

PROSPECTUS - PIPEX 2026

An American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately (WSP) Event

May 1 through May 3, 2026

Hilton Garden Inn, 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015

Sponsored by: THE NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

ALL exhibits will be mounted physically in frames at the show and will be judged in the frames. Exhibitors are encouraged *also* to submit their exhibits virtually, to be posted on the PIPEX website.

Important Dates	
Feb.18, 2026	Deadline for convening societies' exhibit application preference
March 20, 2026	Deadline for exhibit applications and for updated title/synopses pages
April 16, 2026	Deadline for receipt of virtual copies of exhibits
April 28, 2026	Deadline for receiving shipped exhibits
April 30, 2026	Personal delivery of exhibits

A. Exhibitors:

a) Any collector, regardless of residence or club affiliation, is eligible to enter a competitive exhibit by conforming to the requirements of this prospectus. An exhibit that has won the APS Champion of Champions award is not eligible for competition. Exhibits winning PIPEX Grand awards are not eligible for competition for two years after their award. An exhibit winning a grand award in a WSP show in the current exhibiting year is not eligible for competition.

b) All competitive exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

B. Exhibit Classes:

a) GENERAL CLASS is open to any competitive exhibit except those eligible for either the youth or one-frame class.

b) ONE FRAME CLASS

c) YOUTH CLASS is open to exhibitors who will be age 21 or younger on January 1, 2026. Entry applications for this class must include a statement, endorsed by an adult, that the entry is the property of, and was prepared by, the entrant. Youth exhibitors: please also see the Youth section of the PIPEX website.

d) NON-COMPETITIVE CLASS

Exhibits in any of the classes above may be in any of a variety of subclasses, viz. Advertising, Patriotic and Event Cover; Aerophilately; Astrophilately; Cinderella; Display; Experimental; First Day Cover; Maximaphily; Picture Postcard; Postal History; Postal Stationery; Revenue; Thematic; Topical; Traditional.

C. Entry:

a) An individual exhibitor may submit up to two multi-frame exhibits and up to two single-frame exhibits.

b) All exhibits must be entered by Class on the official entry form provided by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee. The correct fees must accompany the entry form.

c) Single-frame exhibits will be accepted in priority sequence:

(1) One exhibit each by members of convening societies, youth (up to six youth exhibits), and first-time exhibitors in any WSP show.

(2) One exhibit each by residents of the area served by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs

(3) One exhibit each by any other exhibitors

(4) Second exhibit by exhibitors, following the same priorities as in categories (1) to (3) above

Entries will be accepted up to March 20, 2026, or until all available space has been filled if that event should occur earlier.

d) Receipt of entries will be promptly acknowledged. A defined number of frames are reserved for the convening organizations until February 18, 2026.

e) Signing the official entry form denotes acceptance by the exhibitor of all requirements set out in this prospectus.

f) Each exhibit entry must include (1) the Entry Form, (2) the title page, (3) a one- or two-page synopsis, and (4) the required fee. Mail payment to Norma Nielson, 1561 Braeman Village, Eugene, OR 97405. Title pages and synopses may also be mailed to the same address, but the PIPEX Committee *prefers* to receive them by email to nnielson@ucalgary.ca, in Word, PDF, or rtf format attachments to an email message. Entry forms may be either mailed or emailed.

Entries submitted without the title page and synopsis will not be accepted. However, revised title pages and/or synopses may be forwarded by March 20, 2026, to the mail or email address just given.

D. Frames and Pages:

a) Exhibits will be displayed in frames that hold 16 pages, maximum 8.5 inches by 11 inches or A4 in size, in 4 horizontal rows of 4 pages each. Wider pages are acceptable if they fit in a row of a frame.

b) Pages must be numbered consecutively on the back, bear the exhibitor's name on the back (not the front), and be enclosed in transparent sheet protectors.

c) Each GENERAL CLASS exhibit is limited to a maximum of ten (10) frames. Each YOUTH CLASS exhibit is one frame, except that experienced youth exhibitors may apply for up to five frames.

