

Indicate society affiliations. Circle each that apply or add special affiliations.

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Required and Optional Fees

Amount enclosed for frame fees at \$10.00 for 1 single frame exhibit . Adult	\$
(Adult exhibitors must be at least age 18 during the 2015 calendar year.)	
Amount enclosed for frame fees at \$5.00 for 1 single frame exhibit . Youth	\$
(Youth exhibitors must be age 10 to 17 during the 2015 calendar year.)	
** Amount enclosed for return postage and insurance for your exhibit.	\$

Exhibitor plans to attend MPS Annual Show Yes No

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

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

* If this box is checked, provide the name of your Agent: PRINT NAME _____

** If this box is checked, **you must mail your exhibit to arrive between November 11 through 18, 2017 and provide return Express Mail fees.** MPS strongly recommends the use of USPS EXPRESS or USPS REGISTERED services.

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 the Midwest Philatelic Society of Kansas City Missouri, MPS Annual Club Exhibiting Event, any of its officers, directors, committee members, or representatives, or to the Kansas City Public Library . Waldo Branch, 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 in Ink:

Please complete this form in type or block letters, and return with *two copies of your title page of the exhibit, and* if possible, send an electronic copy [Word Format or PDF format] of your Title Page as an email attachment to burney@msn.com), and a check *in US funds, made payable to Midwest Philatelic Society,* for all applicable fees to:

Robert Burney • 6414 East 86 Street • Kansas City, MO 64138 • (816) 553-2178

Midwest Philatelic Society – Annual Club Exhibiting Program 2015

Conditions for Exhibiting

A: ELIGIBILITY

1. **MPS Annual Club Exhibiting Program** 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 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 18 on or before December 31, 2015.
6. 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 Chairman on the Entry Form and furnish a pseudonym.

B: EXHIBITS

1. *Exhibitors, both adult and youth may only exhibit 1 frame consisting of 9 pages.*
2. An exhibitor may request consideration of more than one exhibit providing separate Entry Forms and fees are submitted for each exhibit.
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. Exceptions are honored for exhibitors with physical impairments.

C: FRAMES AND FLOOR PLAN

1. Exhibits will be displayed in custom made frames which hold 9 pages (up to 9 by 12 inches) mounted in 3 rows of 3 pages. Entries with larger vertical or odd-sized pages may be accommodated but **must** receive prior approval from the Exhibits Chairman before they can be accepted. Call for approval before shipping.
2. The Exhibits Chairman reserves the right to place exhibits according to its own plan. The Exhibits Chairman's decisions are final.

D: JUDGING AND AWARDS

1. All exhibits will be judged and awards made in accordance with current rules approved by the Midwest Philatelic Society (see attached).
2. MPS 2017 is a 1 day local show and is following the required rules established by the Society. Club members present at the show vote for the primary ribbon awards via a ballot. MPS is limited to 12 single page frames, each consisting of 9 pages. Only 1 single frame is available for any exhibitor. Two judges, appointed by the Exhibits Chairman, are

responsible for issuing the remaining awards. The judges must be experienced APS/AAPE exhibitors from WSP shows with a minimum medal standing of vermeil.

3. All awards will be presented at the MPS scheduled club meeting on Saturday, January 6, 2018 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Central time zone.

E: EXHIBIT CLASSIFICATION

1. 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 not essential. However, the Exhibits Chairman, for exhibit placement, and the judges for awards, may reclassify an exhibit into a different category. The final classification category rests with the judges, whose decision will be final and without appeal.

F: LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

1. Midwest Philatelic Society and the MPS Annual Club Exhibiting Program will take all practical precautions to ensure exhibit safety and proper handling during the exhibition. However, no liability will attach to Midwest Philatelic Society, any of its officers, directors, Committee members or representatives, or to the Kansas City Public Library . Waldo Branch 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 Exhibits Chairman.

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 Saturday, December 5, 2015. The Exhibits Chairman will mount mailed-in exhibits with volunteer assistance as may be required. Exhibitors desiring to mount their own exhibits should arrive at the Kansas City Public Library . Waldo Branch, Room A, on December 2, 2017 between 11:00 am and 11:30 am.

2. Exhibits will be dismantled starting as soon as possible after the close of the MPS Annual Club Exhibiting Program at 4 pm on Saturday, December 2, 2017. 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 Exhibits Chairman.

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 or REGISTERED Mail service be utilized.

4. Exhibitors mailing their exhibit should send it to: **Robert Burney, 6414 East 86 Street, Kansas City, MO 64138** to arrive between November 11 through 18, 2017.

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 show program.

2. To assist the judges in evaluating the exhibits, two (2) copies of the Title Page 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. Send electronic email transmissions with MS Word or PDF attachments to burney@msn.com.
3. Adult exhibit entry fees are \$10.00 per frame. Youth exhibit entry fees are \$5.00 per frame. Fees and return postage must be paid at the time of submission of the Entry Form. Checks, made payable to Midwest Philatelic Society and all Official Entry Forms must be mailed to: **Robert Burney, 6414 East 86 Street, Kansas City MO 64138**. The Exhibits Chairman may be reached at: (816) 533-2178, or by e-mail: burney@msn.com. Awards will be distributed at the normal MPS club meeting held on Saturday, January 6, 2018.
4. Notification regarding whether an exhibit has been accepted will be mailed, or emailed 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 Exhibits Chairman.
5. The Exhibits Chairman reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit for any reason. Exhibitors are advised that entries from members of the Midwest Philatelic Society will not receive preference for frame assignment. The competition is first come, first serve.
6. Failure to exhibit after receipt of acceptance by Midwest Philatelic Society or MPS Annual Club Exhibiting Program 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 Exhibits Chairman 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

November 4, 2017 **Closing date for receipt of Entry Form**

November 25, 2017 Latest date for receipt of **revisions** for Title Page

November 11, 2017 **Earliest date** for mailed-in exhibit to arrive*

November 18, 2017 **Latest date** for arrival for mailed-in exhibits

December 2, 2017 Exhibit mounting; exhibitors mounting their own exhibits may do so between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

December 2, 2017 **MPS Annual Club Exhibiting Program** opens: 12:00 PM.

December 2, 2017 **MPS Annual Club Exhibiting Program** closes: 4:00 PM. Exhibit dismounting begins as soon as possible after 4:00 PM.

January 6, 2018 **MPS Club Exhibiting Awards Presentation**: 2:00 PM.

*Exhibits from international exhibitors are not accepted at this time. Domestic exhibitors should plan ahead. *Please allow sufficient time for your exhibit to arrive at the show.*