CHICAGOPEX 2026 Palmares

November 21, 2026

AAPE SINGLE FRAME CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Larry Lyons	Honour's City Express Post Carrier Service Using Adhesives Begins in Charleston, S.C.
Sid Mensinga	WWII Gravenhurst Prisoner-of-War Camp - Mail
Mark Schwartz	Use of Boston's "Paid in Grid" Cancels of 1851-1859
Greg Shoults	Production of Rotary Press Coil Waste Issues 1919-1922
Doug Weisz	The $5 Hamilton Liberty Series Stamp
Ken Nilsestuen	The Era of the Algerine Corsairs, 1597-1830
Daniel M. Knowles	Mail Handling Across the Union and Confederate Lines: May 24, 1861 through August 26, 1861
Michael J. Ley	The Difficult First Day Covers with Both the 30¢ Roosevelt and 50¢ Taft Prexies
Lloyd Ferrell	The Battleship Oregon (1893-1919): "Bulldog of the Navy"
Gus Clark	Hawaii Provisional Govt Overprints; April 1893 - February 1894
Greg Shoults	Washington & Franklin Coils 1908 Perf-12 Issues
Emory Earl Toops	The Trucial States Palm Trees and Dhow Series of 1961
Jean Wang	The Toronto Hospital for Sick Children's Early Christmas Appeals
Doug Weisz	New Orleans 5 Cent Provisional

AAPE Single Frame Champion of Champions

Doug Weisz	The $5 Hamilton Liberty Series Stamp

Bernard Hennig Grand Award

Michael J. Ley	The First Two Issues of Burma 1937 to 1942

Felix Ganz Reserve Grand Award

William Johnson	James W. Denver - The Man & His Times

AAPE Single Frame Grand Award

Greg Shoults	Washington & Franklin Coils 1908 Imperforate Issues

AAPE Single Frame Reserve Grand

Mark Schwartz	Carrier Service at Boston 1823-1863

AAPE Single Frame Reserve Grand

Larry Lyons	New Orleans Carriers 1851-1860

Youth Grand Award

Aradhana Alexandra Agarwala	Ecuador: The 1938 U.S. Constitution Sesquicentennial Commemoratives

COURT OF HONOR EXHIBITS

Michael Mahler	U.S. $15 Mortgage Fiscal History: A Fiscal History Perfect Storm

MULTI-FRAME EXHIBITS

Large Gold

Dawn Hamman	All Aboard! A Grand Tour-American Style, 1915 (90 pts)
Jerry Miller	Evolution of the German Post Office at Shanghai 1886-1917 (90 pts)
Susan J. Jones	Carol Gordon Cachets (92 pts)
Robert R. Henak	The U.S. Prevent Drug Abuse Stamp and Its First Day Covers (90 pts)
Michael Mahler	Rebel Documents, Yankee Stamps. The Untold Story of How the Union Collected Its Stamp Taxes in the Confederacy, During Wartime Occupation and by Postwar Retroactive Stamping (93 pts)
Emory Earl Toops	Provisional Issues of South Vietnam (1963-1980): Philatelic Evolution and Uses (90 pts)
Sandeep Jaiswal	Barwani - The Formative and Experimental Phase (1917-1921) (92 pts)
William Johnson	James W. Denver - The Man & His Times (93 pts)
Jon Krupnick	Pan Am Clippers Conquer the Pacific (91 pts)
Michael J. Ley	The First Two Issues of Burma 1937 to 1942 (95 pts)
Alfredo Frohlich	Colombia's Revenue Stamps 1858-1908 (92 pts)

Gold

Armağan Özdinç	Polar Artwork of Martin Mörck, 1989-2024 (87 pts)
Charlie Freise	A Postcard Tour of the 1901 Pan-American Exposition (86 pts)
Rocco Caponi	2¢ Circular Die Stationery of 1915 (86 pts)
Jerry Miller	Evolution of the German Post Offices 'Kiautschou' China (89 pts)
Norma L. Nielson	A Study of the U.N. Chagall Window Issues (89 pts)
Mark A. Butterline	Falklands or Malvinas? (86 pts)
Edward Bergen	Walt Disney's First Superstar: Mickey Mouse (86 pts)
Charlie Freise	1901 Pan-American Exposition and Commemorative Series of Stamps (88 pts)
Art Bunce	Uses of the United States Champion of Liberty Issue, 1957-1961 (88 pts)
John Barwis RDP	American and Allied Forces in the Korean War, 1945-1958 (85 pts)
Jon Krupnick	Aloha - The 80¢ Diamond Head Stamp of 1952 (87 pts)
Frederick E. Lutt	Leeward Islands Postal Stationery 1890-1956 (87 pts)

