

BALPEX 2021 Entry Form and Prospectus

The Baltimore Philatelic Forum

Purpose: To provide a venue for alternative exhibiting, and to promote the exchange of philatelic knowledge, and general fellowship.

Presentations: We are reserving time for a full slate of philatelic presentations. We are actively seeking presentations on topics of the presenter's choice. Convening societies are encouraged to participate. 20 min and 50 min time slots are available.

- a) Please check the 20 or 50 min box on the application if you are interested in giving a presentation.
- b) Please attach a brief summary.

In addition to **200 frames of WSP exhibits**, BALPEX will again feature:

Informal Exhibiting Class (Class E): Minimal rules. Judging by vote of the exhibitors.

This Class provides a venue:

- For less formal exhibiting where new exhibitors can show material and receive suggestions and encouragement, without the overhead of the formal process.
 - For exhibitors who have philosophical differences with the current system and won't participate.
 - To try things that just don't fit the current system. Example: "Short Subjects" of a few pages.
 - For collectors who just want to throw some material in the frames and say 'Look at this neat stuff'. A great place for WSP exhibits in the making.
- a) There is no minimum page count. Suggested size of exhibits is 3 pages to 3 frames. Larger exhibits will be accepted if approved by the Exhibit Chairman.
 - b) Each exhibitor may enter multiple exhibits, however acceptance will depend on available frames. If submitting multiple exhibits, please prioritize.
 - c) Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place, and Best by a novice exhibitor, all determined by vote of Open Class exhibitors.
 - d) **Open Class exhibitors are encouraged to attend the show.** We will accept mail-in exhibits if you prefer not to arrive on Thursday, but would prefer that exhibits be picked up in person at end of the show. We will, however, provide return shipment if requested. If arranged in advance, we will mount Open Class exhibits until 1:00 PM on Friday.

"One of My Favorites" Class (Class F) Single item (or set), single page exhibits. A place to single out a gem from your collection. This is just for fun, although there will be a people's choice award. Simply mount the item, do a quick write-up, tell us why it's one of your favorites, and enter it. Exhibiting doesn't get any easier than this.

- a) No charge. Limited to 1 page (up to 12" x 12") per exhibitor.
- c) Exhibits must have name and contact information, including cell phone, on back.
- d) Exhibits will be turned in and picked up at the registration desk during normal mount / dismount hours. The Exhibit committee will mount the exhibits on Thursday evening, and dismount on Sunday afternoon.
- e) As with Open Class exhibits, mail-ins will be accepted, but we prefer 'in person' pickup on Sunday.

(General Rules 1-17 apply except as noted to Classes E & F)

Exhibit Presentations: All exhibitors (Open and WSP) are encouraged to give a brief, informal presentation (10 min or less), at the frames, during the Exhibit Tour on Saturday. This is strictly voluntary. A schedule will be determined and posted on Friday.

- a) Please check the Exhibit Presentation box on the application if you are willing to present your exhibit.

Exhibitor Meet & Great, and Dinner: All exhibitors (Open and WSP) are requested to be at the frames from 2:30 – 4:00 on Saturday to meet fellow philatelists, answer questions, and offer suggestions. The Judges Feedback Session will follow from 4:00 – 6:00, followed by the Exhibitors Dinner (pay as you go) at a local restaurant (TBD).

- a) **Please sign up for the dinner on the application so that we will have a head count.**

Note: All activities are dependent on COVID restrictions and subject to cancellation.

BALPEX 2021 Entry Form – September 3, 4, & 5, 2021

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| <p>Send completed application to:</p> <p>BALPEX Entry Richard Taschenberg P O Box 401 Sykesville, MD 21784 rtemd@earthlink.net</p> | <p>Closing date for entries: Classes A-D: August 2, 2021, Class E: August 20, Class F: September 3. See cover page for description of Classes E & F.</p> <p>Please enter the following exhibit in the <input type="checkbox"/> A) General Class, <input type="checkbox"/> B) One Frame Class, <input type="checkbox"/> C) 2 to 3 Frame Class <input type="checkbox"/> D) Youth Class <input type="checkbox"/> E) Informal Class <input type="checkbox"/> F) One of My Favorites Class (single page only)</p> |
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Title: _____

Number of frames requested: _____ **Number of pages & size** if less than one frame (Open Class only): _____

Description for Program (be brief, may be edited as necessary): _____

Submit your Title/Synopsis page electronically upon acceptance of the exhibit. (Class A - D only), Submit payment of all fees with the entry form.

