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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Although two regional meetings (Albany and Buffalo) will have taken place by the time of our annual meeting in Canastota May 2, I'm hoping this does not reduce or discourage interest in attending the annual meeting. The annual meeting is when the real business of the Society is conducted; there will be some unusual, if not controversial, items on the agenda this year. This was evident from the discussion at the Albany regional meeting. It should be an interesting meeting at the very least.

Did everyone notice there were SEVEN applicants for Society membership listed in the December Bulletin, bringing our total for 2003 to eleven? Seven may be a record for new applicants in any three-month period, at least in recent times. Does this bode well for postal historians and postal history collectors? Let's hope so, and give a vote of thanks to our Secretary-Treasurer, John Lange, for staying on top of the rush!

If you haven't yet visited the society's new website (www.esphs.org), now is the time to do it. Glenn Estus has done a superb job pulling together a lot of loose ends and integrating them into an attractive, well-organized website. If you like to look at covers, you'll find them right on the opening page, and each month there's a different set. Glenn is dependent on our membership to supply these covers, so please help him out!! I could tell you more about the good stuff on this website, but that would take some of the enjoyment out of going there to find out for yourself.

Drew Nicholson, our new Journal (now *Excelsior!*) editor, is also doing a great job, and Glenn Estus continues to do excellent work as our *Bulletin* editor. And let us not forget the ongoing efforts of Doug Penwell (manuscripts, county and postmaster cancels), David Williams (star cancels), Bill Hart (RFD markings) and Maris Tirums (Doane cancels). These four individuals are doing invaluable research and compiling on behalf of the Society and NY postal history in general. They, too, need your support and input!

Last, but not least, you'll find two separate articles in this Bulletin describing an urgent need for New York postal history exhibits. Please read them and respond!

Alan Parsons alatholleyrd@aol.com

SOCIETY NEWS

Contributions are always welcome for this feature; please send them to:

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You may call John at (518) 882-6373. The best time is in the afternoon between 1 and 6.

We welcome the following new members:

Ammann, Michael, 217 Inwood Drive, Syracuse, NY 13219-1945 Interests: US & Canada & Duck Stamps; Syracuse, Solvay, Geddes & Camillus Covers

Dowd, John D., PO Box 138, 124 Mahl's Pond Rd. Narrowsburg, NY 12764-0138 Collecting Interests: Town of Tusten, Sullivan Co., NY PH, Covers/PCs mailed from Boy Scout Camps, all states

Hof, Gerald J., 6365 Beryl Rd. #003, Alexandria, VA 22312, PH (703) 916-0707 ALFREDSON@MSN.COM Collecting Interests: Scott #11, 24, 26, 63, 65 on cover w. postmarks, all counties, also Pan Am Expo on over esp. w. Buffalo pm

Merchant, Stephen, 247 Richardson Rd., Berlin, VT 05602 Collecting Interests: Stampless Folded Letters

Milner, Susan A., 168 George Thompson Road, Mechanicville, NY 12118 PH (518) 664-8810 Collecting Interests: PCs & Postals, correspondence w/ local history, Sara., Wash., Rens., & Albany Counties

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2004 Dues Notice

Dues for the year May 1, 2004 thru April 30, 2005 are now payable. It will greatly benefit your Society to pay the dues within the next three weeks. This will save the cost of mailing separate dues notices. Please make your \$10 check out to ESPHS and send it (with your free trading post ad if you wish) to





The following members have prepaid their dues for 2004-2005 and need not respond to this notice: Ammann, Boos, Curran, Dolan, Dowd, Erickson, Forbes, Groeger, Guenzburger, Hof, Huneke, Kelley, L, Leszak, Markovitz, Marshall, Merchant, Milner, Morgan, Nicholson, Nunge, Outlaw, Pettersen, Przpiora, Seyfried, Stearns, Wilhelmi, Wisconsin Historical Society.

ALBANY REGIONAL MEETING AT COVERMANIA

Our first 2004 regional meeting took place at Covermania VI, a two-day show held at the Quality Inn, Albany, Feb.14-15. Thanks to Society director and Covermania chair John Nunes, nine Society members and one new member applicant had excellent accommodations for the one-hour gathering.

A number of subjects were covered at the meeting and those present were quick to join in the discussion. For a list of attendees, and the subjects discussed, please see John Lange's minutes elsewhere in this *Bulletin* (page 10).

