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POLPEX 73—ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SHOW!

Waking from their long winter hibernation, philatelists, collectors, and those who just enjoy seeing the history of various countries reflected in stamps and postal history, flocked to the St.

Jmes Auditorium, Chicago, to see the annual exhibition of the Polonus Philatelic Society—POLPEX 74. After opening day ribbon cutting ceremonies with Aloysius Mazewski, President of the



The opening ceremony took place Saturday, April 9th at noon with ribbon cutting by Aloysius Mazewski, President of the Polish National Alliance. Left to right: Walenty Poniecki, Polpex Co-Chairman; Tom Gobby, Publicity Chrm.; Aloysius Mazewski; John Bor, Program Catalog; Chester Schafer, President; Stefan Czarniecki, Entries; Roman Strzelecki and Roman Reinowski, Bourse; Joseph Migala, Polpex Co-Chairman; Al Rybarski, Finance; and Chester Mikucki, Patrons & Sales. (All photos by Andrzej Kozlowski).



Grand Award Winner John P. Bartzak (left) holding Trophy with Polpex Co-chairman J. Migala.



President Schafer poses with Gold Award winners George Kobylka and Walenty Poniecki. Roman Burkiewicz holds the A.T.A. medal which he accepted for Joseph Podejko who could not attend.

Polish National Alliance, the surge was on and unabated until the show officially closed on the 10th at 6:00 p.m. In fact the take-down of the show was delayed until the last visitor finally and reluctantly left the hall.



John Krawiec, Editor of the Polish Daily "Dziennik Związkowy", was an honored guest. Left to right: W. Poniecki, J. Krawiec, C. Schafer and J. Migala.

One hundred twenty frames of philatelic material featured the stamps of Canada, Czechoslovakia, France and the Ukraine. The bulk of the exhibit was devoted to the stamps, postal history, and Copernicana of Poland — historically the largest showing of such material in the Western Hemisphere.

Members of the Polish American Numismatic Association showed two beautiful exhibits, contained in twelve frames, of exceptional Polish numismatic material.

The twenty dealer bourse did a brisk business. They were able to satisfy the interests and needs of almost all who patronized them and this included the collecting spectrum from the general collector to the specialist and postal historian.

Presentation of awards was made at the BEEBA, a buffet



The theme of the show was appropriately displayed by stage decorations of a portrait of Wincenty Witos flanked by clovers. This was the work of the Polpex Co-chairmen W. Poniecki and J. Migala.

featuring Polish Cuisine, on Saturday night. Award winners were:

- Grand Award: John Bartczak, Chicago. "Postal History of the Galicia Postal District during the Partition Era".
- Dr. Kozakiewicz Research Award: Chester Schafer, Chicago. "Study of Poland's 1921 Provisional Issue."
- Poland, Gold: Walenty Poniecki, Chicago. "History of the Polish Fieldpost."
- Poland, Silver: Chester Schafer, Chicago. "Polish Town Cancellations on Russian Stamps."
- Poland, Bronze: Thomas J. Gobby, Chicago. "The Gniezno Issue."
- Copernicana, Gold: Geo. A. Kobylka, Berwyn, Ill. "500th Anniversary of Copernicus."
- Foreign, Gold: Vaclav Janik, Chicago. "Czechoslovakia, Masaryk Issues."
- Foreign, Silver: Milton Kohn, So. Holland, Ill. "France - Art



Entries Chairman Stefan Czarnecki congratulates Ted Maczynski, Gold Award winner in the Numismatic Section, with Arthur Marquart, President of the Polish American Numismatic Association.



Co-chairman Poniecki and Pres. Schafer stand with Bronze Award winners Thomas Gobby and Jos. Uszkowski holding imported Polish novelty boxes donated by Co-chairman Joseph Migala.

UNITED STATES POSTAL STATION



The U.S. Postal Service set up this attractive booth which was attended very ably by Patricia Bell, Joseph Trufant, and Katola Williams.



Typical scene at the Polpex Beeba. (Left to right) Zdzislaw Wagrowski, Arthur Strzelecki, Alfred Szebel, Stefan Kochanski, Roman Strzelecki, Sebastian Styczynski, and Roman Burkiewicz.

on Stamps."

- Foreign, Bronze: Joseph Uszkowski, New York, "Ukraine"
- American Topical Association Award: J. Podejko, British Columbia, Can. "Canadian Air-mails."
- Numismatics, Gold: T. Manczynski, Chicago. "World Observance of the Polish Millennium."

Major Award winners (Grand, Kozakiewicz and Gold) received a special, limited edition medallion expressly struck for the 100 anniversary of the birth of Wincenty Witos, famous Polish patriot and statesman. Other award winners received specialized examples of Polish handicrafts.

The USPS also operated a special postal substation at the show to service collectors with a special commemorative cancellation and US stamps at face



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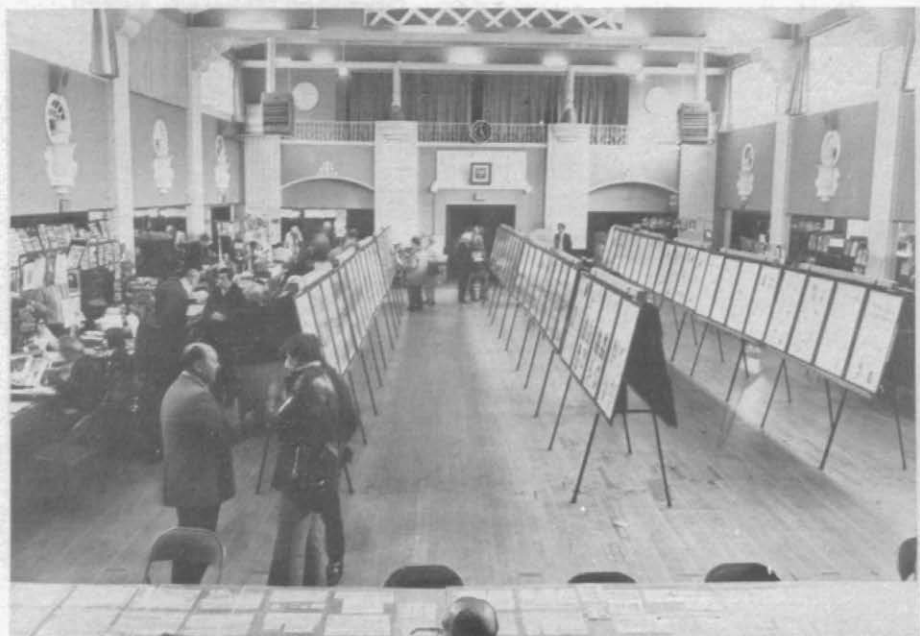


Photo of exhibition hall at the newly decorated St. James Auditorium taken early Sunday morning.



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—Editor

POLPEX PATRON
Randall S. Hawthorne
Williamsburg, Va.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 12, 1974 —

Good Friday. No meeting.
Happy Easter! Wesołego Alleluja!

Friday, April 26, 1974 —

"P.A.N.A. NITE"—Lou Koncza of the Polish American Numismatic Association will give a slide presentation on Copernicus. Along with Mr. Koncza, all other P.A.N.A. members are invited to attend. Time: 8:00 p.m. at 6965 Belmont Ave. Beeba to follow.

WOLESEWICK AND KONCZA HONORED

Member Frank Wolosewick and PANA member Louis Koncza will be honored by the Polish American Engineers Assoc. for their dedication and contributions to the Polish Community and the Engineering Profession at a banquet April 21, 1974 at the Holiday Inn in Schiller Park, Ill.

A REMINDER — HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 1974?

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