Large Vermeil

John D. Hornbeck	Netherlands Point Cancels (82 pts)
Seref Bornovali	Postal History of the Italian Social Republic 1943-1945 (81 pts)
Stephen L. Suffet	The United States 8-Cent Air Mail Rates of 1944-1946 (84 pts)
Evangelos Kobotis	The Printings of the First Greek Stamps (82 pts)

Vermeil

Gerry Oberst	19th Century American Philatelic Images of Thomas Jefferson And the Artists Behind Them (79 pts)
Susan J. Jones	Insular Gospel Books of Ireland and the British Isles (79 pts)
Even Brande	The Postal History of Telemark Coast of Norway 1771-1905 (79 pts)

Silver

Carol Hesselbein	First Day of Issues of U.S. Baseball Commemoratives as the U.S. National Pastime (67 pts)

Silver-Bronze

Keith Maatman	In Congress, State by State An Examination of USA's Development - Politically and Geographically (60 pts)

Bronze

John D. Ciko	"GOLDBUGS", The Yukon & Alaska Gold Rushes, 1896-1909 (59 pts)

SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

Large Gold

Dan Undersander	The First Plimpton Stationery Issue of 1874 (92 pts)
Carlos Vergara	The U.S. Postal Agency in Barranquilla, Colombia (90 pts)
Mark Schwartz	Carrier Service at Boston 1823-1863 (93 pts)
Greg Shoults	Washington & Franklin Coils 1908 Imperforate Issues (94 pts)
Dan Undersander	The Sesquicentennial of The World's First Commemorative Stamped Envelope - The 1876 Centennial Envelope (92 pts)
Mark Schwartz	Packet Mail Sent From Essex County, Mass - 1840 to UPU (90 pts)
Larry Lyons	New Orleans Carriers 1851-1860 (93 pts)
H. James Maxwell	China's 1912 Definitives (92 pts)

Gold

Willy Knopp	Uses of the 11 Cent Prexie (85 pts)
Michael J. Ley	The Blue Charlotte Stamps of Luxembourg 1926-1939 (86 pts)
Keith Maatman	The 1861 1-Cent Franklin Issue Used to Pay Domestic Rates and Fees 1861-1879 (86 pts)

Jan H. Hofmeyr	A Philatelic Biography: The 1960 Jefferson Credo Stamp (87 pts)
Michael Mahler	The Rest of the Story: The Remarkable Nevada-Stamped Lease and Its Extraordinary Backstory (87 pts)

Large Vermeil

Vivek Chopra	First Issues of the Indian Princely State of Orchha 1913-35 (81 pts)
James W. Milgram MD	Charles Magnus Civil War Patriotic Stationery (82 pts)
Cheryl R. Ganz RDP	China Stamp Art Postcards (83 pts)
H. James Maxwell	China's 1939 U.S. Constitution Commemoratives: Through-the-Line Usages (83 pts)

Vermeil

Yong Liu	British 1984 Frama Issue (79 pts)
Lyman Hensley	The Artist Tax Highly Taxed Items (78 pts)
Mark A. Butterline	The Dodo (78 pts)
Regina Domenici	On the Wings of Wonder: Audubon's Avian Art on Stamps (76 pts)

Large Silver

James W. Milgram MD	The Louisville and Cincinnati Mail Line (74 pts)
Eric Lee	Sterling Debenture and the Telepost (74 pts)

Silver

Keith Maatman	International Philatelic Exhibitions Held In America 1913-2026 (68 pts)

YOUTH EXHIBITS

Large Gold

Aradhana Alexandra Agarwala	Ecuador: The 1938 U.S. Constitution Sesquicentennial Commemoratives (90 pts)