Our regional meetings are held in conjunction with shows and bourses to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas. Informal reports regarding ongoing Society programs are presented and suggestions for new programs, research areas, membership recruitment, etc. are welcome. Attendance at these meetings, as well as the annual meeting in May, provides an excellent way for members to become better acquainted with the workings of the Society.

ANNUAL MEETING IN CANASTOTA MAY 2, BE THERE!! Come One, Come All!!

Free coffee and pastries!! Good company and good cover hunting!!

Leave the cares of the world behind for a day in Canastota, NY, Sunday, May 2, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant, located just off exit 34 of the NY Thruway. Be there for the 2004 Society annual meeting!

We've reserved a room with plenty of space for those bringing covers for sale or trade, in effect, a mini-bourse without table fees. We encourage members to bring guests as well as covers.

Coffee and pastries will be provided in the morning; the business meeting is tentatively scheduled for 11:15 a.m., followed by a dutch-treat lunch ordered off the menu.

The socializing and cover hunting begins at 9:30 a.m.

After leaving the exit 34 toll booth, take a left at the end of the access road, onto N. Peterborough St., and drive 100 feet; the Casa Mia Restaurant is on the right, next to the Mobil station. You can't miss it, and there's plenty of parking.

Come prepared with ideas and suggestions to help the Society grow and prosper. Plan to attend!!

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ESPHS EXHIBITORS NEEDED FOR MULTI-STATE POSTAL HISTORY COMPETITION AT ROPEX 2004

In spite of urgent pleas in both the September and December 2003 Bulletins, just one Society exhibitor had signed up for five frames at ROPEX 2004 by February 20.

The ROPEX website on Feb. 20 showed a Vermont postal history exhibitor with ten frames and three New Jersey Postal History Society members with a total of 15 frames (one of these frames is an exhibit of N.Y. postal history—Utica stampless handstamp markings!). Where are the ESPHS postal history exhibitors? Please come out of hiding!!

Invitations to the postal history exhibiting competition at ROPEX 2004 were mailed to the State societies of Oh., N.J., Penn., Vt., N.H., Me., Mass., R.I. and Conn. in late August and early September 2003. Although no postal history exhibits from Ohio or Pennnsylvania had been entered by Feb. 20, qualified exhibitors from both states have indicated they will be sending entries.

ROPEX has 250 frames maximum capacity and 100 frames are reserved for the 2004 postal history exhibiting competition. More frames can be made available if they aren't already taken.

Empire State will host the ROPEX 2004 competition, and provide awards for the best multi-frame and single-frame entries in the competition. Each individual society is encouraged to present its own awards as well. Empire State will be doing this.

A proposed scoring system for determining the winning society has been drafted for distribution to the competing groups for review and comment. It is also reproduced in this issue of the *Bulletin* (page 9); questions, suggestions, comments, are invited: send them to the Society President.

There will be a privately donated perpetual award for the winning society, to hold until the next multi-state postal history exhibiting competition including at least NY, NJ and PA.

Reservations will be made at Hedges Nine-Mile Point Restaurant, at the water's edge of Lake Ontario, for a dutch-treat dinner Friday evening, June 18, for members of the postal history societies participating at ROPEX '04. On Saturday there will be a seminar/discussion session at the show to exchange information and ideas and give thought to the future of state postal history societies.

ROPEX 2004 is scheduled for June18-20 at the Webster Community Field House (in a Rochester suburb) adjacent to Webster Thomas High School, 800 Five Mile Line Rd. and Publisher's Way, not far from the exit for Five Mile Line Rd. off the Route104 Expressway (turn left at the exit if headed east on 104, right if headed west).

There are still frames to be filled at ROPEX 2004 and there is still a critical need for N.Y. postal history exhibitors, multi-frame or single-frame, for the state postal history exhibiting competition. If you haven't already entered, please do so as soon as possible. A copy of the Exhibitor Prospectus and Exhibit Application Form is included with the Bulletin. Please use it!!!

PPHS CHALLENGES ESPHS AND NJPHS TO SINGLE-FRAME EXHIBITING COMPETITION

The Empire State Postal History Society has accepted an invitation from the Pennsylvania Postal History Society to enter up to six single-frame exhibits, each showing a different aspect of New York postal history and each by a different exhibitor, in competition with the same format from PPHS and the New Jersey Postal History Society at the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA October 1-3, 2004.

