

# PROSPECTUS for SOPEX 2012

Sponsored by the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society

April 14th 10am -5:30pm & April 15th 10am - 4pm

Padgham Pavilion Jackson County EXPO Park -1 Penninger Rd, Central Point, OR

1. **Eligibility-** This exhibition is open to all exhibitors. Entries must be the property of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family.
2. **Entry-** Entries should be on the SOPEX entry form and may be submitted by e-mail. The exhibitor agrees to accept the rules of SOPEX 2012. Exhibitors may enter multiple exhibits. Exhibits that have won a Gold in a previous SOPEX must show significant change to again be eligible for competitive awards. The SOPEX committee reserves the right to return an application & fees for any exhibit entered in violation of the rules. For Section A exhibits a copy of the proposed title page and a synopsis should accompany the exhibit entry form or they may be e-mailed to the exhibits chairman at: larry.crain@gmail.com.
3. **Frames-** Exhibits will be mounted in frames holding 12 pages (8.5"x 11"). Adult exhibits are limited to a maximum of 48 pages and Juniors to 24.
4. **Exhibit Fees-** \$1.00 per frame in the Adult section. There is no charge for Junior exhibits or Pear Blossom theme entries. Funds sufficient to cover postage and postal insurance must accompany exhibit entries to be returned by mail.
5. **Entry Closing Date-** Thursday, April 5th, 2012 or when all available frames are spoken for. Mail entries to: Larry Crain, Exhibits Chr. - SOPEX, P.O. Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170
6. **Classifications-** Section A - Adult; Section B - Junior; Section C - Non-Competitive  
Pear Blossom Theme - SOPS members should bring these to the April 5th meeting
7. **Judging-** Two qualified philatelists will judge SOPEX 2012 as an open show. They may withhold an award if, in their opinion, any exhibit does not warrant one. Judges' decisions are final.
8. **Delivery Date-** Exhibits, if not mailed, should be delivered to the Padgham Pavilion between 7:30am and 8:30am, Saturday, April 10, 2012. Judging will begin at 9:30 am.
9. **Liability and Security-** The exhibitor agrees that the Jackson County Fairgrounds and Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, Inc., officers and members, assume no responsibility for damage or loss of exhibit materials. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. No exhibit frame may be opened or removed during the show without the permission of the show chairman. Exhibits cannot be reclaimed until after 4 pm Sunday, April 15th.
10. **Awards-**
  - Pear Blossom Plaque** from the Pear Blossom Committee for exhibit best exemplifying the festival's theme
  - Awards in Section A**
    - SOPEX gold, vermeil, silver and bronze ribbons and award certificates
    - Major Awards** (no exhibit may be awarded more than one major award)
      - Grand Award** for the best exhibit in the show
      - President's Award** for an outstanding exhibit by a non-S.O.P.S..
      - Carley Memorial** for an outstanding U.S. exhibit
      - Clyde Smith Founders** for an outstanding Foreign exhibit
      - Herbert Memorial** for an outstanding Topical/Thematic exhibit
      - Patterson Memorial** for an outstanding Postal History exhibit
      - Sterton Memorial** for an outstanding exhibit using Post Cards
      - Bryan Trophy** for an outstanding exhibit using Cachet Covers
      - Lukens Award** for an outstanding Aerophilately exhibit
      - Display Class Trophy** for an outstanding Display exhibit
    - Other Awards & Certificates as available** - S.O.P.S. Novice Award, APS Certificate for the best exhibit by an APS member, ATA Certificate for the best Topical exhibit, AAPE Award of Honor, WE Award, Americana Unit Award, Northwest Federation Thunderbird Medal, U.S. Stamp Society Medal
  - Awards in Section B** - gold, silver and bronze ribbons
  - Popular Choice Pear** for the exhibit voted the public's favorite

