



2024 Council Area Shows

WESTPEX

SF Airport Marriott Waterfront

April 26-28, 2024

<http://www.westpex.com>

SOPEX

Medford First Methodist Church

Medford, OR

June 7-8, 2024

Greater Reno Stamp & Cover Show

National Bowling Stadium Hall of Fame Museum

Reno, NV

July 27-28, 2024

WINEPEX

October 4-6, 2024

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

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

Filatellic Fiesta

November 9-10, 2024

Napredak Hall

770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA

<http://www.filatelicfiesta.org>

PENPEX

December 7-8, 2024

1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA

<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.

Next CNCPS meeting will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024, 4pm at WESTPEX in Burlingame. We strongly encourage each member organization to send a representative to this meeting.

From the Editor



Where have all the stamp shows gone? I ran across a flyer from a southern California dealer dating back to 1993 in which he listed his show schedule for the first three months of the year. Seven shows were in Northern and Central California! Of those, three were club-sponsored shows. Two others were listed as new shows. Today new shows are a rarity, and the older shows are disappearing.

I don't know about you, but I would much prefer to do business with dealers in person rather than on eBay or HipStamp. Don't get me wrong, I do buy items online all the time, but seeing the stamps themselves rather than photos appeals a great deal to me. I have tried to build a relationship with certain dealers, and I enjoy meeting them at shows.

The problems that have caused us to lose shows include lack of volunteers, loss of venues, and increasing costs. Without a source of volunteers, shows cannot go on. This issue is exasperated by the aging of existing volunteers and the lack of younger people to take over.

Losing a venue brings about a host of problems, chief of which is finding an alternative location. The venue must meet the needs of collectors, dealers, and show sponsors. If exhibits are included, adequate space becomes a concern. I am sure that many of you have experienced such issues. Despite all of this, we must fight on.

Tom Hayes, Council Courier Editor

President's Message



Greetings fellow collectors.

WESTPEX, the best and largest World Series of Philatelic show, is coming up April 26-28, 2024, at the SF Airport Marriott Waterfront Hotel. The show will have over 60 dealers coming from all over the world to sell their wares and share their knowledge with interested collectors. Over 250 frames of exhibits will be displayed which is another great learning opportunity. There will also be many informational meetings that are open to all attendees.

The Council, along with the Sequoia Stamp Club, will also host a table at the top of the escalators, to greet, meet, and chat with people while telling them about the different clubs and shows in the area. There will be club and show fliers on the tables. There is nothing to sell, just share your knowledge. I hope people will sign up for a 1-hour slot at the table. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EACA92FA4FD0-48591246-cncps#>

The Council's next meeting will be at WESTPEX on Saturday, April 27 at 4 pm in the Santa Barbara Room.

Look forward to seeing you at WESTPEX.

Kristin Patterson, CNCPS President

Around the Council

Nevada Stamp Study Society – A recent presentation on “U.S. Stamp Joint Issues” was given by Dave Gehringer. He was surprised that the U.S. had at least 44 joint issues and in one case a tri-issue with Sweden and Finland. He showed most of the issues and a few first day covers with cancels from both countries.

Fremont Stamp Club – Tom Hayes presented “Exhibiting for Dummies” at a recent meeting. The program was an introduction to philatelic exhibiting and how to get started, primarily focused on choosing a theme, creating a title page, and some tips on things to avoid when mounting items for exhibit. The open discussion period was lively, with helpful comments from other experienced exhibitors.

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.

Western Philatelic Library – The Western Philatelic Library is located at 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City, California. The library will hold an open house and silent auction on Saturday, April 20 from 9 am to 1 pm featuring 99 lots from the Louis Lang collection. The auction will close at 11 am.

San Jose Stamp Club – At the March 6 meeting the SJ club had two guest speakers. Robert Brilliant talked about a rare color variety of US #681, and Peter Adams gave a tutorial on using a UV lamp to detect tagging on stamps.

Contact Brian at: sanjosestampclub@gmail.com.

Golden Gate Stamp Club – Golden Gate Stamp Club meets on first and third Mondays of every month, 7:00pm - 8:30pm, at the Taraval Police Station Community Room (2345 24th Ave, San Francisco, CA). Each meeting includes philatelic updates, show-and-tell, and an exchange session. <https://goldengatestampclub.wixsite.com/home>.

U.S.S. Saginaw Chapter No. 59, USCS – This chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society will meet at WESTPEX on Sunday, April 28 at 12:30 pm in Room 8042.

Sequoia Stamp Club – To celebrate Valentine’s Day, SSC held a special creative event at their February 13 meeting called “Design Your Own Love Stamp.” Participants used a variety of stickers, markers, and colored pencils to create a design. It was a night of artistic fun. Entries competed for a chance to win a heart-shaped box of chocolates.

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



Some of the designs submitted by members.



