Garfield-Perry Stamp Club

PROSPECTUS: 137th ANNUAL MARCH PARTY AND EXHIBITION

GENERAL INFORMATION

MARCH PARTY 2027 will be held Friday, March 12, through Sunday, March 14, 2027, at the Best Western Plus - Strongsville, 15471 Royalton Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136. All social events will take place at that venue. For hotel reservations telephone 440-238-8800. **Show rate is $114 per night prior to Feb. 22, 2027**.

Activities include a show hospitality room Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, a Wine & Cheese Social on Friday after the show closes, and a Saturday complimentary Exhibitors and Judges Luncheon. **There will be an Awards Banquet, tickets $65 each.**

MARCH PARTY 2027 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 respective Champion of Champions competitions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. This exhibition is open to all individual exhibitors who conform to the rules in this prospectus and the current *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting*.

2. You should mail your Entry Form(s) and check as early as practical but not later than Jan. 15, 2027, to Gregory Shoults, Exhibits Chairman, 11248 Frederick Lane, Twinsburg, OH 44087-2663, to be considered for acceptance at March Party 2027. We prefer that exhibitor applicants send their title page and synopsis electronically to coilcollector@hotmail.com. These two documents should be **in PDF format**.

3. There are three exhibit classes. You must designate your exhibit's class.

   a) Open Competition – 2 to 10 frames.

   b) Youth Exhibits – for exhibitors 18 and under as of Jan. 1, 2027. No frame fees will be charged for youth exhibits. A parent or guardian must sign the entry form.

   c.) One-Frame Exhibits.

4. You may enter one exhibit from either class a) or b) and one exhibit from class c). You must mail a separate entry form for each exhibit.

   Entry fees are **$30.00** for single frame exhibits. For multi-frame exhibits the fees are **$25.00** for the first frame and **$11.00** for each additional frame.

   Applications will be reviewed by the G-P Exhibits Committee. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any exhibit at its discretion. 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 not after an exhibit has been accepted.

FRAME SIZE AND CAPACITY

5. Each frame measures 36" x 48" and will hold sixteen 8-½"x11" 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

6. If you are sending your exhibit, you should ship it to arrive no later than March 10. You may ship your exhibit(s) to **1053 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221, c/o Rocco Caponi. Please notify exhibits chairman Greg Shoults at coilcollector@hotmail.com or (330) 714-7644 if you ship your exhibit.**

7. If you are bringing your exhibit to the March Party, you should plan to arrive at the Best Western Plus - Strongsville between 1:00 and 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 11. Committee members will mount your exhibit if you wish, or you may mount it yourself.

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 present at the show closing 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 will be given preference 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 dismounting when it is his or her turn. An exhibitor may not remove an exhibit except in the presence of a Committee member.

9. 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

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 for any loss shall be attached to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club or the Best Western Plus - Strongsville, including their officers, members, volunteers or employees.

JUDGING

11. 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 APS Manual of Philatelic Judging and Exhibiting.*

12. The jury panel will be listed at www.garfieldperry.org prior to the show.

13. **FIP Option:** Exhibitors interested in exhibiting on the international level may request the "FIP Option." This is in addition to and independent of the regular competition and will be judged by separate FIP qualified judges. No separate awards are provided for FIP Option exhibits.
The FIP Option provides exhibitors with a point breakdown, written comments, and the opportunity to meet with the FIP judges at the show. The FIP jurors may decline to judge any exhibit they deem outside their collective area of expertise in which case the FIP option entry fee of $35 will be refunded.
The FIP Option is limited to the first 12 exhibits that apply. Exhibitors selecting the

option should have read the appropriate GREVs and SREVs for international exhibits. These can be found on the FIP website: www.f-i-p.ch.

AWARDS

14. Judges will award a One-frame Grand Award, and a multi-frame Grand Award and Reserve Grand Award. Judges will also award **Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze and Bronze** medals without regard to exhibit classification.

15. Judges will also award Garfield-Perry Stamp Club special awards for the best exhibits in the following categories: United States, Foreign, Postal History, Thematic, and Best Exhibit by an Active Garfield-Perry Member.

16. Society awards will be awarded as available and at the discretion of the jury.

GENERAL

17. **Exhibit titles and exhibitors' names will be listed on the website and in show publicity, the show program and the palmares.** You may indicate on the Entry Form whether or not to include your name in the Show Program and other show publicity. Your exhibit may be anonymous or under a pseudonym but you must provide your identity to the Exhibit Committee.

18. Exhibitors are to supply the Committee with one (1) electronic copy (PDF format) of the title page and synopsis with the Entry Form, or as soon thereafter as practical. Title pages, synopses, and revisions will be forwarded to the judges as received. One copy of each will be forwarded to the APRL. The Committee may request paper copies of title pages and synopses, if needed. Any title pages, synopses or revisions received after February 15, 2027, may be ignored by the jury at their sole discretion.

19. All banquet attendees must make a reservation for the Awards Banquet by noon, March 12, 2027.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - 2027 GARFIELD-PERRY MARCH PARTY EXHIBIT

Print last name: _____

THIS FORM IS TWO PAGES.
PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Exact title of your exhibit:_____

Short description of exhibit:_____

_____

Check the box if you are a member of: Garfield-Perry S.C. ☐

Class:____ General (Open) Competition ____One-Frame ____Youth – age____ (as of 1/1/27)

___ Check if eligible for UPSS C-of-C ___ Check if **novice exhibitor** (no prior WSP experience)

FIP Option: Yes ☐ (If no, skip to "My exhibit pages..." below)

FIP Class (Circle one): Astrophilately, Aerophilately, Maximaphily, Modern, One Frame, Open, Picture Postcard, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Revenues, Thematic, Traditional, Youth

My exhibit has ☐ ☐ has not been shown at an international show.

My exhibit is in the 2/3 class: Yes ☐ ☐ No

My exhibit pages are letter size___ or my exhibit pages are a special size as follows:_____

Single frame fee ($30):	$_____
Multi-frame: First frame fee ($25):	_____
Additional frames: _____x $11:	_____
FIP option fee ($35)	_____
Banquet ticket(s): _____ x $65:	_____
Return postage funds	_____
Total enclosed (check payable to **Garfield Perry Stamp Club**):	$_____

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 _____

I will attend the complimentary Exhibitors and Judges Luncheon Yes___ No___

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).

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM - 2027 GARFIELD-PERRY MARCH PARTY EXHIBIT (PAGE 2)

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_____ Email: _____@_____

Committee use only

Date exhibit received_____

Exhibit mounted by_____

Exhibit dismounted by _____