

Stamp Expo evaluation sheet. Youth exhibits will be judged using the APS Thematic Youth Evaluation sheet. All decisions of the judges shall be final.

6. There will be a Grand Award (eligible for the American Philatelic Society Champion of Champions Competition) and a Reserve Grand for the best and second best exhibits in the thematic multi-frame class or the thematic display class. Gold, vermeil, silver, silver-bronze, and bronze level awards will be available for the multi-frame and single-frame exhibits. Gold, silver, and bronze level awards will be available for youth exhibits. Other awards of national philatelic organizations and ATA affiliates may be granted by the judges according to the rules of the sponsoring organization. All exhibitors will receive an adjudication sheet following the exhibition representing the composite views of the judges. Exhibits having won the ATA Grand Award, an international Grand Prix, or three international Large Golds are ineligible to compete for the ATA Grand Award.

7. There will be a class for Thematic Novice Exhibits that is available for anyone who has never exhibited thematically at any recognized philatelic exhibition. Such a "Novice" exhibit can be entered in the multi-frame or the single-frame classes. All Novice exhibits will be judged by a separate panel of three judges appointed by the ATA Judges Accreditation chairman using a special Evaluation Sheet and Guidelines. Not more than one of the judges panel shall be an accredited judge. These Novice exhibits will not receive any of the previously described awards, but each novice exhibitor will receive a certificate of participation and the best Novice exhibit will receive a special Novice award.

8. Exhibits will be mounted and dismounted under the supervision of the Exhibition Committee. Exhibitors or their agents desiring to mount and/or dismount their exhibits must so indicate on the entry form. Exhibits will be mounted from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 12, 2008. Dismounting will begin at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 15, 2008, and no early dismounting will be permitted from any reason.

9. Each exhibitor should arrange for insurance for the period of time that the exhibit is in transit, in storage prior to and following the exhibition, and while on display. Every precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. However, the officers, representatives, and employees of the American Topical Association and the Monarch Hotel in Portland, Oregon, will not assume any liability or responsibility for loss or damage of any material due to any cause or reason.

10. Shipping instructions as well as frame assignment will be provided to exhibitors no later than May 18, 2008. Exhibitors who want ATA to return their exhibits must include the full anticipated cost for postage/insurance/registration with their application.

11. Any questions that may arise that are not covered in these Rules and Regulations shall be decided by the ATA Board of Directors at their sole and absolute discretion. For further information on the National Topical Stamp Show 2008, please contact the ATA Central Office, P.O. Box 57, Arlington, TX 76004-0057, U.S.A. Telephone: 1-817-274-1181. E-Mail: <americantopical@msn.com>.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

National Topical Stamp Show 2008

American Topical Association

June 13-15, 2008

Mail this form with fees and supporting documents (six photocopies of title page plus plan page or a one page synopsis) to:

Alan J. Hanks, 34 Seaton Drive, Aurora, Ontario LAG 2K1 Canada
E-Mail: <alan.hanks@sympatico.ca>

Please accept the following exhibit. I understand that my signature on this Official Entry Form constitutes my acceptance of the stated Rules and Regulations.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State / Province _____

ZIP / Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Exhibit Title _____

Description of Exhibit for Official Program

Number of Frames _____ Check below Class of Exhibit

Multi-frame Display Single-frame Youth Novice

I, the undersigned, understand that I will be responsible for insuring my exhibit while in transit, in storage, and on display. I will not hold the officers, representatives, or employees of the American Topical Association or the Monarch Hotel liable for the loss or damage of any material in my exhibit.

Signature of Exhibitor _____

Date Submitted _____

For Youth Exhibitors

Youth's Birthdate _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

All information requested on the reverse side must be provided