



## 2026 Council Area Events

### WESTPEX

April 24-26, 2026

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront  
Burlingame, CA

### SOPEX

June 5-6, 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, Medford, OR

### Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show

July 11-12, 2026

Reno/Sparks Convention Center  
Reno, NV

<https://www.renostamp.org/show.html>

### East Bay Collectors Club Show

October 17-18, 2026

1375 Civic Center Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

<https://www.eastbaystampclub.com>

### SACAPEX

November 7-8, 2026

Elks Club

Sacramento, CA

<http://sacramentostampclub.org/events/sacapex/>

### Filatellic Fiesta

November 14-15, 2026

Napredak Hall

770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA 95131

<http://www.filatelicfiesta.org>

### PENPEX

December 5-6, 2026

Community Activities Building

1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

<http://penpex.org>

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The Council Courier is published four times a year by the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies (CNCPS). CNCPS currently has 24 member clubs in Northern California, Southern Oregon, and Nevada. The Council promotes local philately through support for clubs through the Speakers' Bureau for club programs, exchange of membership recruiting and retention ideas through the Council Courier, and support for stamp shows.

**Next CNCPS meeting** will be held at WESTPEX on Saturday, April 25 at 4 pm. We strongly encourage each member organization to send a representative to this meeting.

## Around the Council

Each member club is encouraged to submit information they wish to share with the other clubs. Let us know what you are doing, challenges you face, and what is working well. Send information to Tom Hayes at [fremontstampclub@gmail.com](mailto:fremontstampclub@gmail.com).



**Nevada Stamp Study Society** – This year's Reno stamp show has moved from the Bowling Center to the Reno/Sparks Convention Center. The show dates are also two weeks earlier than in past years. Plan now to attend on July 11-12.

**East Bay Collectors Club** – EBCC holds two monthly meetings, one virtually via Zoom, and one in person at the Alano Club of Contra Costa County.

Contact Harry Henderson for information: [harryhenderson51@gmail.com](mailto:harryhenderson51@gmail.com). The club's website is <https://www.eastbaystampclub.com/>



**Western Philatelic Library**. A live auction is scheduled for April 11 at 9am, to be held in the library at 3004 Spring Street, Redwood City. CNCPS member clubs are welcome to use the WPL facility for meetings or events, subject to availability. Contact the library by telephone

(650) 306-9150 or email [fwpl@fwpl.org](mailto:fwpl@fwpl.org)

Website: <https://www.fwpl.org/>



**Fremont Stamp Club** – FSC members recently participated in the Linn's Stamp Popularity Poll. Ballots were filled out at the January meeting and forwarded to Linn's.

Website: [www.fremontstampclub.org](http://www.fremontstampclub.org)

**Willits Stamp Club** – The Willits Stamp Club meets at the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial. For more information, contact Marv Talso: [talsofam@pacific.net](mailto:talsofam@pacific.net)

**Alameda Stamp Club** – The Alameda Stamp Club meets at Mastick Senior Center on the second Thursday of the month at 1PM. There are presentations and live auctions.

Website: <https://www.alamedastampclub.com/>



**Sequoia Stamp Club** – A full slate of activities has been planned and is posted on the club's website (see link below). The list includes auctions, swap meets, presentations, a picnic, and pizza night.

SSC calendar: <https://www.penpex.org/calendar-2/>



**PENPEX** – The 2026 show will be held on December 5-6 at 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City. The show will include exhibits, up to 14 dealers, a silent auction, flea market, snack bar, and youth activities.



**Sacramento Philatelic Society** – The Sacramento club Spring show will be held on April 10 and 11 at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave., Sacramento.

Visit their website: [sacramentostampclub.org/](http://sacramentostampclub.org/).

**Pájaro Valley Stamp Club** – Meetings are held at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in Watsonville at the Senior Center, 155 East 5<sup>th</sup> St.



