

OKPEX 2015 PROSPECTUS & ENTRY FORM

An American Philatelic Society Accredited 2 Day National Level Exhibition

June 19-20, 2015

Reed Conference Center

5800 Will Rogers Road

Midwest City, OK 73110

(The Show Hotel, The Sheraton MWC, is adjacent – with both located just off Interstate 40)

ENTRY FORM CLOSING DATE: May 15, 2015

Exhibitor's Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, and Zip Code:

Telephone Number:

e-mail address:

Exhibit Title:

Description:

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..... Number of Frames Requested:

If you do not wish your name used in the program or palmars please provide a pseudonym under which you wish to be listed:

Indicate Classification of Exhibit (see current edition of **APS Manual of Philatelic Judging** for explanations of these classes and divisions):

General Class

- Postal Division
- Revenue Division
- Thematic Division
- Illustrated Mail Division
- Charity/Promotional/Cinderella Division
- Display Division
- Post Card

Single Frame Class

- Postal Division
- Revenue Division
- Thematic Division
- Illustrated Mail Division
- Charity/Promotional/Cinderella Division
- Display Division
- Post Card

Youth Class (age determined as of June 19, 2015)

Non-competitive Exhibit

Please indicate **society affiliations** or other criteria, as they apply. This may be used for determination of award eligibility.

- First time exhibitor AAMS
- Oklahoma Philatelic Society AAPE
- Oklahoma City Stamp Club APS
- ARA ATA USPCS USSS

REQUIRED & OPTIONAL FEES

Amount enclosed for frame fees at \$10.00 per frame (Youth free)	\$.....
Amount enclosed for one frame exhibit(s) at \$25 per frame (Youth free)	\$.....
Amount enclosed for return postage and insurance	\$.....
Total	\$.....

Exhibitor plans to attend OKPEX? Yes No

Exhibitor plans to stay at the Sheraton (attached to the Reed Center, Rate = \$99.00) Yes No

Exhibit will be delivered by: Self Agent* Mail**

Exhibit will be returned by: Self Agent* Mail**

* If this box is checked, please provide the name of the Agent:

** If this box is checked, **you must mail the exhibit to arrive between June 10 - 16, 2015**, and provide return Express Mail fees. *OKPEX strongly recommends the use of USPS EXPRESS Mail both to and from the exhibition.*

I, the undersigned, have read the rules for exhibiting and hereby certify that I am eligible to exhibit under the terms outlined therein. I further understand that if accepted as an exhibitor, I will be responsible for insuring my exhibit, and agree that no liability for loss or damage to any of the materials exhibited will attach to Okla. City Stamp Club, OKPEX, any of its officers, directors, Committee members, or representatives, or to the Express Events Center, or any of its employees or departments. In addition, I understand and agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and release and agree to hold harmless the judges and the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging.

Exhibitor's Signature:

Please complete this form in type or block letters, and return with *six copies of the title page and Synopsis of the exhibit* (if possible, also send an electronic copy [Word Format or PDF format] of these documents as an email attachment to rcd3015@cox.net), and a check *in US funds, made payable to OKPEX*, for all applicable fees to:

Ralph DeBoard
PO Box 3015
Edmond, OK 73083
405-425-5411

OKPEX 2015

Conditions for Exhibiting

A: ELIGIBILITY

1. **OKPEX** is open to all collectors regardless of philatelic affiliation who conform to the rules contained in this Prospectus, and apply on the Official Entry Form.
2. All material exhibited must be owned by the person (or an immediate family member) whose name appears on the Official Entry Form. Material with dual or corporate ownership entered for competition is respectfully declined.
3. The exhibit must not contain material being offered for sale during the course of the show.
4. An exhibit whose material was purchased or inherited substantially intact may not be exhibited until at least 50% of its content is composed of material from other sources.
5. Youth exhibitors must be under the age of 21 on June 19, 2015.
6. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at a previous **OKPEX**, won the APS - sponsored Champion-of-Champions competition or been in that competition three times, won an international Grand Prix (national, international or honor), or won three large gold medals at the international level are not eligible to compete.
7. Exhibitors' names will appear in the program and will be used in conjunction with the awards. To remain anonymous, exhibitors must so advise the Exhibits Committee on the Entry form and furnish a pseudonym.

B: EXHIBITS

1. *General Competition Exhibits* must comprise a minimum of two frames and a maximum of ten frames. *Youth Competition Exhibits* must comprise a minimum of one frame and a maximum of five frames.
2. An exhibitor may request consideration of more than one exhibit providing separate Entry Forms are submitted for each exhibit. No more than two multi-frame exhibits and two single frame exhibits will be accepted from the same person.
3. The exhibit must be mounted on pages, numbered on the back in sequential order. Each page must be enclosed in a transparent sheet protector, closed on three sides.
4. Exhibits must not show the name of, or otherwise identify, the owner of the exhibit — although the name and address is permitted on exhibited covers.
5. Forgeries must be so identified; failure to do so may result in the exhibit being downgraded.
6. With the exception of the final preparation of the exhibit pages, all work must be that of the exhibitor.

C: FRAMES AND FLOOR PLAN

1. Exhibits will be displayed in 3ft. by 4ft. standard (Ameripex type) aluminum frames which hold 16 pages (up to 9 by 12 inches) mounted in rows of four pages. Entries with larger, vertical or odd-sized pages may be accommodated but **must** receive the prior approval of the Committee before they can be accepted.
2. Every effort will be made to avoid splitting an exhibit between rows or turn a corner.
3. The Committee reserves the right to place exhibits according to its own plan. Committee decisions are final.

