

# WE EXPRESSIONS

## (WOMEN EXHIBITORS)

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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** *To provide a vehicle through which women exhibitors can encourage each other through sharing information, ideas, experience, advice, problems, and solutions.*

**Next Meeting:** *STAMPSHOW*, Aug. 14-17, 2008, Hartford, Conn.

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**Satellite Mtgs:** *RMSS*, Sat., May 17, 1 pm, Denver, CO, Dalene Thomas & Liz Hisey.  
*PIPEX*, May 31, 2008, Seattle, WA, 12 noon, Ruth Caswell.  
*NAPEX*, June 6-8, 2008; Tyson's Corner, VA; Sunday, June 8, 12 noon (bring lunch if you wish), Liz Hisey & Pat Stilwell-Walker.  
*NTSS*, June 13-15, 2008; Portland, OR, Dalene Thomas.  
*COALPEX*, June 14-15, 2008, Walnut Creek, CA, Sat., June 14, 2 pm; Vesma Grinfelds. (Critique at 3 pm, followed by meeting at frames.)  
*PNSE*, Sept. 5-7, 2008, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA; will include mini-seminar on The Basics of Exhibiting; time TBD; Barb Harrison.

## **Keeper's Korner:**

A post card in my mail reminds me of the *first ever philatelic exhibition exclusively by women collectors*. Put COALPEX Stamp Show on your calendar, June 14-15, 2008, at Walnut Creek CA. This local show gives us the opportunity to see our exhibit(s) in the frames, to receive feedback, and to support the show -- all good reasons for exhibiting and attending. We also enjoy the fellowship of philatelists and renew friendships.

What have you done with the *Festival* flyer? That is the *Festival for Philatelic Women*. Have you mailed in your suggestions and registration? If not, why not? Early registration is important, as the Festival Team needs an early head count. So let's get those flyers with registration in the mail to Liz.

Your exhibiting partner,

**Ruth**

## \*\*\*\*\*UPCOMING SHOWS\*\*\*\*\*

**SPECIAL NEED AT PIPEX:** Marya Welch has received a request from Bill Geijsbeek who says that PIPEX is in need of exhibits. The dates are May 30-June 1. If you can help by entering an exhibit, please contact Bill immediately at [billphil@verizon.net](mailto:billphil@verizon.net) or phone him at 425-883-9390.

**COALPEX:** COALPEX 2008 (June 14-15) in Walnut Creek, CA, will host a WE satellite meeting (Vesma Grinfelds). The exhibition is restricted to women exhibitors who need not belong to WE. There are 50 frames, and special awards are available for novice exhibitors and “brand new” exhibits. Previous WSP Gold Medal exhibits will be judged head-to-head in a “best of the best” competition; all others will compete for the usual five medal levels and other awards. APS accredited judges will provide written feedback to all who exhibit. For additional information, email David McNamee, COALPEX Show Chairman at [dmcnamee@aol.com](mailto:dmcnamee@aol.com). **NO ENTRY FEES.**

**THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:** (Submitted by Jane K. Fohn) I have an old computer and use Microsoft Word 98, without all the bells and whistles of the office version. How can I set up an exhibit with what I have and eliminate the frustrations of Word? (Jane mentions that we've had articles about how to use sophisticated publishing systems, which are expensive and take a great deal of computer space. She has tried one, using two books, but had immediate trouble and no one available to give her some help. Does anyone have any suggestions about what she can do to produce good exhibit pages as easily as possible, on a smaller, older computer, and without spending a lot of money upgrading hardware or trying to learn a program that is complicated or takes a lot of memory space?)

