

BALPEX 2012

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

August 31st - September 2nd 2012

at Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn
245 Shawan Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland
Exit 20E off I-83 north of I-695

Featuring the BDPH GPS German-American Salon

Annual Conventions of:

Germany Philatelic Society
Society of Czechoslovak Philately

Judges

Richard Drews, Chairman
Jay Carrigan
Anthony Dewey
Dr. Wolf Hess
Elizabeth Hisey

IMPORTANT DATES* * * IMPORTANT DATES	
Saturday June 30th , 2012	Closing date for entries, subject to prior sellout
Monday, July 9th, 2012	Last date for Exhibit Acceptances to be mailed
Saturday August 4th 2012	Latest date for receipt of revised Title/Synopsis pages
Thursday, August 16th, 2012	Earliest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive at Bank
Tuesday, August 28th 2012	Latest date for mailed-in exhibit to arrive at Bank
Thursday, August 30, 2012	Exhibit mounting 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Friday, August 31 st , 2012	BALPEX opens at 10 AM
Friday, August 31 st , 2012	Salon Dinner at 7:30 PM, order tickets on entry form
Saturday, September 1 st , 2012	BALPEX Awards Dinner at 7:30 PM, order tickets on entry form
Sunday September 2 nd , 2012	BALPEX closes at 3:00 PM and exhibit dismantling begins
Tuesday September 4 th , 2012	Mailing date for returned Mailed-in Exhibits.

Exhibition Classes:

- A. **General Class** - 2 frame minimum and 10 frame maximum. Youth exhibits have a 1 frame minimum. All Divisions will be accepted: Postal, Revenue, Thematic, Display, Illustrated Mail, and Cinderella/Charity/Promotional.
- B. **Post Card Class** - 2 frame minimum and 10 frame maximum. Youth exhibits have a 1 frame minimum
- C. **One-Frame Class** – Maximum of 12 exhibits accepted into this class. Preference given to exhibits from convening society members.
- D. **German-American Salon** – Non Competitive – 8 frame maximum, open to members of BDPH only

Judging the Exhibition

Each exhibit in the General Class and Post Card Class 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: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze. The Grand Award is limited to entries in the General Class.

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

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. Exhibits containing material belonging to two or more persons are welcome in the Non-Competitive Class.

3. The Exhibit Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse any exhibit at its discretion, and may reject any exhibit, in whole or in part, 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, an FIP Grand Prix, or three (3) FIP Large Gold Medals, in the five years prior to September 2012 are only eligible to enter the German American Salon.

5. Except for Youth Class and the One-Frame Class, the minimum number of frames is 2. The maximum number of frames for an exhibit is 10, except for the Salon which is 8.

6. Exhibitors may enter no more than two (2) exhibits in the General Class and two (2) exhibits in the One Frame Class.

7. An entry fee of \$10.00 per frame applies to all classes except One Frame which is \$15, except the Youth Class which is complimentary. Salon frame fees are waived for individuals. Entry 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 effective from 2004.***

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 the judges a copy of the Title page and/or synopsis page. Eight (8) copies are requested; at entry or upon acceptance, but no later than August 6th, 2012. Pages received after that date will not be distributed to the judges in advance of the show.

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.

13. Most awards will be presented at the BALPEX awards Dinner, Saturday September 1st, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Dinner tickets should be ordered and paid for with the Official Entry Form.

14. The Baltimore Philatelic Society, the convening societies, the 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 enroute from the bank, and to 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 in the Entry Form. All other exhibits must be in the hands of the designated Bank after August 16th and before August 29th 2012 Exhibitors sending exhibits to the bank are required to have their exhibit fully insured before the bank will accept the exhibit. Please package carefully and ship to:

BALPEX 2012
PNC Bank— ATTN: KAMERON PULLIAN
1819 Reisterstown Road
Pikesville MD 21208-1336

Do not enclose any message requiring an answer prior to mounting, as the bank acts as a custodian only, and packages are not opened until mounting begins.

16. Exhibits may be mounted by owners or agents between 4 and 7 PM on Thursday August 30th. No exhibit will be dismantled until after the close of the show at 3 PM on Sunday September 2nd. A BALPEX Committee member must be present and will assist the owner/agent in mounting and dismantling.

For additional information about exhibiting at BALPEX please contact Pat Walker at email psw789@comcast.net or phone (410) 442-1034 or FAX (410) 489-5318 or write to P.O. Box 99, Lisbon MD 21765. For information about exhibiting in the Salon, Please contact: Wolfgang Maassen via email (w.maassen@aijp.org) For any other information regarding BALPEX, please contact Bob Gibson BALPEX 2012 General Chairman, 1224 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore MD 21202 or call (410) 332-4741 or (443) 844-5131, or email BALPEX@verizon.net.

BALPEX Awards

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

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

Post Card Class – an unlimited number of Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze Medals, at Committee discretion a Best of Class award.

Germany Philatelic Society Awards

PRESIDENT'S AWARD (Grand Award) — Given to the best German area exhibit by a GPS member (cannot be won twice in 5 years by same exhibit)

C. H. HUNT AWARD (Reserve Grand Award) — Given to the second German—area exhibit.

HERMAN L. HALLE COMMEMORATIVE AWARD — Given to the best research exhibit
GPS Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze medals

Society for Czechoslovak Philately Awards

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