

Garfield-Perry Stamp Club

Founded 1890

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PROSPECTUS: 124th ANNUAL MARCH PARTY AND EXHIBITION

GENERAL INFORMATION

A highlight of the Spring philatelic season is the MARCH PARTY of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio. Traditionally it falls on a weekend close to the anniversary of the Club's founding (March 17, 1890).

The MARCH PARTY 2014 will be held April 11-14, 2014. The exhibition and bourse will be held at the LaVilla Banquet and Party Center, 11500 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland, OH. Many of the social events will take place at the Cleveland Airport Marriott, 4277 W. 150th St., Cleveland, OH. For reservations: telephone 216-252-5333. The show rate is \$109 per night.

The MARCH PARTY is an A.P.S. World Series of Philately (WSP) qualified show with the Grand Award and One-Frame winners eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions competition.

While the organizing committee strives for a well balanced bourse and interesting exhibits, emphasis is also placed on providing for good fellowship and fun; hence the name MARCH PARTY. Exhibitors are encouraged to join in the weekend activities and are extended a cordial welcome.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. This exhibit is open to all individual exhibitors. Material exhibited must be the property of the exhibitor. Exhibits with dual (other than husband and wife) or corporate ownership are not eligible.
2. Entry forms should be submitted as early as practical to be considered for acceptance at the March Party. The show tends to oversubscribe, and early application is suggested.
3. The exhibit consists of four classes:
 - a) Open Competition - 3 frames minimum to 10 frames maximum.
 - b) Youth Exhibits – for exhibitors 18 and under. No frame fees will be charged for youth exhibits.
 - c) Postcard class - 3 frames minimum to 10 frames maximum.
 - d) One-Frame Exhibits (number of one-frame exhibits will be limited to approximately ten).

Exhibitors are asked to designate their exhibit's class, division and type.

4. An Exhibitor may enter one exhibit from any of classes a), b) or c) and one exhibit from class d). An entry form for each exhibit, along with the entry fee of \$12.00 per frame if multi-frame, and \$25.00 if single frame, must be mailed to David Clark, address noted above. Please make checks payable to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. Applications will be reviewed by the G-P Exhibits Committee and notification of acceptance will be made within three weeks after receipt. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit at its discretion. However, exhibits are generally accepted on a first-come basis. Exhibits shown at the last two March Party shows will not be accepted unless frames remain available on January 15 or significant changes have been made since the last showing. Fees paid will be refunded in the event of non-acceptance, but will not be refunded if the exhibit is withdrawn within 30 days prior to the show.

FRAME SIZE AND CAPACITY

5. Frames are the standard APS frame. Frames have 36' x 48" of visible area and will hold 16 pages, sized 8.5" x 11", arranged in four horizontal rows of four pages. Slightly larger pages can be accommodated with some overlapping. Entries with large or odd-sized pages must obtain prior approval from the Committee. Strict attention should be paid to this rule, as we are a smaller show (180+ frames) and are obliged to observe a minimum page count by A.P.S. rules. Page protectors are required. Pages should be progressively numbered to assure proper mounting sequence.

DELIVERY AND RETURN OF EXHIBIT'S

6. Accepted exhibits should be sent to: David Clark, address noted above, and should arrive no later than April 9 nor earlier than March 31. Exhibitors should contact David Clark to identify method of delivery in advance. Federal Express, with advance notice of tracking number, is preferred. Do not include within the exhibit any reply card; the exhibit package will not be opened prior to the show.
7. Personally delivered exhibits should arrive at the LaVilla Banquet and Party Center between 12:00 and 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 10. Hotel shuttle service will be provided at noon, 2:00 and 4:00. Committee members will mount your exhibit if you wish, or you may mount it yourself. No entry fees will be refunded if an exhibit fails to arrive.
8. No exhibit will be removed from frames until the show closes at 3:00 PM Sunday and only after the exhibit area is clear of all visitors including exhibitors. In most years, all exhibitors have completed their exhibit removal by 3:30 PM. Exhibitors are expected to arrange their personal travel schedule or the method for return of their exhibit accordingly. Out-of-town exhibitors with plane flights or long drives will be given preference to accommodate travel schedules at the discretion of the Committee. One designated Committee member will control the order of exhibit breakdown and will call for the exhibitor to participate in removal when it is his or her turn. An exhibitor may not remove an exhibit without the assistance of a Committee member.
9. At the close of the show, unless otherwise instructed, exhibits not retrieved in person will be returned by Federal Express, next day priority. Exhibitors are obligated to pay return costs.