Kevin Kraemer with his winning design and prize.

Southern Oregon Philatelic Society – See the prospectus and entry form for SOPEX 2024 on pages 6 and 7. The show is held on June 7-8.

Around the Council

The Sacramento Philatelic Society presents its Spring Show.

Whether you're collecting stamps, or just wanting to sell an inherited collection.

SPS Spring Show

April 5-6, 2024

Friday 10:00pm-6:00pm

Saturday 10:00pm-4:00pm

Arden Christian Church (in the Fellowship Hall)

4300 Las Cruces Way, Sacramento 95864

Free admission, and plenty of free parking

Seven dealer bourse.

Snack bar.



And of course, there will be the stamp club's dump tables filled from the tubs of our millions of loose worldwide stamps, just begging for you to dive into and pick through (separated by US & foreign, and all priced at a flat 5 cents each, tax included, with no minimum purchase required).

WPL Open House

WESTPEX 2024

Join Us at the


Western Philatelic Library

3004 Spring Street, Redwood City, CA 94063

Saturday, April 20, 2024 9:00-11:00 AM

Open House and Silent Auction

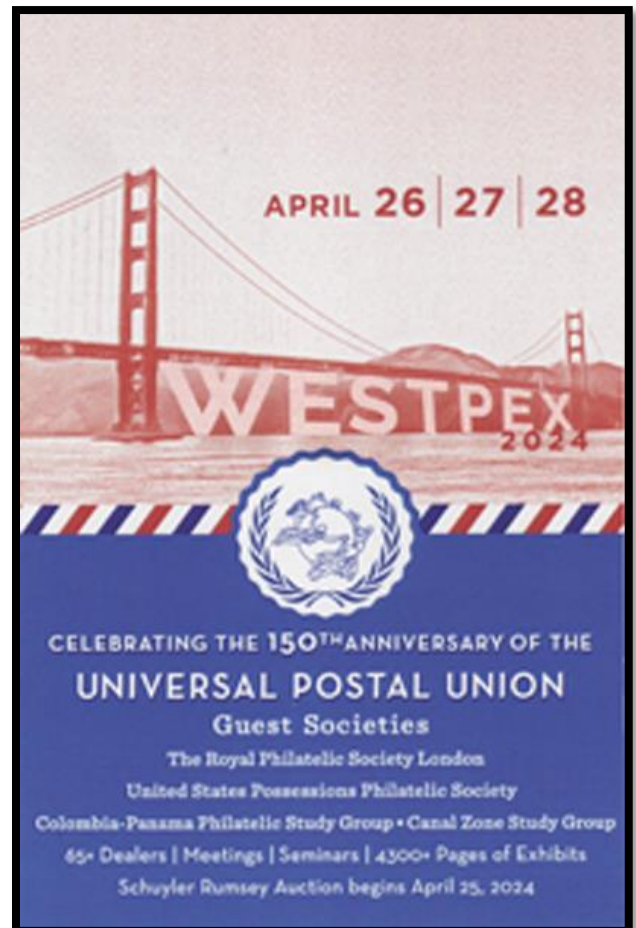
Louis Lang Collection Sale



Louis Lange (1934-2023)

Included in the auction:
 US, Foreign, and Worldwide Collections
 Covers & Postcards
 Stock Books - Mystery Boxes
 Supplies - Mint postage

99 Lots Priced to Sell – Low Opening Bids
 (See list of auction lots on separate page.)



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WESTPEX 2024

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION
 Guest Societies

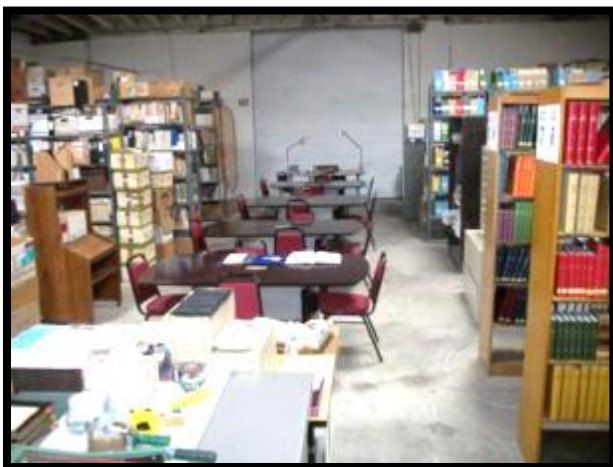
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 United States Possessions Philatelic Society
 Colombia-Panama Philatelic Study Group • Canal Zone Study Group

65+ Dealers | Meetings | Seminars | 4300+ Pages of Exhibits
 Schuyler Rumsey Auction begins April 25, 2024

The Western Philatelic Library exists to enhance the preservation and dissemination of philatelic knowledge by acquiring, organizing, interpreting and distributing information resources in a globally networked community.