E. Exhibit Fees:

(a) The entry fee for adult exhibits is \$60.00 for one- or two-frame exhibits plus \$10.00 for each additional frame beyond two. Thus, single frame exhibits must pay fees of \$60 each, a four-frame exhibit \$80, and a ten-frame exhibit \$140. The fee includes mounting of a virtual copy on the PIPEX website if provided by the exhibitor.

(b) Youth Class – \$5.00 per frame

Note: If the exhibit is to be returned to the exhibitor by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee after the show, the full amount of return postage plus insurance must be remitted with the entry application. Excess amounts over \$2.00 will be refunded.

F. Delivery:

a) Exhibitors can deliver their exhibits in person or via an agent. Otherwise, exhibits should be sent via USPS mail with tracking or express carrier such as FEDEX. Other material should not be enclosed in the same package as the exhibit.

b) Mailed exhibits must be shipped prepaid to be received by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee to arrive no later than April 28, 2026. Exhibits delivered by an exhibitor or an agent may be handed to the PIPEX Exhibit Committee between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., April 30, 2026, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Clackamas, OR.

c) If the exhibit is to be shipped, it should be sent to:

Capital Manor
1955 Salem-Dallas Hwy NW
Salem OR 97304
Attn: George Struble

**Note that this is a different address
than the address for exhibit entry forms**

d) An exhibitor who indicates on the exhibit entry form an intent to send the exhibit *also* virtually, s/he will be sent instructions for electronic delivery.

G. Exhibition Hours/Exhibit Return:

a) The exhibition will open at 10:00 a.m. on May 1 and will close at 4:00 p.m. on May 3.

- b) Exhibitors or their agents, on providing proof of identity, may obtain their exhibit from the PIPEX Exhibit Committee immediately after the close of the exhibition.
- c) **No exhibit or part thereof may be mounted, dismounted, or removed during official show hours. Those with tight travel schedules will be allowed access to takedown at 3:00 p.m. Please do not exhibit if you will need to take your exhibit down before 3:00 p.m. on May 3, 2026.**

H. Insurance:

- a) Exhibit owners must provide their own insurance.
- b) All reasonable precautions will be taken for safeguarding the exhibits while they are in the possession of the PIPEX Committee. The exhibit area and bourse will have 24-hour security guards.
- c) The exhibitor agrees that no responsibility of any kind or character will attach to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs nor to any officers or members of the same, nor to the PIPEX Committee or to any of its members, nor to the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions, nor to Hilton Garden Inn or its employees, for any loss or damage to any exhibit or material submitted in competition or non-competition, from any cause whatsoever.

I. Judging:

- a) A panel of APS accredited judges will make decisions by deliberation and consultation among themselves; their decisions will be final. Judges will receive the exhibit title and synopsis in advance of the show to assist in their preparation; some of these materials will be made available on the PIPEX website unless the exhibitor indicates on the Entry Form that s/he wishes to opt out.
- b) Judging will be in accordance with the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting, Seventh Edition (October 2019)*. It is strongly recommended that exhibitors study this latest edition, available on the APS web site (https://stamps.org/Portals/0/Judging-Manual_1.pdf).

J. Awards:

- a) For the GENERAL CLASS the PIPEX Exhibit Committee will place at the disposition of the judges, PIPEX large gold, gold, large vermeil, vermeil, large silver, silver, silver-bronze and bronze medals plus ribbons, certificates of award, certificates of appreciation and other awards, including the Grand and Reserve Grand award.
- b) For the SINGLE FRAME CLASS, judging will be based on the same eight levels of awards, with a Grand award for the best single frame exhibit.
- c) All awards will be granted in accordance with merits of the exhibit.
- d) The winner of the multi-frame PIPEX Grand Award will be eligible for, and is expected to enter, the APS Champion of Champions competition at the APS Great American Stamp Show, Aug. 19-22, 2027, in Albuquerque, NM. The winner of the single-frame grand award will be eligible for, and expected to enter, the Single-frame Champion of Champions competition at Chicagopex to be held November 20-22, 2026.

K. Ruling Authority:

Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition which are not provided for by the requirements of this prospectus will be decided by the PIPEX Host Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.

L. Questions:

Send all correspondence to: Dr. Norma Nielson
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