

BALPEX 2019 Entry Form and Prospectus

New for BALPEX 2019: The Baltimore Philatelic Forum

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

(General Rules 1-17 apply except as noted)

Class E: **Open Exhibiting.** Frames will be available for less formal exhibiting with minimal rules, with a primary focus on material. The goals are to bring additional material to the show floor, to encourage experimentation, to encourage new exhibitors, and to encourage discussion.

- a) Exhibits must be philatelically oriented.
- b) There will be one Open Exhibit Class, physically separated from the WSP exhibits.
- c) There is no minimum page count. Short subjects (partial frames) are gladly accepted.
- d) Suggested size of exhibits is 3 frames maximum, however, larger exhibits will be accepted as approved by the exhibit committee.
- e) Each exhibitor may enter multiple exhibits, however acceptance will depend on available frames. If submitting multiple exhibits, please prioritize.
- f) Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place, and Best by a novice exhibitor, all determined by vote of Open Class exhibitors.
- g) Because part of the Purpose is the exchange of knowledge and general fellowship, **Open Class exhibitors are required to attend the show.** We will accept mail in exhibits if you prefer not to arrive Thursday, but to lessen the burden on the show committee, exhibits must be picked up in person at the end of the show. No return shipment will be provided. If arranged in advance, we will mount Open Class exhibits until 1:00 PM on Friday.

Class F: **“One of My Favorites” Exhibits.** Several frames will be available for single page exhibits showing one of your favorite items. Simply mount the item and write a brief description. Exhibiting doesn't get any easier than this.

- a) No charge.
- b) 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 at show close on Sunday.
- e) As with Open Class exhibits, mail in's will be accepted, but **there will be no return mailing.**

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. Cell phone numbers of presenters will be requested at registration.

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

Conventional (classroom) presentations: We are scheduling a full day (Friday) of conventional, 20 minute and 50 minute presentations on varied philatelic topics.

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

Exhibitor Meet & Greet, and Dinner: All exhibitors (Open and WSP) are requested to be at the frames from 2:00 – 4:00 on Saturday to meet fellow philatelists, answer questions, and offer suggestions. At 6:00 (show close) Exhibitors are invited to proceed to (local restaurant) for the ‘pay as you go’ exhibitors dinner. Please sign up for the dinner on the application so that we will have a head count.

BALPEX 2019 Entry Form – August 30, 31 & September 1, 2019

Send completed application to:

BALPEX Entry
 Richard M. Drought
 4513 Salem Bottom Road
 Westminster, MD 21157
rmdrought@yahoo.com

Closing date for entries: August 1, 2019, subject to prior sellout.

After August 1, 2019 applications for BALPEX entries may be submitted by email.

Please enter the following exhibit in the A) General Class
 B) One Frame Class C) 2 to 3 Frame Class D) Youth Class
 E) Open Class F) One of My Favorites Class (single page only)

Title: _____

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

Description for Program (be brief, it 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

There will be no return shipping of Class E and Class F exhibits. These must be picked up by exhibitor or agent. The committee will NOT return any exhibit by Registered mail; the packaging requirements are too onerous.

*Name of agent (please print!): _____

Exhibit Fee: \$15.00 (Classes A and B only)	\$
Amount enclosed for 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 2019:	\$

Please reserve _____ places at the Saturday evening Exhibitors Dinner (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 classroom presentations (Friday) on any philatelic subject. If you wish to present, please send a brief summary, and check here: 20 min. 50 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 mailed at a subsequent date but no later than August 4, 2018.

I am a member of: BPS China Stamp Society The Ottoman and Near East Philatelic Society

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.

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

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

BALPEX 2019

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 30, 31 & September 1, 2019

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
China Stamp Society	TBD
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IMPORTANT DATES* * * IMPORTANT DATES	
Monday, March 18, 2019	BALPEX Open for Applications for all classes
Saturday, June 1, 2019	First e-mail to Judges with Title/Synopsis pages for classes A,B,C &D
Monday, July 1, 2019	Closing date for entries for classes A,B,C &D subject to prior sell out
Monday, July 1, 2019	Last e-mail to Judges with Title/Synopsis pages for classes A,B,C &D Between June 1 and July 1, 2019 Title/Synopsis pages will be emailed as received
Friday, July 5, 2019	Last date for exhibit acceptances to be mailed/e-mailed for all classes
Saturday, August 3, 2019	Closing date for entries for classes E & F
Monday, August 19, 2019	Earliest date for mailed in exhibits (classes A,B,C &D) to arrive
Tuesday, August 27, 2019	Latest date for mailed in exhibits to arrive
Thursday, August 29, 2019	Exhibit mounting of all exhibit classes 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Friday, August 30, 2019	BALPEX opens at 10:00 am
Sunday, September 1, 2019	BALPEX Awards Presentation in Salon at 9:00 am
Sunday, September 1, 2019	BALPEX closes at 3:00 pm. Exhibit dismount begins.
Tuesday, September 3, 2019	Mailing date for returned Mailed-in Exhibits (classes A,B,C &D).

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 and Three frame exhibits** – see rules for additional information
- D. Youth Class** - Youth exhibits have a 1 frame minimum.
- E. Open Class** – See E in New for BALPEX 2019 for additional information.
- F. “One of My Favorites”** - See F in New for BALPEX 2019 for additional information.

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

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 at Ameristamp Expo., Omaha Nebraska, August 1 through 4, 2019.

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. See "E" in New for BALPEX 2019 for Open Class limits.

6. Exhibitors may enter no more than two (2) exhibits in the General Class and two (2) exhibits in the One Frame Class. See "F" in New for BALPEX 2019 concerning Open Class. "One of My Favorites" Class is limited to (1) entry per exhibitor.

7. An entry fee of \$15 **per exhibit** plus \$10 **per frame** applies to all classes except the Youth Class which is complimentary. However, in order to encourage two and three frame exhibits, and Open Class exhibits, the entry fee is waived. The frame fee still applies. 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 19, 2019. **Open Class exhibits MUST BE PICKED UP.**

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 rmdrought@yahoo.com 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 1, 2019 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 19 and not later than August 29, 2019. 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 29, 2019.

16. Exhibits may be mounted by owners or agents between 4pm and 7pm on Thursday August 29. No exhibit will be dismantled until after the close of the show at 3pm on Sunday September 1. See E(h) concerning Open Class.

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 bottom of the escalator.

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.

C Dismounting Procedures

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

Exhibitors/agents will assemble in 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 are assigned as follows:

1. BALPEX is limited to 20 single frame exhibits. Dismount number for single frame exhibits will be 1-20.
2. Multi-frame exhibits will have a dismount number of 21 or higher with the following exceptions:
 - A If an exhibitor has both a single frame and a multi-frame exhibit, the dismount number will be the number assigned to the single frame, 1-20.
 - B If an exhibitor has more than one multi-frame exhibit, only one dismount number will be assigned for all that exhibitor's exhibits.
3. Dismount numbers will be assigned in the order the exhibit application is received.
4. After the exhibitor/agent has dismounted the exhibit, the dismount section of the mount/dismount book will be signed.

For additional information about exhibiting at BALPEX please contact:

Richard M. Drought Chairman, at email rmdrought@yahoo.com or phone 410-627-2889, or Norman Cohen Co-Chairman at email nec1945@comcast.net or phone 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 email balpex@verizon.net.