

NAPEX 2026 Palmares

August 29, 2026

Grand Award

Daniel M. Knowles

Handling American Domestic and International Mail 1860-1869: The Decade of Turmoil, Expansion and Resurgence

Reserve Grand Award

Mark S. Schwartz

The New York Postmaster Provisional of 1845

One-Frame Grand

Cliff Alexander

Wiley's Washington & Baltimore Short-Lived One Cent Despatch Post

AAPE - Young Exhibitor Grand Award

Aradhana Alexandra Agarwala

From Photograph to Stamp: Ecuadorian Philatelic Illustrations 1934-1956

MULTI-FRAME EXHIBITS

Large Gold

Daniel M. Knowles

Handling American Domestic and International Mail 1860-1869: The Decade of Turmoil, Expansion and Resurgence (96 pts)

John Lighthouse

Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War 1862-1872 (92 pts)

Stephen Milne

Confederate Locals - The Postmasters' Provisionals of the Confederate States of America (1861-1864) (92 pts)

Bradley Wilde

Canal Zone: 1915-1920 Opening of the Panama Canal Series (93 pts)

Mark S. Schwartz

The New York Postmaster Provisional of 1845 (96 pts)

Carl Cheng

Taiwan: Evolution of its Postal Administrations (1878-1947) (91 pts)

W. Danforth Walker RDP

Hyderabad - A Princely Indian State Postage Stamps, 1869 to 1950 (93 pts)

Sandeep Jaiswal

Jammu & Kashmir Philately (92 pts)

Paul Allen

Outgoing Indian Mail 1854-1876 (94 pts)

Art Bunce

Watermarks and Countermarks of the AQ Lettersheets of the Republic of Venice, 1608-1797 (96 pts)

Bob Myers

Siege of Paris 1870 - 1871 - Movement of Mail (96 pts)

Stephen Reinhard

Mexico (1917-1939) First Flights & Air Events (91 pts)

A.D. Jones

Establishing the United States' Transcontinental Air Mail Service, May 15, 1918 - June 30, 1924 (93 pts)

Gold

Randy Smith

Circulars Mailed in the Southern States (87 pts)

Jerry Wells

United States Mail Service in the South after Secession - the 3¢ Single-Letter Rate (87 pts)

Randy Smith	Civil War Washington Through the Lithographs of Charles Magnus (86 pts)
Wayne Farley	West Virginia Patriotic Uses During the Civil War (88 pts)
Charles Ekstrom	US Federal Duck Stamps (89 pts)
John Schorn	The Thomas A. Edison Stamp of 1947 (87 pts)
John Warren	The Katar Dagger Issues of Bundi (86 pts)
Fredy Valdes	Guatemala's Postal Stationery: The 19th-Century Evolution (1875–1900) (86 pts)
Ahmed Abouesh	Postage Dues of Egypt 1859 - 1974 (89 pts)
William C. Fort III	The Development of French Trans-Atlantic Airmail (88 pts)

Large Vermeil

Gannon Sugimura	Echoes of a Vanished Country (84 pts)
Jack Ginsburg	20th Century Steamboats of the Hudson River Day Line (81 pts)

Vermeil

Jeff Fisher	German Influence on South American International Airmail (76 pts)
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Large Silver

Terry Hursh	The Stamp Designs of Francisco Eppens Helguera: Mexico's Graphic Visionary in Philately (73 pts)
Terry Hursh	Champion of Conscience: Adlai E. Stevenson (73 pts)

Silver

Kurt Sanftleben	The Evolution of Warfare (68 pts)
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Silver-Bronze

Pedro Sarmiento	An Apple a Day: A Philatelic Exploration of the Fruit of Knowledge (63 pts)
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SINGLE FRAME EXHIBITS

Large Gold

Mark S. Schwartz	Carrier Service at Boston 1821-1863 (95 pts)
Dan Undersander	The Sesquicentennial of The World's First Commemorative Stamped Envelope – The 1876 Centennial Envelope (93 pts)
Bob Myers	UPU British Empire Security Protected Specimen Stamps 1884-1948 (94 pts)
Cliff Alexander	Wiley's Washington & Baltimore Short-Lived One Cent Despatch Post (95 pts)

Gold

James Montich	Mississippi 1861: Post-Secession Use of U.S. Postage (88 pts)
Robert Toal	Evolution of Printed Matter Mail During the Banknote Period (1873-1886) (86 pts)

Gerald Cross Securing Quinine for the Armed Forces Cinchona Missions of World War II
Colombia & Ecuador (1942 — 1945) (85 pts)

Sandeep Jaiswal India Queen Victoria Postal Stationery Wrappers (88 pts)

Large Vermeil

Dennis King Listed Varieties of the Confederate States 5c Blue Typographed Stamps Printed
in Richmond, VA (81 pts)

Gannon Sugimura Germany Leaves Its Mark on China (81 pts)

Vivek Chopra Postage Stamps of Bamra Princely State, India (1888-94) (83 pts)

Silver-Bronze

Kevin Hans Ciao Castelli – Introduction to Italian Postal History 1980-1998 (64 pts)

