



ARIPEX 2016 Exhibitor's Prospectus

An APS World Series of Philately Exhibition

Mesa Convention Center, Mesa, Arizona
Friday, Saturday, & Sunday February 19 - 21, 2016
Entry Deadline: Friday, January 8, 2016

Rules and Regulations

1. The exhibition is open to all stamp collectors who agree to the rules and regulations stated herein.
2. All material exhibited must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor or immediate family members. Forgeries and counterfeits should be plainly identified, or the exhibit may be subject to downgrading or disqualification.
3. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit, in whole or in part, without giving reason. In such cases, refund of entry fee will be made.
4. An exhibitor may enter up to two multi-frame and two single frame exhibits, totaling no more than 22 frames. Second through fourth exhibits will be subject to a lower priority if the exhibition is over-subscribed.
5. Exhibits may be entered in any of the classes sanctioned by the APS. Exhibitors age 21 or under as of January 1, 2016 may enter the Youth Class. No exhibit may exceed ten frames.
6. Exhibits that have previously won the Grand Award at ARIPEX or the APS Champions of Champions are only eligible to enter the Non-competitive class.
7. The entry fee is \$18 per exhibit plus frame fees, except for the Youth Class for whom the entry fee is \$1 per frame. Entry fees will not be refunded for exhibits withdrawn after January 31, 2016 or not delivered to the exhibition.
8. Most awards will be presented at the ARIPEX awards dinner, Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 7pm. **As ARIPEX must provide the caterer a count prior to the show, dinner tickets should be ordered and paid for with the entry form.**
9. Exhibitors' names will appear in the show program, in the Palmares, and will be used during the presentation of awards, unless notified by the exhibitor on the entry form that a pseudonym is desired.
10. Pages will be displayed in Jenkins/Ameripex style frames holding 16 pages mounted in four rows of four 9" x 12" pages per frame. Exhibit pages must be numbered on the back in sequential order, and enclosed in transparent sheet protectors.
11. A panel of APS accredited judges will act as the jury. The decision of the judges shall be final and without appeal. The Grand Award recipient agrees to participate in the APS World Series of Philately in Portland, OR in August 2016.
12. Exhibits will be mounted at the Mesa Convention Center on **Thursday, February 18, 2016, between 3pm and 6pm.** After the exhibitor/agent checks in at the exhibits table, a member of the ARIPEX exhibits committee will assist with the mounting of the exhibit.
13. No exhibits may be dismantled prior to 3pm on Sunday, February 21, 2016. An ARIPEX committee member must be present and will assist the owner/agent in dismantling his/her exhibit(s). Once exhibits are removed the exhibitor/agent must sign a release at the exhibits table.
14. Mail in exhibits must be sent prepaid and will be returned at the owner's expense. Express Mail is recommended, but Priority Mail or via private courier (e.g. FEDEX) is acceptable. If a courier service is used the exhibitor must provide their personal account number to which the return shipment fee may be charged, or a prepaid air bill. Exhibits sent to ARIPEX must be dispatched to arrive between February 11 and 17, 2016, to the address supplied in the acceptance letter.
15. ARIPEX 2016, the Mesa Convention Center, and/or any of their officers, members, agents, or employees will not be liable for the loss of, or damage to, any material submitted for exhibit arising from any cause or reason whatsoever. The exhibits committee will exercise reasonable and practical precautions to protect the property of the exhibitors in the handling and mounting of exhibits, while stored, while enroute to and from the exhibition, and will employ 24 hour security guards while the exhibits are on display. **Exhibitors desiring insurance for their exhibits while in transit and while in the hands of ARIPEX 2016 and its agents must make their own personal arrangements.**
16. Application to exhibit must be made on the ARIPEX 2016 Official Entry Form, properly completed, and accompanied with payment of appropriate fees. Exhibitors should submit 7 copies of the title page and a summary/synopsis of not more than two pages (4 sides) maximum; at entry or no later than January 15, 2016. Title pages/synopses also may be sent as .pdf files to the email address provided below.
17. The exhibitor's signature on the official entry form constitutes acceptance of the rules and regulations in this prospectus. **Deadline for entry is January 8, 2016.**

Send completed official entry form with remittance to:
ARIPEX 2016 Entry
c/o Frank Sente
873 S. Lakeview Dr.
Prescott, AZ 86301-6629

Make checks payable to ARIPEX 2016

Questions: sente2@earthlink.net or to the above address