

EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS

National Topical Stamp Show 2013

American Topical Association

Held with ROPEX

Rochester Main Street Armory, 900 E Main St, Rochester, New York 14605

May 17 - 19, 2013

Rules and Regulations Governing Exhibits

The American Topical Association (ATA) defines a topical/thematic exhibit as one that develops a theme or story line based on the image or wording of the material shown.

1. This exhibition is open to all collectors regardless of society affiliation. Exhibits must be organized so as to be thematic in nature, but may fall into the thematic, display, illustrated mail or Cinderella divisions, or the post card, youth, or one frame classes, as defined by the APS Manual of Philatelic Judging. They will be judged according to the standards of the division or class in which they are entered. Exhibits must be the *bona fide* property of the exhibitor, and the preparation of the exhibit must represent the owner's efforts. The Exhibition Committee reserves the right to limit or reject any exhibit at its discretion without giving any reason. In such cases, a refund of the entry fee will be made. Each exhibitor will be notified of its acceptance or rejection within 30 days after the receipt of the complete application with required attachments.

2. All entries must be submitted on the official entry form (photocopies are acceptable). The entry form must include the exhibitor's name (a *nom de plume* may be used), the exhibit title, and a brief description of the exhibit for the official program. Each entry must be accompanied by the appropriate frame fee (see options on the Official Entry Form), and seven copies of the title page/plan page and synopsis. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received no later than March 15, 2013, or until such time as all frames have been fully subscribed. Failure to show after an exhibit has been accepted forfeits the entry fee.

3. All exhibits are limited to a maximum of ten frames. Use one entry form for each exhibit.

4. Frames will hold 16 individual 8.5" x 11" (or European A4) pages. Each page must be enclosed in a sheet protector and must be identified on the reverse side of the page with the owner's name and a clear indication of mounting sequence. Exhibits should not show on their face any identifying marks of ownership aside from names on the covers.

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5. There will be a panel of five judges, three of whom shall be APS-ATA accredited judges and two may have only APS accreditation. The ATA urges judges to use the ATA "Official Thematic Score Sheet" to help them determine award levels for adult thematic exhibits. Judges will use the Uniform Exhibit Evaluation Form to report their opinions to exhibitors. Youth exhibits will be judged using the APS Youth Evaluation form.

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 general class. Gold, vermeil, silver, silver-bronze, and bronze level awards will be available for all exhibits, adult and youth. 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 a copy of the APS UEEF (Uniform Exhibit Evaluation Form) or APS Youth form following the exhibition, representing the composite views of the judges. General class exhibits are eligible for the ATA Grand Award except for those which have won an International Grand Prix, or three international Large Gold awards. No exhibit which has won the NTSS Grand Award in the last five years shall be eligible for the current Grand Award unless extensively rewritten.

7. Exhibits will be mounted and dismantled under the supervision of the Exhibition Committee. Exhibitors or their agents desiring to mount and/or dismantle their exhibits must so indicate on the entry form. Exhibits will be mounted from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2013 (arrangements can be made for later mounting). Dismantling will begin at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 19, 2013; no early dismantling will be permitted for any reason.

8. 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, including the provision of security personnel. However, the officers, representatives, and employees of the American Topical Association and the ESL Sports Centre will not assume any liability or responsibility for loss or damage of any material due to any cause or reason.

9. Shipping instructions as well as frame assignment will be provided to exhibitors no later than March 18, 2013. Exhibitors who want ATA to return their exhibits must include the full anticipated cost for postage/insurance/registration with their application.

10. 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 2013, please contact Douglas N. Clark (Exhibits Chair), PO Box 427, Marstons Mills, MA 02648-0427. Email: dnc@math.uga.edu. Telephone 1-(508)-428-9132.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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Mail this form with fees and supporting documents--seven photocopies of the title page (required), the plan page (required) and a one-page synopsis (recommended) to:

Douglas N. Clark (Exhibits Chair), P.O. Box 427, Marstons Mills MA 02648-0427

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

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 Class of Exhibit below

Class of exhibit: _____ General _____ Postcard _____ Single-frame _____ Youth

Division of exhibit: _____

My signature below indicates that I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and hereby release and agree to hold harmless the judges and the American Topical Association, its officers, directors, employees and representatives from any damage to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging.

My signature below indicates that I 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 Rochester Main Street Armory liable for the loss or damage of any material in my exhibit.

Signature of Exhibitor _____

Date Submitted _____

For Youth Exhibitors:

Youth's Birth-date _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____

All information requested on both sides of this form must be provided.

Please list my name (or *nom de plume*) in the program as:

What previous awards has this exhibit won; Where, and when?

My exhibit should be considered as:

____ Competitive ____ Noncompetitive

____ I or ____ my agent (name) _____

Will ____ Deliver my exhibit ____ Mount my exhibit

____ Dismount my exhibit ____ Pick up my exhibit

Mail or other carrier (specify):

____ Insured Priority Mail ____ Express Mail ____ Registered Mail ____ UPS ____ FedEx

Number of frames	Exhibit Class	Total
____ x \$10.00 each	Multi-Frame (up to 10)	\$ _____
____ x \$20.00 each	Single-Frame	\$ _____
____ x No charge	Youth	\$ XXXX
Expected cost for return of the exhibit		\$ _____
	Total Remittance	\$ _____

Enclose check payable to "American Topical Association"