

Starter Ideas for Uniquely Wisconsin One-Page Non-Competitive Exhibit Milcopex 2024

Use stamps, covers, picture postcards or other philatelic items to “tell” the story of Wisconsin. The philatelic items do not need to be from the US. Instructions and application available at milcopex.org

People: American Indians, Marquette & Joliet, Jean Nicolet, Robert LaSalle, ethnic groups (example: Germans, Belgians, Scandinavians, Polish, Hispanics, etc.), Increase Lapham, Douglas MacArthur, John Muir, Georgia O’Keeffe, Owen Gromme, Harry Hioudini, Carl Sandburg, Carl Schurz and/or Margarethe Schurz, Frances Willard, Frank Lloyd Wright, etc.

Places: Geography (Wisc. counties named after people appearing on US stamps), International Crane Foundation, the Great River Road, Circus World Museum, Wisconsin Dells, Fishing Hall of Fame (Hayward), Horicon Marsh, various historical sites, etc.

Events: Blackhawk War, Civil War, Peshtigo Fire, first state to ratify the the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote, Wisconsin’s role in WWI and WWII, birthplace of ATA, EAA fly-in and aviation museum, sporting events (football, baseball, basketball, auto racing, etc.), past Circus Parades, birthplace of Flag Day, etc.

Landmarks: State Capitol

Things: State Flower (violet), State Bird (robin), State Fish (muskellunge), State Animal (badger), State Wildlife Animal (white-tailed deer), State Insect (honey bee), first state to have a workmen’s compensation law, Old Abe (mascot eagle of Wisc. 8th Regiment during Civil War)), examples of flora and fauna native to Wisc. that appear on stamps, industries (lumbering, ship building, agriculture, brewing, manufacturing, etc.), transportation, etc.

Postal History: Covers from territorial days, early statehood, advertising covers, postmarks from towns and cities.

Wisconsin First Day of Issue - many to choose from

Trivia: Perhaps you know a piece of Wisconsin trivia that might be illustrated by philatelic material. Example: The first state flag to reach outer space was the state flag of Wisconsin carried aboard Gemini VII by James Lovell. Or using the nickname of a Wisconsin city, find/use philatelic material to illustrate it. Example: Wautoma is sometimes referred to as the “Christmas Tree Capital of the World”.

Let your imagination soar! Be creative - have fun!!