



2024 Council Area Shows

WINEPEX

October 4-6, 2024

Best Western Plus Novato Oaks Inn
2115 Alameda Del Prado, Novato, CA

<http://www.redwoodempirecollectorsclub.org/>

East Bay Collectors Club Show

October 19-20, 2024

1375 Civic Center Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

<https://www.eastbaystampclub.com>

SACAPEX

November 2-3, 2024

Sacramento Elks Lodge #6

6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95831

<http://sacramentostampclub.org/events/sacapex/>

Filatellic Fiesta

November 16-17, 2024

Napredak Hall

770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA 95131

<http://www.filatelicfiesta.org>

PENPEX

December 7-8, 2024

Community Activities Building

1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

<http://penpex.org>

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The Council Courier is published four times a year by the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (CNCPS). CNCPS currently has 24 member clubs in Northern California, Southern Oregon, and Nevada. The Council promotes local philately through support for clubs through the Speakers' Bureau for club programs, exchange of membership recruiting and retention ideas through the Council Courier, and support for stamp shows.

New USPS postage rates as of July 14, 2024:

First-Class Mail – 73¢

Postcards sent domestically – 56¢

International postcards/1-oz letters -- \$1.65

Additional-ounce for single-piece letters – 28¢

Next CNCPS meeting will be held at SACAPEX on Saturday, Nov. 2 at noon. We strongly encourage each member organization to send a representative to this meeting.

From the Editor

Your editor was hit with a computer virus that has affected my ability to get this issue to you on time. Please excuse the limited nature of this issue as I work to resolve the problem. Meanwhile I am using a spare laptop to issue this volume.

I just read in the American Philatelist about the folding of another World Series of Philately show, COLOPEX. According to Ken Gilbert, the former show Exhibits Chair, two main factors were involved in the decision to end the show. First, the aging of the volunteer base made setup and teardown difficult. Second, the expense of hiring a venue has skyrocketed to unsustainable levels. This is a threat to shows across the country, and we must do what we can to preserve the shows that remain.

Local shows are perhaps even more vulnerable to these barriers. While stamp sales on the internet have exploded in recent years, we are losing touch with dealers on a personal level. Brick-and-mortar shops are few and far between. Local shows, once plentiful, are falling by the wayside. We must support the shows that remain, by attending, exhibiting, and keeping the face-to-face experience alive.

I hope your club continues to create that personal connection among your members. While Zoom meetings can bring together collectors from a wider area, there is still nothing better than sitting around a table with other collectors.

Tom Hayes, Council Courier Editor

Around the Council

Nevada Stamp Study Society – The Nevada Stamp Study Society held its annual show on July 27-28 at the National Bowling Stadium Hall of Fame Museum in Reno, NV. The club continues its display at the Reno main post office. This is a great way to advertise the club.

Alameda Stamp Club – ASC now meets at the Mastick Senior Center. Meetings are held on the second Thursday each month from 1 to 3 pm. The club met in September for a pizza lunch followed by a presentation on using the Scott catalog.

San Jose Stamp Club – This year's *Filatellic Fiesta* will be held on November 16-17 at Napredak Hall in San Jose, the same location as last year. The show is a bourse only, no exhibits. The San Jose club welcomes volunteers from other clubs who are willing to help out.

Contact Brian at: sanjosestampclub@gmail.com.

Pájaro Valley Stamp Club – Meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in Watsonville at the Senior Center, 155 East 5th St.

Sequoia Stamp Club – The Sequoia Stamp Club held a summer picnic on July 30 which featured food from Armadillo Willy's Barbecue. Forty-five people attended, including guests and family members.

PENPEX will be held on December 7-8 at its usual location, the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City. Exhibit entries are due by November 1. See the Entry Form and Prospectus on pages 3-4. The show will close at 3:30 pm on Sunday, and the silent auction will close at 2:00 pm rather than 2:30 as previously.

SSC calendar: <https://www.penpex.org/calendar-2/>

Western Philatelic Library – The Western Philatelic Library is located at 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City, California. The library held an open house and live auction on Saturday, September 28 from 9 am to 1 pm which raised over \$2000.

Fremont Stamp Club – Summer activities included a Swap Meet, Pizza Party, and Cinderella Night. Despite picking up a few new members this year the club is not growing, as they lost members to death and relocation.

