

# COUNCIL COURIER

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## THE 2009 MAE VIGNOLA AWARD

This year's Mae Vignola Award was given to Edie Eggen. The award was sponsored by Frank Vignola Jr. in honor of all of the volunteer work and dedication his late mother gave WESTPEX show over many, many years. Every year, the award is given to the WESTPEX volunteer who embodies Mae's spirit of selfless giving and hard work..



L-R: Frank Vignola Presenting the Award, Jr., Edie Eggen, Dale Eggen



## 2009 SACAPEX EASTER SEAL SHOW

The 2009 SACAPEX Easter Seal Benefit Show was held on Saturday & Sunday, April 4th & 5th, at the Scottish Rite Temple in Sacramento. Show Chair Katherine Pavalasky, reports that a total of \$4,100 was raised for the Easter Seals Society. Thank you Katie!

Easter Seals serves more than a million children and adults living with autism and other disabilities or special needs and their families each year.



### COUNCIL '09-'10 MEETING SCHEDULE

- ◆ October 25: Saturday, Noon at EBCC
- ◆ December 6: Sunday, Noon at PENPEX
- ◆ April TBD: Burlingame, WESTPEX
- ◆ July: Reno GRS&SC Show
- ◆ October: Walnut Creek, EBCC Show
- ◆ December: Redwood City, PENPEX



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## SOPEX 2009

SOPEX 2009, sponsored by the Southern Oregon Philatelic Society was another great show. It is held annually as one of the featured events of the Medford, Oregon Pear Blossom Festival. This years event featured a parade with 150 floats, a baby contest, the Junior Royalty Pageant, the Senior Royalty Scholarship Pageant, the Pear Blossom Marathon Run, a Street Fair and the SOPEX Stamp Show.



Youth Equestrian Float

## Palmares

### GRAND and GOLD

Postal History of Douglas County  
Larry Maddux  
also USSS Medal

### GOLD

Indian Refugee Relief, 1971-1973  
Nicholas Follansbee  
also SMITH TROPHY for Foreign

Rates & Frankings of the 1915 Oaxaca  
Provisionals  
Nicholas Follansbee  
also APS Certificate

### VERMEIL

Are We There Yet?

Larry Crain

also PATTERSON CUP for Postal History

Selected Jackson Co., OR DPOs

Nancy Swan

also AAPE Award of Merit

### SILVER

Penguins

Warren Champagne

also BRYAN TROPHY for Cachet Covers  
and WE Sterling Award

Selected U.S. Error Stamps

Jerry Shean

also CARLY CUP TROPHY for U.S.

Oregon's Sesquicentennial Stamp

Nancy Swan

also HERBERT MEMORIAL for TOPICALS  
and N.W. Federation Thunderbird Medal

### SOPEX NOVICE RIBBON

Hometown Heroes

Joan Carroll

also Pear Blossom Festival Committee Choice

The Pear Blossom Plaque is annually awarded by the Medford festival committee to the best exhibit depicting the theme for this year's show - Hometown Heroes.

### POPULAR CHOICE

Penguins

Warren Champagne

### SOPEX 2009 - CONTINUED

#### CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Transportation  
Rogue Valley Stamp Club Members

What's A Cover?  
Southern Oregon Philatelic Society Members

#### Photos from the Awards Banquet



David McNamee & Joan Carroll, winner of the SOPEX Novice Ribbon & Pear Blossom Plaque



SOPEX Head Judge David McNamee & Warren Champagne, winner of the Evelyn Bryan Trophy for Cachet Covers and voted the Popular Choice by the public for his "Penguins"

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**The Southern Oregon Philatelic Society is APS Chapter #526**  
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The Three Judges L-R: Leonard Lukens, Larry Crain, David McNamee



A Pear Blossom



## WESTPEX 2009

The 49th annual WESTPEX show was held on Friday through Sunday, 24-26 April at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel in Burlingame, CA. This year's featured societies were the American Air Mail Society, and the Society of Israel Philatelists.

The international jury consisted of: Phil Stager, Chairman; Mordecai (Moti) Kremener; Dr. Mark E. Banchik; Thomas P. Myers; Ann Triggler; and Santiago Cruz, apprentice.

