



**APS AmeriStamp Expo, TEXPEX
to offer the largest philatelic show in
North Texas since APS StampShow
in 1984 at Arlington Convention
Center, Feb. 20-22, 2009**

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The national philatelic scene will focus on North Texas next Feb. 20-22, 2009 when the American Philatelic Association brings its prestigious Winter Show to the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way, Arlington, Texas.

This show will be unusual in that the APS and TEXPEX are combining their shows for 2009. Title of the show is **APS AmeriStamp Expo/TEXPEX**. This will be the most prestigious and largest philatelic shows to be held in North Texas since 1984 APS StampShow was organized in Dallas by the Collectors Club of Dallas.

The usual functions of the Texas Philatelic Association and the Texas Postal History Society held at TEXPEX during April in Dallas will be held in Arlington during the AmeriStamp/TEXPEX show. The TPHS Spring Fling is tentatively set for 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at a location to be announced and the regular TPHS membership meeting set for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Arlington Convention Center.

TEXPEX/AmeriStamp will serve as the site for the 113th Meeting of the TPA. The TPA is an annual sponsor of TEXPEX.

In a special formula reached between the APS and TEXPEX, the annual TEXPEX World Series of Philately exhibition will be limited to 100 frames of Mexican-related philatelic material in the multi-frame postal division. The show is serving as the national meeting of the Mexican-Elmhurst Philatelic Society International (MESPI).

The AmeriStamp exhibition is annually dedicated to exhibits showcasing single frame, most popular championship, charity/promotion/Cinderella, display, illustrated mail, youth, and post card categories.

Steve Reinhardt, APS Chairman of the Committee for the Accreditation of National Exhibitions and Judges (CANEJ), will chair a panel of nine judges that will include at least one specialist in Mexican philately. The balance of the panel is Mark Banchik (New York), Tim Bartshe (Colorado), Darrell Ertzberger (Virginia), Joe Frasc (Ohio), Colin Fraser (New York), Alfredo Frohlich (Florida), Jim Mazepa (Florida), and David McNamee (California).

A Grand champion will be selected from both the AmeriStamp exhibition and the TEXPEX exhibition. That exhibit will qualify for the APS Champion of Champions exhibition set for Pittsburgh PA from Aug. 6-9, 2009. The prospectus and entry form is included in the TEXPEX web site and will be posted on the APS website - www.stamps.org.

AmeriStamp/TEXPEX will feature an enormous show hall of nearly 50,000 square feet with dealers, world class exhibits, postal authorities and youth activities. APS has reserved an additional hall of 30,000 square feet and meeting space of 8,000 square feet.

All single frame exhibits except Youth Class, Post Card entries will be eligible for the AmeriStamp One-Frame Grand Award.

Harmer-Schau Auction Galleries Inc. of California has been designated the Official Auctioneer for APS AmeriStamp Expo/TEXPEX. Harmer-Schau is seeking collections from Texas philatelists and Texas postal history material for the sale.

The newly-refurbished Sheraton, 1500 Convention Center Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011, is adjacent to the Convention Center and will serve as the main show hotel. In a \$16 million renovation most floors, scenic restaurant and bar, lobby and fitness room have been upgraded.

The show rate is \$125 single or double. Additional guests are allowed in the rooms for an extra \$10 per night. There is no additional charge for guests 18 and under who stay in the booked rooms. Those who stay in the Sheraton will enjoy free parking. Parking at the Convention Center is \$5 per day.