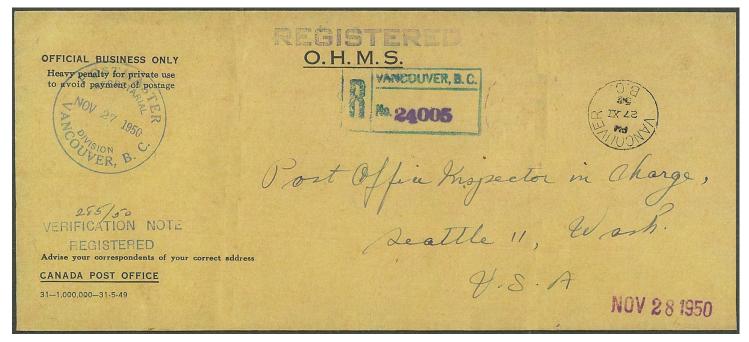
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Canada Official Business Mail to Seattle



- Bill Pekonen

This 1950 Official Business cover is especially interesting because it was sent from the Canadian Post Office to the US Post Office. The tan-colored cover is marked "Official Business Only" and "O.H.M.S" for "On His Majesty's Service," with no postage required. A blue circular marking at top left is dated November 27, 1950 and identifies it as coming from the "Secretarial Division" of the Postmaster's office in Vancouver, B.C. It was sent to the "Post Office Inspector in Charge" in Seattle, WA.

Postal markings tell the story of its journey. Three black Vancouver "PM 27 XI 50" markings, one on the front and two on the back, identify it as being sent on the afternoon or evening of November 27, 1950. A green "R VANCOUVER, B.C." and a purple number identify it as registered mail.

As registered mail, three markings show its handling by the Seattle post office. A purple "NOV 28 1950" marking on the front shows that it arrived in Seattle on the following day, as do two circular purple cancels on the back of the cover. The second cancel shows that it passed through the Terminal Annex.





Seattle November 28, 1950 back stamps

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Canada's 1898 Imperial Penny Post issue



Black, red, and lavender with top imprint of the printer, American Bank Note Company of Ottawa

---- By Larry Mann

On December 25, 1898, Canada issued what is often referred to as the world's first Christmas stamp. Although issued on Christmas Day and bearing the words "Xmas 1898," the main purpose of the stamp was to commemorate the extension of the "Imperial Penny Post" throughout the British Empire.

Beginning on December 25, 1898, a one penny rate, equivalent to two cents Canadian, covered the basic first class letter rate between most parts of the British Empire, with the exception of the Australian states and a few other places. The rate was designed as an inexpensive way to tie together the different parts of the British Empire via the mails.

The stamp is often considered one of the most attractive and interesting stamps issued by Canada. It was Canada's first stamp not picturing the British royal family, other than the Beaver issues and some of the stamps issued by the Canadian provinces.

The design features a large world map, with the heading of an imperial crown directly over Canada and the words "Canada Postage." The map shows the different parts of the British Empire in red. (The map is somewhat inaccurate, as it shows German South Africa, Portuguese East Africa, Borneo, the Transvaal, and the Orange Free State as all being British possessions. Perhaps that was a case of wishful thinking!)

The design was based on a popular world map published by George R. Parkin in 1893. Parkin was a longtime advocate of unity in the British Empire. He suggested the map design when Canadian Postmaster General Sir William Mulock (1844-1944) consulted Parkin for ideas for a



Black, red, and blue

suitable design.

Below the map is "Xmas 1898" and the words "WE HOLD A VASTER EMPIRE THAN HAS BEEN." These words were taken from "Song of Empire," a poem written by the British poet Sir Lewis Morris (1833-1907) to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887.

Some 20 million of the stamps were printed from December 1898 to December 1899, and Mulock ordered that half be printed with the ocean in lavender (Scott #85) and half in blue (Scott #86). Other shades exist, and the Map Study Group of BNAPS (British North America Philatelic Society) illustrates some of them on their website, www.mapstamp.org. An interesting online exhibit for this beautiful and interesting stamp can also be found at www.philatelicspecialistssociety.com/Exhibits/Osborne/ozz fl.shtml.



