

# HPS

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### ***GHSS 2014 was Fantastic***

We had to brave some torrential rains during set-up on Thursday, but the weekend turned out to be a great success. We had a good crew of volunteers to help set up the frames and mount exhibits despite the storms. Our volunteer staff throughout the weekend was very supportive and represented the club quite well.

Our attendance numbered just under 600. Most dealers reported good sales and at least one large bulky collection was sold to dealers by a show attendee.

We hope all of our members had a chance to spend some time at the show and pick up something interesting for their collection.



**Saturday shoppers.**



**The Dollar Cover Booth.**

## Upcoming Philatelic Shows & Bourses ....

### Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, 2014

**Houston TSDA Bourse.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: [www.tsdastamps.com](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

### November 8-9, 2014

**Mid-Cities Stamp Expo.** The 27th annual exhibition and bourse of the Mid-Cities Stamp Club will be held at the Grapevine Convention Center, 1209 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas. Hours: Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm.

### November 22-23, 2014

**Houston TSDA Bourse.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: [www.tsdastamps.com](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

### January 30-31, 2015

**Houston TSDA Bourse.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: [www.tsdastamps.com](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

### Feb. 27 - March 1, 2015

**TEXPEX 2015.** The 3-day show is Texas' APS World Series of Philately show and will be held at The Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center hotel, 1800 Hwy. 26 E, Grapevine, TX 76051. The facility is next to the popular Grapevine Mills Mall and numerous restaurants and retail stores. It serves as the annual meeting for the Texas Philatelic Association. TEXPEX will also host a meeting of the Texas Postal History Society. Admission is free. There will be a full compliment of dealers and exhibits. HPS will have a frame in the Texas Shoot-Out club competition, where of our members will make a single exhibit page.

### May 29-30, 2015

**Houston TSDA Bourse.** Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7611 Katy Freeway (I-10 West, south side feeder road.) Bourse hours are 10-5 on Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. Web site: [www.tsdastamps.com](http://www.tsdastamps.com).

## Upcoming Meetings ....

### October 6 ...

#### Show Review Night

We'll review the show, discussing the good and the bad and how to improve the show. Bring an item or two that you purchased at the GHSS for show and tell.

### October 20 ...

#### Auction Night & Nominations Committee

This is our 4th Quarter called floor auction. Bring up to three lots to offer for auction. Bring cash so that you can pick up a bargain or two tonight. This is also the night that we appoint a Nominations Committee to offer a slate of officers and Board Members for the 2015 calendar year.

### November 3 ...

#### Trans-pacific Pan-Am Air Mail

William Drummond is scheduled to talk on one of his collecting and exhibiting specialties. The HPS Nominations Committee will present their slate of officers and Board members tonight, but we will also entertain nominations from the floor.

### November 17 ...

#### Italian Social Republic

HPS member Tom Herbert will present a program on this interesting area of Italian philately. We will hold our annual election for officers and a slate of Board members for 2015. We will also review the list of 2015 speakers that coordinator Tom Herbert has assembled so that we can begin publicizing the list in the newsletter and on the web site.

### December 1 ...

#### Annual Holiday Party

No details are currently available at our publication deadline, but we traditionally hold a holiday party on the first Monday night in December. We anticipate that one of our club members will offer to host the part at their home and if that happens, their won't be a scheduled meeting at the church that night. We expect that details will be posted on our web site when available and an email blast may also be sent.

**Houston Philatelic Web Site: <http://www.houstonstampclub.org/>**

## ***GHSS Single Frame Exhibit Color for 2015:***

### ***Green***

A high point of the Single Frame Brown Stamp competition was the exhibit entry by professional postal history dealer Labron Harris. Although he has been a long-time dealer, selling postal history throughout the country with his wife, Mary, his entry in GHSS 2014 was a rare occurrence. Most national level dealers probably “collect” one or two specialties, but seldom, have any of them entered an exhibit in competition. In this case, the allure of the single frame structure and the Brown Color Competition brought out the exhibitor in Labron and he did a fantastic job as a novice, earning a Vermeil Medal and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award for his exhibit, *International Usages of the 5¢ Brown Small Banknote*.

In 2010, our own Jonathan Topper did the same, as a postal history dealer, he put together his first ever exhibit, a Single Frame Orange stamp exhibit, 8¢ Orange Winged Globe Air Mail in the Depression Era. So our GHSS Single Frame Color competition has attracted two first-time exhibitor dealers.

That brings us to the color for next year. At the Awards Dinner, GHSS 2014 Chief Judge Phil Stager of Florida drew a green crayon from the sacred tin which means that at GHSS 2015, we will host a Single Frame Green competition. On Sunday, another nationally prominent postal history dealer, Doug Weisz of Pennsylvania put out the word that he intended to follow Jonathan and Labron’s leads and enter an exhibit in the GHSS 2015 Single Frame exhibit competition. His subject will be the 1¢ Pilgrim Tercentenary commemorative stamp of 1920.

