

STAMP EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS
for the
GREATER HOUSTON STAMP SHOW 2017
70th Annual Exhibition and Bourse

Sponsored by the
GHSS Foundation, Inc.
in association with the
HOUSTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

September 15-17, 2017
Humble Civic Center
8233 Will Clayton Parkway
Humble, Texas

Rules and Conditions:

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Anyone is eligible to apply for entry in the open exhibition at the Greater Houston Stamp Show (GHSS). **Exhibit entry forms will be accepted until August 1, 2017 or whenever the maximum number of exhibits or frames are filled, whichever occurs first.** Fees must accompany the attached Entry Form. An exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit, but a separate entry form is required for each exhibit. Multi-frame exhibits are limited to no more than ten frames. There is also a single frame exhibit class. Exhibits which have won a grand award at GHSS or at a national show are not eligible.

The GHSS committee reserves the right to refuse any entry. In such cases, the exhibit fees will be refunded. Failure to exhibit after notification of acceptance by GHSS will cause forfeiture of all entry fees. All material exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor(s). Exhibits with dual ownership are not eligible as competitive exhibits unless owned by husband and wife or parent and child (in which case it must be entered as an adult exhibit). Pages must be numbered on the back and be in page protectors. Exhibits must not identify the exhibitor on the front of the exhibit pages in any way.

YOUTH EXHIBITS

Youths (exhibitors who will not have reached the age of 17 by the opening of the GHSS) are encouraged to enter an exhibit. Youth exhibits are limited to a maximum of five frames, and do not require an entry fee.

ONE FRAME EXHIBITS

One frame exhibits will be accepted from both youth and adults, but will be judged separately from the open competition. As a subset to the regular one frame exhibits, there is a special one frame "red" competition. "Red" exhibits must be based in some way on the color red (or similar colors such as carmine, scarlet, vermilion, pink, etc.), whether by the actual color of some element of the material or by a theme or topic related to the color red. The final decision as to whether an exhibit qualifies to compete in the red competition will be made by the judges. Note: there will be a limited number of one-frame exhibits in the exhibition.

FRAME FEES

The entry fee for adults is \$8.00 per frame for multi-frame exhibits and \$12.00 for single frame exhibits. There is no entry fee for youth exhibitors. Please make all checks payable to "GHSS Foundation, Inc.". Do not send cash.

FRAME SPECIFICATIONS

The frames are made to hold **16** standard 8 ½" by 11" pages, four rows of four pages each. Larger pages or page protectors with outside punched flaps may require some overlapping. Exhibitors may specify fewer pages per row for oversized pages, but still must request the total number of frames required when filling in the Entry Form.

EXHIBIT SET-UP – TIME and DATE

The GHSS exhibits will be set up on Thursday, September 14th, between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Any exhibits not available for mounting by 6:00 PM will be refused with no refund of exhibit fees. Exhibitors may either personally deliver, or have an agent deliver their exhibits to the Humble Civic Center. See below for mail-in exhibits.

MAIL-IN EXHIBITS

Mail-in exhibits must arrive by Tuesday, September 12th. **Do not send your exhibit by UPS or Federal Express**, as they will not deliver to a post office box. Forward all mail-in exhibits by mail to: GHSS c/o Ronald Strawser, P.O. Box 840755, Houston, TX 77284-0755. Mail-in exhibits not received by the 12th will not be displayed and no refund given. It is suggested that express mail be used. Registered mail is not suggested as this greatly increases delivery time.

EXHIBIT TAKE-DOWN

Exhibitors may retrieve their exhibits beginning 15 to 30 minutes after the show closes Sunday at 4:00 PM. **No exhibits will be removed from the frames before 4:00 PM.** Exhibitors wishing to have their exhibits returned by mail must include mailing instructions with the Entry Form and funds to cover the return mailing costs. If using an agent, the exhibitor must provide written authorization on the Entry Form for the agent to pick up the material after the show closes. Exhibits will be mailed back to the exhibitor within 72 hours of the show closing.

JUDGING

The GHSS committee will select a panel of three judges. The committee will endeavor to use APS accredited judges whenever possible. All decisions of the judges will be final.

Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to submit 4 copies of the title page, and/or synopsis (with bibliography) in advance for study by the judges. This material should not include the exhibitor's name. The committee will distribute these pages to the judges in advance, but distribution will be **limited to no more than three different pages** per exhibit. The committee **must receive these pages by August 1, 2017** in order to distribute them to the judges.

AWARDS

Competitive exhibits will be evaluated by the judging panel and will be eligible to win one of the five medal levels: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, or Bronze, or a Certificate of Participation. The judging panel will also select the Grand Award and Reserve Grand Award winners. Society and other special awards will be presented when available and when exhibits have met the award's requirements.