1998 Canada stamp commemorating the centennial of the Imperial Penny Post issue. The design features a crown to the left of the stamp, with Mulock to the right.

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From the Editor's Desk

2013 Pacific Northwest Shows Calendar

Thanks to everyone who sent me a list of their club's 2013 stamp shows. The new calendar is on page 10. If you didn't contact me, it isn't too late. The calendar is a work in progress and I anticipate adding new information throughout the year. Contact me by January 31 to have a show listed in the next issue, due out in February.

PIPEX 2013

It is time to be thinking about the Federation's annual PIPEX show, coming up May 24-26, 2013. If you are planning to exhibit, see pages 4-7 for a prospectus and entry form. More information on the show should appear in the February issue, including a schedule of events, directions to the show hotel, and information about staying there and in Portland.

How to Build your Philatelic Exhibit

See page 8 for the first part of an article that explains how to create a stamp exhibit. The article discusses how to plan an exhibit and create a good story line, how to create a title page, tips on presentation, and how to create an exhibit that will be interesting and attractive to both viewers and judges. The article originally appeared in the Oregon Stamp Society's *Album Page*. Thanks to the author, Sheryll Ruecker, for permission to reprint it. The second part of the article will appear in the February issue.

Articles on Federation Member Clubs

With all of the PIPEX information in this issue, I'm taking a bit of a break in the ongoing series of articles on Federation member clubs. Watch for more articles in 2013. Would you like to see an article about your club? If so, please contact me.

Articles needed

This issue marks the end of my eighth year as editor of the *Federated Philatelist*. While I've enjoyed doing it, finding new articles to publish has always been my greatest challenge. My goal has been to publish articles written by members of Federation clubs, and I like to keep a balance between articles on Canadian and US philately, with occasional articles on other parts of the world too.

This isn't an easy task, as only a very few collectors write about their philatelic interests. I know that I risk getting into a rut when articles come mostly from a small group of writers and are reprinted mostly from the few member club newsletters that publish philatelic articles.

We always need new articles to publish. I'm thankful to those of you who have allowed me to reprint your articles in the past—and I hope that you will continue to send me new ones to publish.

I'd also like to encourage others to write articles. If you haven't done this before, please consider writing one. Writing an article need not be difficult. Focus on a favorite stamp, cover, or group of related stamps or covers. Do a bit of research and then write down the story behind them or what interests you about them. Send the article to me, preferably in Word format with one or more scans. Don't worry about it being perfect, as I'm happy to help with editing.

Seasons Greetings!

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2013!

——- Larry Mann, Editor

PIPEX 2013 Exhibit Prospectus

March 1, 2013 – Deadline for convening societies' exhibit applications

April 24, 2013 – Deadline for exhibit application and for updated title/synopses pages

May 12, 2013 – Deadline for shipped exhibits

May 24, 2013 – Personal delivery of exhibits

An American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately (WSP) Event

May 24, 25, 26, 2013

Red Lion Hotel on the River - Jantzen Beach Portland, Oregon

Sponsored by the NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS

A. Exhibitors:

- Any collector, regardless of residence or club affiliation, is eligible to enter a competitive exhibit by conforming to the requirements of this prospectus.
- All competitive exhibits must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor.

B. Exhibit Classes:

a. GENERAL OPEN CLASS is open to any competitive exhibit except those eligible for either the youth or one-frame class. The General Open Class shall be divided into the following sections:

Division 1 POSTAL:

Traditional, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Astrophilately, First day Covers in the Postal division

Division 2 REVENUE:

Traditional Revenue, Fiscal History

Division 3 THEMATIC

Section 4 ILLUSTRATED MAIL:

Advertising, Patriotic and Event Covers, Cacheted First Day Covers, Maximaphily

Division 5 CINDERELLA

Division 6 DISPLAY

Division 7 PICTURE POST CARDS

Division 8 ONE FRAME CLASS

Note: The jury may reclassify, without recourse, any exhibit they believe either would be of benefit to the exhibit or has been entered in the incorrect class.