**San Jose Stamp Club** – The San Jose Stamp Club meets at the Pearl Ave. Library on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Redwood Empire Collectors Club** – Dinner meetings are the order of the day for this active club. The meetings are held monthly at Café Bellini in Petaluma.

Website: <https://sanjosestampclub.com/>

<https://www.redwoodempirecollectorsclub.org/about.html>

Contact Brian at: [sanjosestampclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjosestampclub@gmail.com).

## WESTPEX

The Council will again have a booth at WESTPEX, shared with the Sequoia Stamp Club, to welcome guests and inform collectors about the availability of stamp clubs and the activities that are presented within organized philately. We feature a map that identifies locations of member clubs, informative flyers from each organization, and a chance to chat with collectors about the benefits of joining a club. We need a few volunteers to participate by spending an hour or more at the booth, which will be located at the top of the escalator near the show entrance. The Sequoia club will provide help, but other clubs should have a presence to actively promote their own organizations. Sign up to fill a slot here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EACA92FA4FD0-63055418-ssccncps#/>



Randy Tuuri, East Bay Collectors Club, 2022



Jim Sauer and Jim Giacomazzi  
of the Sequoia Stamp Club, 2022

A large bin full of loose stamps will be at the booth, courtesy of the Sequoia Stamp Club. Show attendees will be given the chance to select free stamps to take with them. While we encourage youths and beginners to pick through the stamps, anyone who shows an interest will be welcome to join in.

We can also use new flyers to promote each club. If your organization has promotional material, please forward pdf versions to Tom Hayes at [fremontstampclub@gmail.com](mailto:fremontstampclub@gmail.com) and I will have copies made. If you prefer, bring copies to the show and drop them off at the Council booth on Friday, April 24.

Don't forget about the Council meeting at WESTPEX. We'd like to have as many clubs as possible represented. Agenda items will include individual club activities reports, stamp show updates, websites, and discussion of archiving exhibits and presentations. The meeting will be held at 4 pm on Saturday, 4/25 in the Santa Barbara Room. Immediately following the meeting, CNCPS President Larry Crain will present "Mystery Covers-The Rest of the Story." This Power Point presentation will show covers that are remarkable beyond the philatelic because of the addressee, the sender, the date, the place and the auxiliary marking.

# Sacramento Philatelic Society

Spring Stamp Show,

Friday and Saturday, April 10-11, 2026

Northminster Church, 3235 Pope Avenue, Sacramento

Doors open at 10 am both days

**8 Bourse Dealers**

**Free admission and parking**

**Hourly Door Prizes**

**Youth collecting area**

**Hot Food, snacks, and drinks**

**Bargain tables**

**Free stamp appraisals**

**Millions of stamps at the 5¢ tables**

## Live Auction at the Western Philatelic Library

Saturday, April 11, 9 am

Doors open at 9 am sharp. There will be one hour to view the 100 lots, then bidding will commence at 10 am. Payment is due at the time of sale by check or cash. A list of lots offered is here:

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/6855f0638b929345167cc10c/t/69bd5b3eaad6754d4b232934/1774017343576/WPL\\_2026April11\\_AuctionList\\_2.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/6855f0638b929345167cc10c/t/69bd5b3eaad6754d4b232934/1774017343576/WPL_2026April11_AuctionList_2.pdf)



Spirited bidding was the order of the day from the standing room only crowd at the last WPL live auction.

# PROSPECTUS SOPEX 2026

sponsored by the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society

Friday, June 5 (11-5) & Saturday, June 6 (10-3)

