

## Washington 2006 Update 12 Released

With some 200 days before America's once-a-decade international exhibition opens its doors, Washington 2006 has issued its twelfth in a series of Member Updates providing up-to-date information about the event that takes place May 27-June 3 at the Washington DC Convention Center. See:

<http://www.washington-2006.org/wmemberupdates.htm>.

The Exhibit Selection Committee reports that 640 philatelic and 220 literature entries have been chosen to compete. More than twice as many applications were received from around the world. National commissioners are in the process of informing exhibitors of the committee's decisions.

Exhibitors have until November 15 to notify their commissioner of their acceptance and submit frame fees, or decline the invitation.

Dealers can expect to receive a decorator manual from GES, the organization staging operations for the show soon. It will give booth configuration options and details about custom requirements, shipping and sales tax.

Invoices and final payment instructions will be mailed in December.

Two of the seven hotels offering discounted blocks of rooms for W2006 attendees have sold out. They are the Renaissance, the official show hotel headquarters, and the Four Points Sheraton. See the Washington 2006 web site for a link to reserve discounted rooms at the remaining five hotels.

More than 300 volunteers beyond those working on show affairs now will be needed before, during and after Washington 2006 show dates. Especially needed are people who can assist with exhibit check-in and mounting, beginning mid-day Wednesday, May 24, through Friday, May 26. Hours will be

8 AM to 11 PM daily, and later if necessary, to mount the 60,000 plus pages on the show floor. The same help is needed at the show's closing. All volunteers will receive a bright red polo shirt embroidered with the W2006 logo to wear during their assignments and keep as a souvenir, while supplies last. Volunteer by filling out the form on the web or by requesting one by mail.

Additional articles in the Update cover the latest souvenir card premium for members, advertising opportunities in the 300 page show catalog, display of John Lennon's youth stamp album courtesy of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum, news of Israel's "American Children Paint Israel" stamp release during W2006, last call for special exhibit award donations, the availability of new souvenir seals, and more. Also included are details for ordering tickets for the APS Tiffany dinner, National Postal Museum's gala, and the W2006 Palmares banquet, along with show souvenirs, online or by mail.

Full details about Washington 2006 are found on the exhibition's web sit at <http://www.washington-2006.com>, or by writing to: W2006, PO Box 2006, Ashburn, VA 20146.

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