



PROSPECTUS WESTPEX 2025

SIXTY FOURTH ANNUAL PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

WESTPEX, Inc.

Convening Societies

American Helvetia Philatelic Society

Rossica Society of Russian Philately

Mexico-Elmhurst Philatelic Society International

Rhodesian Study Circle

San Francisco Marriott Waterfront Hotel – 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame, CA 94010
(One mile south of SFO – free shuttle to and from airport, connecting with BART to downtown SF)

April 25-27, 2025

FRIDAY 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM * SATURDAY 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

SUNDAY 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

RULES AND REGULATIONS

WESTPEX, Inc. was organized for the express purpose of advancing the cause of Philately through exhibitions and educational programs. WESTPEX is a certified World Series of Philately (WSP) show.

1. **ELIGIBILITY** — WESTPEX is an open show, subject to the rules and regulations in this prospectus. Exhibits must be the *bona fide* property of the exhibitor or an immediate family member, multi-ownership will not be accepted. Any exhibit which has won a Large Gold or Gold Award at WESTPEX in the last five years must show **significant** new write-up and/or new material. An exhibit that has been purchased intact may not be exhibited for two years unless the addition of new material and text has substantially altered the exhibit.

2. **ENTRY** — All exhibits must be classified on the Entry Form (over) according to one of the sections and be accompanied by the correct fees. WESTPEX reserves the right to reject any entry. Because of the demand for exhibit frames, exhibitors should not expect more than one exhibit per exhibitor to be accepted. Acknowledgment of an entry does not signify acceptance for exhibition. *Signing of the Entry Form denotes acceptance of the rules and regulations in this prospectus*

(The following classifications are for the guidance of the Exhibit Team Leader. See above and Rule 9.)

Section 1 POSTAL

Section 2 REVENUE

Section 3 THEMATIC

Section 4 ILLUSTRATED MAIL

Section 5 CHARITY/PROMOTION/CINDERELLA

Section 6 DISPLAY

Section 7 POST CARDS

3. **FRAMES** — Each frame will hold 16 – 8 1/2" x 11" or A4 size pages or 12 – 10" x 12" pages. Page sizes other than those listed must receive advance approval of the Exhibit Team Leader. There is a maximum of ten frames. *One-frame exhibits must be subjects related to the Convening Societies.* Youth - a minimum of one frame and a maximum of five. Because frames are usually oversubscribed exhibitors are limited to one multi-frame exhibit and one one-frame exhibit.

4. **FEES** — . THREE or more frame exhibits \$20 per frame . **One and two frame exhibits have a flat fee of \$50.** Youth is \$1 per

frame. Each exhibitor and one guest will receive free admission.

5. **CLOSING DATE** — February 28, 2025, or when frames are subscribed. Exhibitors will be notified of acceptance or declination as soon as possible.

6. **DELIVERY** — All exhibits must be forwarded prepaid. Directions for mail-in exhibits will be sent with acceptances. Personally delivered exhibits will be accepted at the WESTPEX Exhibit Check-In between the hours of 4 PM and 6PM, Thursday April 24.

7. **RETURN** — No exhibit may be removed until released by the Exhibit Team Leader. Exhibits may not be dismantled on Sunday until all visitors have cleared the exhibit area. The dismantling will begin at 3:30 PM. Mail-in exhibits will be returned by Express Mail. Exhibitors desiring another return method must make their own arrangements. Return postage in the amount of, at least, \$40.00 must accompany the entry; any excess above \$2.00 will be refunded. Any shortfall will be billed.

8. **JUDGING** — A panel of at least five A.P.S. Accredited Judges will be provided. The decisions of the judges will be final.

9. **AWARDS** — After the exhibits have been judged by accepted standards of philatelic achievement, WESTPEX Large Gold, Gold, Large Vermeil, Vermeil, Large Silver, Silver, Silver-Bronze or Bronze medals will be awarded to all winners without regard to Section. Many special awards will also be available.