One frame exhibits will be judged separately, with their own set of awards given. There will also be special awards for the one frame "red" competition. There will be a special competition for dealers who exhibit in the red competition, if there is more than one dealer entered.

Awards will be given out at an Awards Dinner scheduled for Saturday evening, September 16th. Further details and the cost of tickets will be available at a later date. Those not attending the dinner will receive their award during exhibit take-down or via the mail.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

All reasonable care will be taken for the safe keeping of each exhibit, and armed guards will be on duty 24 hours a day at the exhibit facility, but the GHSS Foundation, Inc. and the Houston Philatelic Society and their members and officers, the GHSS committee members, and the Humble Civic Center, its employees or agents shall not be liable for any damage or loss of any exhibit material arising from any cause or for any reason whatsoever.

Exhibitors desiring insurance must make their own arrangements.

An exhibitor's signature on the attached entry form signifies acceptance of these rules and regulations.

EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM
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To the exhibitor: Please fill out both pages of this form and mail the form, fees, synopsis and title pages to:
Ronald Strawser, PO Box 840755, Houston, TX 77284-0755. **Entries must be received by August 1, 2017.**

Please enter the following exhibit subject to the attached Rules and Conditions: **(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)**

1. Name of Exhibitor: _____

2. Title of Exhibit: _____

3. Short Description of Exhibit: _____

4. Number of 16-page frames in my exhibit: _____

5. This exhibit has not won a Grand Award at GHSS or at a national show: _____

6. Type of Exhibit: Multi-frame _____ One Frame _____ One Frame "Red" _____
Youth (With exhibitor's age): _____

7. Exhibit Category: Traditional _____ Postal History _____ Thematic _____ Postal Stationery _____
Display _____ Post Card _____ Aerophilately _____ Illustrated _____ Other (Specify) _____

8. I will deliver my exhibit (Check one)

In Person _____ By Mail _____ By Agent _____ Name of Agent: _____

9. Exhibit return. (Check one)

Exhibit will be picked up by: Myself: (____) Agent (name): _____

Return my exhibit by mail: (____). For mail returns:

I have enclosed \$ _____ in stamps or \$ _____ for return postage.

Return by: Express Mail (____) (Recommended) Registered Mail (____) Priority Mail (____)

Insured for \$ _____

10. Fees: (Make all checks payable to "GHSS Foundation, Inc.". **DO NOT SEND CASH.**)

Youth Frame Fee	FREE
Adult Frame Fee (\$8 per frame for multi-frame) \$	_____
Adult Single Frame Fee (\$12)	\$ _____
Return Mail Fees	\$ _____
Total Enclosed:	\$ _____

11. Has this exhibit ever been shown before? _____ Are you a first time exhibitor? _____

12. **Society memberships for special awards:** Since special awards available from the organizations shown below are limited to their own members, please check mark each organization listed below in which you are a member:

Houston Philatelic Society _____ Texas Philatelic Association _____ American Philatelic Society _____

13. **Your listing in the program and Palmares:**

Check one of the following (No addresses will be printed in the show program or Palmares):

You may list my name in the program and Palmares. _____

Do not list my name - use 'Anonymous' _____ Please list using the pseudonym _____

14. **Your name and address: (Please print legibly)**

Name (Print): _____

Address (Print): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone : _____ Cell / Work Phone : _____

e-mail : _____

15. **I have included supplemental material to be distributed to the judges: Yes _____ No _____**

(Title page and a synopsis are highly recommended – send 4 copies of each. Must be received by August 1, 2017.)

16. **Signature:**

By signing this form 1) I signify my acceptance of all the Rules and Conditions as shown on the 10/5/16 version of the GHSS 2017 Stamp Exhibit Prospectus , 2) I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and hereby release and agree to hold harmless the judges, the GHSS Foundation, Inc. and the Houston Philatelic Society and their officers, directors and representatives and the GHSS committee from any damages, including, but not limited to, damages to my reputation or that of my exhibit, suffered or incurred as a result of the judging, and 3) I agree the GHSS Foundation, Inc. and the Houston Philatelic Society and their officers, directors and representatives, the GHSS committee members, and the Humble Civic Center, its employees or agents shall not be liable for any damage or loss of any exhibit material arising from any cause or for any reason whatsoever. (**Note: Entry will not be accepted without your signature.**)

Name: _____ Date: _____

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THIS SPACE FOR THE USE OF GHSS COMMITTEE

Date Entry Form Received: _____ Entry receipt acknowledgement verbal/mailed/e-mailed: _____

Date Exhibit Received: _____ Exhibit receipt acknowledgement mailed/e-mailed: _____

Exhibit mounted by: _____ Exhibit dismounted by: _____

Exhibit Released to:(Signature): _____ Date: _____

Exhibit shipped via _____ Date: _____