D: JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. All exhibits will be judged and awards made in accordance with the current edition *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging*.
2. **OKPEX 2014** is a 2 day APS show and is following the required rules that we will have a minimum of 3 APS judges, and have no fewer than 100 or more than 125 competitive frames, and a maximum of 10 one frame exhibits.
3. The Committee will make every effort to obtain special awards and make them available to the jury. These awards will be made at the discretion of the jury and in compliance with the criteria established by their donors.
4. The winner of the **OKPEX** Grand Award shall be eligible for, and will be expected to enter, the 2014 APS Champion-of-Champions competition.
5. All awards will be presented at the **OKPEX** Awards Breakfast, to be held Saturday June 20, 2015 at 8:30 am.

E: EXHIBIT CLASSIFICATION

1. In the General Competition, exhibit classifications are used to assist in the arrangement of exhibits and to determine eligibility for special awards. Exhibitors should select, and note the classification on the Entry Form that best describes their exhibit. Sub-classification into Division status is desirable but not essential. However, the Exhibition Committee for exhibit placement, and the jury for awards, may reclassify an exhibit into a different category. The final classification category rests with the jury, whose decision will be final and without appeal.

F: LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

1. Oklahoma City Stamp Club and **OKPEX** will take all practical precautions to ensure exhibit safety and proper handling during the exhibition, including 24-hour professional security surveillance. However, no liability will attach to Oklahoma City Stamp Club, **OKPEX**, any of its officers, directors, Committee members or representatives, or to The Reed Conference Center or any of its employees or departments for any loss or damage whatsoever to any material, whether submitted for competition or not for competition, arising from any cause or reason whatsoever.

2. No special security arrangements can be made by an exhibitor without the prior approval of the Committee.
3. Any desired insurance is the exhibitor's sole responsibility. Any coverage obtained should include the period of the show and the time the exhibit is in transit to and from the exhibition, or in storage.

G: LOGISTICS

1. Exhibits will be mounted Thursday, June 18, 2015. The Committee will mount mailed-in exhibits with such other volunteer assistance as may be required. Exhibitors desiring to mount their own exhibits should arrive at The Reed Conference Center on that day between 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.
2. Exhibits will be dismantled starting as soon as possible after the close of OKPEX at 4 PM on Saturday, June 20, 2015. For security reasons, no exhibit may be dismantled earlier (travel plans should be made accordingly). The exhibit may be removed thereafter only when signed for by the exhibitor or duly authorized agent (as indicated on the Entry form), and only when checked out and released by the Committee.
3. Exhibits will be returned as directed by the exhibitor on the Entry form provided payment in full has been received. It is strongly recommended that USPS Express Mail service be utilized.
4. Exhibitors mailing their exhibit should send it to:
Joe Crosby 5009 Barnsteeple Court Oklahoma City, OK 73142-5405 to arrive between June 10 – 16, 2015.

H: FEES AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Space for a 25-word (or less) description of the exhibit is provided on the Entry Form. This description (subject to editing, if necessary) will be used in the official OKPEX program.
2. To assist the judges in evaluating the exhibits, six (6) copies of the Title Page and/or Synopsis of the exhibit **must accompany** the Entry form. These may be modified at a later date, if so desired. As mentioned above, in addition to the hard copies, an electronic copy would also be appreciated.
3. General and Post Card Class Exhibit entry fees are \$10.00 per frame (*free* for Youth); \$25.00 per exhibit for One Frame Exhibits. Fees and return postage must be paid at the time of submission of the Entry form. Checks, made payable to OKPEX and all Official Entry Forms must be mailed to: **Ralph DeBoard, OKPEX, PO Box 3015, Edmond, Ok 73083**. The Exhibits Chairman may be reached at 405-425-5411 or by e-mail: ralph.deboard@oc.edu. The Awards Breakfast (Dutch Treat) will be held Saturday morning at a nearby restaurant – with transportation provided.
4. Notification regarding whether an exhibit has been accepted will be mailed to each applicant as soon as practicable after receipt of the Entry Form and fees. The fees will be returned to any exhibitor whose exhibit is not accepted by the Committee.
5. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors are advised that entries from members of convening societies will receive preference for frame allocation.
6. Failure to exhibit after receipt of acceptance by OKPEX of the exhibit will result in forfeiture of the entry fee.

I: GENERAL

1. Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition and not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be decided by the Committee at its sole and absolute discretion, and whose decision shall be final.
2. Signing of the Entry Form by either the exhibitor or the exhibitor's duly authorized agent shall signify understanding and unqualified acceptance of all rules, regulations, and conditions printed in this Prospectus.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 15, 2015 **Closing date for receipt of Entry Form, title page &/or synopsis**
- June 3, 2015 Latest date for receipt of **revisions** of title page & synopsis
- June 10, 2015 **Earliest date** for mailed-in exhibit to arrive*
- June 16, 2015 **Latest date** for arrival for mailed-in exhibits
- June 18, 2015 Exhibit mounting; exhibitors mounting their own exhibits may do so between 2:00 and 5:00 PM.
- June 18, 2015 Dutch Treat Dinner at Toby Keith's Bar & Grill in Bricktown by the Riverwalk.
- June 19, 2015 **OKPEX** will be open from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.
- June 19, 2015 Dutch Treat Dinner at outstanding OKC Restaurant.
- June 20, 2015 **OKPEX** Awards Breakfast at 8:30 am.
- June 20, 2015 **OKPEX** open from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Exhibit dismantling begins as soon as possible after 4 PM.

*Packages mailed from overseas must clear customs and even when sent by air, can take over two weeks to arrive.
Please allow sufficient time.