Guest societies this year include:

- The Royal Philatelic Society London
- United States Possessions Philatelic Society
- Colombia Panama Philatelic Study Group
- Canal Zone Study Group



You will find the 63-year tradition of 250+ frames of international exhibits, a team of renowned judges, 70 dealers from around the world, meetings and seminars on every facet of philately, plus the world-famous sights of San Francisco.

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PROSPECTUS SOPEX 2024

sponsored by the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society

Friday, June 7 (11-5) & Saturday, June 8 (10-4)

First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

1. **Eligibility:** SOPEX 2024 is open to all exhibitors. Entries must be the property of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family.

2. **Entry:** Entries must be made on SOPEX entry form or copy. Each exhibitor agrees to accept the rules of SOPEX 2024. Exhibitors may enter multiple exhibits. Exhibits that have won Gold in a previous SOPEX must show significant change to again be eligible for competitive awards. Exhibits that have won a gold at any WSP show are not eligible. SOPEX committee will return an entry for any exhibit entered in violation of these rules. With each entry include either electronic versions of title page/synopsis (pdf file, not jpeg) or print copies.

3. **Closing Date:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024, or when all available frames are spoken for. Entries to: Larry Crain, P.O. Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or larry.crain@gmail.com.

4. **Classifications / frames:** adult, junior, free-style. Exhibits will be mounted in 12-page or 16-page frames (pages 8.5"x 11"). Adult exhibits one to three frames, limit 48 pages. Juniors exhibits one or two frames, limit 32 pages. Free-style exhibits one to three frames, less one page -- that is they can be 11, 15, 23, 31, 35 or 47 pages. Free-style exhibits will not be eligible for major awards or for SOPEX ribbons.

5. **Fees:** There are no fees. Funds sufficient to cover postage and insurance must accompany exhibits that are to be returned by mail.

6. **Judging:** Two qualified philatelists will judge SOPEX 2024 as an open show. They may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no exhibit warrants it. Judges' decisions are final.

7. **Delivery / Pick up:** Exhibits, if mailed, must arrive by Wednesday, June 5 and, if not mailed, should be delivered to the First United Methodist Church between 7:30 am and 9 am, Friday, June 7, 2023. Judging will begin at 10 am. Exhibits cannot be picked up until after 4 pm Saturday, June 8.

8. **Liability / Security:** The exhibitor agrees that the First United Methodist Church and Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, officers and members, assume no responsibility for damage or loss of exhibit materials. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. No exhibit frame may be opened or removed during the show without the permission of the show chairman.

9. **Awards:** **Grand** - best exhibit. (The Grand may not win any of the following major awards.)

Major Awards: **President's** - outstanding exhibit by non-SOPS member. For SOPS members only:

Bryan Trophy - outstanding use of cachet covers, **Carley Memorial** - outstanding U.S., **Clyde Smith Founders** - outstanding foreign, **Herbert Memorial** - outstanding thematic, **Lukens Award** - outstanding aerophilately, **Patterson Memorial** - outstanding postal history, **Sterton Memorial** - outstanding post cards, **Swan Award** - outstanding display.

Society Awards: APS (for APS member), ATA (best topical/thematic exhibit), AAPE (non-gold exhibit of merit), NW Federation Thunderbird Ribbon (non-gold exhibit of merit by exhibitor living in NW Federation), WE Achievement (promising exhibit selection or treatment) and more awards if available.

Others: SOPEX gold, vermeil, silver, bronze; novice and junior ribbons. Peoples' Choice award.

SOPEX 2024 ENTRY FORM

June 7-8 [Friday/Saturday], 2024

First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

Separate entry form must be submitted for each exhibit.

Deadline for entries: Wednesday, May 8

Name _____ e-mail _____

Mailing Address _____ phone _____

Exhibit Title _____

**Enclose one print copy of title page and/or synopsis with entry
or an electronic version of same (pdf file, not jpeg).**

of pages _____

Please enter my exhibit (circle one): adult [48 pp max] junior [32 pp max] Free-style [47 pp max]

Have you exhibited before? _____ Are you APS member? _____

Feedback: There will be oral feedback at the frames. _____ I do not wish written feedback.

I declare that I or my immediate family and I own all the material in this exhibit. I understand and certify that, while reasonable precaution will be taken by Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, SOPEX Committee and First United Methodist Church every, none of these will be held responsible for any loss or damage to my exhibit or to any material submitted, for any cause whatsoever. I agree to SOPEX rules as stated in prospectus.

Signature _____ Date _____

For Juniors: birth date _____ Parent's signature _____

My designated delivery / pick up representative is _____

Mailed exhibits MUST be received by Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

If the exhibit is to be returned by mail, include sufficient funds for the return postage, insurance and shipping packaging.

for postage and insurance \$ _____ Insure for \$ _____

Mail to: Larry Crain (SOPEX), Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or larry.crain@gmail.com