

# PROSPECTUS SOPEX 2024

sponsored by the Southern Oregon Philatelic

Society

Friday, June 7 (11-5) & Saturday, June 8 (10-4)

First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

1. **Eligibility:** SOPEX 2024 is open to all exhibitors. Entries must be the property of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family.

2. **Entry:** Entries must be made on SOPEX entry form or copy. Each exhibitor agrees to accept the rules of SOPEX 2024. Exhibitors may enter multiple exhibits. Exhibits that have won Gold in a previous SOPEX must show significant change to again be eligible for competitive awards. Exhibits that have won a gold at any WSP show are not eligible. SOPEX committee will return an entry for any exhibit entered in violation of these rules. With each entry include either electronic versions of title page/synopsis (pdf file, not jpeg) or print copies.

3. **Closing Date:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024, or when all available frames are spoken for. Entries to: Larry Crain, P.O. Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or larry.crain@gmail.com.

4. **Classifications / frames:** adult, junior, free-style. Exhibits will be mounted in 12-page or 16-page frames (pages 8.5"x 11"). Adult exhibits one to three frames, limit 48 pages. Juniors exhibits one or two frames, limit 32 pages. Free-style exhibits one to three frames, less one page -- that is they can be 11, 15, 23, 31, 35 or 47 pages. Free-style exhibits will not be eligible for major awards or for SOPEX ribbons.

5. **Fees:** There are no fees. Funds sufficient to cover postage and insurance must accompany exhibits that are to be returned by mail.

6. **Judging:** Two qualified philatelists will judge SOPEX 2024 as an open show. They may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no exhibit warrants it. Judges' decisions are final.

7. **Delivery / Pick up:** Exhibits, if mailed, must arrive by Wednesday, June 5 and, if not mailed, should be delivered to the First United Methodist Church between 7:30 am and 9 am, Friday, June 7, 2023. Judging will begin at 10 am. Exhibits cannot be picked up until after 4 pm Saturday, June 8.

8. **Liability / Security:** The exhibitor agrees that the First United Methodist Church and Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, officers and members, assume no responsibility for damage or loss of exhibit materials. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. No exhibit frame may be opened or removed during the show without the permission of the show chairman.

9. **Awards: Grand** - best exhibit. (The Grand may not win any of the following major awards.)

**Major Awards:** **President's** - outstanding exhibit by non-SOPS member. For SOPS members only: **Bryan Trophy** - outstanding use of cachet covers, **Carley Memorial** - outstanding U.S., **Clyde Smith Founders** - outstanding foreign, **Herbert Memorial** - outstanding thematic, **Lukens Award** - outstanding aerophilately, **Patterson Memorial** - outstanding postal history, **Serton Memorial** - outstanding post cards, **Swan Award** - outstanding display.

**Society Awards:** APS (for APS member), ATA (best topical/thematic exhibit), AAPE (non-gold exhibit of merit), NW Federation Thunderbird Ribbon (non-gold exhibit of merit by exhibitor living in NW Federation), WE Achievement (promising exhibit selection or treatment) and more awards if available.

**Others:** SOPEX gold, vermeil, silver, bronze; novice and junior ribbons. Peoples' Choice award.

## SOPEX 2024 ENTRY FORM

June 7-8 [Friday/Saturday], 2024  
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Separate entry form must be submitted for each exhibit.

Deadline for entries: Wednesday, May 8

Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Exhibit Title \_\_\_\_\_ -  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose one print copy of title page and/or synopsis with entry  
or an electronic version of same (pdf file, not jpeg).**

**# of pages** \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter my exhibit (circle one): adult [48 pp max) junior [32 pp max) Free-style [47 pp max)

Have you exhibited before? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you APS member? \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback: There will be oral feedback at the frames. \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish written feedback.

I declare that I or my immediate family and I own all the material in this exhibit. I understand and certify that, while reasonable precaution will be taken by Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, SOPEX Committee and First United Methodist Church every, none of these will be held responsible for any loss or damage to my exhibit or to any material submitted, for any cause whatsoever. I agree to SOPEX rules as stated in prospectus.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Juniors: birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

My designated delivery / pick up representative is \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailed exhibits MUST be received by Wednesday, June 5, 2024.**

If the exhibit is to be returned by mail, include sufficient funds for the return postage, insurance and shipping packaging.

for postage and insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insure for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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