The HPS couldn’t resist the temptation to promote the concept of a dealer’s exhibit challenge within the framework of the Single Frame Green stamp competition, so on Sunday afternoon we spread the word to the dealers at our show - prepare and exhibit a Single Frame Green stamp exhibit at GHSS 2015. And there’s no reason to limit it to GHSS dealers. How about helping us spreading the word when you travel to shows around the country?

Tell your dealer acquaintances about the single frame exhibit competition.

Will Michael Ball of A to Z Stamps produce a Green Stamp exhibit? Or how about our own Jonathan Topper with an encore? And Labron? Terry Kurzinski is a known collector of the 1903 Louisiana Purchase issue on cover. How about a postal history of the 1¢ Livingston stamp of that series from Terry?

Two of our 2014 judges, Paul Goodwin and Jeff Shapiro, former members of the original national exhibiting team, The Bittersweets, are members of a new team, Unhinged. Our own HPS exhibiting team, The Midnight Mavericks faced The Bittersweets twice before at team competitions in Indianapolis and Denver and those were fun filled weekends. Members of both Unhinged and The Midnight Mavericks held preliminary discussions about both teams having a competition at GHSS 2015 that would contain a mix of both multi-frame exhibits and Single Frame Green Stamp exhibits from both teams. Ron Strawser will represent The Midnight Mavericks in negotiations with Unhinged. Expect us to pull out all the stops for this competition. We’ll keep you updated at upcoming HPS meetings and in the pages of The Perforator.

GHSS 2015 has the makings of being one of the most memorable exhibit competitions in the country next year.

Speaking of exhibit competitions TEXPEX 2015 is hosting its Great Texas Shootout at their show in Grapevine in February. The Shootout is a competition between various Texas and Oklahoma clubs whereby each club will have, within their frame, 15 individual Single Page exhibits and a cover page. This is a unique opportunity for many club members to produce their very first exhibit. Details of the judging, etc., are still in the works, but a champion will be crowned and the TEXPEX committee has promised a special Grand Prize.

HPS vice-president and TPA president John Germann is the coordinator for the HPS team and he now has a roster of 15 HPS volunteers to make single page exhibits. John formed our team and covered the topic at the last several HPS meetings.

## *Ron Strawser Captures GHSS 2014 Grand Award*

Ron Strawser's International Gold Medal winning exhibit of *Postal Cards from the Belgian Congo* added another prize to it's resume, the Grand Award at GHSS 2014. Strawser also won another Gold Medal and the United States Stamp Society's President's Award for his national Gold Medal winning exhibit, *Postal History of the United States Famous American Issues*.

Larry Ballantyne debuted a stunning new exhibit, *Postal History of the Canadian "War Issue" of 1942 to 1949*. He won the BNAPS Award and a Gold Medal.

Bryant Korn, a first-time exhibitor just a year ago at GHSS 2013, showed three exhibits this year, two stemming from his specialized Liberia Collection and a single frame Brown exhibit featuring the 1847 5¢ issues on cover from Ohio. All three exhibits won Gold Medals.

William Drummond premiered his *Flying Buffaloes* exhibit in the single frame competition. This exhibit was a companion piece to William's multi-part articles on the same subject currently being published in the *Airpost Journal* of the American Air Mail Society.

David Willig signed the coveted *Scroll of Many Colors* at the Awards Dinner for winning the Best Single Frame Brown Stamp Exhibit for his showing of *U.S. 19th Century Brown Postal Markings. Are They Brown or Something Else?* For the HPS, it was especially gratifying for David to sign *The Scroll* because he is a co-founder of the Single Frame Color Competition. As this year's winner, he also collected a dollar from Jay Stotts and the Barry's Challenge.

Stotts swept the TSDA and NSDA awards for the Most Popular Multi-Frame exhibit (*The 1914 Summer Tours of the C&B Line*) and the Most Popular Single Frame exhibit (*A Natural History of the White Rhinoceros*). His *C&B Tours* exhibit won the Reserve Grand Award and the *White Rhino* exhibit was the American Topical Association winner.

Nationally prominent philatelic exhibitors captured the top two Single Frame awards. John Hotchner of Virginia won the Single Frame Grand with *The Mid-19th Century Start of Perforating in Great Britain and the United States*. Timothy Bartshe of Colorado won the Reserve Grand with *Orange Free State 1 Shilling Brown of 1896*. Dr. Edwin Andrews of North Carolina was awarded the APS Certificate of Merit for *Design and Production of the 5¢ Garfield Memorial Stamp of 1882*.

We would like to express our thanks and congratulations to all the GHSS exhibitors.



A view of row 1 showing the Single Frame Brown exhibits.

