

## Competitive Exhibits and Promotional Display Update

**A total of 640 philatelic exhibits and 233 literature exhibits are now confirmed as competitors at Washington 2006, the world philatelic exhibition scheduled to begin Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 27 and run through the following Saturday, June 3 at the Washington, DC Convention Center.**

**Admission is free, but advance registration is encouraged. Hours most days are 10 AM to 6 PM.**

**Here are the competitive exhibit totals by FIP class: Championship Class (23), Aerophilately (29), Astrophilately (3), Maximaphily (5), One Frame (71), Open Class (14), Postal History (168), Postal Stationery (32), Revenue (30), Thematic (50), Traditional (156), Youth to age 21 (59). A further breakdown of Traditional and Postal History classes by collecting area can be found on the Washington 2006 web site.**

While the Championship Class exhibits are detailed online, it is not possible to do so for the other classes. The only complete listing of exhibits can be found in the exhibition catalog, available for \$15 through an online advance purchase or \$20 at the show. Advance orders can be picked up at the show; otherwise they will be mailed at the show's conclusion.

The 233 literature entries include: Philatelic Pamphlets books and studies (132); Philatelic journals, periodicals (53); Philatelic catalogues (39); and Electronic media (9).

First Day Cover exhibits are not yet recognized as a separate FIP class. The American First Day Cover Society is pleased to present six national gold medal and grand award winning exhibits to showcase and promote this popular collecting area. They include:

- First Days of the 1929 George Rogers Clark Commemorative by Andrew McFarlane;
- 3¢ Byrd on First Day Covers by Alan Warren;
- Georgia Bicentennial by Charles J. O'Brien III;
- Project Mercury: The Day the U.S. Post Office Surprised the World by Doug Kelsey;
- Joint Issues with the United States 1959-1994 by Charles J. O'Brien III;
- Denmark: The Christian X Issues of the 1940s on First Day Covers by Alan Warren.

Eighty-seven one frame promotional displays highlight some of this country's numerous specialty societies. Organized and coordinated by John Hotchner and John Warren of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, these exhibits show the depth and breadth of philately, from the Beacon Study Group (specialists in the 5 cent 1928 U.S. airmail issue) to the International Society of Worldwide Stamp Collectors.

These society frames start with a brief one page introduction to the group, followed by a sample of moderately priced material on their subject in the middle 14 pages, and concluding with contact information and details about membership. Most societies will have representatives on hand manning booths to provide additional information to show-goers.

The Washington 2006 web site has full details about the exhibition at <http://www.washington-2006.org>. Inquiries may be sent by email to [info@washington-2006.org](mailto:info@washington-2006.org), or by writing to Washington 2006, PO Box 2006, Ashburn, VA 20146-2006.

Specific links to information in this press release include:

Competitive Exhibits: <http://www.washington-2006.org/wexhibitslisting.htm>

Promotional Displays:

<http://www.washington-2006.org/wspecialexhibits.htm#fdc>

Society Exhibits: <http://www.washington-2006.org/wsocietyexhibits.htm>

Ordering a Catalog: <https://www.stamps.org/washington2006/orderform.htm>

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