

MILCOPEX 2008

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MILCOPEX 2008 TO PROMOTE STATE POSTAL HISTORY and COLLECTING/EXHIBITING ON A SHOESTRING

The Milcopex Committee has announced the theme for this year's show: Skinflint Philately. Milcopex also will again host the Midwest state postal history exhibiting competition.

SKINFLINT PHILATELY

Our "Skinflint Philately" theme is intended to help show that one does not need buckets of money to enjoy philately, or even to exhibit successfully. Milcopex 2008 plans to execute this theme with educational programs focusing on how one might start or develop an enjoyable collection without spending a lot of money.

Milcopex 2008 also will host the inaugural "Exhibiting on a Shoestring" competition. Exhibits in that competition will be limited to philatelic material costing no more than \$100 per frame. However, those exhibits still will be judged by regular APS standards. In addition to the usual medals and special awards available to all competitive exhibits, "Shoestring" exhibits will compete for the top cheapskate award.

Hopefully, established exhibitors and others as well will view this as an inexpensive introduction to exhibiting, or just as a way to add some fun and a new challenge to their exhibiting.

STATE POSTAL HISTORY

Milcopex 2008 also will again host the Midwest state postal history exhibiting competition. This competition, modeled after one originating at Ropex 2004 in Rochester, NY, involving several state postal history societies from the Northeastern U.S., is intended to encourage state and local postal history exhibiting by members of state postal history societies in the Midwest.

Milcopex 2008 is inviting members the postal history societies from North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, and Wisconsin to compete for a special society award with points based on medal level and participation by society members. (Of course, any and all exhibits are welcome to participate in Milcopex).

This will be the second state postal history competition at Milcopex, following up on the highly successful competition at our 2005 show when members of the postal history societies from Iowa, Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin entered nine exhibits from seven different exhibitors, a total of 40 frames of state postal history. That show succeeded in our goal of encouraging new state and local postal history exhibits. As a result of the first competition, one brand new exhibitor has already taken the plunge and another has promised to do so this year. Also, two others are returning to exhibiting after a period of inactivity, and two exhibitors from Milcopex 2005 have promised new state postal history exhibits for the 2007 show.

Milcopex 2008 will be held September 12-14, 2008, at our new location, in the Alumnae Dining Room in Bergstrom Hall at Mount Mary College, 2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway, Milwaukee, WI. We expect up to 35 stamp dealers from around the Midwest and across the nation.

Milcopex 2008 will include up to 220 16-page frames for exhibitors. As an APS World Series of Philately show, the individual MILCOPEX Grand Award winner is eligible for the annual "Champion of Champions" competition at Stampshow.

For a bourse application, an exhibitors prospectus and entry form, or to obtain additional information, see our website, www.MilwaukeePhilatelic.org, or contact us by mail, Robert Henak, Milcopex 2008 Show Chairman, P.O. Box 170832, Milwaukee, WI 53217-0832, or by e-mail at henak8010@sbcglobal.net.