The competition is the brainchild of Norman Shachat, Secretary of PPHS, editor of the *Pennsylvania Postal Historian* and an active postal history exhibitor.

Norm asks that this competition be used to encourage new exhibitors, and says that he will give them preference for the PA exhibit. This approach will be used by Empire State as well. To paraphrase Norm Shachat, one frame is only 16 pages, so each member of ESPHS, especially the first-time exhibitor, is urged to construct a one-frame exhibit in his or her NY area of interest.

The Empire State exhibit will be coordinated by Alan Parsons, 809 Holley Rd., Elmira, NY 14905, phone (607) 732-0181, e-mail alatholleyrd@aol.com. He will be submitting the exhibiting application for all the one-frames (up to six) as a single exhibit; individuals who participate will not submit applications but instead contact Al Parsons with exhibit titles and short description of contents.

If a new exhibitor needs help, don't hesitate to ask. If Al Parsons cannot help you, he will put you in touch with an experienced postal history exhibitor belonging to ESPHS.

Quoting Norm Shachat, Only one prospectus would be submitted by the state coordinator for all six frames. The frames would not be judged individually, but as a single exhibit showing the state with six one-framers by individual exhibitors. The formal APS one-frame judging criteria would not necessarily apply. The idea is to get some new exhibitors involved if possible.

The entry fee for each of the state exhibits at PNSE will be # of frames x \$10 plus \$15 admin. fee, or a maximum of \$75. Since this is a Society activity the money will be included in the ESPHS proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2004.

This is an excellent opportunity for prospective NY postal history exhibitors to "get their feet wet!" You'll not only be helping ESPHS, but you'll be learning about exhibiting and gaining a greater appreciation and knowledge of your postal history collection. It's both fun and beneficial. New exhibitors, especially, are invited to apply!

NICK TODARO DONATES BOOK TO SOCIETY

One of Empire State's founding members (and still a member), Nick Todaro of Oswego, has given the Society a book, *Post Offices and Postmasters of Jefferson County Past and Present*.

The book is softbound and was prepared around 1969 by the Jefferson Vocational-Technical Center Office Practice Class under the sponsorship of the Jefferson County Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the U.S. (NAPUS), W.M. Whitley, President and Historian.

ESPHS has no library or librarian to hold the book, so it is fortunate there was a member who wanted it soon after it was received at the fall meeting in Syracuse. This member has since forwarded the book to another Jefferson County collector, Society director Gerald Wiley of Watertown, who will gladly send the book to the next member who wants to borrow it.

At one time the Society had a library as well as a librarian, but this is no longer the case. The matter of finding a permanent repository for donated postal history materials, as well as for ESPHS archives, should be on the agenda for the annual meeting in May.

Any ideas? Any volunteers? In the meantime, thanks to Nick Todaro for his donation and for helping to focus attention on another Society need.

E.S.P.H.S Website News

As of February 27 our E.S.P.H.S. website has recorded 646 "hits". The website address is http://www.esphs.org.

Every month we illustrate a set of 4 covers on the opening page. Thanks to Ken Hall and Bill Pettersen who provided illustrations during the past 3 months. If you haven't been to the website here's what you've missed (but don't worry, all illustrations are still easily found on the website):

<u>December:</u>	<u>January:</u>	<u>February</u>
Port Henry Cross Border	Schoharie CH Straightline	Auburn notched cancel
Sidney NAMW	Fort Covington Straightline	Lake Placid Duplex
Schroon Lake Star	Schenectady Straightline	Allegany RFD
Highlands Mills County	NYC 1 1/2c War Drop	Brookton County/Postmaster

This month, we are especially pleased to be able to showcase a **NEW DISCOVERY: Enon Big Springs** which existed from 1813-1814. Our new member and postal history dealer, Bill
Pettersen made the find! Also on the March offering: a stampless cover from Nettle Hill, an
"advertised" cover from Saranac Lake, and a last day card from Buskirk.

Remarks prepared by Society President Parsons for delivery at Charles Sweeting Memorial Service December 6, 2003 but not delivered because snowstorm prevented Parsons from attending the Service.

