

VANPEX 2012 Regional Stamp Show — September 28-29, 2012

West Burnaby United Church • 6050 Sussex Drive • Burnaby, BC

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Each year, VANPEX organizers select a theme to encourage the submission of exhibits related to particular historical events. This year's theme is the centenary of the sinking of R.M.S. *Titanic* on her maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City via Cherbourg and Queenstown (now Cobh), Ireland. Among the 1,517 souls who lost their lives were five persons with Vancouver connections; two survivors, the Countess of Rothes and her maid, Roberta Maioni, were bound for Vancouver.

This year, VANPEX features a sub-theme, the Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

PLEASE NOTE: Exhibits need not have any relationship to this year's themes. VANPEX is an inclusive exhibition which accepts exhibits on any subject or theme.

A. ELIGIBILITY

1. VANPEX is open to all individual collectors who conform to the rules in this prospectus and submit the entry form *on or before Friday, August 31, 2012*. Membership in the BC Philatelic Society is not necessary.
2. The whole of the exhibit must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor. If purchased as a unit, it must have been owned for at least two years, extensively revised, and have been prepared by the exhibitor. The submission of an entry is deemed to be an implied declaration that the exhibitor has met these criteria.
3. Exhibits that have been previously shown at any VANPEX exhibition, as well as exhibits that have been purchased intact, are eligible, but should be increased in size by at least one frame or have at least 10 per cent of their philatelic and textual content revised.

B. CLASSIFICATION

All exhibits are to be submitted as either:

- Open Class exhibit, intended for exhibitors 22 years of age or older.
- Youth/Junior Class, for exhibitors who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, 2012.

C. ENTRY

1. Frame fees are **\$12 for one-frame exhibits**, and **\$10 per frame for multi-frame exhibits**. All fees are in Canadian dollars. Payment in U.S. dollars is accepted at par.
2. Due to limited space, exhibitors may enter no more than two exhibits consisting of an aggregate total of no more than five frames. Should the exhibition be oversubscribed, the Exhibition Committee will make the final selection of exhibits, and will seek balance and fairness in the selection process. Exhibitors whose exhibits are rejected will receive refunds of application fees.
3. The exhibits committee encourages the submission of one-frame exhibits, especially by novice exhibitors.
4. **Include full payment for the entry fee (personal cheques accepted), as well as single copies of the title page, plan and/or synopsis for each exhibit. Electronic submission of documents is encouraged.**
5. Entry does not necessarily constitute acceptance for exhibition. The Exhibits Committee may reject any exhibit without assigning any reason. If an exhibit is rejected, the fee will be refunded.
6. Exhibitors who fail to deliver an accepted exhibit must assume forfeiture of the entry fee.

D. DISPLAY INFORMATION

1. Exhibit pages must be enclosed in a transparent sheet protector, ideally closed on three sides, and numbered on the back in sequential order to facilitate the correct mounting of the exhibit. The owner's name and contact information should also be included on the back of each sheet.
2. Exhibits will be displayed in standard frames that hold up to 16 letter-size or A4 sheets mounted in four rows of four sheets. Double-size sheets (11"X17"/21.5cm X 56cm) are allowed. Exhibits not meeting these criteria *must* receive the prior approval of the Exhibits Committee before acceptance.

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E. LOGISTICS

1. VANPEX set-up timeline:
 - a. Exhibit frames arrive at the church Between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2012.
 - b. As the frames are moved into the exhibition hall, the VANPEX Exhibits Committee and its designates begin assembling them. At the same time, the Bourse Committee and its designates begin setting up the dealer tables and chairs. **No one else is allowed into the Exhibition Hall at this time.**
 - c. At approximately 8:30 p.m., or when the exhibit frames and bourse tables and chairs are in place, exhibitors or their designates will be allowed into the Exhibition Hall to mount their exhibits with the help of the Exhibits Committee. At the same time, dealers and their designates will begin to move their stock to their assigned tables. It is expected that VANPEX set up will be complete no later than 10:00 p.m. **All exhibits must be mounted at this time.** Exhibitors must leave the exhibition area when all exhibits have been mounted.
 - d. At approximately 10:00 p.m., when all exhibits have been mounted, the set-up crew will return to complete alignment of the frames and ensure their stability. This final stage in the preparation of the VANPEX 2012 exhibition should take about 20 minutes.
2. VANPEX take-down timeline:
 - a. VANPEX closes promptly at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 29. Guests depart and dealers stop sales.
 - b. When guests have left the exhibition hall, dealers begin to dismantle their sales tables and the Exhibits Committee assists exhibitors or their agents in removing exhibits. It is expected that this process will take no more than 45 minutes. **Please Note: Exhibitors or their agents must be known to a representative of the Exhibition Committee or must present proof of identity before removing exhibits from the exhibition hall. The BC Philatelic Society is *not* responsible for returning exhibits to exhibitors.**
 - c. When ALL exhibits have been removed from the exhibit frames and exhibitors have left the Exhibition Hall, the VANPEX Committee and its designates will begin dismantling the frames and packing them for removal from the Exhibition Hall. At the same time, dealers will be vacating the Exhibition Hall. It is expected that the VANPEX take-down will be complete by 5:30 p.m.

F. INSURANCE, SECURITY & LIABILITY

1. Exhibits entered in VANPEX are exhibited at owner's risk. The Exhibits Committee will provide adequate security, but exhibitors should purchase insurance for their exhibits.
2. Although reasonable care and caution will be taken with the exhibits, no responsibility shall attach to the British Columbia Philatelic Society or the West Burnaby United Church, nor to any of their volunteers, members, committees, officers, or employees for any loss or damage to an exhibit.

G. JUDGING & AWARDS

1. The Jury will consist of a panel of judges accredited by the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada. Their decisions shall be final and without appeal. **Note: Exhibitors are not required to submit their exhibits for judging.**
2. Adjudicated exhibits will be judged on the basis of Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver-Bronze, and Bronze award levels. Only one VANPEX medal will be awarded per exhibitor, regardless of the number of exhibits entered. The awarded medal will represent the highest award or awards earned by the exhibitor; certificates representing the award level will be issued for other exhibits.
3. A Grand Award and a Reserve Grand Award will also be awarded.

H. RULING AUTHORITY

The VANPEX Exhibits Committee shall resolve questions concerning the exhibition which are not covered by the rules and regulations in this Prospectus. Its decisions will be final.

Learn more about VANPEX 2012 at www.bcphilatelic.org

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