INSURANCE AND SECURITY

10. Owners must provide their own insurance. Garfield-Perry supplies professional, around-the-clock security during the entire show. However, each exhibitor, by entering the exhibit, does and shall agree that no responsibility shall be attached to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club or the LaVilla Banquet and Party Center, including their officers, members, volunteers or employees, for any loss.

JUDGING

11. All exhibits will be judged by a panel of A.P.S. accredited judges, and their decision will be final. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits on an open show basis.
12. The membership of the jury panel will be available upon request to the Exhibit Chair. The jury panel will not be announced in the philatelic media nor listed on the GP website, www.garfieldperry.org, prior to the show.

AWARDS

13. Judges will award a Grand Award and a Reserve Grand Award. Judges will also award Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver Bronze and Bronze medals without regard to exhibit classification. One-frame exhibits will receive medals as above.
14. Judges will also award Garfield-Perry Stamp Club special awards for the Best Exhibits in the following categories: United States, Foreign, Postal History, Thematic, One-Frame and Best Exhibit by an Active Garfield-Perry Member.
15. Society awards will be awarded as available and at the discretion of the jury.
16. One-frame exhibits will be awarded Garfield-Perry awards for first, second and third.

GENERAL

17. Exhibit titles and exhibitors' names will be listed on the website and in show publicity, the show program and the palmares. The Prospectus asks whether or not the Show Program and other show publicity may include the exhibitor's name. An exhibit may be anonymous or under a pseudonym if the Exhibit Chair is provided documentation of the owner's identity
18. Activities include a Friday evening Wine & Cheese party, show hospitality room and a Saturday complimentary Exhibitors and Judges Luncheon. The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening, details of which will be provided later. Ticket prices are \$50 per person.
19. Exhibitors are to supply the Committee with copies (8 each) of the title page and synopsis upon submission of the exhibit application, or as soon thereafter as practical. Title pages and synopses will be forwarded to the judges as received as well as revisions. One copy of each will be forwarded to the APRL.
20. Reservations for the Awards Banquet are required and must be made by noon April 12, 2014. It is noted for the quality of the food including prime beef or fresh fish filet. It is suggested that a ticket be bought in advance to assure your presence.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - 2014 GARFIELD-PERRY MARCH PARTY EXHIBIT

The exact title of the exhibit: _____

Short description of exhibit: _____

Class: ___ General (Open) Competition ___ One-Frame ___ Postcard

Youth : age____ (as of Jan, 1, 2014) ___ Check if novice exhibitor with no prior WSP experience

Division: ___ Postal ___ Revenue ___ Thematic ___ Illustrated Mail ___ Cinderella ___ Display

If Postal Division or Illustrated Mail, Exhibit Type: _____

My exhibit page size is _____. I have a special page size as follows: _____

If Single Frame, Frame fee (\$25): _____

If Multi-Frame, number of frames: _____ x \$12 = Frame fee: _____

Will deliver exhibit: ___ In Person ___ By Other Delivery _____

Will pick up exhibit: ___ In Person ___ By Agent (Name _____)

_____ Please return my exhibit. Type of service desired _____ Insurance Amount _____

Frame fees enclosed: \$ _____

Return fees enclosed: \$ _____

Banquet tickets (@\$50): \$ _____

Preference: _____Steak _____Fish

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

My name _____ may _____ may not be listed in the show program. _____ check if attending exhibitor's lunch (no fee)

My name _____ may _____ may not be listed in the palmares.

My name _____ may _____ may not be listed in other show publicity (including GP website).

I understand that the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and its members assume no responsibility in the event of damage to an exhibit or for loss or theft. Signing this entry form denotes acceptance of the above and the rules governing the exhibition. Also that by exhibiting, the exhibitor agrees that the decision of the judges shall be final, and releases and agrees to hold harmless the judges, the American Philatelic Society and the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, its officers, directors, employees, 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.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

(For use by the Committee)

Material Received _____

Mounted _____ Dismounted _____