10. **INSURANCE** — Owners must provide their own insurance. All reasonable precautions will be taken for the safety of exhibits. Uniformed guards will be on duty day and night. Owner authorizes WESTPEX, Inc., together with all their committees to act as his/her agents. Owner hereby agrees to accept all acts done by the afore mentioned parties, and the San Francisco Marriott Waterfront Hotel in conjunction therewith, and agrees to hold each and all of these free and harmless from any liability by reason of any and all such acts.

11. **QUESTIONS** — Any and all questions that may arise concerning the exhibition and not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be decided by the WESTPEX Chairman of the Board at his sole and absolute discretion.

WESTPEX 2025 ENTRY FORM

April 25-27, 2025

____ Will send to Exhibit Team Leader per directions

____ Will deliver to Exhibit Check-In, SFO Marriott Hotel

Section ____ Frames Desired ____ No. Album Pages ____

I have exhibited at a previous WSP show: YES / NO.

MUST BE COMPLETED

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Frame Fees \$ _____

*Return Postage Fee \$ 40.00

Palmares Banquet Tickets ____ @\$90 \$ _____

FIP OPTON @\$30 \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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*Please cross-out if picking up exhibit

RETURN INSTRUCTIONS (Rule 7):

TITLE OF EXHIBIT:

-- GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS --

Make checks payable to **WESTPEX**. Payment via PayPal to paypal@westpex.com using "friends and family" is available

Send **entry form** with fees to:

William Lenarz

PO Box 251, Kentfield, CA 94914

Phone: (415) 415-531-2193 e-Mail bhlenarz@yahoo.com

Direct all inquiries regarding competitive exhibits to the above person.

To assist the philatelic judges in preparing for their task, it is strongly recommended that the following items be submitted **with your WESTPEX entry form**:

- Title page, or Introduction, or Plan of Exhibit.
- Synopsis or other supporting documents (not to exceed three pages).

It is preferable to send these as an electronic file. If your title/introduction/plan page is not yet completed, an outline will suffice, but please indicate that it is a preliminary version. Final versions must be in the Exhibit Team Leader's hands by March 1, 2025.

PREVIOUS AWARDS since 2022 (For this Exhibit at National WSP Shows and International FIP Shows):

SHOW	YEAR	AWARD
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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

Name _____

Pseudonym (if desired) _____

(Permission is granted to reveal my Name in advance publicity: Yes / No)

Street _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Birth date (if minor) _____

Telephone No. (____) _____

e-Mail address _____

By exhibiting I agree that the decision of the judges shall be final, and releases and agree to hold harmless the judges, the American Philatelic Society, its officers, directors, employees, and representatives, and WESTPEX Inc, its officers, directors, and representatives 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.

SIGNATURE

FIP Option program at WESTPEX

Exhibitors interested in exhibiting on the international level may request the "FIP Option." This is in addition and independent of the regular competition and will be judged by separate FIP qualified judges. No separate awards are provided for FIP option exhibits. The FIP Option provides exhibitors with a point breakdown, written comments, and the opportunity to meet with the FIP judges at the show. The FIP jurors may decline to judge any exhibit they deem outside their collective area of expertise in which case the FIP option entry fee of \$30 will be refunded. The FIP Option is limited to the first 12 exhibits that apply. Exhibitors selecting the option should have read the appropriate GREVs and SREVs for international exhibits. These can be found on the FIP website:

www.f-i-p.ch

Exhibitor Name: _____

Exhibit Title: _____

FIP Class: (Astrophilately, Aerophilately, Maximaphily, Modern, One Frame, Open, Picture Postcard, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Revenues, Thematic, Traditional, Youth) _____

If Youth Class, age as of 1 Jan 2025: _____

Will Exhibitor be present at show: Y/N/Maybe: _____

Add Cost of \$30 per exhibit to exhibiting fees.