- Grand Award** - Ron Strawser - *Postal Cards of the Belgian Congo*. Also Gold Medal and Texas Philatelic Society President's Award.
- Reserve Grand Award** - Jay Stotts - *The 1914 Summer Tours of the C&B Line*. Also Gold Medal, Texas Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Multi-Frame Exhibit.
- Single Frame Grand Award** - John Hotchner - *The Mid-19th Century Start of Perforating in Great Britain and the United States*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.
- Single Frame Reserve Grand Award** - Timothy Bartshe - *Orange Free State 1 Shilling Brown of 1896*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.
- Best Single Frame Brown Exhibit** - David Willig - *U.S. 19th Century Brown Postal Markings. Are They Brown or Something Else?* Also Gold Single Frame Gold Medal and Barry's Challenge Award.
- Most Imaginative Single Frame Brown Exhibit** - Gary Bruce - *Identifying the Canal Zone 8¢ Brown*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.
- M.J. Lorber Award** - Bryant Korn - *Liberia Ship Letters and Stampless Mail 1830-1880*. Also Gold Medal and Lighthouse Stamp Society Award.
- American Philatelic Society Certificate of Award** - Dr. Edwin Andrews - *Design and Production of the 5¢ Garfield Memorial Stamp of 1882*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal.
- United States Stamp Society President's Award** - Ron Strawser - *Postal History of the United States Famous American Issues*. Also Gold Medal.
- American Topical Association Merit Award & Ribbon** - Jay Stotts - *A Natural History of the White Rhinoceros*. Also Single Frame Gold Medal and National Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Single Frame Exhibit.
- British North America Philatelic Society Award** - Larry Ballantyne - *Postal History of the Canadian "War Issue" of 1942 to 1949*. Also Gold Medal.
- American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin** - William Drummond - *Ellan Vannin: Isle of Man*. Also Vermeil Medal.
- American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Silver Award of Honor Pin** - Ray Cartier - *Above the Clouds - A Study of Stratospheric Balloon Flights and the Piccard Family*. Also Single Frame Silver Medal.
- Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award** - Sanaul Chowdhury - *British India to Bangladesh: A Journey Through Postal Stationery*. Also Silver Medal.
- American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award** - Labron Harris - *International Usages of the 5¢ Brown Small Banknote*. Also Single Frame Vermeil Medal.

**Additional Multi-Frame Award Winners:**

- Gold Medal:** Bryant Korn - *Liberia Numerical Issue 1882-1892*
- Vermeil Medal:** Jay Stotts - *Usages of the Austrian Costumes Series of 1948-68*  
Robert Thompson - *Errors on Plate Number Coil Issues*

**Additional Single Frame Award Winners:**

- Gold Medal:** Bryant Korn - *1847 Issue 5¢ Red Brown, Covers from Ohio*  
Jay Stotts - *United States 50¢ Admiral Nimitz Stamp*
- Vermeil Medal:** Victor Willson - *Canada 3 Cent Brown Stamp of 1918*  
William Drummond - *The Flying Buffaloes of the United States*  
Victor Willson - *Canada 3 Cent Brown Stamp of 1918*
- Silver-Bronze Medal:** Candace Weissinger - *How Did Early America Spell Relief: Outhouses*



**Jim Francis and Clayton Finney work at the Concessions Stand while Dave Nickson plans a purchase.**



**HPS volunteers David Willig, Morris Short, Carl Freeman and Susan Frankel working at the Beginners Booth.**

***Classified Ads:***

*Members may place philatelically related Buy, Sell, or Trade ads in The Perforator free of charge. HPS Dealer-Members may place free classified or feature ads in The Perforator at no charge as well. Member ads will run indefinitely until the advertiser requests a change or cancellation. Send copy to the editor.*

**Wanted:** U.S. unusual postal history material; 1887 large banknote issue, 10¢ through 15¢ Washington/Franklin issues. Also, U.S. 19th century green cancels. David Willig, Houston, TX, [cbhz3@hotmail.com](mailto:cbhz3@hotmail.com) 713-201-2042.

**Wanted:** Your 1932 Washington Bicentennial Cachet Covers. I wish to acquire cachet covers commemorating events throughout the 1932 year related to celebrations of the George Washington Bicentennial. I seek cachet covers franked with Scott #704-#715 and Scott #U523-#528 (but not #U526). Send email to make arrangements to view or with scans, to Rich Bajenski: [rbajenski@hotmail.com](mailto:rbajenski@hotmail.com), or bring to a HPS club meeting.

**Wanted:** Your 1981-1995 Transportation Coils on cover. I wish to acquire covers with any of the Transportation Series coils in proper commercial use. Also interested in plate number strips of 5 for select issues in this series. Send email to make arrangements to view or with scans to Rich Bajenski: please email me at [rbajenski@hotmail.com](mailto:rbajenski@hotmail.com), or bring to a HPS club meeting.

**Buy/Sell/Trade:** Texas Postal History. Email John Germann at [ajghist@comcast.net](mailto:ajghist@comcast.net) or phone 281-493-3938.

**The Houston Philatelic Society....**

Enjoy the fun of stamp collecting by sharing your interests with fellow collectors at an upcoming HOUSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY meeting.

**When : First and third Monday of each month at 7:30 PM**

**Where : West University United Methodist Church, 3611 University Blvd., Houston, TX**

Visitors and new stamp collectors are always welcome.

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