I am here today because I have known and respected Charlie Sweeting for at least 15 years and considered him a good friend. Our friendship developed through the panel of philatelic judges sponsored by the Federation of Central NY Philatelic Societies. Charlie was active on this panel, judging shows throughout upstate NY until illness forced him to quit in the early 1990s. He judged our show in Chemung County at least twice. Because of the positive experience I had with Charlie and his fellow judges, I became a Federation judge myself 13 years ago and still serve.

My friendship with Charlie developed further through our mutual interest in postal history and the Empire State Postal History Society, and the reason I am participating in the service today is because I am the current President of this organization. More to the point, however, I am speaking as a grateful beneficiary, along with 180 other current members of the society, of the work done by Charlie Sweeting 37 years ago in giving birth and form to the Society. Our Secretary-Treasurer, John Lange, who has been an officer of the Society far longer than myself and was well-acquainted with all those who worked with Charlie in organizing the society, refers to Charlie as the principal founder the Empire State Postal History Society. He was the first Secretary of the Society, and remained an officer of the Society until 1992, 25 years after its founding.

As a collector, Charlie specialized in the postal history of Cayuga and Oswego Counties. To Charlie, as with many postal history collectors, collecting postal history was like collecting local history, and this led him first, to author 200 Years of Cayuga County, NY Postal History, published by the Society in 1998 and lovingly dedicated to his wife Betsy Griswold Sweeting, and second, to co-author, with his daughter, Heather, Oswego County, NY Postal History, published by the Society just two years ago. Each of these volumes represents a tremendous achievement in organizing and presenting, in logical, attractive and readable format, an immense amount of information relating to the history of postal communications in their respective counties, and is a valuable resource not only for the postal history collector, but also for those persons interested in their local history.

At the beginning of the forward to each volume, we read as follows: From colonial times until well into the twentieth century every American town and village had a post office. In the early days it was the web of the U.S. Post Office Department that held a county and state together.

Then, at the end of the forward, we find these words: It is hoped that this postal history will inspire other collectors to explore their postal past. All such philatelic studies are incomplete, as most are the results of personal research and a labor of love.

We can be eternally grateful that Charlie Sweeting's "labor of love" and his many other contributions to the hobby have left us a model to follow and a legacy of inspiration. On behalf of postal historians everywhere, thank you, Charlie!

PROPOSED SCORING SYSTEM FOR SELECTING WINNING SOCIETY IN MULTI-STATE POSTAL HISTORY EXHIBITING COMPETITION

Points for Medal Levels:

Platinum - 12. Gold - 10, Vermeil - 8, Silver - 6, Silver-bronze - 4, Bronze - 2 Bonus points for Grand - 4; Reserve Grand - 3; best in multistate multi-frame p.h.competition (unless already receiving Grand or Reserve Grand) - 3; best in multistate single frame p.h. competition - 2

One bonus point to be added to the medal level points if at least 80% of the exhibit relates solely to the state of the exhibitor's participating postal history society.

Points for Participation:

Largest number of exhibitors – 10

Largest number of multi-frame exhibits – 5

Largest number of single-frame exhibits -- 5

Largest number of exhibits of postal history of a single state -- 10

Largest number of pages on exhibit – 10

Some Proposed Rules:

Only exhibits by Society members will be eligible to participate in the competition.

Exhibitors belonging to more than one participating State Postal History Society may exhibit postal history from more than one state and have the exhibit and exhibitor's participation counted for each Postal History Society to which the exhibitor belongs.

Exhibits of U.S. postal history not specific to a single state are eligible to compete as long as the exhibitor belongs to one of the Societies invited to compete. In order to be eligible for the best in multistate postal history exhibiting awards (multi-frame and single frame), at least 80% of the exhibit must relate solely to the state of the exhibitor's participating postal history society.

State-specific illustrated mail exhibits, as well as display class postal history exhibits, by participating society members are eligible for points in determining the winning society.

Previous multistate postal history single and multi-frame competition winning exhibits will not be eligible for the same award for five years, but can still compete in the interim and contribute to the point scoring for their Societies. Scoring will be done by a panel consisting of one representative from each participating society.

"Postal history" will be given a broad definition, but will not include exhibits generally classified as traditional, thematic, postal stationery, revenue, Cinderella, aerophilatelic or astrophilatelic. Issues as to an exhibit being "postal history" for purposes of the competition will be resolved by the scoring panel.

