

# 2009 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo

## NOVEMBER 14-15, 2009

22nd Annual Exhibition and Bourse



## PROSPECTUS

**GRAPEVINE CONVENTION CENTER**  
**1209 South Main Street**  
**Grapevine, TX**

## 2009 Mid-Cities Stamp Expo OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

*Mail to: Mid-Cities Stamp Club, c/o Ray E. Cartier  
2509 Buffalo Drive – Arlington, TX 76013*

- Division:  Multi-frame  Display  One-frame  Youth  
 CLASS 1 -United States & possessions  CLASS 5- Postal History  
 CLASS 2 -Britain & Commonwealth  CLASS 6 -Topicals  
 CLASS 3 -Other foreign  CLASS 7 -First Day Covers  
 CLASS 4- Postal Stationary  CLASS 8- Miscellaneous  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
APS# \_\_\_\_\_ TPA# \_\_\_\_\_ Other Societies \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

- Is this your first time to exhibit? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of frames required \_\_\_\_\_  
If entering youth division, indicate date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 I or my agent \_\_\_\_\_ will personally deliver my exhibit.  
 I or my agent \_\_\_\_\_ will personally remove my exhibit.  
 I will mail my exhibit via the U.S. Postal Service.  
 I desire that my exhibit be returned as per the attached instructions.  
 I desire that my exhibit be listed anonymously in the show program.

Multi-frame, display and one-frame division fees are \$6.00 per frame. Youth division fees are \$3.00 per frame (first two frames are free). Make checks payable to the **Mid-Cities Stamp Club**.

Frame fee	_____
Postage	_____
Ins./reg.	_____
Ret. Receipt	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____

For an application to be considered, this entry form or a facsimile and the appropriate fees must be received no later than October 18, 2009.

My signature below indicates my understanding of and compliance with the rules and regulations as set forth in the prospectus, and that I acknowledge I am responsible for insuring my exhibit, and 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 (cont.)

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#### I. 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 in this show are ineligible to compete for 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.

#### II. 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. Classification shall not affect the criteria used in evaluating exhibits for general awards.
- B. Exhibitors may enter in as many classifications as is 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 Chairman may reclassify exhibits that, in their opinion, are not entered in the proper class.

#### III. 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. A clear photocopy of the first page of the exhibit should also be enclosed or, if not yet available, be sent separately by October 18, 2009.
- B. Entries will be accepted until October 18, 2009. 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 Chairman reserves the right to reject any entry before the opening of the exhibition and to return the entry form together with 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.

#### IV. FRAMES AND PAGES

- A. Each frame is designed to accommodate 16 pages of 11" height by 8½" width or 12 pages of 11" height and up to 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 Chairman and who deliver such entries in person or by an agent.
- C. Each page of an exhibit shall:
  1. be numbered consecutively on the back.
  2. 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.

#### V. FEES

- A. Entry fees are \$6.00 per frame for the multi-frame, display and one-frame divisions and \$3.00 per frame (first two frames are free) for the youth division (18 years of age or younger).
- B. All fees (payable to: Mid-Cities Stamp Club) must be submitted with the application for entry to: **Mid-Cities Stamp Club, c/o Ray E. Cartier – 2509 Buffalo Dr. – Arlington, TX 76013.**

#### VI. DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS

- A. Exhibitors shall assume all responsibility for getting their exhibits to the exhibition hall, whether by personal delivery or by mail.
- B. Personally delivered exhibits will be mounted by the owner or his designated agent at the Grapevine Convention Center on November 13, 2009 between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. or on November 14, 2008 between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- C. Mailed exhibits should arrive no later than November 12, 2009 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 Drive – Arlington, TX 76013**

#### VII 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 p.m. on November 15, 2009.
- 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 allowance for registration and insurance, return receipt requested, along with sufficient provision for return postage via priority or expedited mail. Use of parcel post is not recommended.

#### VIII. INSURANCE, LIABILITY AND SECURITY

- A. Insurance of exhibits is the responsibility of exhibitors.
- B. All reasonable care will be taken to safeguard each exhibit, however, neither the MID-CITIES STAMP CLUB nor the GRAPEVINE CONVENTION CENTER, their officers, members, management, employees, agents or associated persons shall be liable for any damage to, or loss of, any exhibition material arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.
- C. Security service will be provided from 8:00 pm Friday, November 13 to 8:00 a.m. Saturday, November 14 and from 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 14 to 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 15.

#### IX. 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.

#### X. 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 consultations among themselves.
- B. The criteria of the sponsoring groups will be considered when evaluating exhibits for special awards.
- C. Special criteria will be used to evaluate exhibits entered in the youth and one-frame divisions.
- 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.

#### XI. RULING AUTHORITY

Any and all questions not covered by these rules and regulations will be decided by the Exhibits Chairperson, whose decision is final.

#### XII. 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. 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 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15 2009. All the others will be presented at an awards dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2009.

- Grand Award** -- Best exhibit in multi-frame division
- Reserve Grand Award** -- Second best exhibit in multi-frame division
- One-Frame Award** -- Best exhibit in one-frame division
- JPA Award** -- Best exhibit in youth division
- AAPE Award** -- Best presented exhibit
- AFDCS Awards** -- Best first day cover exhibits
- APS Award** -- Best exhibit by an APS member
- ATA Awards** -- Best topical exhibits
- 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 Astrophilatelic exhibits
- BIA President's Award** -- Best exhibit of United States stamps
- MCSC President's Award** -- Best exhibit by a MCSC member
- MCSC Novice** -- Best exhibit by a first-time exhibitor
- MCSC Foreign Award** -- Best exhibit of foreign material
- PSS Award** -- Best exhibit of pre-cancels
- TPA Texas Series Award** -- Qualifier for Texas Series at TEXPEx 2010
- TSDA Award** -- Most popular exhibit by public voting