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TEXANS SWEEP MAJOR AWARDS
AT TEXPEX 2003

DALLAS – The theme at TEXPEX 2003 was “200 Years of Texas Postal History” and that proved to be somewhat prophetic.

Texas-based collectors swept the major awards at the annual American Philatelic Society World Series of Philately show and exhibition. Houston’s Jay Stotts pulled off the major victory by taking the Grand Award with his multi-frame “The Fourth Bureau Issue – 1922-28.” Arthur Zeitler of Corpus Christi took home Best Single Frame Exhibit honors with his “Kobenhavns Fodpost” entry.

In addition two other major service awards went to Texas residents. The Texas Philatelic Association’s (TPA) prestigious Distinguished Philatelic Texan designation was bestowed upon Bob Joyce of San Antonio, a hard-working immediate past president of the TPA who re-energized the organization. The first TEXPEX Service to Philately Award went to longtime devoted collector Norman Cohen of Dallas.

Stotts received the large Waterford Crystal Balmoral vase signed especially for TEXPEX by Waterford chief designer Jim O’Leary of Ireland. Zeitler received a large Waterford crystal egg and Cohen received a Waterford crystal piece in the shape of the State of Texas. Joyce received the traditional plaque and large DPT medal with red, white and blue ribbon.

“It is gratifying to see our Texas-based exhibitors perform so well against high level national competition,” said Tom Koch, chairman of TEXPEX. “It’s not that easy at a World Series show. Not all of them are native Texans but we sure claim them now!”

In making the show even more memorable for Stotts, his wife Denise picked up her first major show gold medal with her multi-frame “Japanese Art” exhibit. That exhibit was entered into TEXPEX as one of the three recent TPA Texas Series Winners.

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Dr. Yamil H. Khorl Jr. show his “Spanish Colonial Maritime Mail in the Americas” exhibit in the Court of Honor.

Brothers captured Youth Division silver medals. Alex Napier won for his “Moving the U.S. Mail” exhibit and Justin Napier won for his “Trains – Old and New” exhibit.

There were 14 gold, six vermeil, 10 silver, four silver-bronze and 4 bronze medals presented in 2003.

TEXPEX 2004 is scheduled for April 2-4 at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel. The TPA will return for its 108th Annual Convention. Visiting societies include the Colombia-Panama Philatelic Society and the Scouts On Stamps Society International.

Other philatelic groups meeting during TEXPEX are the Texas Postal History Society, the Texas Precancel Club, the American First Day Cover Society Chapter 56 and the Nimitz Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society.

A prospectus and entry form will be ready in July. Updated information about TEXPEX is available throughout the year at the website <http://users.waymark.net/texpex/>.

2003 EXHIBITION RESULTS

TEXPEX 2003 was held April 11-13 at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

OPEN DIVISION

Grand Award

"The Fourth Bureau Issue - 1922-28"

Jay Stotts

(Large Crystal Waterford Balmoral Vase signed by Waterford Design Director Jim O'Leary)

Reserve Grand Award

"Orange Free State - Settings of the V.R.I. Overprints"

R. Timothy Bartshe

(Medium Crystal Waterford Balmoral Vase signed by Waterford Design Director Jim O'Leary)

Gold Medals

"The Fourth Bureau Issue, 1922-38"

Jay Stotts

Grand Award

Best Exhibit by a TPA member

United States Stamp Society Statue of Freedom Award

"Orange Free State - Settings of the V.R.I. Overprints"

R. Timothy Bartshe

Reserve Grand Award

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"Puerto Rico Postal History - 1802-1909"
Frank Acevedo
Cuban Philatelic Society Award of Merit
APS Medal of Excellence for pre-1900 material
Postal History Society Award

"Cuba: The Stamps of King Alphonso XIII, 1890-1898"
Ernesto Cuesta
Cuban Philatelic Society Gold Award

"Cuba 1902-1927: The First 25 Years of the Republic"
Alvaro Garcia
Cuban Philatelic Society Silver Award

