

## **SPRINGPEX 2017**

### **Prospectus and Rules**

**Show Dates: 18 - 19 March 2017**

Robert E. Lee High School Cafeteria, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield, Virginia

**1. Eligibility** - The exhibition is open to all exhibitors, regardless of society affiliation. Exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and signing the entry form shall signify unqualified acceptance of these rules. Exhibits having won the grand award at a previous SPRINGPEX are not eligible to compete unless the exhibitor certifies that at least 50% of the exhibited material was not shown at SPRINGPEX previously.

**2. Entry Form & Acceptance** - Entries must be made on the official entry form. Entries will be acknowledged and instructions for handling exhibits will be confirmed at that time. Applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection. SPRINGPEX reserves the right to limit or decline, at any time, an exhibit without giving a reason for such action. If declined, fees paid will be refunded in full. **Exhibitors are highly encouraged to submit the title page and a synopsis (2 page max) with the entry form, as aids to the judges in evaluating the exhibit.**

**3. Display Specifications** - Exhibits will be displayed on 3' by 4' standard APS aluminum frames holding 16 pages. Transparent sheet protectors are highly recommended to protect stamps or covers. A maximum of ten (10) frames per exhibit will be allowed. The committee reserves the right to place exhibits according to space limitations. Every effort will be made to keep exhibits from being split.

**4. Loss & Damage** - Exhibitors desiring insurance must make their own arrangements. The SPRINGPEX Committee, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Springfield Stamp Club, their officers, committees, members, employees or representatives shall NOT be responsible for any loss or damage to any exhibit material for any reason or cause whatsoever. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to protect the property of the exhibitors. Exhibits will be returned as soon as possible after the exhibition, in the manner prescribed by the exhibitor.

**5. Judging** - Selection of Judges will rest with the SPRINGPEX committee. Judging will be on an open competition basis with 8 levels of award for multi-frame exhibits. There will be a Grand Award, Reserve Grand Award, and various special awards. For one-frame, 16-page exhibits there will be a special one-frame Show Chairman Grand Award and a Show Chairman Reserve Grand Award. For special awards, SPRINGPEX reserves the right to review the classification; however, the jury's decision will be final. The exhibitor may submit a copy of the title page and/or a synopsis (no more than two pages) of the exhibit to help the jurors prepare for judging.

**6. Youth Exhibits** - Youth exhibitors must be under the age of 18 on March 18, 2017. Youth exhibits will be judged using the criteria established by the American Philatelic Society. There is no entry or frame fee for Youth exhibits.

**7. Handling of Exhibits** - Mailed exhibits should arrive no later than March 8, 2017 to Springfield Stamp Club, P.O. Box 544, Springfield, VA 22150, unless other arrangements are made. If so desired, under SPRINGPEX direction, exhibitors may mount their own exhibit(s). If so, they should be at Lee High School by 7:30AM Saturday morning. Exhibits will not be removed from their frames prior to the close of SPRINGPEX on Sunday. Exhibitors may remove their own exhibits if desired, ONLY under the direction of the SPRINGPEX Exhibit Chairman and MUST be signed out with the SPRINGPEX Exhibit Chairman. Any change in the person/agent mounting or removing an exhibit must be reported to the SPRINGPEX Exhibit Chairman in writing.

**Address all correspondence about SPRINGPEX 2017 or these rules to:**

**Springfield Stamp Club, P. O. Box 544, Springfield, VA 22150**