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TEXPEX 2004 TO WELCOME THREE INTERNATIONAL GROUPS
PLUS 108th MEETING OF THE TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSN.

DALLAS – TEXPEX, the annual national philatelic exhibition in Texas, will welcome no less than three international groups as visiting societies to this year's show set for the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel, LBJ Freeway and Midway Road, April 2-4, 2004.

Philatelic organizations convening in Dallas this year are the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Society, Scouts on Stamps Society International and the American Society for Philatelic Pages & Panels (see profiles sheet). The show's website is < <http://users.waymark.net/texpex/index.html> >.

“When you combine these groups along with the many regional specialty groups who convene at TEXPEX each year, there is something for every collector,” said show chairman Tom Koch. “And if there is not a specific group, our dealers offer the full gamut of philatelic persuasions.”

The American Philatelic Association (APS) sanctioned “World Series of Philately” show offers free admission and free parking to everyone. Included is a Youth Fun Center open to all youngsters, a bourse of national and regional dealers, informative seminars by philatelic specialists, a three-day U.S. Postal Service substation with special show cancellation and philatelic items, and an awards banquet.

ANCHORED BY THE TEXAS PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

The largest stamp show in Texas is anchored and sponsored by the annual meeting of the Texas Philatelic Association (TPA). This year marks the 108 meeting of the TPA. It is organized and presented by the Southwest Philatelic Foundation with support from the Collectors Club of Dallas, the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library at the University of Texas at Dallas, the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, the Mid-Cities Stamp Club and the American First Day Cover Society Chapter 56.

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Other groups meeting at TEXPEX 04 include the Texas Postal History Society, the Universal Ship Cancellation Society Nimitz Chapter, the American Air Mail Society C.R. Smith Chapter, the Texas Precancel Club and the American Topical Association. An APS national officer operates a booth at the show to provide up-to-date APS materials and information.

EXHIBIT GRAND WINNER QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL APS SHOW

As an APS “World Series of Philately” show, TEXPEX offers exhibitors an opportunity to compete in a 190-frame exhibition (3000 pages) that is judged by APS certified officials from across the United States. The Grand award winner qualifies for the APS Champion of Champions Philatelic exhibition during StampShow at Sacramento, Calif., August 12-15, 2004. Entry forms are available from Dick Phelps, PO Box 867373, Plano TX 75086-7373 or email dick.phelps@verizon.net. Forms are also available on the TEXPEX website. The entry deadline is March 9, 2004 and subject to availability.

WATERFORD VASES AGAIN SIGNED BY WATERFORD DESIGN DIRECTOR

In addition, Koch said that the traditional large Waterford Crystal vases that are awarded to the grand and reserve grand exhibit winners have been signed by Waterford Crystal’s design director Jim O’Leary. “His signature simply enhances the value of the Waterford pieces - making these awards among the most unique in philately,” Koch said. “Anyone who is familiar with Waterford knows that O’Leary is renowned around the world. We were fortunate through Neiman Marcus that he signed the two vases last year and he came through Dallas again to sign the 2004 pieces.”

The hotel’s show rate is \$89 single/double. Reservations must be made by March 15, 2004. Call 1-800-468-3571 for national reservations. The local number is 972-385-9000.

For show details call 972-883-4951.

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ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN TEXPEX 2004

COLOMBIA/PANAMA PHILATELIC SOCIETY (COPAPHIL)

The society was founded in July 1983, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar, the liberator of Colombia and its first president. The society's library has the largest collection of references relating to the philately of Colombia and Panama. The quarterly journal, *COPACARTA*, includes original research as well as translations of articles published in foreign language journals and reprints of articles of interest from older publications. COPAPHIL has been Affiliate #142 of the APS since August 1985. The purpose of COPAPHIL is to promote the philately of Colombia and Panama.

SCOUTS ON STAMPS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL (SOSSI)

Members specialize in the collecting, study and enjoyment of stamps and other postal items celebrating the Boy Scout and Girl Scout (Guide) movements. It was organized in 1951 and the first convention was held in 1953 at the 3rd National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America in Santa Ana, Calif. The *SOSSI Journal* is the official bi-monthly publication. Members are kept informed of Scout-related meetings and philatelic events and new issues.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHILATELIC PAGES & PANELS (AAPPP)

The ASPPP was formed in 1984 by Bud Scrantom of Richardson, Texas to fill the void that existed for collectors of US Souvenir Pages (now American Commemorative Cancellations), Commemorative Panels and Stamp Posters (the forerunners of Souvenir Pages that appeared on Post Office bulletin boards from 1959-1981). Through its quarterly publication, *The Page & Panel Journal*, members accumulate and distribute information. The ASPPP is Affiliate #165 of the APS and Chapter #87 of the American First Day Cover Society.

TEXAS PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The TPA, founded in 1896, is one of the oldest and largest regional philatelic groups in America. It will hold its 108th Annual Meeting at TEXPEX 2004. Each year the TPA provides financial support to TEXPEX and award medals to exhibitors. The TPA's purpose is to encourage stamp collecting and postal history study; to accumulate and disseminate philatelic materials; and to provide grants to philatelic authors and students. The TPA became lifetime chapter #0632-049588 of the APS in 1966. Its affiliate, The TPA Foundation, was established in 1975 as a tax-exempt entity to help better achieve the TPA goal of encouraging philatelic study and research. The Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library is the repository for the TPA archives.

TEXAS POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The TPHS was organized in 1975 as an affiliate of the TPA in order to further the advancement and understanding of Texas Postal History through collections, research, publications and exhibitions. There is a wide variety of collecting areas that are written about in the society's publication - *Texas Postal History Society Journal*. The TPHS meets annually at TEXPEX each spring in Dallas, and at the Greater Houston Stamp Show in the fall.

NORTH TEXAS AMERICAN FIRST DAY COVER SOCIETY CHAPTER No. 56

The group consists of approximately 35 Dallas area first day cover collectors who enjoy meeting to talk about the hobby. They meet on the second Thursday of each month (except July and August) at the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library located on the University of Texas at Dallas campus - Richardson.

UNIVERSAL SHIP CANCELLATION SOCIETY NIMITZ CHAPTER

The Nimitz Chapter was formed in 1983 to serve enthusiasts of naval and maritime philatelic material. The group has organized two USCS national conventions at TEXPEX and occasionally sponsors cachets of commemorating naval events. Meetings are held in member homes.

AMERICAN AIR MAIL SOCIETY C.R. SMITH CHAPTER

The chapter, named after legendary American Airlines executive C.R. Smith, was formed in late 2003 to provide a local North Texas organization to serve those interested in the field of airmail philately. Besides at TEXPEX, meetings are planned for the Wineburgh Philatelic Library at UTD and the C.R. Smith Museum near DFW Airport.

TEXAS PRECANCEL CLUB

The club maintains a recruiting table at TEXPEX. There are two meetings per year in March and October with mail/floor auctions. Quarterly newsletters feature local city precancels on and usually enclose at least two other precancels, most made by members on walk-in precancel trips to local post offices. The club is life branch number 13-24 of the Precancel Stamp Society and life chapter 10-30 of the Texas Philatelic Association.