My exhibit will be delivered by: myself agent* Express mail Registered mail Commissioner

My exhibit will be returned by: myself agent* Express mail Priority, Insured Commissioner

Pick up by exhibitor or agent preferred for Classes E & F.

The committee will NOT return any exhibit by Registered mail; the packaging requirements are too onerous.

*Name of agent (please print!): _____

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| Exhibit Fee: \$15.00 (Classes A and B only) | \$ |
| Frame Fees at \$10.00 per frame for Class A, B & C; \$5.00 per frame for Class E; Class D (Youth) & Class F (One of My Favorites) are free | \$ |
| Amount enclosed for Return postage if applicable | \$ |
| Total: Please make out check (in US funds drawn on a US bank) payable to BALPEX 2021: | \$ |
| Please reserve _____ places at the Saturday evening Exhibitors Dinner at a local restaurant TBD (Pay as you go) | |

If you do **not** want your name to appear in the program, please check here:

What pseudonym do you want listed instead. Please print: _____

I am willing to give a short, informal talk about my exhibit, during the exhibit tour on Saturday:

We are calling for presentations. If you wish to present, please

send a brief summary, and check here: 20-30 min. 40-60 min. Title: _____

Exhibit Owner: _____

Street address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number in the rare event you must be contacted: _____

Entries will be acknowledged upon receipt and checks deposited. Notices of acceptance/rejection may be sent in a timely manner but no later than August 6, 2021.

I am a member of: BPS The Universal Ship Cancellation Society The Military Postal History Society

The American Society of Polar Philatelists The Society for Czechoslovak Philately

This is the first time I have exhibited at the national level (WSP show)

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, have read the rules and regulations and understand that it will be my responsibility to insure my exhibit; and I will not hold the Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc. any participating Society, The Baltimore Delta Hunt Valley Inn and/or their officers, members, or employees liable for any loss of or damage to this exhibit:

Signature: (Required) _____ Date of this application: _____

Exhibitor, date of birth: _____ Signature of parent or guardian: _____

BALPEX Awards

General Class – A Grand Award, a Reserve Grand Award and an unlimited number of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze.

One-Frame Class – A Best One Frame Class and an unlimited number of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze.

2 to 3 Frame Class – A Best 2 Frame, a best 3 Frame, and an unlimited number of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze.

Informal Class – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Best by a novice (all by exhibitor vote)

One of My Favorites Class – People's choice award.

PLUS – many Special Awards for General Class Exhibits regardless of Society Affiliation

BALPEX 2021

An American Philatelic Society Accredited National Level Exhibition
Sponsored by The Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc.

Prospectus and Entry Form

Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend

September 3, 4, & 5, 2021

At the Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn
245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland
Exit 20E off I-83 north of I-695

| Annual Conventions of: | Judges |
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| The Universal Ship Cancellation Society | TBA |
| The Military Postal History Society | |
| The American Society of Polar Philatelists | |
| The Society for Czechoslovak Philately | |