- **b. YOUTH CLASS** is open to exhibitors who will be under the age of 19 as of May 24, 2013. Entry applications for this class shall include a statement, endorsed by an adult, that the entry is the property of, and was prepared by, the entrant.
- **c. ONE FRAME CLASS** only 10 such exhibits will be accepted with preference given to the exhibits from members of the convening organizations (the latter to March 1, 2013).
- **d. FRAMES** Each frame will hold 16 8.5 inches x 11inches pages. Exhibits with page sizes measuring other than 8.5 inches x 11 inches must receive advance approval of the Exhibit Chairman. For multi-frame exhibits there is a minimum of three frames per exhibit and a maximum of ten. Youth class exhibits may be a minimum of one frame and a maximum of five.

C. Entry:

- An individual exhibitor may submit more than one entry. In the event the number of entries exceeds the available space, at most only one multi-frame and one single-frame exhibit will be accepted from each exhibitor.
- All exhibits shall be entered by class and section on the official entry form provided by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee. The correct fees shall accompany the entry form.
- Entries will be accepted up to April 24, 2013, or until all available space has been filled if that event should occur
 earlier.

C. Entry (continued):

- Receipt of entries will be promptly acknowledged. Some entries from exhibitors who are not members of convening
 organizations will be accepted promptly. However, a certain, defined number of frames are reserved for the convening organizations. If these are not filled by March 1, 2013, they will be released to frame applications from the other
 exhibit entries. The PIPEX Exhibit Committee reserves the right to reject any entry, and to return the application together with related fees before the opening of the exhibition.
- Signing the official entry form denotes acceptance by the exhibitor of all requirements set out in this prospectus.
- In order to assist the judges in preparing for the Exhibit, the PIPEX Exhibiting Committee requires that one copy of the title page and/or a one two-sided page synopsis is/are included with the Entry Form. Entries submitted without the title page and/or a synopsis shall not be accepted. Revised title pages and/or synopses may be forwarded by April 24, 2013 to the address shown in section F (c) below. Alternatively they may be sent as pdf files attached to an e-mail addressed to mdd10@att.net.

D. Frames and Pages:

- Exhibits will be displayed in frames that hold 16 album pages, maximum 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size, in 4 horizontal
 rows of 4 pages each. Oversize pages or poster displays (up to the frame dimensions) may be accepted from exhibitors who have made arrangements in advance.
- Pages shall be numbered consecutively on the back, bear the exhibitor's name on the back (not the front), and be enclosed in transparent sheet protectors.
- Each GENERAL OPEN CLASS exhibit is limited to a maximum of ten (10) frames. Each YOUTH CLASS exhibit is limited to
 a maximum of five (5) frames.

E. Exhibit Fees (in US funds):

- All exhibitors are required to pay an entry fee of \$35 (US funds) irrespective of the number of frames required. Each
 frame requested will be charged at \$5 (US finds) per frame. Thus, single frame exhibits shall pay fees of \$40 (US
 funds) each, a 5-frame exhibit \$60 (US funds), and a ten frame exhibit \$85 (US funds).
- Youth Class Free
- Note: If the exhibit is to be returned to the exhibitor by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee after the show, the full amount of return postage plus insurance must be remitted with the entry application. Please be certain that the correct amount is included. Excess amounts will be refunded.

F. Delivery:

Exhibitors can deliver their exhibits in person or via an agent. Otherwise, exhibits should be sent via USPS registered mail or express carrier such as FEDEX. Other material should not be enclosed in the same package as the exhibit.