First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

- 1. Eligibility:** SOPEX 2026 is open to all exhibitors. Entries must be the property of the exhibitor or the exhibitor's immediate family.
- 2. Entry:** Entries must be made on SOPEX entry form or copy. Each exhibitor agrees to accept the rules of SOPEX 2026. Exhibitors may enter multiple exhibits. Exhibits that have won Gold in a previous SOPEX must show significant change to again be eligible for competitive awards. Exhibits that have won a gold at any WSP show are not eligible. SOPEX committee will return an entry for any exhibit entered in violation of these rules. With each entry include either electronic versions of title page/synopsis (pdf file, not jpeg) or print copies.
- 3. Closing Date:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026, or when all available frames are spoken for. Entries to: Larry Crain, P.O. Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or to [larry.crain@gmail.com](mailto:larry.crain@gmail.com).
- 4. Classifications / frames:** adult, junior, free-style. Exhibits will be mounted in 12-page or 16-page frames (pages 8.5"x 11"). Adult exhibits are limited to 48 pages. Juniors exhibits are limited to 32 pages. Free-style exhibits 4 to 32 pages and will be put in either size of frames. They are not be eligible for major awards or for SOPEX ribbons.
- 5. Fees:** There are no fees. Funds sufficient to cover postage and insurance must accompany exhibits that are to be returned by mail.
- 6. Judging:** Two qualified philatelists will judge SOPEX 2026 as an open show. They may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no exhibit warrants it. Judges' decisions are final.
- 7. Delivery / Pick up:** Exhibits, if mailed, must arrive by Wednesday, June 3 and, if not mailed, should be delivered to the First United Methodist Church between 6 and 8 pm, Thursday, June 4 or before 9 am, Friday morning. There is security Thursday night. Judging will begin at 9 am. Exhibits cannot be picked up until after 3 pm Saturday, June 8.
- 8. Liability / Security:** The exhibitor agrees that the First United Methodist Church and Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, officers and members, assume no responsibility for damage or loss of exhibit materials. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to safeguard all exhibits. No exhibit frame may be opened or removed during the show without the permission of the show chairman.
- 9. Awards: Grand** - best exhibit. (The Grand may not win any of the major awards.)  
**Major Awards:** **President's** - outstanding exhibit by non-SOPS member. For SOPS members only:  
**Bryan Trophy** - interesting use of cachet covers, **Carley Memorial** - outstanding U.S., **Clyde Smith Founders** - outstanding foreign, **Herbert Memorial** - outstanding thematic, **Patterson Memorial** - outstanding postal history, **Sterton Memorial** - outstanding post or postal cards.  
**Society Awards:** APS (for APS member), ATA (best topical/thematic exhibit), AAPE (non-gold exhibit of merit), NW Federation Thunderbird Ribbon (non-gold exhibit of merit by exhibitor living in NW Federation), WE Achievement (promising exhibit selection or treatment) and more awards if available.  
**Ribbons:** SOPEX gold, vermeil, silver, bronze; novice and junior. Peoples' Choice award.

# SOPEX 2026 ENTRY FORM

June 5-6 [Friday/Saturday], 2026

First United Methodist Church, 607 W. Main. Medford, OR

Separate entry form must be submitted for each exhibit.

Deadline for entries: Wednesday, May 13

Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose one print copy of title page and/or synopsis with entry  
or an electronic version of same (pdf file, not jpeg).**

**# of pages** \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter my exhibit (circle one): adult [48 pp max] junior [32 pp max] free-style [4 to 32 pages]

Have you exhibited before? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you an APS member? \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback: There will be oral feedback at the frames. \_\_\_\_\_ I also wish written feedback.

I declare that I or my immediate family and I own all the material in this exhibit. I understand and agree that, while reasonable precaution will be taken by Southern Oregon Philatelic Society, SOPEX Committee and First United Methodist Church every, none of these will be held responsible for any loss or damage to my exhibit or to any material submitted, for any cause whatsoever. I agree to SOPEX rules as stated in prospectus.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For Juniors: birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

My designated delivery / pick up representative is \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailed exhibits MUST be received by Wednesday, June 3, 2024.**

If the exhibit is to be returned by mail, include sufficient funds for the return postage, insurance and shipping packaging.

for postage and insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Insure for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Larry Crain (SOPEX), Box 4395, Medford, OR 97501-0170 or larry.crain@gmail.com