of the jury panel, a particular exhibit lacks sufficient merit.

E. The decisions of the jury panel will be final and no appeals will be considered by the Mid-Cities Stamp Expo sponsors.

F. Mini-exhibits will not be judged according to APS standards.

G. Patriotic One-Frame exhibits will be judged by MCSC members for that award. THINGS THAT GROW exhibits are also eligible for other awards listed.

11. RULING AUTHORITY

A. Any and all questions not covered by these rules and regulations will be decided by the Exhibits Chair-person whose decision is final.

12. ACCEPTANCE

An exhibitor's signature on the OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM signifies acceptance of these rules.

AWARDS

The MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB will present, on an open-show basis, GOLD, SILVER, and BRONZE awards for single & multi-frame exhibits (mini-exhibits will have separate awards). Additional awards, as detailed in the list that follows, will be available, but are subject to the restrictions of the Societies offering them. The TSDA award will be presented at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 9, 2014. All the other awards will be presented at an Awards Dinner at 7:00 PM, on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

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| • Grand Award | – Best exhibit in Multi-frame Division. |
| • Reserve Grand Award | – Second best exhibit in Multi-frame Division |
| • One-Frame Award | – Best exhibit in the One-frame Division |
| • JPA Award | – Best exhibit in Youth Division |
| • AAPE Award | – Best presented exhibit |
| • AFDCS Awards | – Best First Day Cover exhibit |
| • APS Award | – Best exhibit by an APS member. |
| • ATA Awards | – Best topical exhibits (up to three) |
| • ATA Youth Award | – Best topical exhibit by a youth exhibitor |
| • ATA One-Frame Award. | – Best one-frame topical exhibit |
| • ATA Space Study Unit Awards | – Best Astrophilately exhibits |
| • BIA President's Award | – Best exhibit of United States stamps |
| • MCSC President's Award | – Best exhibit by a MCSC member |
| • MCSC Novice Award | – Best exhibit by a novice exhibitor |
| • MCSC Foreign Award | – Best exhibit of foreign material |
| • PSS Award | – Best exhibit of pre-cancels |
| • TSDA Award | – Most popular by public viewing |
| • Most Popular Award | – Based on voting by all attendees. |

1-page and 4-page Mini-Exhibits will have separate cash awards of \$10 for each.

Other awards may be offered if available.