



2026 GARFIELD-PERRY MARCH PARTY

Judges Biographies



Michael Ley – Mike has been an accredited judge since 2009. He has exhibited various subjects but is best known for his Burma exhibits. He has won Grand Awards for both single and multi-frame exhibits. He is a past AAPE president and currently administers their Single Frame C of C competition and their Single Frame Team competition. He was part of the five-person group that began the AAPE Brett Cup competition in 2017, which he won in 2025. He is Secretary of the Burma (Myanmar) Philatelic Study Circle (UK) and is the only non-UK resident to ever serve as an officer.



Christopher Dahle – Chris retired from the U of Iowa in 2011 and became an accredited judge in 2013. He shows three thematics and one traditional exhibit. Chris is active in the Cedar Rapids, IA, stamp club and show chair of CERAPEX, the last remaining stamp exhibit in Iowa. Chris is also an officer of the United Nations Philatelists and of the Biology Unit of the ATA and on the board of the Scandinavian Collectors Club. He's a member of the Greater Southern African Philatelic Society and the Rhodesian Study Circle.



William Fort III – Bill Fort is a lifelong stamp collector. He specialized in stamps of the Americas and transoceanic airmail. Bill exhibits U.S. Fourth Bureau postal history, trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific airmail during World War II, and Mexican Revenues. He became an accredited APS judge in 2012.



James Mazepa – Dr. Mazepa, RDP, FRPSL, is one of six philatelists to win the Champion of Champions twice. His many honors include the Luff Award for service to philately and is only the third American to be elected to the Spanish *Real Academia Hispanica de Filatelia*. He has chaired the APS International Committee for years and continues to judge both here and overseas. Jim has written over 200 articles on a variety of subjects, although his collecting interests focus on Poland, Mexico and Central America.



Norma Nielson – Norma has been exhibiting for more than 20 years. She has won a WSP Grand Award in addition to many other medals. In addition to writing articles on her own, she co-authored with the late Tony Dewey an article on creating a first day cover exhibit from scratch. Norma became an accredited judge in 2018 and has since served regularly on WSP juries. Her experience in topical / thematic exhibiting often rounds out knowledge of her fellow jurors.



Dzintars Grinfelds – Dzintars is a lifelong collector specializing in Eastern European philately and postal history, plus thematic exhibiting. He is the only three-time AAPE Youth C-of-C, a Judging Apprenticeship as a youth in Northern California, and being in the inaugural class of the APS' Young Philatelic Leaders Fellowship. Grinfelds now serves as an FIP commissioner and is Deputy Commissioner General for Boston 2026 World Expo. He is a member of the RPSL, Collectors Club, APS, AAPE, and others. Grinfelds competes as a professional ten-pin bowler in the Western Region of the Professional Bowlers Association.