

BALPEX 2026

Events Schedule Thursday, August 6

Break Out Rooms

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Time	Activity	Location
6:00 PM	AFDCS Exec Committee Meeting; Closed Door; 2 hours	DE
8:00 PM	AFDCS Board Meeting; Open to Public; 2hours	DE
8:00 PM	AFDCS Hospitality Suite & Silent Auction; 4 hours	VA & WA

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Events Schedule Friday, August 7

The Baltimore Philatelic Society (BPS) will be selling duplicate Philatelic literature, books and catalogs from the BPS library at the BPS table at the entrance to the show. All are significantly discounted.

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Time	Activity	Location
8:00 AM	Judges' Breakfast	Lobby Restaurant
8:00 AM	Exhibits Open	Ballroom
8:00 AM	Dealers Only – Bourse Area	Ballroom
10:00 AM	BALPEX 2026 Opens	Ballroom
11:00 AM	USPS First Day of Issue Ceremony: Diagonal U.S. Flag stamped envelope.	DE
11:00 AM	Eire Philatelic Assoc Board Meeting; 2 hours	MD
1:00 PM	USPS Stamp Services	Lisa Bobb-Semple
1:00 PM	Eire Philatelic Assoc Presentation - How Civil Unrest in Ireland Helped Cause a Great War in Europe with Germany. Robert Benninghoff	MD
2:00 PM	USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services seminar	DE
2:00 PM	National Postal Museum Presentation – The Early American Post Office. Alison Bazylinski and Daniel Piazza	PA
2:00 PM	BNAPS Regional meeting. Meet and Greet, Show and Tell.	MD
3:00 PM	BNAPS Presentations: The Canadian Beaver – Bill Radcliffe	MD

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Time	Activity	Location
3:00 PM	American Ceremony Program Society Seminar 2025 - 2026 First Day Ceremony Update	DE
3:00 PM	"First to Fifty" book presentation and signing Chris Lazaroff	PA
4:00 PM	Wish You Were Here: The Philatelic Story of Hilton's International Expansion Bobby Liao	PA
6:00 PM	BALPEX 2026 Closes for the Day	Ballroom
8:00 PM	AFDCS Hospitality Suite & Silent Auction; 4hours	VA & WA

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Events Schedule Saturday, August 8

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8:00 AM	Exhibits Open	Ballroom
8:00 AM	Dealers Only – Bourse Area	Ballroom
9:00 AM	AFDCS Membership Meeting and Cachet Contest Announcement	DE
10:00 AM	BALPEX 2026 Opens for the Day	Ballroom
10:00 AM	Cachet Makers Bourse; 8 hours	Foyer A - D
10:00 AM	AFDCS Cachet Contest Discussion	DE
10:00 AM	The Pink Triangle – From the Holocaust to "Act Up" and Civil Rights Advocacy Tomas Griebing	PA

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10:00 AM	1924-1930 Poland Post Redenomination Postage Due Use Ronald Klimley	MD
10:00 AM	Postcrossing Event; 4 hours	WA & VA
11:00 AM	Don't Give Up the Ship. War of 1812 Postal History Thomas Slemons	PA
11:00 AM	"First to Fifty" book presentation and signing Chris Lazaroff	DE
11:00 AM	Eire Philatelic Assoc Annual Meeting and Auction	MD
12:00 PM	Ireland and the Sea John Sharkey	MD
12:00 PM	American Ceremony Program Society Annual Meeting and Auction; 3 hours	DE
1:00 PM	Germany Philatelic Society Regional Meeting; Chapters 16, Baltimore and Chapter 44, Richmond 2 hours presentation "WWII Channel Island Bisects" Dave Ripley	MD
1:00 PM	The Devils Mail - Also featuring the IRA Steven Berlin	PA
2:00 PM	JAPOS: A Study Unit for Lovers of Literature Cynthia Scott	PA
3:00 PM	AAPE Open Forum on Exhibiting	MD
3:00 PM	Mail Robbery and Unusual First Day Cover Issues Steven Berlin	DE
3:00 PM	The Boston Eagle and Thunderbolts Machine Cancel Robert Toal	PA
4:00 PM	Judges Feedback Forum; 90 minuts	MD
6:00 PM	BALPEX 2026 Closes for the Day	Ballroom
6:00 PM	Cocktails	Lobby Bar
7:00 PM	BALPEX, Americover, & Young Exhibitors Champion of Champions Awards Banquet; 2 hours	DE
8:00 PM	AFDCS Hospitality Suite & Silent Auction; 4 hours	VA & WA

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Events Schedule Sunday, August 9

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8:00 AM	Exhibits Open	Ballroom
8:00 AM	Dealers Only – Bourse Area	Ballroom
8:00 AM	AFDCS Charter/Life Member/Volunteer breakfast	TBD
10:00 AM	BALPEX 2026 Opens for the Day	Ballroom
10:00 AM	Americover Convention Planning Meeting; Closed to the public	MD
10:00 AM	Presentation: Wonderland, California Frederick Lawrence	DE
10:30 AM	Exhibit Tour 90 minutes	Frame 13
11:00 AM	FDC Exhibiting Seminar; 90 minutes Colin Fraser & John Hotchner	DE
1:00 PM	7-1-71 Affair Chapter Meeting; July 1, 1971: The US Post Office Department becomes the US Postal Service Foster Miller	DE
2:00 PM	Exhibits Close	Ballroom
2:00 PM	Exhibit Takedown	Ballroom
3:00 PM	BALPEX Closes for 2026	Ballroom