- Exhibitors can deliver their exhibits in person or via an agent. Otherwise, exhibits should be sent via USPS registered mail or express carrier such as FEDEX. Other material should not be enclosed in the same package with the exhibit.
- Mailed exhibits must be shipped prepaid to be received by the PIPEX Exhibit Committee no later than May 12, 2013. Exhibits delivered by an exhibitor or an agent may be handed to the PIPEX Exhibit Committee between the hours of 3 and 7 PM, May 24, 2013 at Red Lion Hotel on the River Janzten Beach, provided that prior notice of such delivery intention is given to the PIPEX Exhibit Committee.
 - ♦ If the exhibit is to be mailed via USPS, it should be sent to:

Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz 2013 PIPEX Exhibit Chairman PO Box 19568 Portland, OR 97280

♦ If the exhibit is sent via private carrier (e.g., FEDEX), it should be sent to:

Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz 2013 PIPEX Exhibit Chairman 3130 SW Wilbard St. Portland, OR 97219

G. Exhibition Hours/Exhibit Return:

- The exhibition will open at 10 AM on May 24th and will close at 4 PM on May 26th.
- No exhibit or part thereof may be mounted, dismounted, or removed during official show hours, or while visitors
 are present in the exhibit area. Please do not exhibit if you will need to take your exhibit down before 4 PM on
 May 26, 2013. Those with tight airline schedules will be allowed access to takedown at 4 PM but others will take
 their position in takedown by lottery.
- Exhibitors or their agents, on providing proof of identity, may obtain their exhibit from the PIPEX Exhibit Committee immediately after the close of the exhibition.
- Uncollected exhibits will be returned at the expense of the owner in the manner indicated on the official entry form. If
 no contrary instructions are given by the exhibitor, uncollected exhibits will be returned as soon after the show as
 possible by USPS Express Mail. Please allow sufficient time for processing before making inquiries.

H. Insurance:

- Exhibit owners must provide their own insurance.
- All reasonable precautions will be taken for safeguarding the exhibits while they are in the possession of the PIPEX Committee. The exhibit area and bourse will have 24-hour security guards.
- The exhibitor agrees that no responsibility of any kind or character shall attach to the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs nor to any officers or members of the same, nor to the Oregon Stamp Society or to any of its officers or members, nor to the PIPEX Committee or to any of its members, nor to the Portland Philatelic Exhibitions, nor to the Red Lion on the River Hotel or its employees, for any loss or damage to any exhibit or material submitted in competition or non-competition, from any cause whatsoever.

I. Judging:

- A panel of APS accredited judges has been selected who will make decisions by deliberation and consultation among themselves, and whose decision will be final.
- Judging will be in accordance with the current APS Manual of Philatelic Judging.
- Judges will be provided the exhibit title and/or synopsis pages to assist in their preparation.
- It is strongly recommended that exhibitors study the latest edition of the APS *Manual of Philatelic Judging*, available on the APS web site (www.stamps.org).

J. Awards:

- No exhibit will be considered for an award if, after three years from its first WSP showing, it does not show major alterations or additions. The decision in such case shall rest with the chairman of the jury.
- For the GENERAL OPEN CLASS the PIPEX Exhibit Committee will place at the disposition of the judges, PIPEX gold, vermeil, silver, silver-bronze and bronze medals plus ribbons, certificates of award, certificates of appreciation and other awards, including those for the grand award and reserve grand award.
- For the SINGLE FRAME CLASS, judging will be based on five levels of awards with a grand award for the best single frame exhibit.
- All awards will be granted in accordance with merits of the exhibit, without regard to section. No award in a class or section will be made if, in the opinion of the judges, the exhibits are of insufficient merit.
- Awards not bestowed formally during the exhibition will either be delivered when exhibits are collected in person or mailed to the winner.

K. Ruling Authority:

Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition which are not provided for by the requirements of this prospectus shall be decided by the PIPEX Committee in its sole and absolute discretion.

L. Questions

Send all correspondence to: Anthony S. Wawrukiewicz PO Box 19568 Portland, OR 97280 (503) 244-8223 / tonywaw@spiritone.com

<u>Important reminder</u>: 8 copies of either the title page or the synopsis must be submitted with this entry. Entries received without these copies of a title page or synopsis will be rejected. Revisions to the title page or synopsis must be received by April 15; revisions <u>must</u> bear the annotation "Revised" and the date.