Special thanks to all those involved in making the Youth Activities a success - including Laurel Dearborn, Carol & Keith Edholm, Arlene Finn, Gary & Nancy Jensen, and Irene Shalimoff. This year saw 7 frames of Youth Exhibits:

Cats in Our Family  
Amber Rose (age 11)

Coral Reef Biodiversity and the Impact of  
Humanity and Nature on Their Environment  
Anthony Braun (age 17)

Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games  
Katie Pyne (age 15)

The Periodic Table of Elements: A Chemist's  
Stamp Collection

The 5th grade Class of Fairmeadow Elementary  
School, Palo Alto, CA



WESTPEX Grand Award and Gold winner Hugh V. Feldman for his exhibit: Mails Carried by Water within the USA (1814-1875)



WESTPEX Awards: Grand (left rear); Reserve Grand (left front) & Single Frame Grand (right)

## Palmares

### WESTPEX Grand Award and Gold

Mails Carried by Water within the USA (1814-1875)

Hugh V. Feldman

also U.S. Philatelic Classics Society - Best U.S. up to 1894; Postal History Society Medal - Best Postal History

### Collectors Club of San Francisco: Reserve Grand Award and Gold

The 1948 Doar Ivri Issue of Israel  
Robert B. Pildes, M.D.

Also Pacific Trophy - Best Traditional Exhibit; California Collectors Club Award for Best 20th Century; Michael Rogers Award - Best Asian; Society of Israel Philatelists - First Place

## WESTPEX 2009 - CONTINUED

### WESTPEX Grand Award: Single Frame Exhibit and Gold

Junkers Aviation in Persia 1924-1930  
Behruz Nassre-Esfahani

also American Philatelic Congress - Excellence  
of Written Text; American Air Mail Society -  
Gold Award

### Gold - Multiframe

Cracow Postal History: From the Middle Ages to  
the Postal Stamp  
Frank M. Wiatr

also American Philatelic Society Award of  
Excellence: Pre 1900; Colombia

Postal History of the Forwarding Agents  
Alfredo Frohlich

also COLOMPHIL - Outstanding Study of  
South & Central American Philately

The Registration Envelopes of  
the Bechuanalands  
Peter Thy

also United Postal Stationery Society Marcus  
White Medal - Best Postal Stationery

The Presidente Definitives of Chile  
William H. Lenarz

U.S. Air Mail Special Delivery Issues of 1934-  
1936

Hideo R. Yokota

also United States Stamp Society - Statue of  
Freedom Award; American Air Mail Society -  
Gold Award

Development of Australian Airmail 1914-1935  
John Cress

also Jack R. Hughes Award for Outstanding  
Philatelic Research in Australasia/Oceania;  
American Air Mail Society - Gold Award

U.S.S. Macon - Queen of the Skies  
Allen Klein

also American Air Mail Society - Gold Award

DLH South Atlantic 1934-1939

James W. Graue

also San Francisco Pacific Philatelic Society -  
Margaret Munda Memorial Award of Merit;  
American Philatelic Society Award of Excel-  
lence: 1900 - 1940; American Philatelic Society  
Research Medal; German Philatelic Society -  
Gold Award; American Air Mail Society - Grand  
Award; American Air Mail Society - Gold Award

Pan American's Pacific Clippers: 1935-1942

Stephen Tucker

also

American Air Mail Society - Gold Award

The Postal History of Suffolk 1839-1844

Thomas Slemmons

Commercial Zeppelin Mail

Dickson Preston

also American Air Mail Society - Gold Award;  
German Philatelic Society - Silver Award

Commercial Airmail Rates For Palestine to the  
Americas 3 Aug 33 to 30 Apr 48

Leslie A. Bard

also American Air Mail Society - Gold Award;  
Bartoc Foundation Award

Foreign Post Offices in the Holyland 1852-1914

Michael A. Bass

also Society of Israel Philatelists - Second Place

The Four Siege Cities of 1948

Dr. Henry Nogid

also American Philatelic Society Award of Excel-  
lence: 1940 - 1980; Society of Israel Philatelists -  
Third Place



