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**TEXPEX TO SHOWCASE ORIGINAL USPS STAMP ARTWORK**  
**AND STAMP ARTISTS ON APRIL 12**

DALLAS – “Stamp Art Design” is one of the special free seminars scheduled at the annual TEXPEX stamp show April 11-13, 2003 at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel. The show is free and open to the public. The hotel offers free parking.

Dallas native Bill Halstead, Customer Service Program Analyst for the Southwest Area of the U.S. Postal Service, will display 10-to-12 original pieces of artwork for Texas-related U.S. stamps on loan from the USPS headquarters in Washington DC. In addition, local artists who have designed U.S. stamps will be special guests – Ron Adair, Nathan Jones and Bart Forbes. The seminar is set for 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. The artists will also autograph postal cards and stamped covers bearing issues they have designed (see list of stamps and postal cards at the end of this release).

For eight years Halstead worked in USPS Stamps Services Section in the Washington DC headquarters. He was in charge of all stamp products and coordinated 20 First Day of Issue ceremonies. He has been a stamp collector for most of his life and specializes in U.S. revenues.

The show’s first seminar will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 11 featuring leading Texas philatelist Gordon Bleuler who will discuss, “Texas Postal History Gems.” The theme of TEXPEX 2003 is “200 Years of Postal History in Texas.”

On Saturday, April 12 from 11 a.m.-noon, newly appointed American Topical Association executive director Ray Cartier of Arlington will discuss topical collecting and the ATA.

The American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors will present a seminar from 2-3 p.m. on April 12. Silvia Garcia-Frutos of the Cuban Philatelic Society of America will present a seminar about revenue use of Cuban colonial postage stamps from 11 a.m.-noon on April 12.

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Included is a Youth Fun Center open to all youngsters, a bourse of 40 national and regional dealers, informative seminars by philatelic specialty groups, a three-day U.S. Postal Service substation with special show cancellation and philatelic items, and an awards banquet.

The major national stamp show is presented by the Southwest Philatelic Foundation with support from the Collectors Club of Dallas, the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library at the University of Texas at Dallas, the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, the Mid-Cities Stamp Club and the American First Day Cover Society Chapter No. 56.

TEXPEX is a prestigious “World Series of Philately” show, sanctioned by the American Philatelic Society (APS). Exhibitors compete in the 188-frame TEXPEX exhibition that is judged by APS certified officials from across the United States. The Grand award winner qualifies for the APS Champion of Champions Philatelic exhibition in August.

For show details call 972-883-4951.

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### **U.S. Stamps Designed by Distinguished TEXPEX Seminar Artists** (Scott Catalog Numbers indicated in parenthesis)

#### **Nathan Jones**

35c Dr. Charles Drew stamp, June 3, 1981 (1865)

#### **Bart Forbes**

22c Abigail Adams stamp, June 14, 1985 (2146)

22c Winter Olympics Skiing stamp, Jan. 10, 1988 (2369)

25c Summer Olympics Gymnastics stamp, Aug. 19 1988 (2380)

25c Lou Gehrig stamp, June 10, 1989 (2417)

15c America the Beautiful Buffalo and Prairie postal card, March 28, 1988 (UX120)

15c America the Beautiful Desert Sunset postal card, Jan. 13, 1989 (UX127)

15c America the Beautiful Marsh postal card, March 17, 1989 (UX129)

21c America the Beautiful Geese and Mountains postal card, May 5, 1989 (UX131)

15c America the Beautiful Seashore postal card, June 17, 1989 (UX132)

15c America the Beautiful Woodlands postal card, Aug. 26, 1989 (UX133)

15c America the Beautiful Independence Hall postal card, Sept. 25, 1989 (UX135)

15c America the Beautiful Baltimore Harbor postal card, Oct. 7, 1989 (UX136)

15c America the Beautiful New York Bridge postal card, Nov. 8, 1989 (UX137)

15c America the Beautiful Washington Capitol postal card, Nov. 26, 1989 (UX138)

25c Olympics Jesse Owens, July 6, 1990 (2496)

25c Olympics Ray Ewry, July 6, 1990 (2497)

25c Olympics Hazel Wightman, July 6, 1990 (2498)

25c Olympics Eddie Eagan, July 6, 1990 (2499)

25c Olympics Helene Madison, July 6, 1990 (2500)

#### **Don Adair**

22c Republic of Texas stamp, March 2, 1986 (2204)

19c Old Red University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston postal card, June 14, 1991 (UX155)