**(NOTE: We have a “first” this month – our first submission from a male reader, Roland Essig, husband of Judy. Special thanks to Roland! If any others of you have husbands who would like to share advice or opinions, please feel free to send in their submissions.)**

**(From Roland Essig, Exhibitor)** I was reading the WE Newsletter after my wife finished and saw where Jane K. Fohn was asking about a better program than Word for making exhibit pages. I use Microsoft Publisher 98, and it has all she needs for exhibiting. Before sending this, I went on Amazon.com to see if older Publisher programs were available and they are. She can buy Publisher (used) for about \$50. If she should decide to get the program and needs any help, I would be happy to help her. I have been using this version for a number of years for making pages. That doesn't mean I know all there is to know about the program, but I am able to do whatever I want to do and need for exhibiting. There are always many more options in programs and not everyone needs them all, but as far as I am concerned, for exhibitors this one is very good. I had previously used years ago two other publisher programs and ended up with Microsoft Publisher. Anyway, this just a suggestion and if Jane decides to use this program and has a problem, she can just e-mail us with her question and we will try to help her. **(Roland, you may get more pleas for help than you were expecting!!)**

**QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO ANSWER FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER:** What are your favorite “tools” for mounting material on your exhibit pages? Do you have any special helpful hints or suggestions?

# **HOLD THE DATE: Festival for Philatelic Women**

**Save these dates: May 28 – 31, 2009**

**Women Exhibitors (WE) will be conducting a Festival for Philatelic Women at the American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, May 28 – 31, 2009.**

**The event will offer seminars, "how-to" demonstrations, workshops and other programs to help women get the most from their stamp collecting hobby. WE also solicits suggestions for seminars and courses that will be offered. The needs of the attendees will drive the courses offered. Programs are being designed for a wide variety of interests, from beginner collectors who need the basics of the stamp hobby to advanced exhibitors.**

**Attendees (and their significant others!) will have ample time to make use of the American Philatelic Center and all it has to offer stamp collectors. The cost to attend the Festival for Philatelic Women is \$85 and includes all activities. Lunch & dinner for all days is included in the price. Travel costs and hotel expenses are not included.**

**For more information contact Women Exhibitors, 7277 Sparta Road, Sebring, FL 33875. E-Mail: [WEfestival@comcast.net](mailto:WEfestival@comcast.net).**

**WE (Women Exhibitors) is open to all, but philately is explored from a woman's point of view.**

**REMINDER:** Print up some copies of the Festival brochure (attached to March newsletter), either on white or perhaps pastel paper, and take them with you to your local club meetings and shows for distribution to the ladies. Try to interest some friends in coming – once they see what's going on, perhaps they'll become not only collectors but exhibitors!

**ALSO,** attached to this newsletter is a small ad for the festival which you could submit for local newsletters, etc.

**SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL WE MEMBERS:** (submitted by Joann Lenz) As you start planning to attend the Festival for Philatelic Women in Bellefonte, PA, May 2009, please also consider bringing an exhibit that can be shared with others at the festival. The APS will have frames available to display exhibits, and this would be an excellent opportunity to show what you have done, as well as get feedback from other exhibitors in a friendly, comfortable atmosphere. You might also consider bringing an exhibit that is "in the works" in order to get some ideas from others in attendance.

This will be a noncompetitive exhibition, with no judging, no awards. Other exhibitors will have an opportunity to see your ideas and perhaps give you suggestions. It would be great to have exhibits from all the various categories.

If you plan to attend and will bring an exhibit, please let me know. And if you are interested, but have some questions, please email me (Joann Lenz): [joann@stampsjoann.net](mailto:joann@stampsjoann.net). I look forward to hearing from you.

**GENEROUS DEALER SUPPORT FOR FESTIVAL:** Several dealers have been most generous by giving financial support for the Festival. We hope there will more to add to this list in the future. If you happen to see any of these dealers at an upcoming show, please be sure to thank them for their support:

Charles Deaton, Fredericksburg, TX;  
Bejjco of Florida, Arnold Selengut, Temple Terrace, FL;  
Greg Sutherland, Freeman's Stamps, Dayton, OH;  
Triple S, Urbana, OH;  
Crown & Eagle Stamps & Coins, Stan Bednarczyk, Columbus, OH;  
Robert M. Sazama, Marion, IL;  
William H. Hatton, Piqua, OH;  
Elwyn Doubleday & Anne Sell, Alton, NH;  
John Wright, Vandalia, OH;  
Lincolnway Stamps, Dave & Ginny Pool, Massillon, OH;  
Michael Mead, Orleans, MA;  
James Lee, Cary, IL.

