

# GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW 2012

## STAMP EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS

65th Annual Exhibition and Bourse  
of the  
HOUSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

September 21-23, 2012

**Humble Civic Center  
8233 Will Clayton Parkway  
Humble, Texas**

### Rules and Conditions:

#### COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Anyone is eligible to apply for entry in the open exhibition at the Greater Houston Stamp Show (GHSS). The deadline for entry is August 1, 2012. Fees must accompany the attached Entry Form. An exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit, but a separate entry form is required for each exhibit. The minimum number of frames for an adult multi-frame exhibit is two and the maximum number of frames is ten. There is also a single frame exhibit class.

The GHSS committee reserves the right to refuse any entry. In such cases, the exhibit fees will be refunded. Failure to exhibit after notification of acceptance by GHSS will cause forfeiture of all entry fees. All material exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor(s). Exhibits with dual ownership are not eligible as competitive exhibits unless owned by husband and wife or parent and child (in which case it must be entered as an adult exhibit). Pages must be numbered on the back and be in page protectors. Exhibits must not identify the exhibitor on the front of the exhibit pages in any way.

#### YOUTH EXHIBITS

Youths (exhibitors who will not have reached the age of 17 by the opening of the GHSS) are encouraged to enter an exhibit. Youth exhibits are limited to a maximum of five frames, and do not require an entry fee.

#### ONE FRAME EXHIBITS

One frame exhibits will be accepted from both youth and adults, but will be judged separately from the open competition. As a subset to the regular one frame exhibits, there is a special one frame "gray" competition. "Gray" exhibits must be based in some way on the color gray (or similar colors such as slate, or with gray in the name such as gray blue), whether by the actual color of some element of the material or by a theme or topic related to the color gray. The final decision as to whether an exhibit qualifies to compete in the gray competition will be made by the judges.

#### FRAME FEES

The entry fee for adults is \$6.00 per frame for multi-frame exhibits and \$10.00 for single frame exhibits. There is no entry fee for youth exhibitors. Please make all checks payable to "Houston Philatelic Society". Do not send cash.

#### FRAME SPECIFICATIONS

The frames are made to hold **16** standard 8 ½" by 11" pages, four rows of four pages each. Larger pages or page protectors with outside punched flaps may require some overlapping. Exhibitors may specify fewer pages per row for oversized pages, but still must request the total number of frames required when filling in the Entry Form.

## **EXHIBIT SET-UP – TIME and DATE**

The GHSS exhibits will be set up on Thursday, September 20th, between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Any exhibits not available for mounting by 6:00 PM will be refused with no refund of exhibit fees. Exhibitors may either personally deliver their exhibits to the Humble Civic Center or have them delivered by mail or an agent.

## **MAIL-IN EXHIBITS**

Mail-in exhibits must arrive by Tuesday, September 18th. **Do not send your exhibit by UPS or Federal Express**, as they will not deliver to a post office box. Forward all mail-in exhibits by either Registered Mail (this can take a week or more) or Express Mail to: GHSS c/o Ronald Strawser, P.O. Box 840755, Houston, TX 77284-0755.

## **EXHIBIT TAKE-DOWN**

Exhibitors may retrieve their exhibits beginning 15 to 30 minutes after the show closes Sunday at 4:00 PM. No exhibits will be removed from the frames before 4:00 PM. Exhibitors wishing to have their exhibits returned by mail must include mailing instructions with the Entry Form and funds to cover the return mailing costs. If using an agent, the exhibitor must provide written authorization on the Entry Form for the agent to pick up the material after the show closes. Exhibits will be mailed back to the exhibitor within 72 hours of the show closing.

## **JUDGING**

The GHSS committee will select a panel of three judges. The committee will endeavor to use APS accredited judges whenever possible, but emphasis will be placed on inviting judges with experience judging both local and regional sized shows. All decisions of the judges will be final.

**Exhibitors are strongly encouraged** to submit 4 copies of the title page, synopsis or bibliography in advance for study by the judges. This material should not include the exhibitor's name. The committee will distribute these pages to the judges in advance, but distribution will be limited to no more than three different pages per exhibit. The committee **must receive these pages by August 1, 2012** in order to distribute them to the judges.

## **AWARDS**

Each exhibit will be evaluated by the judging panel and will be eligible to win one of the five medal levels: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, or Bronze. The judging panel will also select the Grand Award and Reserve Grand Award winners. Society awards will be presented when available and when exhibits have met the society's requirements.