PENPEX 2024 ENTRY FORM

December 7-8, 2024

Redwood City Community Activities Building
1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94061

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail _____

Society Affiliation: APS, AAPE, Member of CNCPS Club, Other _____

Exhibit Category (see p.2): _____ First Time Exhibitor (Y/N): _____ Youth Exhibitor (Y/N) _____

Number of Pages: _____ Number of Frames Requested: _____

Exhibit Title: _____

Brief Description of Exhibit:

This exhibit has won these awards in the following shows:

I apply to enter my exhibit in PENPEX 2023 according to the rules and regulations which I have read.

Signed _____

I DO NOT wish to receive feedback from the PENPEX jury members.

I DO wish to receive point scores with my feedback.

How will your exhibit be delivered? I will deliver it. _____ will deliver it.

Will be mailed and arrive no later than November 30. Please include return postage and instructions.

If entry is a Youth exhibitor, please note age: _____

If entry is a Youth exhibitor, please provide Parent's Signature _____

Entries close November 1, 2024, or when the frames are filled.

Send to: Tom Hayes, Exhibits Chairman

40087 Mission Blvd., PMB 296, Fremont, CA 94539

Email: PENPEXRedwoodCity@yahoo.com

PENPEX 2024

Prospectus - Rules and Regulations

GENERAL INFORMATION: The PENPEX Stamp Exhibition is planned and organized by members of the Sequoia Stamp Club. The PENPEX Committee and the Sequoia Stamp Club, their members, the city, and its employees assume no liabilities. Owners of exhibits must provide their own insurance. Reasonable precautions, including providing an overnight guard, will be taken. The show will take place on December 7-8, 2024, at the Redwood City Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue.

ELIGIBILITY: Exhibiting is open to all philatelists. Novice exhibitors are happily invited and encouraged to enter.

ENTRY: All exhibits must be entered on the entry form. The Exhibits Chairman reserves the right to accept or reject any entry. Exhibits Chairman may reassign exhibiting category. Any exhibit having received a large gold or gold medal at an APS National show is ineligible. Exhibits must be genuine property of the exhibitor. There are *no entry fees*. Title pages and synopsis for categories A – D should be submitted with the entry form. Closing date for entries is November 1, 2024, **or** when all frames are filled.

EXHIBIT CATEGORIES: There are **four competitive** categories of exhibits.

A. Multi-frame exhibits: 8-frame maximum.

B. One-frame exhibits

C. Youth exhibits: Exhibitor must be under 18 as of 12/1/2024. The exhibit must be his or her personal endeavor.

D. Display philately or postcard exhibit: 8-frame maximum; a display of philatelic and supporting collateral material or a postcard exhibit.

The next category is open to Sequoia Stamp Club Members ONLY:

E. “My Favorite Things”: 1 to 4–page exhibit from a Sequoia Stamp Club member. Exhibits may be a maximum of 4 single pages on different subjects **or** up to 4 pages on a single subject.

F. Non-Competitive or Court of Honor exhibits will be invited only if space is available.

FRAMES: Standard aluminum exhibit frames (WSP style) will hold 16 pages, 8 ½ x 11, four per row in four horizontal rows; an exhibitor’s exhibiting space equals 1 square meter to be filled as desired.

JUDGING AND AWARDS: Judging will be by a Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies approved jury. All exhibits will be judged on their own merit. There will be one grand award. Reserve grand awards will be presented in the A, B, or D categories. Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze awards will be decided by the jury. There will also be national society awards, most popular, and novice awards. Decisions of the judges are final. As there is no entry fee, medal awards will be in the form of certificates, suitable for framing, in presentation folders.

DELIVERY AND PICK-UP: Exhibits must be brought to the show, mounted, dismounted, and removed from the show by either the exhibitor or the exhibitor’s agent. PENPEX committee members may be available to offer assistance. Arrangements for mail-in exhibits will be made and must be received by November 30. Exhibits may be mounted Friday evening, December 6, between 5 - 7:30 PM or Saturday, December 7, between 8 - 9:30 AM. Exhibits must be removed immediately at the close of the Show at 3:30 PM on Sunday, December 8, 2024. Additional information and arrangements can be made with the Exhibits Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Entry application will be acknowledged personally, in writing or by e-mail.

ACCEPTANCE OF RULES: Signing the entry form denotes acceptance of PENPEX show rules and regulations.

Please submit your entry form or inquiries to:

Tom Hayes, Exhibits Chairman, 40087 Mission Blvd., PMB 296, Fremont, CA 94539

Or email: PENPEXRedwoodCity@yahoo.com. Visit us online at PENPEX.org