

PIPEX 2010 INFORMATION (Updated 5 May 2010)

PIPEX 2010 will be June 4, 5, and 6th at the Lincoln Center in Spokane WA. The Show hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday. PIPEX will include up to 200 frames of exhibits (ALL FRAMES ARE FILLED), up to 20 dealers including the United States Postal Service (June 5th) and a large youth program. Admission is free to the public.

PIPEX is an APS World Series of Philately show. The stamp exhibits are judged by an American Philatelic Society (APS) certified panel of judges. The exhibit winning the Grand Award will be eligible to compete in the Champion of Champions competition at the APS StampShow.

The PIPEX jury is composed of:

Richard E. Drews, Palatine IL (Chief Judge)
Brian Atkins, Lake Cowichan BC
Stephane Cloutier, Ottawa ON
Ronald Strawser, Houston TX
Kent M. Wilson, Billings MT

Participating societies holding meetings include:

- * The American Helvetia Philatelic Society, Northwest Sector
- * The Northwest Postal History Society
- * Zeppelin Study Group

The Lincoln Center is located at 1316 N Lincoln in Spokane. From the west traveling east, take exit 280 and stay in the right hand lane (third from the left). Drive to Lincoln and make a left turn on to Lincoln. Drive through downtown and make a necessary left and then right turn onto the Monroe Street bridge. Stay on Monroe north to Sinto - Make a right on Sinto and go two blocks to Post. Make a right on Post and into the Lincoln Center parking lot. Parking is free. From the east traveling west on I-90, take the Lincoln Street exit (exit 280B) and following the preceding directions to the Lincoln Center. From the north, come down Division and make a right at either Francis or Wellesley and a left at Monroe. Drive south on Monroe to Sinto, turn left on Sinto to Post, and right on Post. The Lincoln Center parking lot will be on the right.

The map below is for reference only. The "A" location is the approximate location of the Lincoln Center. The location of hotels and location of the Awards Banquet are outlined in red. Many thanks to Larry Mann, publisher of the *FEDERATED PHILATELIST* for the map.



HOTEL:

The Oxford Suites gives a substantial discount to participants at the Lincoln Center. Using the code "PIPEX Group Block" the rate is \$109.00 per night plus taxes. Oxford Suites is located at 115 W North River Drive in downtown Spokane. Reservations include a free hot buffet breakfast and they have a complimentary shuttle to and from the Lincoln Center. From the freeway, take the Division Street exit (Exit 281) and proceed north to North River Drive. Turn left and the hotel is on the left. Their phone number is (509) 353-9000.

As an alternate, the Travel Lodge in downtown Spokane offers room rates of \$90.00 a night plus tax. The code "PIPEX Group Rate" applies here. Their address is 33 W Spokane Falls Blvd and their phone number is (509) 623-9727. From the freeway, take the Division Street exit (Exit 281) and proceed north to Spokane Falls Blvd. Turn left and the hotel is on the left across from the convention center.

AWARDS BANQUET:

The Awards banquet will be held on Saturday, June 5th at 6 P.M. at the historic Steam Plant Grill at 159 S Lincoln in downtown Spokane. Tickets are \$25.00 each. The menu consists of Herb Roasted Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted Veggies, Antipasto or Caesar Salad, Rolls and Butter. Chocolate Mousse for dessert . Coffee, tea and/or sodas are included. There will be a no host bar available. To make reservations, contact Anne Harris at gofrogger@gmail.com or send a check made out to IEPS to Anne Harris, 20908 W Bannock Ave, Medical Lake WA 99022. Parking is free in the parking lot just north of the restaurant on the right. Be sure to bring in your parking stub for validation by the restaurant. The Steam Plant Grill is one of the most visible parts of downtown Spokane because of the very tall twin smokestacks. Here is some of the history of the Steam Plant - much of the equipment is still in the restaurant. This information is from the Steam Plant web page:

The Steam Plant was constructed to produce steam heat and electrical power for downtown Spokane.

- * The twin 225' smokestacks were hand-formed, using a total of 333,340 bricks.
- * The Steam Plant provided heat to most of the major buildings in downtown Spokane until 1986.
- * During its operation, fuels including coal, oil, natural gas, wood chips, electricity and saw dust were used to produce from 15,000 to 370,000 pounds of steam pressure per hour, virtually every hour of the day or night.
- * By 1986 the Steam Plant was no longer economically viable to operate.

After being a home to workers and equipment producing steam heat almost non-stop for over 70 years, the Steam Plant sat idle for almost a decade before finding its new purpose – to house 80,000 square feet of offices, retail spaces and the Steam Plant Grill. We are pleased to have the opportunity to bring the public in to meet an esteemed Spokane landmark.

Steam Plant Grill is the vision of Spokane's historic renovators Ron and Julie Wells.

- * Their vision: was to create a unique dining experience that would allow diners to view and feel the unique atmosphere of an actual steam plant.
- * Dining: The restaurant features dining on two levels. The upper level has 4 unique banquet rooms and seating that allows diners to view the incredible 80 foot ceilings as well as view the lower level that features cozy intimate booths and full bar.
- * Food and drink: The menu features contemporary Northwest cuisine, an extensive wine list and Coeur d'Alene beers which are brewed on premises.
- * Prime location for business meetings: Located within Spokane's Terabyte Triangle, Steam Plant Grill was renovated for the future with wireless fidelity (Wi-Fi).

Award-winning restaurant

Steam Plant Square has won numerous awards for historic preservation, including the prestigious 2001 National Preservation Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the 2001 Award of Merit from the American Institute of Architects, Pacific and Northwest Region.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For assistance concerning exhibits, accommodations or the Awards Dinner, contact Anne Harris by email at gofrogger@gmail.com

DEALERS:

Caldwell Stamp and Coin, Caldwell ID
Garden City Stamps, Belgrade MT
Horse Heaven Stamps and Covers, Kennewick WA
K&R Enterprises, Thompson Falls MT
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