One frame exhibits will be judged separately, with their own set of awards given. There will also be special awards for the one frame "gray" competition.

Awards will be given out at an Awards Dinner scheduled for Saturday evening, September 22nd. Further details and the cost of tickets will be available at a later date. Those not attending the dinner will receive their award during exhibit take-down or via the mail.

## **LIABILITY AND INSURANCE**

All reasonable care will be taken for the safe keeping of each exhibit, and armed guards will be on duty 24 hours a day at the exhibit facility, but the Houston Philatelic Society, its members and officers, the GHSS committee members, and the Humble Civic Center, its employees or agents shall not be liable for any damage or loss of any exhibit material arising from any cause or for any reason whatsoever.

Exhibitors desiring insurance must make their own arrangements.

**An exhibitor's signature on the attached entry form signifies acceptance of these rules and regulations.**  
**GHSS Prospectus 1/29/2012**

**EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM**  
**GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW**  
**September 21-23, 2012**

**To the exhibitor:** Please fill out both pages of this form and mail the form, fees, synopsis and title pages to:  
Ronald Strawser, PO Box 840755, Houston, TX 77284-0755. **Entries must be received by August 1, 2012.**

Please enter the following exhibit subject to the attached Rules and Conditions: **(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)**

**1. Name of Exhibitor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Title of Exhibit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Short Description of Exhibit:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Number of 16-page frames in my exhibit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Previous awards won by this exhibit:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Type of Exhibit:** Multi-frame \_\_\_\_\_ One Frame \_\_\_\_\_ One Frame "Gray" \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth (With exhibitor's age): \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Exhibit Category:** Traditional \_\_\_\_\_ Postal History \_\_\_\_\_ Thematic \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Stationery \_\_\_\_\_  
Display \_\_\_\_\_ Post Card \_\_\_\_\_ Aerophilately \_\_\_\_\_ Illustrated \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**8. I will deliver my exhibit...** (Check one)

In Person \_\_\_\_\_ By Mail \_\_\_\_\_ By Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Exhibit return.** (Check one)

Exhibit will be picked up by: myself: (\_\_\_) agent (name): \_\_\_\_\_

Return my exhibit by mail: (\_\_\_). For mail returns:

I have enclosed stamps \_\_\_ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for return postage.

Return by: Registered Mail (\_\_\_) or Express Mail (\_\_\_) (Recommended) Insured for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Fees:** (Make all checks payable to "Houston Philatelic Society". **DO NOT SEND CASH.**)

Youth Frame Fee FREE

Adult Frame Fee (\$6 per frame for multi-frame) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Single Frame Fee (\$10) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return Mail Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you a first time exhibitor? \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Society memberships for special awards:** Since special awards available from various organizations are limited to their own members, please enter your membership number (or a check mark) after each organization listed below in which you are a member:

Houston Philatelic Society \_\_\_\_\_ Texas Philatelic Association \_\_\_\_\_ American Philatelic Society \_\_\_\_\_

13. **Your listing in the program and Palmares:**

Check one of the following (No addresses will be printed in the show program or Palmares):

You may list my name in the program and Palmares. \_\_\_\_\_ Do not list my name - use 'Anonymous' \_\_\_\_\_

Please list using the pseudonym \_\_\_\_\_

14. **Your name and address: (Please print legibly)**

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Cell / Work Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

15. **I have included supplemental material to be distributed to the judges: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Title page and a synopsis are highly recommended – 4 copies of each. Due August 1, 2012.)

16. **Signature:**

By signing this form 1) I signify my acceptance of all the Rules and Conditions as shown on the 1/29/2012 version of the GHSS 2012 Prospectus , 2) I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and hereby release and agree to hold harmless the judges and the Houston Philatelic Society, its officers, directors and representatives from any damages, including, but not limited to damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging. and 3) I agree the Houston Philatelic Society, its members and officers, the GHSS committee members, and the Humble Civic Center, its employees or agents shall not be liable for any damage or loss of any exhibit material arising from any cause or for any reason whatsoever.

**(Note: Entry will not be accepted without your signature.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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THIS SPACE FOR THE USE OF GHSS COMMITTEE

Date Entry Form Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry receipt acknowledgement mailed/e-mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Exhibit Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit receipt acknowledgement mailed/e-mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit mounted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit dismounted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Released to:(Signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit shipped via \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_