"The British and French Post Office in Cuba"
Fernando Iglesias
Cuban Philatelic Society Gold Award

"The Philatelic History of Montenegro, 1874-1922"
Alfred R. Kugel
Cuban Philatelic Society Award of Merit
American Philatelic Congress Award for Excellence

"Chinese Airmails"
Tony Lee
APS Medal of Excellence for 1900-1940 material

"United States Department of Justice"
Theodore Lockyear
J.C.M Cryer Cup
Port Lavaca Philatelic Society Award
United States Philatelic Classics Society Medal

"Japanese Art"
Denise Stotts
Texas Series Winner
American Topical Association Award for Best Topical Exhibit

Court of Honor
(by Special Invitation)

"Spanish Colonial Maritime Mail in the Americas"
Yamil H. Khori, Jr.

Vermeil Medals

"Cuba 1898-1902: The End of a Colony to the Birth of an Independent Republic"
Alvaro Garcia
Cuban Philatelic Society Gold Award

"Cuba - Colonial Period - Postage Stamps Used as Revenue"
Silvia Garcia-Frutos
Cuban Philatelic Society Gold Award

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"Plating the ½ Real on Cover used in Cuba"

Fernando Iglesias

Cuban Philatelic Society Silver Award

"Spanish Civil War Refugees in France"

Robert T. Kinsley

"The Polish Prisoner of War Camp Posts"

Ervin Mrotek

AAPE Award of Excellence

APS Medal of Excellence for 1940-1980 material

"The Evolution of Postage Currency Fractional Notes"

William Woytowich

AAPE Creativity Award, AAPE Award of Excellence

Texas Stamp Dealers Association Most Popular Exhibit Award

Silver Medals

"Cuban Forces in Africa: 1975-1991"

Mark Piper

Cuban Philatelic Society Gold Award

American Philatelic Society Research Medal

APS Medal of Excellence for post-1980 material

"Texas Statehood Stamp - A Celebration"

Lyle Boardman

Texas Postal History Society William P. Emery Award, Post-1940

"The First 25 Years of Humans in Space"

Ray E. Cartier

ATA/APS Space Study Unit Award

"Transportation of Mail From, In and To Greenland"

Dan Laursen

"Olympic Philately of 1924"

Dale Lilljedahl

"Netherlands Cancels and Postal Markings, 1850-1940"

Richard A. Phelps

Silver-Bronze Medals

"Errors, Freaks & Oddities on United States Stamps"

Carlos San Martin, Jr.

Cuban Philatelic Society Award of Merit

"Cristobal Precancels"

David Hanschen

Bronze Medals

"America's Crown Jewels - The National Parks"

Harold Patterson

"Overview of Cuban Official Cachets on Cover"

Gerald Vaiser

Cuban Philatelic Society Bronze Award

SINGLE FRAME DIVISION

"Kobenhavns Fodpost"
Arthur W. Zeitler
Gold Medal
Best Single Frame Exhibit (Waterford Crystal Egg)

"Postal Markings, Usages of Industry, Texas"
Tom Koch
Gold Medal
Texas Postal History Society William P. Emery Award, Pre-1900

"The U.S. Three Cent Vermillion Stamp of 1887"
David Willig
Silver Medal

"Philadelphia Maritime Markings on Stampless Covers"
Bob Benner
Silver Medal

"The Canadian Five Cent Wilding Queen"
Jeffrey Arndt
Silver-Bronze Medal

"Different Ways to Collect German 1936 Berlin Olympic Postal Items"
Dale Lilledahl
Silver-Bronze Medal

"Study of Postmarks of Portugal"
Norman Cohen
Bronze Medal

"Audi Philately"
Peter Elias
Bronze Medal

YOUTH DIVISION

"Moving the U.S. Mail"
Alex Napier
Silver Medal
American Topical Association Award

"Trains - Old to New"
Justin Napier
Silver Medal
Junior Philatelists of America Award