

Annual Ugly Stamp Contest!



The contest is held during one of the PSC October meetings

Each year, the PSC attracts storytellers from all over the Universe to compete in the Annual Ugly Stamp Contest, and only once a year do you get a chance to tell a real doozy. According to the SCAT (Stamp Committee of Annual Tales), our contest informally began when one of the first American stamp collectors in the 1870s showed his “extremely valuable” collection of 3 torn and badly faulted stamps to a young lady he was interested in. Alas, the USC (Ugly Stamp Contest) was born. The Ugly Stamp Contest is arguably the oldest, most pathetic, philatelic storytelling contest in the United States. And that’s just because we said so! The festivities begin at dusk, or whenever the silly contest begins. Bring a refreshment if you can still carry one, and get ready to enjoy a night of fun. Besides, it’s free!

Rules - The hilarious contest honors our very first contest winner and the serial teller of untruths extraordinaire, Mr. Jim Grundy, a stamp collector and a master of the Western tradition of spinning tall tales. All of you other amateur raconteurs can follow suit if your story is about an Ugly Stamp that is contained in your hand, your narration is less than four minutes long, and, most importantly, it is anything but the truth.

Because it’s all about fun, all comers are welcome to enter the contest. However, it should be noted that previous winners have benefited from bribes, originality, props, costumes, presentation flair, and oddly shaped pets included in their tales. The judges (PSC Members) always love appropriate and meaningful gadgets. While you ‘can’ read your tale from paper or a notebook, reading it makes it a story, not a lie (which is the goal). Quality humor, logic, illogic, falsehood, or the unimaginable is always welcome and graded as such. You can speak it, shout it, rhyme it, sing it, hum it, or mime it...or use any other method you prefer. Also, one need not lie only by oneself. Team lying and family lying are equally appreciated and are always crowd pleasers.

Judging - Your skills will be judged by all attending PSC members, each of whom gets two votes (on paper). As tradition holds, each member votes for themselves first, even if they did not participate, and the second vote must be for another contestant. Any ballot with the same two names will be tossed (The Snap Judge rules! Because she doesn’t take no SCAT).

The winner will be awarded a \$25 dollar Gas card