

PIPEX 2014

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PIPEX 2014, sponsored by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs and the Oregon Stamp Society, took place 9–11 May at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Janzen Beach in Portland, Oregon. According to the organizers, more than 600 people attended the show. I observed that the dealers stayed quite busy. I manned the ATA Ambassador table during most of the show and we signed up three new ATA members along with one renewal and more than \$200 worth of sales of topical handbooks and checklists.

The show offered 43 competitive exhibits along with eight club exhibits and a court of honor including the APRL one-frame exhibit with their copy of the Inverted Jenny air mail stamp. Amazingly, a second copy of this rare stamp was in a competitive exhibit right next to it. Needless to say, there was a full-time security guard on duty nearby.

George Struble won the Grand award with his exhibit *Development of Swiss Airmails up to 1939*, which also received American Air Mail Society's gold and grand awards and the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' award for excellence of title page. The Reserve Grand award, the China Stamp Society's Best Exhibit of China and the society's Scholarship award went to Hugh Lawrence for his exhibit titled, *Postal Rates During the Gold Yuan Era: the Chinese Hyperinflation of 1948-49*.

The One-frame Grand award and an American Air Mail Society's gold award went to Don David Price for his exhibit, *The Jenny – Printing Variations of America's First Airmail Stamp*.

Four exhibits had biology-related themes. Donna Trathen received a vermeil award for her five-frame postcard exhibit titled, *The Lipizzan Horses of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna*. This exhibit contained some remarkable postcards detailing the history of these horses.



WWF Logo
North Korea

Janice L. Brookes received a silver award and the ATA Second Place Medal for her five-frame thematic exhibit titled, *The Evolution of the World Wildlife Fund Logo*, which contained a host of zoological stamps.

My favorites were single frame exhibits by two good friends. Anne Harris won a bronze award and the People's Choice award for her exhibit titled, *A Day in the Life of a Frog*, a funny story narrated by Horace P. Frogmorton about a day in his life.

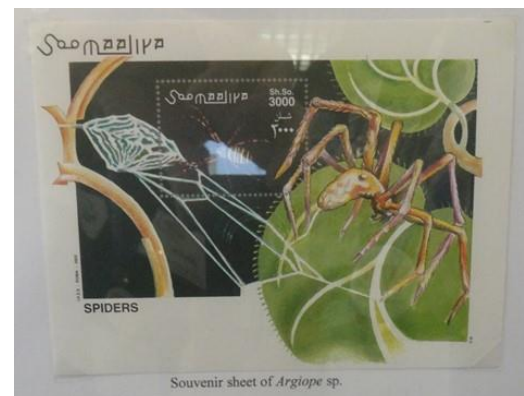


Butterflies Pay Horace's Pond a Visit

Anne Harris also was honored at the award banquet being named the 2014 Distinguished Philatelist by the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs, its highest award.

Unit member Bea Vogel received a bronze award and also won the Upper Bongoland Collector's Club Novice Award for her exhibit, *Something about Spiders and their Webs*. Michael Dixon, who is President (and possibly the sole member) of the Upper Bongoland Collector's Club, made the presentation of a very nice calculator and timepiece set

Next year's show will be 8–10 May 2015 at the same venue.



Creepy Spiders