| IMPORTANT DATES* * * IMPORTANT DATES | |
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| Monday, March 1, 2021 | BALPEX Open for Applications for all classes |
| Tuesday, June 1, 2021 | First e-mail to Judges with Title/Synopsis pages for classes A,B,C &D |
| June 2 – July 31, 2021 | Title/Synopsis pages e-mailed to Judges as received |
| Monday, August 2, 2021 | Closing date for entries for classes A, B, C, & D (WSP judged) Last e-mail to Judges with Title/Synopsis pages for classes |
| Saturday, August 21, 2021 | Closing date for entries for classes E & F. Entries after Aug 4 may not appear in Show Program. Class F entries accepted through Sept 3 if space is available. |
| Monday, August 23, 2021 | Earliest date for mailed in exhibits to arrive. |
| Tuesday, August 31, 2021 | Latest date for mailed in exhibits to arrive |
| Thursday, September 2, 2021 | Exhibit mounting of all exhibit classes 4:00 to 7:00 pm |
| Friday, September 3, 2021 | BALPEX opens at 10:00 am |
| Sunday, September 5, 2021 | BALPEX Awards Presentation in Salon A at 9:00 am |
| Sunday, September 5, 2021 | BALPEX closes at 3:00 pm. Exhibit dismount begins. |
| Tuesday, September 7, 2021 | Mailing date for returned Mailed-in Exhibits. |

Exhibition Classes:

- A. **General Class** - 2 frame minimum and 10 frame maximum.
- B. **One-Frame Class** – Maximum of 20 exhibits accepted into this class. Preference given to exhibits from convening society members.
- C. **Two to Three frame exhibits** – see rules for additional information
- D. **Youth Class** - Youth exhibits have a 1 frame minimum.
- E. **Informal Class** – See cover page for additional information.
- F. **“One of My Favorites”** - See cover page for additional information.

In an effort to increase exhibit participation, BALPEX encourages exhibits of two to three frames and alternative exhibits, by offering classes C, E and F. Special awards will be given.

Judging the Exhibition

Each exhibit in the Exhibition classes A, B, C and D will be judged independently against accepted standards of philatelic achievement. The only direct competition between any of the exhibits will be for the Grand Awards and the Special Awards. The Jury has been asked to judge each exhibit separately and present to each exhibit in these Classes the Award that they believe it warrants. There are no limits on the number of awards that may be given at any level: Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The Grand Award is limited to entries in the Exhibition Class A only.

Each exhibit in the One-Frame Class will be judged independently using standards based on the current APS criteria. Eight levels of award are possible: Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The Best One Frame exhibit is invited to the Single Frame Champion of Champion competition. Date and place to be announced.

Rules and Regulations

1. BALPEX is open to all exhibitors who abide by the rules herein.

2. All material exhibited must be the bona fide property of the individual exhibitor or immediate family members.

3. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse any exhibit at its discretion, and may reject any exhibit without giving reason. In such cases, refund of entry fee will be made.

4. Exhibits that have won the Grand Award at BALPEX, won the APS Champion of Champions, a FIP Grand Prix, or three (3) FIP Large Gold Medals are not eligible to enter. They may be invited to participate in the non-competitive court of honor. You may request an invitation from the exhibit chairman.

5. For General Class, the minimum number of frames is 2. The maximum number of frames for an exhibit is 10. For Class E: Minimum ½ frame, suggested maximum 3 frames. Larger accepted if approved by exhibits chairman.

6. Exhibitors may enter no more than (2) exhibits in the General Class, (2) exhibits in the One Frame Class, (2) exhibits in Class E, and (1) entry in Class F. Additional Class E & F entries may be accepted if approved by exhibits chairman.

7. Fees: **Classes A and B** (General and Single Frame WSP) **\$15 Entry fee per exhibit plus \$10 per frame.**
Class C (2-3 frame): **\$10 per frame with no entry fee.**
Class D (Youth): free. **Class E** (Informal): **\$5 per frame.**
Fees are **payable in advance** (with the entry form). If return mailing is desired prepayment of the correct amount is required. Exhibits will be returned by Express Mail unless otherwise instructed by Exhibitor. **Registered Mail is NOT an option for return – this restriction was established 2004.** Payment for applications submitted by email must be mailed promptly to be received no later than August 20, 2021. In person pickup of **Informal Class and “Favorites” class is preferred.**

8. Exhibitor's names will appear in the program and will be used in conjunction with the presentation of awards, unless notified by the exhibitor on the entry form that a pseudonym is desired.