Minutes of Regional Meeting, Feb. 15, 2004 Cover Mania #6 at the Albany, NY Quality Inn

Present: Robert Davison, Albert Guenzburger, Bill Hart, Larry Laliberte, John Lange, Drew Nicholson, Alan Parsons, Joe Rowbottom, Maris Tirums, and a gues John A. Leszak (who applied for membership and is the son of John L. Leszak of "Meekel's & Stamps").

Joe Rowbottom confirmed that the site of the Sunday, May 2, 2004 Annual Meeting will be at Graziano's Casa Mia Restaurant, located just off exit 34 of the NY Thruway in Canastota, NY. More details to be provided in the *Bulletin*.

Drew Nicholson asked if the annual meeting could be held at the Turning Stone Casineo (Verona, NY) in October in conjuction with a stamp show. A fall meeting there is a possibility, but the annual meeting is always the first Sunday in May.

President Alan Parsons noted Bufpex and Ropex as sites of expected regional meetings in 2004.

Parsons said that ESPHS members would probably be receiving a mailing from Nutmeg on their April postal history auctions, using mailing labels provided by the Secretary. Guenzburger requested that thesubject of who receives our mailing labels should be an agenda item at the May 2 Directors meeting (John Nunes was also given a set of our labels for Ccver Mania).

The ESPHS website established by *Bulletin* Editor Glenn Estus, was praised by Parsons, who passed out sample pages.

Bill Hart was recently sent a copy of the Kay/Smith book "New York Postal History: The Post Offices and First Postmasters from 1775 to 1980" by the Secretary. It contained an insert of revised pages. This was a surprise to the Secretary who on returning home examined a package of 5 just received from the APS. None had the insert.

Update on Ropex competition: PA, NJ (3) and Ohio all have given this publicity in their journals. Norm Shachat of the PA PHS has challenged the ESPHS to a PA vs NY competition, each society with a six frame entry, each entry being further sub-divided into six single frame 16 page exhibits. Guenzburger inquired if individuals could get a copy of the individual critique. Parsons replied that he didn't know the answer because the proposal was just given to him and whether there would be individual score sheets or one for each six frame entry. This would be for a Philadelphia show in October.

Agenda item for Annual meeting: Should the ESPHS front the entry fee for the 6 frame entry?

Awards: Bill Hart said that Ann Triggle had written him asking for input for awards for the 2006 International show. The awards chairman, Albert Guenzburger, will respond to Ms. Triggle.

de Lisle 4 page exhibit: President Parsons reminded people to prepare four related pages on a NY postal history topic for competition at our fall meeting. This is an annual competition for a handsome plaque having an outline of NY state.

ESPHS Journal *Excelsior!*: Drew Nicholson has sufficient material for the March 04 issue but would like articles for the Sept. 04 and March 05 issues. Drew also noted that he has established a space in the front called "The Puzzle Box" intended to be short articles about puzzling pieces. He encourages input.

Volunteers needed for the hospitality table at Ropex.

Star Cancel book: Roger Curran requested permission to extract material from the Star Cancel book to be used in an article. He would give credit to the ESPHS. Secretary Lange and President Parsons have sent a letter to Roger giving permission.

John A. Lange, Jr. Secretary/Treasurer, ESPHS

Feb. 23, 2004

Show Schedules for Auction Manager and Excelsior! Editor

Both John Nunes, the Society's auction manager, and Drew Nicholson, Excelsior! editor, work as dealers at shows. John Nunes has his own business (Nunes Nook), while Drew Nicholson assists dealer Larry Winum of Walden.

John Nunes is willing to discuss and/or receive consignments for Society auctions, and Drew Nicholson likewise for *Excelsior!* articles, at any of the shows where they are present.

