

Garfield-Perry Stamp Club

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PROSPECTUS: 127th ANNUAL MARCH PARTY AND EXHIBITION

GENERAL INFORMATION

MARCH PARTY 2017 will be held Thursday, March 23 through Saturday, March 25, 2017. The exhibition and bourse will be 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 hotel reservations telephone 216-252-5333.

Activities include a show hospitality room, a Thursday evening wine and cheese reception and a complimentary Exhibitors and Judges Luncheon on Friday. The Awards Banquet will be held Friday evening. Banquet tickets are \$55 per person (\$60 if purchased at the show). Additional show details are and will become available at www.garfieldperry.org

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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. This exhibit is open to all individual exhibitors who conform to the rules in this prospectus. Material exhibited must be the property of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must be an individual person, a private personal corporation or members of an immediate family (spouses, parent-child, grandparent-child, siblings).
2. If the exhibitor has purchased the exhibit intact from another exhibitor, the new owner may not enter the exhibit for two years or when at least 30 percent of the exhibit has been altered with new material, whichever comes first.
3. Reproductions of materials used in the exhibit and all other materials that are not original (including stamp forgeries) must be clearly labeled as such unless they are reproduced significantly larger or smaller than the original.
4. Restoration of items beyond cleaning; e.g., adding to or subtracting from such items, must be clearly labeled as such.
5. You should mail your Entry Form(s) as early as practical but not later than January 15, 2017, to be considered for acceptance at the 2017 March Party. You must include a title page and synopsis to be considered for acceptance.
6. The exhibit consists of three classes:
 - a) General Competition - 3 frames minimum to 10 frames maximum.
 - b) One-Frame Class (limited to approximately ten entries).

c) Youth Class – for exhibitors 22 and under as of Jan. 1, 2017. No frame fees will be charged for youth exhibits. If the youth exhibitor is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the entry form.

7. An exhibit is to be transferred out of competition after having won a Grand Award at a WSP show within the same Champion of Champions qualifying year. It will be a Court of Honor exhibit and will receive a gold medal or equivalent.
8. An exhibitor may enter one multi-frame exhibit (see below for an exception) and one one-frame exhibit. The exhibitor must mail an entry form for each exhibit, along with the entry fee of \$25.00 for the first frame and \$11.00 for each additional frame, to Gregory Shoults, address noted above. Please make checks payable to the “Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.” Applications will be reviewed by the G-P Exhibits Committee. Exhibitors will be notified of acceptance within three weeks after receipt of the application, title page and synopsis. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit at its discretion. If frames remain available on January 15, the G-P Exhibits Committee may, in its sole discretion, accept a second multi-frame exhibit or an exhibit shown at the last two March Party shows that has not been significantly modified since its last showing. Fees paid will be refunded in the event of non-acceptance, but will not be refunded after an exhibit has been accepted.

FRAME SIZE AND CAPACITY

9. Each frame measures 36” x 48” and will hold sixteen 8-1/2”x 11” or A4 pages arranged in four horizontal rows of four pages. Slightly larger pages can be accommodated with some overlapping. To exhibit large or odd-sized pages you must obtain prior approval from the Committee unless you will be present to mount and dismount the exhibit. Exhibitors must use page protectors. We strongly recommend numbering exhibit pages to assure proper mounting sequence.

DELIVERY AND RETURN OF EXHIBIT'S

10. If you are sending your exhibit, you should ship it to arrive no earlier than March 8 and no later than March 15. You must send your exhibit to Gregory Shoults at the address noted above. Exhibitors should contact Gregory Shoults to identify method of delivery in advance. The Committee prefers that you ship your exhibit via Federal Express, with advance notice of a tracking number. As the Committee will not open exhibits prior to the show, do not include a reply card.
11. If you are bringing your exhibit to the March Party, you should plan to arrive at LaVilla Banquet and Party Center between 12:00 and 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 22. 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.
12. No exhibit will be removed from frames until the show closes at 4:00 PM Saturday and only after the exhibit area is clear of all visitors including exhibitors. In most years, all exhibitors present at the show closing have completed their exhibit removal by 4:30 PM. Exhibitors are expected to arrange their personal travel schedule or the method for return of their exhibit accordingly. Out-of-town exhibitors will be given priority 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 except in the presence of a Committee member.

13. At the close of the show, unless otherwise instructed, the Committee will return exhibits by Federal Express, next day priority. Exhibitors are obligated to pay return costs.

INSURANCE AND SECURITY

14. 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, agrees that no responsibility for any loss shall be attached to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club or the LaVilla Banquet and Party Center, including their officers, members, volunteers or employees.

JUDGING

15. All exhibits will be judged by a panel of A.P.S. accredited judges, and their decisions will be final. Each exhibit will be judged on its own merits by applying the standards in the most recent edition of *The Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting*.
16. The jury panel will be listed on the GP website prior to the show.

AWARDS

17. Judges will award a Grand Award and Reserve Grand Award, as well as a Single-Frame Grand Award. Judges will also award Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze medals without regard to exhibit class.
18. 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.
19. Society awards will be awarded as available and at the discretion of the jury.

GENERAL

20. Exhibit titles will be listed on the website and in show publicity, the show program and the palmares. An exhibitor may indicate on the Entry Form whether or not to include his or her name in the Show Program and other show publicity. An exhibitor may be anonymous or under a pseudonym but must provide his or her true identity to the Exhibit Committee. Exhibitors' names will be listed in the palmares sent to the APS.
21. Exhibitors are to supply the Committee with eight (8) copies of the title page and synopsis with the Entry Form. Revisions of title pages and synopses will be forwarded to the judges as received. One copy of each will be forwarded to the APRL. Any title pages, synopses or revisions received after February 15, 2017, may be ignored by the jury at their sole discretion.
22. All banquet attendees must purchase tickets by noon, Friday, March 24, 2017.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - 2017 GARFIELD-PERRY MARCH PARTY EXHIBIT

The exact title of my exhibit: _____

Short description of exhibit: _____

Class: ____ General Competition _____ Single Frame

I am a novice exhibitor having no prior WSP exhibiting experience: Y_____ N_____

Youth: Age _____ (as of Jan. 1, 2017)

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

Fees

First Frame fee (single or multi-frame) \$ 25.00

Additional frames, number of frames: _____ x \$11 = _____

Return postage funds _____

Banquet ticket(s): _____ x \$55: _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

I will need transportation from the Marriott to the off-site banquet: Y_____ N_____

I will attend the complimentary Exhibitors and Judges Luncheon: Y_____ N_____

I will deliver my exhibit: _____ In Person or ___By Other Delivery _____

I will pick up my exhibit: _____ In Person or ___By Agent (Name _____)

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

My name _____ may _____ may not be listed in the show program.

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. I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and release and agree 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 _____ Cell _____ Email: _____

(For use by the Committee)

Material Received _____

Mounted _____ Dismounted _____