9. It is strongly recommended that the exhibitor provide by e-mail to rtemd@earthlink.net the Title Page and/or Synopsis Page. The synopsis page should specify the title of the exhibit, the type of exhibit i.e. postal, revenue, thematic, etc. Neither the Title Page nor the Synopsis should identify the name of the exhibitor. See Closing Dates for entries in Important Dates. Rule 9 does not apply to Exhibit Classes E or F.

10. Exhibit pages, when mounted in the frames should not show the name of the owner.

11. Forgeries and counterfeits should be plainly identified, or the exhibit may be subject to downgrading or disqualification.

12. Pages will be displayed in Ameripex type frames, mounted in four (4) rows each holding four (4) pages up to 9"x12". Exhibit pages must be numbered on the back in sequential order, and enclosed in transparent sheet protectors. Exhibitor may combine pages in accordance with their discretion and ingenuity.

13. The BALPEX awards Presentation will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM, in Salon A.

14. The Baltimore Philatelic Society, the convening societies, the Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn or any of their members and/or employees will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any material submitted for exhibit. The Exhibit Committee will exercise all reasonable care in the handling and mounting of all entries, while en route to and from the post office, including the employment of guards on 24 hour duty while the exhibits are on display. Exhibitors desiring insurance must make their own arrangements. See Rule 15.

15. Exhibitors desiring to mount their own pages must so indicate on the Entry Form. Mailed in exhibits should arrive at the below listed address after August 22 and not later than August 31, 2021. Exhibitors mailing exhibits are required to have their exhibit fully insured. Please package carefully and ship to:

Norman Cohen
Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc.
12400 Greenspring Avenue
Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

Do not enclose any message requiring an answer prior to mounting. Exhibit packages are not opened until mounting begins on Thursday, September 2, 2021.

16. Exhibits may be mounted by owners or agents between 4pm and 7pm on Thursday September 2. No exhibit will be dismantled until after the close of the show at 3pm on Sunday September 5. In-person pick-up of Class E & F exhibits is strongly encouraged.

17 Procedures for mounting and dismantling exhibits

A: BALPEX COMMITTEE MEMBER MUST ACCOMPANY EXHIBITORS/AGENTS FOR MOUNTING AND DISMOUNTING EXHIBITS

B: Mounting Procedures

On Thursday, at approximately 4:00 pm, exhibitors or their agents form a line at the show counter.

Mounting may not begin until the frames are up and completely numbered.

On a first come first serve basis, each exhibitor/agent will sign the mounting book, making note of the exhibits assigned frames and proceed with the next available committee member to the ballroom for mounting.

If the exhibitor/agent has entered more than one exhibit, signing for all exhibits and mounting them with the same committee member is permitted.

After this process, members of the show committee will sign for and mount the mailed in exhibits. The mounting of mailed in exhibits may begin once all the in-person exhibitors/agent have started the mounting process.

Class F entries will be collected at the counter and mounted by the Exhibits Chairman after all other exhibits are mounted.

C: Dismounting Procedures

Class F entries will be dismantled by the Exhibits Chairman at 2:50, and will be available for pickup at the counter.

Dismounting of other exhibits will begin at approximately 3:00 pm on Sunday when the show closes.

Exhibitors/agents must be accompanied by a show official.

Exhibitors/agents will be called in the order of their dismount number. The dismount number is noted on the acceptance letter of the exhibit and on the exhibit page in the mount/dismount book. Dismount numbers will be assigned in the order the exhibit application is received.

After the exhibitor/agent has dismantled the exhibit, the dismount section of the mount/dismount book must be signed.

For additional information about exhibiting at BALPEX please contact:

Richard Taschenberg, Exhibits Chairman rtemd@earthlink.net or 410-442-2787
Richard M. Drought Co-Chairman rmdrought@yahoo.com or 410-627-2889, or
Norman Cohen Co-Chairman nec1945@comcast.net or 410-356-6567.

For additional information about Open Exhibiting and other Baltimore Philatelic Forum activities please contact:

Richard Taschenberg at email rtemd@earthlink.net

For any other information regarding BALPEX, please contact the BPS Clubhouse, 3440 Ellicott Center Drive, Suite 103, Ellicott City, MD 21043 or 410-465-5712, or BALPEX@verizon.net.