

**The American Philatelist — January 2017**  
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**WSP Shows in San Jose and Chicago**



There were two excellent national World Series of Philately shows in November, and the APS was well represented at both. Filatelic Fiesta in San Jose moved to a new venue this year and switched from a three to a two-day show. Despite the challenge, organizers reported an increased attendance. I was impressed by the show's use of non-collector family members. The spouses of APS Secretary Steve Schumann and United Postal stationery Society President Wayne Menuz staffed the registration area. Awards chair and APS Youth Philatelic Leader Fellow Jessica Rodriguex recruited her mother, father, and grandmother to help. Kudos to show chair Brian Jones, who arranged for a large group of Scouts to get merit badge training, and Ed Laveroni, who coordinated the exhibits and frame set-up and take-down. Menuz served as bourse chair, installed special lighting, and helped with free appraisals. And, a shout out to the San Jose Stamp Club for providing a hospitality area for all attendees. A third of the American Philatelic Research Library's board was at the show, with Trustee Kristin Patterson, a member of the San Jose Club, on hand, along with Trustee Steve Zwillinger and Treasurer Ken Nilsestuen, who both served on the jury. Much thanks to Schumann, who took good care of the jury and extended the same courtesy to me. The show's multiframe grand award went to Les Lanphear III for his exhibit titled "US Departmental, 1873–1884." Alfredo Frohlich received the reserve grand for "Chile The Rouletted Issues 1877–1899" and H. James Maxwell the single frame grand for "China's U.S. Constitution Commemoratives: Through the Line Usages."

