



SARASOTA NATIONAL STAMP EXPO with WRITERS UNIT 30

Sixth Annual Literature Exhibition of Philatelic Articles

January 16-18, 2026

Sarasota Municipal Auditorium
801 N. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, Florida 34236



PROSPECTUS

About the Exhibition

This is an exhibition of printed and electronically delivered articles related to the collection and study of postage stamps and stationery, postal history, revenue stamps and stamped paper, cinderella stamps and associated specialized fields. This literature exhibition will be conducted and judged according to the APS Manual of Literature Judging and Exhibiting, revised 2021. The manual is available free online at <https://stamps.org/Portals/0/LitJudgingManual.pdf>.

Accepted Literature

- Entries for this exhibition are confined to articles with philatelic subject matter only that **do not exceed 8,000 words**. Newspaper & magazine columns are also accepted.
- Articles from philatelic and non-philatelic media are accepted including those appearing in club newsletters, show programs and on line.
- Multi-part articles are permitted as long as total length does not exceed 8,000 words, excluding captions and footnotes.
- Columns for the last 12 months should be submitted or the last 6 published, whichever is less.
- Literature must be primarily in English. Literature in other languages cannot be fairly judged and so must be declined. Bilingual (English and another language) literature is accepted.
- Date of publication must be no earlier than January 1, 2023.
- Authors are limited to two entries.

The Literature Exhibits Committee of the Sarasota National Stamp Expo will decide whether an exhibit is accepted or rejected; no reason need be given for a rejection. Decisions of the Literature Exhibits Committee are final. The Jury may disqualify an exhibit in accordance with the judging manual. All rules apply to all entries.

How to Enter

Entries may be made by individuals, societies, or commercial businesses. This may be authors, editors, publishers, sponsoring organizations, or webmasters. A separate application is required for each title entered. The entry fee is \$30 per competitive entry payable by check in US funds drawn on a US bank, payable to Sarasota National Stamp Expo. Exhibitors outside the U.S. may pay via PayPal (contact the exhibit chairman by email.). The entry fee is waived for non-competitive entries. The exhibitor's signature on the Application constitutes acceptance of the rules stated in this Prospectus.

Entries must be received by December 1, 2025, including the completed and signed application, the entry fee, and a single PDF file of the original article and a PDF file of the synopsis. Prospective exhibitors will be notified of acceptance as soon as possible. If an extension is required, please contact the Exhibit Chairman by email.

Applications and check should be mailed to:

Bill DiPaolo
Literature Exhibit Chairman
12310 Sunglow Blvd. Unit 101
Venice, FL 34293

What to Send

- Entry form and \$30 fee. (Separate form and fee for each entry)
- Electronic copy (PDF preferred) of the original article and the synopsis on memory stick/card or files may be emailed directly to billdip1@gmail.com.
- Authors and/or editors must submit a brief synopsis with the article (as is done with philatelic exhibits), stating the purpose and intent of the entry, to assist the jury in evaluating the entry. This is your opportunity to speak to the jury. Do not send other "supporting documents" such as critique sheets from previous shows as they will not be forwarded to the jury.

ENTRIES SUBMITTED ON MEMORY STICK OR CARD WILL HAVE MEDIUM RETURNED.

Judging and Awards

A panel of APS accredited judges will act as jury. Evaluations will be made according to the latest APS Manual of Literature Judging and Exhibiting of the APS Committee on the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges. This may be found on the APS website (<https://stamps.org/Portals/0/LitJudgingManual.pdf>). Because of the specialized nature of this exhibit, a different literature evaluation form will be used. A copy of this form is available on request from the Exhibit Chairman. The form is available in the judging manual. The decisions of the jury shall be final. The Literature Grand Award, Reserve Grand and an unlimited number of awards in eight levels will be available to the jury. Other awards may be sponsored by philatelic organizations.

Special awards will be announced at the Awards Banquet. The awards and Palmars may be presented to the exhibitor at the show, or will be mailed to the exhibitor after the show. Only one award is provided per entry regardless of the number of authors, editors, etc.

No jury feedback session will be held during the show. A written evaluation will be mailed to the exhibitor after the show.

Judges

The jury for the 2026 exhibition will be:

TO BE DETERMINED

The exhibitor must agree to allow his/her entry to be posted online at the SNSE site.

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

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The exhibitor agrees to release and hold harmless the judges and the American Philatelic Society, Writers Unit 30 and Sarasota Stamp Club, their officers, directors, employees, and representatives from any damages, including but not limited to damages to the exhibitor's reputation or that of the exhibitor's exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging.