



## Exhibiting for the Prize

with Rich Drews

### **Course Description:**

Land the big one with this course! Starting with a quick review of the basics, this course will delve into intermediate and advanced level topics of exhibiting to help exhibitors who wish to win a Grand Award or beyond, or to compete at the challenging international levels.

Students will explore how judging takes place in all the various exhibiting divisions. They will discover what considerations — including treatment, succinctly conveying knowledge and research, and difficulty of acquisition — will affect award level, and gain insight into what is in the mind of judges as they make their decisions. Students will learn what separates Silver and Vermeil from Gold, and what it takes to reach the sought-after Grand Award level. Exhibitors will be encouraged to bring their exhibits for assistance and comparison with a wide range of successful exhibits in all disciplines.

### **Instructor Biography:**

#### **Rich Drews, Palantine, IL**

A collector with wide-ranging interests since 1951, Rich is an APS- and FIP-accredited philatelic judge, was an APS Champion of Champions Award-winner in 1997, and has won International Gold. Among the many important roles he has played in Chicago-area philately during the past quarter-century, Rich served as Director of Volunteers and Club Coordinator at AMERIPEX 86, and as Executive Director of the World Columbian Stamp Expo in 1992. Proprietor of Stamp & Coin King and Richard E. Drews Philatelic Auctions, which conducted five official APS show auctions in the 1990s, Rich sold his store inventory and retired in 2000.