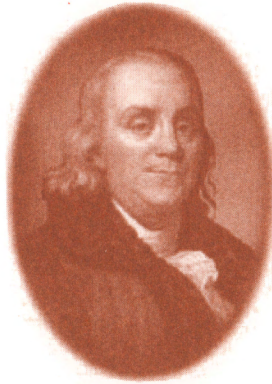


**Official Show Program
\$1.00**

The 2003 Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition



**Valley Forge Convention Center
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
September 19 - 21, 2003**

Hosting:

**Pennsylvania Postal History Society
International Society for Portuguese Philately
ATA Space Unit
Scouts on Stamps Society International**

2003 PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events, unless otherwise indicated, are open to the public and are 55 minutes. For late information concerning events and the location of the meeting room, please check with the Registration Desk at the show entrance. All meetings will be announced over the public address system.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 11 a.m. Show and Postal Stations Open
- 6 p.m. Show and Postal Stations Close

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. SOSSI Board Meeting (closed meeting)
- 10 a.m. Show and Postal Stations Open
- 11 to Noon SOSSI General Membership Meeting
- 12:20 to 1 p.m. SOSSI Merit Badge Presentation, Walter Creitz presiding
- 1 to 3 p.m. Pennsylvania Postal History Society Membership Meeting, *Rick Leiby* presiding; Seminar: "Philadelphia 1834-1836 Octagons," *Norman Shachat*
- 3 to 5 p.m. Space Topics Study Group Membership Meeting, *Ray Cartier* presiding; Seminar: "How to Exhibit Astrophilately," *Reuben A. Ramkisson*
- 5 to 6 p.m. American Philatelic Society Town Meeting, Janet Klug presiding
- 6 p.m. Show and Postal Stations Close
- 6:45 p.m. PNSE Reception and Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 10 a.m. Show and Postal Stations Open
- 10 to 11 a.m. American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors: Seminar on Exhibiting, *Ann Trigg*
- 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jury Critique of Exhibits, *Patrick A. Walters*
- 4 p.m. Show and Postal Stations Close

ASTROPHILATELY

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- Frequent meetings at shows like this one.
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S O S S I

Scouts On Stamps Society International

Visit our table

You are welcome to attend our annual meeting

and the

Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Seminar, both on Saturday

See the program for times and locations

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THE 2003 PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION

PHILATELIC EXHIBITS

Frame Numbers

* Court of Honor

DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. LUNAR EXPLORATION 1-10
Pre-Mercury, Mercury, Gemini and Apollo Moon Landing through post-Apollo period.

Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon (IL)

* Astrophilately

APOLLO SOYUZ TEST PROJECT 11-15
Will show crew selection & training, pre-launch tests, launch, rendezvous & docking, recovery, and finally, commemoration by many nations of the first joint space venture ever attempted.

John Macco (MD)

YURI GAGARIN AND THE COVERS OF POLAND 16-19
Various covers and postmarks for Yuri Gagarin.

"R.Lee" (PA)

FROM MUROC TO THE MILLENIUM

- A STUDY OF EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE 20

Traces the development of a tiny desert town named Muroc into Edwards AFB - a prime center for testing new aerospace vehicles.

Dennis Dillman (DC)

GERMAN ROCKET TEAM INFLUENCE ON THE

U.S. SPACE PROGRAM 21-23

Influence of the Walter Dornberger & Werner von Braun German Rocket Team on the emerging U.S. space program from 1945 to 1956

Steve Durst (MD)

A STUDY OF NASA VIP CARDS 24

A study of the real NASA VIP Cards, plus "suspect" cards created by a dealer. Look alike & parody cards are also shown.

Ray E. Cartier (TX)

* Scouts on Stamps

CZECH SCOUT POST - 1918 25

Scouts handles official mail among the several ministries during the 1918 formation of the Czech government. This exhibit displays related philatelic items

Walter Creitz (PA)

2003 PHILA. NATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION – EXHIBITS

- CANADA CELEBRATES THE SCOUTS AND GUIDES** 26-30
The postage stamps, machine cancels and hand cancels Canada Post used to honor stamps and guides.
J. Alex Hadden (BC)
- SCOUTING FOR BOYS** 31-38
Thematic exhibit illustrates the concepts of Scouting first developed by Robert Baden Powell in his series of six booklets, Scouting for Boys.
Frederick J. Osgood (AZ)
- MERIT BADGES OF SCOUTING, BSA** 39-40
Boy Scouts may earn merit badges in many categories. Actual badges are displayed with a postage stamp that duplicates the badge of its requirements.
A. Zach Hirsch, Jr (AZ)
- BADEN-POWELL - THE TWO LIVES OF A HERO** 41-45
Philatelic story of Lord Baden-Powell's two lives: first as military hero of Mafeking; second as the founder of world scouting.
Lawrence E. Clay (WA)
- * **Portugal & Related**
- PORTUGUESE POSTAL CARDS** 46-50
Ordinary & reply cards of Kings Luis, Carlos & Manoel.
Stephen S. Washburne (PA)
- PORTUGAL: THE CERES ISSUES 1912-31** 51-60
Comprehensive showing of stamps and usages of Portugal including Azores overprints.
John N. Liles (MD)
- * **Open Competition**
- AIRMAIL HISTORY OF LATVIA** 61-70
Development of the Airmail Link between Latvia, Germany, Soviet Union, the Americas and Asia.
Arnold Engel (PA)
- THE COAT OF ARMS ISSUES OF LATVIA** 71
1921-40 Including archive material - proofs.
Arnold Engel (PA)
- TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY** 72-80
Postal Markings, rates & routes on mail starting in 1810 with the first known letter from the Turks Islands, until 1945 and the end of World War II.
Dr. Peter P. McCann (MD)