Following is a schedule of shows and bourses where either one or both will be available for the next three months: April 3—Crossroads Show, Quechee, Vt. (Nunes)

April 3—Syracuse Stamp & Coin Show (Nicholson)

April 4—Syracuse Stamp & Coin Show (Nunes, Nicholson)

April 11—Stamp Collecting Festival, North Haven, Conn. (Nunes)

April 16—Canadian Stamp Dealers Assoc. Show, Toronto (Nunes)

April 17---VALLEYPEX 2004, Buffalo (Nunes)

April 18—Capital District Stamp Show, Albany (Nunes)

April 24-25—MANPEX, Manchester, Conn. (Nunes)

May 2-R S Stamp Show, Rochester (Nunes)

May 8—Stamp Collecting Festival, North Haven, Conn. (Nunes)

May 15—Butler Penn. Show (Nunes)

May 16—Capital District Stamp Show, Albany (Nunes)

May 29-31—NOJEX, Secaucus, N.J. (Nunes)

June 4-6—NAPEX, McLean, Va. (Nunes)

June 13—Capital District Stamp Show, Albany (Nunes)

June 18-20—ROPEX, Rochester (Webster) (Nunes, Nicholson)

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ROPEX 2004

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ROPEX 2004 – EXHIBITOR PROSPECTUS - RULES and REGULATIONS

1. ROPEX 2004 is being held June 18-20 at the Webster Community Field House, Webster Thomas High School, 800 Five Mile Line Road and Publisher's Way, Webster, NY, 14580. It is located off of Route 104, about 25 minutes from the airport and Rochester city center to the north east.

Submitting an Entry

- 2. Early application is recommended, as frames are usually filled a few months in advance of the show. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit.
- 3. Materials exhibited must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and prepared by the owner. An exhibitor's name may not appear within the exhibit, however names and addresses on covers are allowed.
- 4. All exhibits will be shown using 3' wide by 4' tall frames, each holding sixteen 8 1/2" x 11" pages. Oversized pages (including 9"x12") require the advanced approval of the Exhibit Committee. Each exhibit page must be inserted into a protective transparent sleeve or envelope, preferably enclosed on three sides. Index card stock is recommended as a stiffener for each exhibit page. Pages should be in "mountable" order, numbered progressively on the reverse.
- 5. All entries must be made on official entry forms and be accompanied by the correct fees. The frame fee is \$8 per 16 page multi-frame exhibit, with a maximum of 10 frames per exhibit. Single frame exhibits are \$20. For junior exhibitors (under 21 years old) the frame fee is \$5 per 16 page frame. Signing of the entry form denotes acceptance of all rules and regulations of ROPEX.
- 6. Exhibitors are asked to submit the form along with a one or two page summary, synopsis, outline and/or title page to be reviewed by the ROPEX committee for consideration.
- 7. Send no money now if applying before December 31. Otherwise, send a check made payable to ROPEX.
- 8. Failure to present an exhibit after an entry has been accepted forfeits the entry fee paid.

Mail-In Exhibit Instructions

- 9. Details for mail-in exhibitors will be sent out approximately one month before the show. Do not send exhibits before receiving this information.
- 10. Mail-in exhibits must be sent prepaid with complete return postage and appropriate forms/labels. Such instructions <u>must</u> be made prior to the closing of the show. We do not re-mail by registered post.

Walk-in Exhibit Instructions

11. Personally delivered exhibits will only be received by the Exhibit Committee between the hours of 2:00 PM. and 6:00 PM on the Thursday preceding the show.

- 12. The jury will consist of a panel of five APS accredited judges and up to two apprentices. The judges' decisions shall be final in all cases.
- 13. Exhibits in the national General Class will be judged independently using APS/ATA standards of philatelic exhibiting. These will be judged on the basis of five levels of awards, and sufficient awards at each level will be placed at the disposal of the judges. The grand award will be presented as the "best in show" and become our representative in the next APS "Champion of Champions" at STAMPSHOW in August. Additional special awards will be given exhibits meeting specific criteria at the discretion of the judges. Exhibitors' names will be listed in the program and in post-show publicity. All exhibitors will receive a copy of the exhibition program and Awards Palmares.

Show Closing

14. Exhibits will be dismantled starting at 4:00 PM Sunday, and as a safety precaution, only when all visitors have exited. No exhibit may be removed prior to that time. It will then be released by the Exhibit Committee only when signed for by the exhibitor or his duly authorized representative.

Insurance & Security

- 15. Exhibitors must provide their own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safety of all exhibits, including security around the clock. However, no responsibility shall be attached to the Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc., its members, ROPEX, the ROPEX Show Committee and/or its representatives, the Exhibit Committee, the town or school district of Webster, employees, or all other voluntary assistants, for any loss of, or damage to, an exhibit arising from any cause whatsoever.
- 16. Questions concerning the exhibition and not provided for by these Rules and Regulations will be decided by the ROPEX Show Committee.



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