A donation has also been received from Ann Triggler.

Also, if you would like to have some of the brochures to distribute at a club meeting or show, please let me (Denise Stotts) know and I will get them out to you. We have covered some of the West Coast shows, March Party, Texpex, Plymouth and probably others that I don't know about. I have also sent a batch to the APS for display at headquarters.

Please be thinking about what sort of subjects you would like to have covered at the Festival - we can't plan without your input! (from Denise Stotts)

## **WE ARE ON THE MOVE:** **WHO IS EXHIBITING WHERE????**

Our list continues to grow! Does your name appear? If not, all you need do is complete an exhibit and enter it in a show. It can be an OFE (one frame exhibit) or a 10-framer, or anywhere in between. Have you sent in your name shows recently entered??

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

This is the first month we have had no new members.

## **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Patriot Media, which bought out RCN, has now been bought out by Comcast – which means your editor's e-mail address is about to change **AGAIN**. We have not yet received full details, but this **COULD** happen while we are away on vacation in May. I think the new address will be:

[barbandwill@comcast.net](mailto:barbandwill@comcast.net).

If you have trouble reaching me at the patmedia address, try this new one. I hope I can keep on top of the situation while we're away by getting some internet café time, but who knows what will happen. I'll try to get everything straightened out as soon as we return. If needed, I'll send out an e-mail with the new address and effective date as soon as I have that information.

++++**OTHER STUFF**++++

**IMPORTANT:** Please inform editor immediately of any changes in e-mail address. Also, please keep up with your e-mail. Because of the time involved, your editor will **NOT** keep re-sending the newsletter to you if you have a full mailbox. If you have **NOT** received your newsletter by the last day of the month, contact Barb. Also, if you have any changes of address or phone number, please let us know right away. These are the only ways we can reach you!

**BUTTONS, BUTTONS:** WE buttons have been distributed to members at satellite meetings by meeting leaders. If you are unable to attend meetings, you can e-mail Liz to request your button. **If at all possible**, please pick up your button at a meeting. Remember to wear your WE button to local meetings and shows – a good way to publicize our group.

**AAPE:** If you are not already a member of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, you **SHOULD BE!** The cost is only \$20/yr. Benefits are: 4 very informative issues per/yr. of TPE (The Philatelic Exhibitor); critique service; mentoring. Contact AAPE Secy., our own Liz Hisey, for membership info.

**REMINDER:** Please do **NOT** forward the membership list to anyone. When a new member joins they will receive a dated copy of the most recent membership list, which is kept current and sent out to the membership by Ruth. Be sure to proofread your own info on the list and let Ruth know if there are any errors. If there are changes during a given month, everyone will receive a new list, with the current date, around the same time as the newsletter is sent.

**BACK MATERIAL FOR NEW MEMBERS:** When new members join, they receive a copy of the last newsletter, Membership List, and Collecting Interests List. Should any new member **NOT** receive a back issue or two, **PLEASE** e-mail Barb, who has been known to occasionally forget. If any new member wants to hold a satellite meeting at a local or national show, e-mail Barb to request the poster and handouts you can use. (If you have not received a Membership List and Collecting Interests List, contact Ruth.)

**IN CONCLUSION:** I've been spending whatever time I could find in making some improvements (I hope!!) in several exhibits, while my newest exhibit sits unfinished. Other important things need to be done – but that exhibit **WILL** get finished! Meanwhile, I'm making progress in other things philatelic. There are only so many hours in the day.

I hope every one of you is making philatelic progress in one way or another.

Please keep in mind that I will be away and not reachable for a couple of weeks. If you have something for the end-of-May issue of the newsletter, please e-mail it to me by May 2 – otherwise, e-mail it after May 22. I'll try to get the newsletter out on or around May 28. For those who e-mail me regularly, please hold all e-mails from May 3-May 22. I'll try to access my e-mail via the internet café (if I'm successful) but the less e-mail the better. Thanks for your cooperation.

Barb, Editor



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