Certificate

Darien Sharif Stamps in Transition: Developing a Framework to study Geopolitical
Disruption Through Postage Stamp Overprints (53 pts)

YOUTH EXHIBITS

Large Gold

Aradhana Alexandra Agarwala From Photograph to Stamp: Ecuadorian Philatelic Illustrations 1934-1956 (90
pts)

Large Vermeil

Charles Tate Path to Eagle: A Philatelic Journey Through Required Merit Badges (82 pts)

SPONSORED AWARDS

National Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Exhibit Award

Randy Smith Civil War Washington Through the Lithographs of Charles Magnus

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Gold Award of Honor

Terry Hursh The Stamp Designs of Francisco Eppens Helguera: Mexico's Graphic
Visionary in Philately

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Gold Award of Honor

Jeff Fisher German Influence on South American International Airmail

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Creativity Award

Randy Smith Civil War Washington Through the Lithographs of Charles Magnus

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Jean Benninghoff Encouragement Award

Kurt Sanftleben The Evolution of Warfare

American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award

Stephen Milne Confederate Locals - The Postmasters' Provisionals of the Confederate States of America (1861-1864)

American First Day Cover Society Best First Day Cover Exhibit Award

John Schorn The Thomas A. Edison Stamp of 1947

American Philatelic Congress Award for Excellence for Exhibit Text

John Lighthouse Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War 1862-1872

American Philatelic Society Pre-1900 Medal of Excellence

Stephen Milne Confederate Locals - The Postmasters' Provisionals of the Confederate States of America (1861-1864)

American Philatelic Society 1900-1940 Medal of Excellence

Stephen Reinhard Mexico (1917-1939) First Flights & Air Events

American Philatelic Society 1940-1980 Medal of Excellence

Terry Hursh The Stamp Designs of Francisco Eppens Helguera: Mexico's Graphic Visionary in Philately

American Philatelic Society Research Medal

Art Bunce Watermarks and Countermarks of the AQ Lettersheets of the Republic of Venice, 1608-1797

American Topical Association First Award for Best Topical Exhibit

Jack Ginsburg 20th Century Steamboats of the Hudson River Day Line

American Topical Association Second Award for Best Topical Exhibit

Kurt Sanftleben The Evolution of Warfare

American Topical Association Third Award for Best Topical Exhibit

Pedro Sarmiento An Apple a Day: A Philatelic Exploration of the Fruit of Knowledge

American Topical Association Youth Award

Charles Tate Path to Eagle: A Philatelic Journey Through Required Merit Badges

Canal Zone Study Group CZSG Award

Bradley Wilde Canal Zone: 1915-1920 Opening of the Panama Canal Series

India Study Circle Multi-Frame Award

Paul Allen Outgoing Indian Mail 1854-1876

India Study Circle Single-Frame Award

Sandeep Jaiswal India Queen Victoria Postal Stationery Wrappers

India Study Circle Contribution to Indian Philately Award

John Warren The Katar Dagger Issues of Bundi

India Study Circle Contribution to Indian Philately Award

Vivek Chopra Postage Stamps of Bamra Princely State, India (1888-94)

India Study Circle Contribution to Indian Philately Award

W. Danforth Walker RDP Hyderabad - A Princely Indian State Postage Stamps, 1869 to 1950

India Study Circle Contribution to Indian Philately Award

Sandeep Jaiswal Jammu & Kashmir Philately

NAPEX Douglas K. Lehmann Award

John Lighthouse Using the Documents of Commerce to Fund the Civil War 1862-1872

NAPEX Harris Leonard Award

Charles Ekstrom US Federal Duck Stamps

NAPEX Stephen Luster Award

John Schorn The Thomas A. Edison Stamp of 1947

National Stamp Dealers Association Outstanding Presentation Award

William C. Fort III The Development of French Trans-Atlantic Airmail

Professional Stamp Experts Its Not Just Stamps Award

Jack Ginsburg 20th Century Steamboats of the Hudson River Day Line

U. S. Philatelic Classics Society USPCS Medal

Stephen Milne Confederate Locals - The Postmasters' Provisionals of the Confederate States of America (1861-1864)

U. S. Possessions Philatelic Society USPPS Multi-Frame Award

Gannon Sugimura Echoes of a Vanished Country

United Postal Stationery Society Marcus White Award - Multi-Frame

Art Bunce Watermarks and Countermarks of the AQ Lettersheets of the Republic of Venice, 1608-1797

United Postal Stationery Society Porter Venn Award - Single-Frame

Dan Undersander The Sesquicentennial of The World's First Commemorative Stamped Envelope – The 1876 Centennial Envelope

United States Stamp Society Statue of Freedom Award

Mark S. Schwartz The New York Postmaster Provisional of 1845

Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award

Kevin Hans

Ciao Castelli – Introduction to Italian Postal History 1980-1998

NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Bob Mayo

By the Way of Richmond

John Warren

Bundi as Part of Rajasthan

John Warren

Ahmednagar POW Camp 1915-1920

John Warren

North Borneo Red Cross Issues, 1916-1918

Capitol-Beltway Postcard Club

Periods of Postcards History – An overview

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