

BALPEX 2023 Entry Form and Prospectus

September 1, 2, & 3

BALPEX welcomes ROSSICA, The Society of Russian Philately

Featuring 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.

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

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

2 – 3 Frame Class: To encourage exhibit participation, BALPEX encourages exhibits of 2 to 3 frames

Informal Exhibiting Class: 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, in an informal setting.
 - 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.
- 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.
 - Each exhibitor may enter multiple exhibits, however acceptance will depend on available frames. If submitting multiple exhibits, please prioritize.
 - Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place, and Best by a novice exhibitor, all determined by vote of Informal Class exhibitors.
 - Informal 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 Informal Class exhibits until 1:00 PM on Friday.

"One of My Favorites" Class: 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.

- No charge. Limited to 1 page (up to 12" x 12") per exhibitor.
- Exhibits must have name and contact information, including cell phone, on back.
- 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.
- As with Informal 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: Exhibitors (Informal 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.

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

Exhibitor Meet & Great, and Dinner: All exhibitors (Informal 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, an informal, no host dinner outing to a local restaurant (TBD). **Please reserve** on the application.

BALPEX 2023 Exhibit Entry Form

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Entry Deadline: July 31, 2023 (or as below) One exhibit per Entry Form

After the first exhibit, only the blue items are required

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone(s): _____

Society Memberships: ROSSICA BPS Other: _____

In the program: Use my name, Use pseudonym: _____

Exhibit Title: _____

Description, 25 words or less: _____

Title Page & Synopsis: Email submission preferred. Due 7/31/23 (but the earlier the better for you and the judges)

General Multi-Frame (WSP Judged): Enter by 7/31/23 Number of Frames: ____ x \$10.00 + \$15.00 = \$ _____

Single Frame (WSP Judged): Enter by 7/31/23 \$25.00 \$ _____

2-3 Frame (WSP Judged): Enter by 7/31/23 Number of Frames: ____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Youth (WSP Judged): Enter by 7/31/23 \$ _____ 0.00

Informal Class* (Judged by Exhibitors): Enter by 8/18/23 Number of Frames: ____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

One of My Favorites Class*, Single Page 11 x 17 max (Peoples Choice): Enter by 8/31/23... \$ _____ 0.00

*See cover page for information

Return Shipping: \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Delivery: Personal, USPS, FedEx, Agent (name) _____

Return: Personal, USPS Priority, USPS Express, Insurance \$ _____ Registered Return NOT offered.

Agent (name) _____

Exhibitors Dinner: An informal, no host dinner outing to a local restaurant, TBD. Please reserve 1 place, 2 places

Exhibit Presentations: I am willing to give a 5 min talk about my exhibit, during the exhibit tour on Saturday morning:

Traditional Presentations: We are calling for presentations. If you wish to present check here: 20-30 min 40-60 min

Presentation Title: _____

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: _____

Youth only: Date of birth: _____ Signature of parent or Guardian: _____

Submit to: BALPEX Entry c/o Richard Taschenberg

P O Box 401, Sykesville, MD 21784

rtemd@earthlink.net

BALPEX 2023

An American Philatelic Society Accredited National Level Exhibition

Sponsored by The Baltimore Philatelic Society, Inc.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend

September 1, 2, & 3, 2023

At the Delta Baltimore Hunt Valley Inn

245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland

Exit 20E off I-83 north of I-695

*** IMPORTANT DATES ***	
March 1, 2023	BALPEX Open for Applications for all classes
June 1, 2023	First e-mail to Judges with Title/Synopsis pages for classes A,B,C &D
June 2 – July 31, 2023	Title/Synopsis pages e-mailed to Judges as received
July 31, 2023	Closing date for entries for classes A, B, C, & D (WSP judged) Last e-mail to Judges with Title/Synopsis pages for classes
August 18, 2023	Closing date for entries for classes E & F. Entries after Aug 4 may not appear in the Show Program. Class F entries accepted through Sept 3 if space is available.
August 22, 2023	Earliest date for mailed in exhibits to arrive.
August 29, 2023	Latest date for mailed in exhibits to arrive
Thursday, August 31, 2023	Exhibit mounting of all exhibit classes 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Friday, September 1, 2023	BALPEX opens at 10:00 am
Sunday, September 3, 2023	BALPEX Awards Presentation in Salon A at 9:00 am
Sunday, September 3, 2023	BALPEX closes at 3:00 pm. Exhibit dismount begins.
Tuesday, September 6, 2023	Mailing date for returned Mailed-in Exhibits.

Judging the Exhibition

Each exhibit in the WSP classes 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. Exhibits of more than one frame are eligible for the Multi-frame Grand Award. The winner is invited to the C of C competition at GASS 2024

Each exhibit in the One-Frame Class will be judged independently using standards based on the current APS criteria. The winner of the Single Frame Grand award is invited to the Single Frame Champion of Champion competition at Chicagopex, Nov 2023.

BALPEX Awards

General Class – Multi-frame Grand and Reserve Grand awards and an unlimited number of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze.

One-Frame Class – Single Frame Grand award and an unlimited number of Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze.

2 to 3 Frame Class – Eligible for Multi-Frame Grand and Reserve Grand plus Best 2 Frame, 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

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 4. The maximum number of frames for an exhibit is 10. 2 or 3 frame exhibits will be entered in the 2-3 Frame class. For Informal Class: 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 the Informal Class E, and (1) entry in "Favorites" Class. Additional Informal & "Favorites" entries may be accepted if approved by exhibits chairman.

7. **Fees:** General and Single Frame WSP) **\$15 Entry fee per exhibit plus \$10 per frame.**

2-3 frame: **\$10 per frame with no entry fee.**

Youth: free. 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 1, 2023. 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 Informal & "Favorites" Classes.

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 3 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 21 and not later than August 29, 2023. 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, August 31, 2023.

16. Exhibits may be mounted by owners or agents between 3pm and 7pm on Thursday August 31. No exhibit will be dismantled until after the close of the show at 3pm on Sunday September 3. In-person pick-up of Informal & "Favorites Class 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 3:00 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.

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

C: Dismounting Procedures

“Favorites” Class 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.

After the exhibitor/agent has dismantled the exhibit, the dismantled 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

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, or visit BALPEX.org