PIPEX 2013 Exhibit Entry Form (Entry forms are also available at www.pipexshow.org)

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How to Build *your* Philatelic Exhibit — Part 1

— By Sheryll Ruecker

Introduction

Thinking of having a go at exhibiting? Well, now's your chance to put something together for PIPEX 2013 next May. It's just around the corner!

- Firstly, choose your subject. Subject "X".
- Secondly, tell your story. The story of "X"!

This article will give you tips on how to tell your story. It is based on the exhibit and PowerPoint presentation *How to Build a Philatelic Exhibit*, which was put together by members of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) as an educational tool. It illustrates the principles in the *APS Manual of Philatelic Judging*, 6th *edition*, such as treatment, rarity, how to show philatelic knowledge, and presentation techniques, and uses material from a range of different exhibit classes, including post-cards.

Originally designed as a one-frame exhibit, it looked a bit daunting to first-time exhibitors, so it was made into a 35-slide PowerPoint presentation. This breaks the exhibit down into smaller chunks to make it easier to understand. It is aimed at those who want to improve their exhibiting techniques, as well as those who are just starting out. You can download both the exhibit and the presentation from the AAPE website (www.aape.org).

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APS Manual of Philatelic Judging

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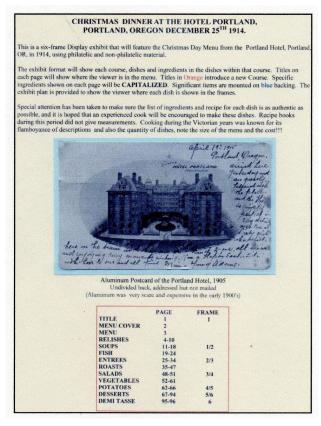
- 1. Elements of a Good Title Page
- 2. Construction of an Effective Plan
- 3. Using the Plan to guide Treatment
- 4. Treatment is the Story of "X"
- 5. Documenting Knowledge
- 6. Highlighting Rarity
- 7. The Do's and Don'ts of Presentation
- 8. Getting Started
- 9. Resources

1. Elements of a Good Title Page

The title page is the most important page of your exhibit. It needs to be the first page you make and the last to be edited, as that is where you are defining your exhibit.

- A good title page consists of:
- An unambiguous title
- A clear purpose and scope statement
- A plan
- An appropriate item that begins the story
- A short statement of historical context (optional)

Your purpose statement will be the description that goes into the exhibition catalog. The PIPEX entry form asks for a description in 25 words or less.



Sample title page for a display exhibit

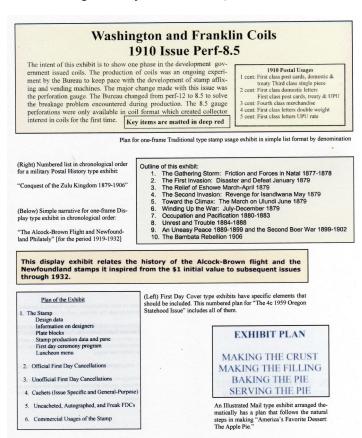
How to Build your Philatelic Exhibit — Part 1

2. Construction of an Effective Plan

The exhibit plan is put on the title page. It is how the viewer finds his or her way around the exhibit. For thematic exhibits, the major sections need to be balanced in terms of importance to the story. Outlines should be at most two levels deep.

For non-thematic exhibits, the plan will be more flexible, tailored to the type of exhibit.

The judges need to be able to find their way around an exhibit quickly. If they are having trouble, they **may** go back to the title page to recheck the plan (if the exhibit isn't too long and they have the time).



