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TEXPEX 2007 TO FEATURE REMARKABLE DISPLAY
OF FIRST U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS

Show to celebrate "U.S. Postal Issues, 1847-2007"

DALLAS, Tex. – TEXPEX 2007, the “Best Postage Stamp Show in Texas” set for April 13-15, will feature outstanding examples of the 1847 Franklin and Washington issues, the first U.S. adhesive postage stamps. The 160-year-old stamps are from the outstanding collection owned by William H. Gross. The annual show returns to the Doubletree Hotel Dallas Near the Galleria, 4099 Valley View Lane (northwest corner of LBJ Freeway and Midway Road) for the 11th consecutive year.

The 1847 display will feature rare blocks of the 5-cent brown Franklin issue and the 10-cent black Washington issue. Also on display will be a unique cover featuring the first U.S. issue and the first Canadian issue.

TEXPEX is a public exhibition with no admission or parking fees operated by the nonprofit Southwest Philatelic Foundation. This year’s show is celebrating “United States Postal Issues, 1847-2007” in recognition of the national meeting of the United States Stamp Society (USSS). The society is dedicated to the study of all U.S. postage stamp issues. Contrasting with a display from Gross’s collection covering the first U.S. stamps in 1847, the U.S. Postal Service will offer the latest U.S. stamps at cost from its sales kiosk in the showroom.

“We wanted to do something special for the USSS members coming to Dallas and these marvelous examples of the 1847 5-cent Franklin and 10-cent Washington issues are a delight to the eyes of all stamp collectors,” said show chairman Tom Koch. “They hold the same allure for the members of the Texas Philatelic Association which will be holding its 111th Annual Meeting at TEXPEX.”

Arrangements for the 1847 issues were made through Charles Shreve of Shreves Philatelic Galleries of Dallas and the collection’s owner, Bill Gross, considered one of the most accomplished philatelists in the world today.

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“Our sincere appreciation goes to Bill Gross and Charles Shreve for allowing TEXPEX to show these issues,” Koch said. “Last year Bill and Charles arranged for TEXPEX visitors to see the ultra-rare siderographer block of the 1918 Inverted Jenny airmail treasure, one of the world’s best-known issues.”

Events include an evening Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 14, an opening ceremony with U.S. Postal Service dignitaries, and special seminars on each day of the show. Show hours are Friday, April 13, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, April 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The USPS will provide a free special commemorative cancellation at its booth.

TEXPEX includes a Youth Fun Center operated by members of the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, a competitive American Philatelic Society-sanctioned World Series of Philately Exhibition of notable collections, and educational seminars.

The exhibit prospectus is available by writing to Dick Phelps, PO Box 867373, Plano TX 75086. The entry form is also available by email at dick.phelps@verizon.net. The address is TEXPEX Exhibition, PO Box 867373, Plano TX 75086-7373. The show’s hotel rate is \$98 single/double. Reservations must be made by March 15. The local number is 972-385-9000 and the national number is 1-800-TREE.

TEXPEX is organized and presented annually by the Southwest Philatelic Foundation. It is sponsored by the TPA and TPA Foundation with support from the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, the Mid-Cities Stamp Club, the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library at the University of Texas at Dallas, the Collectors Club of Dallas and the American First Day Cover Society Fred C. Sawyer Chapter. For additional information:

The TEXPEX website is <http://home.comcast.net/~kochacabana/TEXPEX/index.html>.