



The Civil War Philatelic Society 2025 Annual Meeting will convene at the **Garfield-Perry Stamp Show in suburban Cleveland, OH, March 14-16, 2025.**

We hope you will join us for this premier World Series of Philately stamp show and, hopefully, put together an exhibit to showcase some of the favorite items in your collection.

Show location:

- **Best Western Plus:** 15471 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH, 44136. All social events will take place at that venue. For hotel reservations, telephone 440-238-8800. (Show rate is \$114 per night prior to Feb. 22, 2025.)
- **Show Hours:** Friday-Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 3 PM. (Admission and Parking are free)
- **Society Dinner:** Friday, March 14 at the Rosewood Grill (3 minutes away). Reservation forms and details to be provided as soon as they are received from the Restaurant.

Special Offer to First-Time Exhibitors

[Try Your Hand at Exhibiting](#)

To encourage first-time exhibitors, the Society has made a special arrangement with the Show Committee to set aside a limited number of single-frame Non-Competitive exhibits. These

frames will be in same area as the Competitive Exhibits, but they **will not be judged** and **will not be constrained by the traditional exhibiting rules**. As an additional incentive, the Society will pay the Application Fees. The Society also will manage the application process centrally, so members have a single point of contact for this effort.

Best of all, novice exhibitors who take advantage of this non-competitive opportunity **will not** have to create a Synopsis of their exhibits, which is often a daunting requirement for beginning exhibitors. All you need to do is organize and show your favorite material in a presentation that makes sense to you.

By removing the pressure to compete under the complex rules of exhibiting, we hope members who have thought about displaying their material will finally take the plunge, pull together their best covers and participate in this event. You can simply focus on identifying and organizing your material to fill a Single Frame, which is 16 letter-sized 8x11-inch pages (arranged in 4 rows) and usually requires displaying 28-32 covers. This will allow you to share your material on a significant stage and give you some hands-on experience with preparing exhibits. Society members with exhibiting experience can help review your material and give you tips on organization, but the final layout design will be your own.

We are excited to offer this special opportunity and hope you will consider taking part. A real sense of pride comes from displaying a portion of your collection in an exhibit frame in the hall of a major stamp show for all to see.

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Interested members are asked to send an email to secretary@civilwarphilatelicsociety.org stating interest and posing any questions they may have. We would like to have this notification by **Nov 15th**. That will allow us time to gauge the interest and plan accordingly.

NOTE: Because we only have a limited number of non-competitive frames, we need members to reach out quickly so we can advise the Show Committee, which allocates frames to competitive exhibitors. Our hope is to accommodate all who wish to participate, but we will not know that until we hear from everyone. So, please give this some thought and send an email if you feel you can participate. **THANK YOU!**

EXPERIENCED EXHIBITORS are advised that the exhibit application for Garfield-Perry **is now available**. Entry forms must be mailed along with a Title Page and Synopsis by January 15, 2025, to: Gregory Shoults, Exhibits Chairman, 11248 Frederick Lane, Twinsburg, OH, 44087-2663.

Details and the exhibit form at: <https://garfieldperry.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2025-Prospectus.pdf>

Show Your Favorite Cover

Society members will have a chance to show off their most prized possession in a presentation on Saturday, March 15th. Called "**My Favorite Cover**," this will be an opportunity for members to display and describe their favorite Civil War cover. A scan of the actual cover will be shown onscreen for the member to talk about.

Interested members are asked to send a 300 dpi scan of their favorite cover to secretary@civilwarphilatelicsociety.org **by January 15th.**

However, members are encouraged to send in their cover scans even sooner so the committee can gauge interest in this proposal and plan accordingly. Please consider sharing one of your treasures (onscreen) with the group.

For the latest information about the CWPS Annual Meeting please use the following <https://www.civilwarphilatelicsociety.org/annual-convention/> which will be updated as additional details become available.