Plans for non-thematic exhibits

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3. Using the Plan to guide Treatment

Chapter breaks should be based on major elements of the plan. You can show the beginning of a new chapter by:

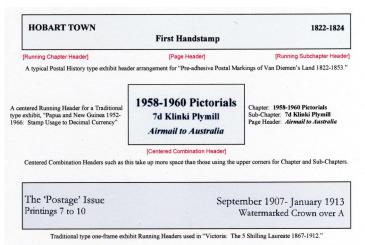
- using a larger font
- bolding the font
- underlining the Chapter Title
- boxing the Chapter Title
- using a different font color (less often)
- some combination of the above

The use of running headers helps viewers find their way more easily. These are the chapter headings reproduced at the top of each page in an unobtrusive format. They are in addition to the page headings, which are usually in a lesser size font than the running headers.

Running headers can be effective yet unobtrusive printed in gray.

Headings using a sans serif font make a good contrast to text in a serif font.

A test for a well laid out exhibit plan and headings is to drop the pages onto the floor and see if you can put them back in order using the headings as a guide.



Sample chapter, subchapter, and page headings

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Watch for part 2 of this series in the February, 2013 issue of the Federated Philatelist.



2013 PACIFIC NORTHWEST STAMP SHOWS / BOURSES

includes other major shows and holidays in bold Revised: 12/9/2012 SHOW DATES FRI SAT SUN SHOW NAME Location Type Jan-05 Jan-06 Jan-12 Jan-13 Jan-19 Jan-20 **APS AMERISTAMP EXPO** Louisville, KY WSP show Jan-18 Jan-26 Jan-27 Redmond, WA GESSPEX (Greater Eastside SS) show Feb-03 Victoria Stamp & Coin Fair Victoria, BC bourse Feb-04 Feb-10 Feb-08 Feb-09 Feb-10 SANDICAL San Diego, CA WSP show Feb-16 Feb-17 Sno-King Stamp Club Show Everett, WA Feb-22 Feb-23 Feb-24 Anchorage Philatelic Exp. (APEX) Anchorage, AK show Mar-02 Mar-03 Mar-09 Mar-10 VICTOPICAL (Victoria Topical Stamp & Postcard Show) Victoria, BC show Mar-16 Salem Stamp Society Spring Stampex Salem, OR bourse Mar-22 Mar-23 Mar-24 Edmonton Stamp Club Spring National Show Edmonton, AB show Mar-24 Mar-23 Apple Blossom (IEPS) Airway Heights, WA show Mar-30 Mar-31 show Mar-31 Apr-01 bourse Apr-06 Inland Empire Philatelic Symposium Moses Lake, WA symposium Apr-13 Apr-14 bourse Apr-19 Apr-20 Apr-21 ARIPEX Mesa, AZ WSP show Calgary Philatelic Society Spring Bourse Apr-20 Apr-21 Calgary, AB bourse Apr-27 Olympia Philatelic Soc. Spring Roundup Lacey, WA show Apr-28 WESTPEX San Francisco, CA WSP show Apr-26 Apr-27 May-04 May-05 May-12 May-11 May-17 May-18 May-19 **ROMPEX** Denver, CO WSP show May-24 May-25 May-26 PIPEX 2013 (NW Federation of Stamp Clubs) Portland, OR WSP show Jun-01 Linn County Philatelic Society Albany, OR show Jun-08 Jun-09 bourse Jun-15 Jun-16 Jun-23 Victoria Stamp & Coin Fair Victoria, BC bourse Jun-29 Jun-30 Jul-07 Jul-06 Jul-13 Jul-14 Jul-20 Jul-21 Jul-27 Jul-28 Aug-03 Aug-04 Aug-10 Strait Stamp Club show APS STAMPSHOW (begins Aug-08) Milwaukee, WI WSP show Aug-09 Aug-10 Aug-11 Aug-18 Victoria Stamp & Coin Fair Victoria, BC bourse Aug-25 Aug-24 Aug-18 Aug-19 Sep-01 Aug-31 Repetitive events Rose City Stamp Fair - 2nd Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse Portland bourse Portland Collectors Corner - 4th Saturday of the month at OSS clubhouse bourse

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