Gold

Genevieve Turner	Even More About Giant Pandas and Stamps (85 pts)
Cooper Collins	President Eisenhower In Philately - General to President (86 pts)

Large Vermeil

Aradhana Alexandra Agarwala	A Poet for the World: Rabindranath Tagore (84 pts)

Vermeil

Kayla Turner	Harry Potter & The Magical World of Philately (79 pts)
Cynthia Turner	Beyond the Perforation: Revolutionary Women and Their Stories (78 pts)

Silver

Charles Tate	Path to Eagle: A Philatelic Journey Through Required Merit Badges (65 pts)

SPONSORED AWARDS

AAPE Single Frame Team Winner
Determined at Banquet

China Stamp Society Best Exhibit of China Award
H. James Maxwell — China's 1912 Definitives

Paul Chang Chinese Postal History Award
Jerry Miller — Evolution of the German Post Office at Shanghai 1886-1917

Best Exhibit by a Chicago Philatelic Society Member
William Johnson — James W. Denver - The Man & His Times

Collectors Club of Chicago Gold Medallion
Susan J. Jones — Carol Gordon Cachets

American Philatelic Society Research Medal
Sandeep Jaiswal — Barwani - The Formative and Experimental Phase (1917-1921)

American Philatelic Society Post 1980 Medal of Excellence
Armağan Özdinç — Polar Artwork of Martin Mörck, 1989-2024

American Philatelic Society 1940-1980 Medal of Excellence
Emory Earl Toops — Provisional Issues of South Vietnam (1963-1980): Philatelic Evolution and Uses

American Philatelic Society 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence
Charlie Freise — 1901 Pan-American Exposition and Commemorative Series of Stamps

American Philatelic Society Pre-1900 Medal of Excellence
Alfredo Frohlich — Colombia's Revenue Stamps 1858-1908

American First Day Cover Society Award
Susan J. Jones — Carol Gordon Cachets

American Philatelic Congress Award
Robert R. Henak — The U.S. Prevent Drug Abuse Stamp and Its First Day Covers

American Revenue Association Medal
Alfredo Frohlich — Colombia's Revenue Stamps 1858-1908

American Topical Association - 1st
William Johnson — James W. Denver - The Man & His Times

American Topical Association - 2nd

Dawn Hamman — All Aboard! A Grand Tour-American Style, 1915

American Topical Association - 3rd

Charlie Freise — A Postcard Tour of the 1901 Pan-American Exposition

American Topical Association - Best One-Frame

Cheryl R. Ganz RDP — China Stamp Art Postcards

American Topical Association - Best Youth

Cooper Collins — President Eisenhower In Philately - General to President

Auxiliary Markings Club Award

Larry Lyons — New Orleans Carriers 1851-1860

National Stamp Dealers Association - Outstanding Presentation

Susan J. Jones — Carol Gordon Cachets

Professional Stamp Experts, Inc. - It's Not Just Stamps

Edward Bergen — Walt Disney's First Superstar: Mickey Mouse

United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White Award

Frederick E. Lutt — Leeward Islands Postal Stationery 1890-1956

United Postal Stationery Society Porter Venn Single Frame Award

Dan Undersander — The First Plimpton Stationery Issue of 1874

United States Philatelic Classics Society Medal

Mark Schwartz — Carrier Service at Boston 1823-1863

United States Stamp Society Statute of Freedom Award

William Johnson — James W. Denver - The Man & His Times

Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award

Carol Hesselbein — First Day of Issues of U.S. Baseball Commemoratives as the U.S. National Pastime

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Jean Benninghoff

Keith Maatman — In Congress, State by State An Examination of USA's Development - Politically and Geographically

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Creativity Award

Armağan Özdinç — Polar Artwork of Martin Mörck, 1989-2024

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor

Vivek Chopra	First Issues of the Indian Princely State of Orchha 1913-35

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor

John D. Hornbeck	Netherlands Point Cancels

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Michael Mahler	Fiscal History of U.S. Whaling, 1862-1872
H. James Maxwell	Republic of China Express Stamps and Mail Slips: 1912-1929

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